



May God go . . .

- before you to lead you,
- behind you to encourage you,
- above you to protect you,
- beneath you to uphold you,
- beside you to befriend you, and
- within you to inspire you.

*Yet we have this assurance:
Those who belong to God
will live; their bodies will
rise again! Those who
sleep in the earth will
rise up and sing for joy!*

– Isaiah 26:19 ^{NLT}

Thank-you . . .

Thank you for your comforting presence here today
in memory of our husband, brother and uncle.

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A Memorial Service Of Praise And Thanksgiving To Celebrate The Life Of **ROBERT JOSEPH CHEWNING**

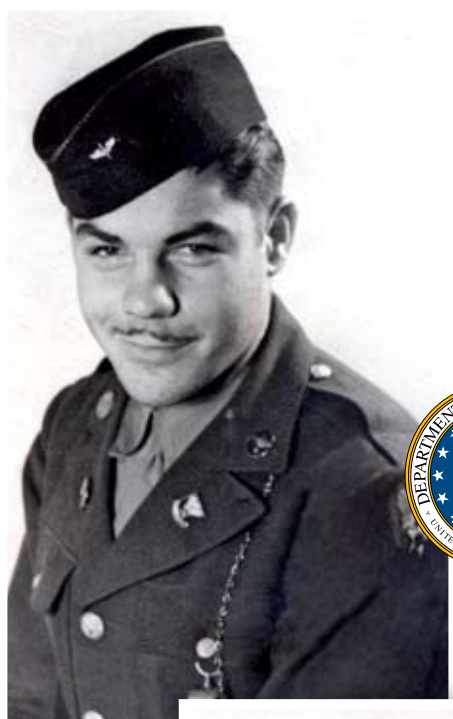
October 22, 1923 – November 8, 2006



Sunday, December 10th, 2006
4:00 P.M.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
780 North Sun Drive, Lake Mary, Florida
Pastor Paul Hoyer

Order of Service (cont'd)



U.S.
Air Force



Detective Sergeant

Pastor: God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, let us now confess our faith.

People: (Apostles' Creed – Page #167)

Pastor: Let us pray to our Lord, Jesus Christ, who, in His great love, laid down His life for His friends. Lord, you have called us Your friends. Draw near to us who mourn Bob's death and dry the tears of all those who weep.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Pastor: You wept at the grave of Lazarus, Your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Pastor: You raised the dead to life. In the waters of Holy Baptism, You give the promise of new life.

People: Thanks be to God!

Pastor: You have called us to follow You. Lead us also to the joy of life with You forever.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Pastor: God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks because by His death, He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection has opened

the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because He lives, we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, shall be able to separate us from Your love, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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COMMENDATION

Pastor: Into Your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend Your servant, Bob; acknowledge, we humbly beseech You, a sheep of Your own fold, a lamb of Your own flock, a sinner of Your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of Your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

People: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Let us go forth in peace.

People: In the name of Christ! Amen.

Hymn – "Amazing Grace" [#509]

Postlude – "Wind Beneath My Wings"

You cordially are invited to join friends and family in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

Order of Service

Officiating – Pastor Paul Hoyer

Prelude – “*I Wouldn’t Have Missed It For The World*”

Flag Folding – Honor Guard of the Orlando Police Department

INVOCATION

Pastor: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Pastor: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into His death. We were buried, therefore, with Him by baptism into death so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we, too, might live a new life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.

Hymn – “*How Great Thou Art*” [#519]

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we thank you for giving Bob to us to know, respect and love in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console those who mourn. Give us your aid so we may see in death the gate to eternal life, that we may continue our course

on earth in confidence until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before us; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – *Isaiah 61:1-3*

New Testament – *1 Corinthians 15:50-57*
1 Thessalonians 4:13-17

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People: Amen.

Music – “*On Eagles’ Wings*”

Tributes, Reflections –

Honorable Kevin Beary
Orange County Sheriff

U.S. Marshal Thomas D. Hurlburt, Jr.

Pastor Randall L. James
First Baptist Church of Orlando

Message – Pastor Paul Hoyer



Chief of Police



*Lieutenant
Juvenile
Division*

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*To everything there is a season, and
a time to every purpose under heaven....*

— Ecclesiastes 3:1

Robert Joseph Chewning

The son of an iron worker who helped build bridges across the United States, Robert Joseph Chewning also built bridges – ones of community spirit and public trust through his chosen career on the Orlando Police Department following discharge from the U.S. Eighth Air Force at the end of WWII.

Representing the epitome of a cop's cop, he rose through the ranks from a beat officer in 1946 to appointment as Chief of Police in 1967 – one of the first actions taken by newly elected Mayor Carl T. Langford – and retiring as Public Safety Director in 1976. He then joined Orange County as Public Safety Director where he administered the development and inauguration of 9-1-1, the first enhanced system in the U.S.

Since he had served in almost every unit of the OPD, there was nothing he asked his officers to do that he had not done or would not do himself, assuring the best law enforcement possible to the citizens as a true labor of love rather than for any monetary reward.

Under his direction, the college education program for Orlando Police officers was initiated; and he set the example of achieving higher standards by earning his A.A. degree with honors from Valencia Community College in 1972 through evening courses while handling the duties of Police Chief. It may seem unbelievable now, but he also succeeded in getting air-conditioned police vehicles only because the year before he got air-conditioning approved for the K-9 patrol!

Carrying the City Family spirit a step further, he married a City employee in 1966, Grace [nee Wendorff], who retired in 2002 as Orlando City Clerk with 49 years in the City Clerk's Office.

Their 4 acres on the Wekiva River was bought in 1971 as a

retreat, but became a full-time home some 20 years ago, when he traded an office and suits for farm life and jeans with vegetable gardening, raising goats, chickens, ducks, geese and peacocks, plus some boating and fishing for good measure.

His strength of character, determination and belief in a higher being helped him be cured of throat cancer in 1988 and lung cancer in 1991; but the heart that beat so strongly for 83 years in behalf of others, finally ran down with the latest bout of pneumonia.

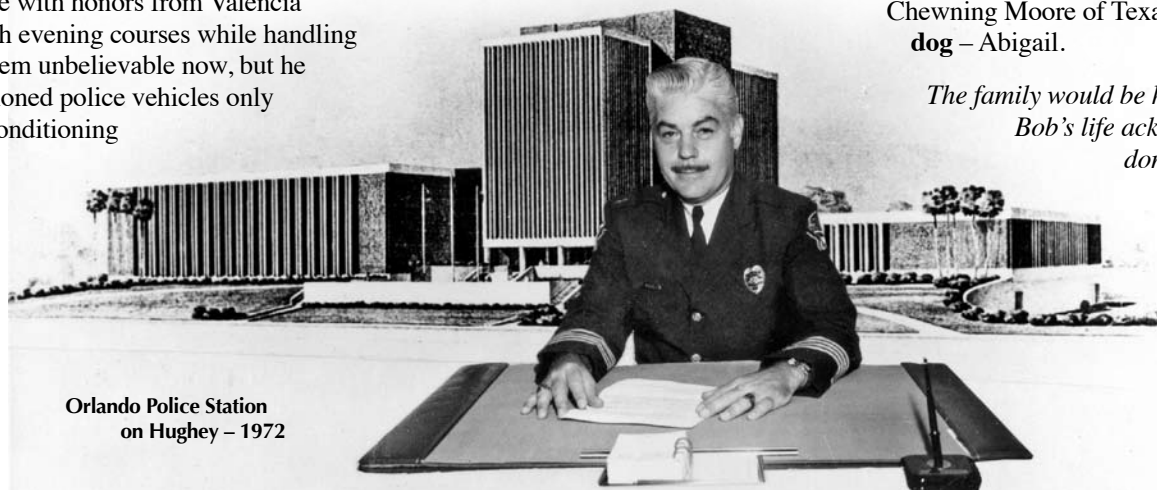
Among the honors he received are: Community Service Award, Orlando Human Relations Commission; Special Award of Merit, Committee of 100 of Orange County; 1985 Community Recognition Award, Orlando Area Chamber of Commerce; 1987 Outstanding Service Award, Friends of the Wekiva River; Community Leadership Award, Knights of Columbus; Law Enforcement Commendation Medal, Sons of the American Revolution.

Groups he supported through present and past memberships include: Eola Masonic Lodge #207; American Legion Post 53; Florida Sheriffs' Assn.; Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #25; Valencia Community College Advisory Committee; FBI National Academy Assn.; Florida Peace Officers Assn.; National Fire Protection Assn.; Orlando Municipal Planning Board; Seminole County Parks & Recreation Board; Central Florida Zoological Society; Governor's District VI Criminal Justice Council; Kiwanis of Orlando; Central Florida Citizens Safety Council.

Cherishing the precious memories of this special guy are:

his wife – Grace Ann; **older sister** – Jean Simon of Lake Mary; **younger sister** – June Rabon of Panama City; **niece and godchild** – Karen Rabon of Panama City; **niece** – Ginny (Mike) Hill of Orlando; **niece** – Elaine (Marty) Pawlikowski of Sanford; **daughter** – Barbara Ann Chewning Moore of Texas; and **his beloved dog** – Abigail.

*The family would be honored to have
Bob's life acknowledged by
donations to Holy Cross
Lutheran Church,
the SPCA of Central
Florida (Humane
Society), Gideon's
Bible Society or
a charity of
your choice.*



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