

Then said he, "I am going to my Father's, and though with great difficulty I am got hither, yet now I do not repent me of all the trouble I have been at to arrive where I am. My sword I give to him that shall succeed me in my pilgrimage, and my courage and skill to him that can get it. My marks and scars I carry with me to be a witness for me, that I have fought his battles who now will be my rewarder."

When the day that he must go hence was come, many accompanied him to the river side, into which as he went he said, "Death, where is thy sting?" And as he went down deeper, he said, "Grave, where is thy victory?" So he passed over, and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side.

*from "Pilgrim's Progress"*  
*by John Bunyan*

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## *A Service in Celebration*

*of the Life of*

**Robert Davis Holmes**



**Robert Davis Holmes**

June 22, 1927 to June 12, 2012



**Friday, June 15, 2012**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Officiants:**

**The Reverend John R. Torrance**

**The Reverend Cheryle Hanna**

**The Rev. Jack Hanna**

**Organist: William Maddox, B. Mus., FTCL**

## Order of Service

*A single bell will toll*

### Preludes

Opening Sentences (Psalm 103:1-5; 63) **The Rev. John R. Torrance**

Hymn 595 – Love divine all loves excelling (Blaenwern)

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer (sung Amen)

Solo – When I survey the wondrous cross  
Nancy Holmes, alto

### Tributes

**Steven Holmes**  
**The Rev. Dr. Paul Kerr**

### Holy Scripture –

Responsive Reading 797 - Psalm 27 **The Rev. Cheryle Hanna**

Unison Reading 794 - Psalm 23

### Anthem – Holy, holy, holy

*Franz Schubert*

*Holy, holy, holy, God Almighty Lord!*

*Holy, holy, holy, Everywhere adored!*

*He without beginning, He th'eternal One*

*Reigns and rules forever, all things 'neath the sun.*

*Power and love and wonder circling round His throne,*

*Praise Him, Holy, Holy, Lord of life alone.*

### Holy Scripture –

Revelation 21:1-4 (NT p.282)

**Rob Holmes**

1 Corinthians 15 (selected verses) (NT p.185, 186)

**Carol Brown**

John 14:1-4 (NT p.112)

**Rob Holmes**

Hymn 518 – O Master, let me walk with Thee (Maryton)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**The Rev. Jack Hanna**

Homily

**The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes**

Hymn 154 – Christ the Lord is risen today (Easter Hymn 157)

Benediction

**The Rev. John R. Torrance**

Recessional – The McMaster Hymn

*The Memorial Bells shall peal*

*The family will be returning to Cameron Hall immediately following the recessional where Jean and the entire family look forward to receiving your greetings.*

*Interment will follow in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.*

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### THE MINISTRY YEARS

1948-1949 - Student Pastor – Palgrave Baptist Church, Palgrave, Ont.

1951-1959 - Sr. Pastor, Westboro Baptist Church, Ottawa, Ont.

1960-1966 - Sr. Pastor, Central Baptist Church, Victoria, B.C.

1966-1971 - Sr. Pastor, Temple Baptist Church, Sarnia, Ont.

1971-1981 - Sr. Pastor, Central Baptist Church, Victoria, B.C.

1981-1984 - Secretary of Foreign Missions – Fellowship Baptist

1984-1987 - Sr. Pastor, Orangeville Baptist Church, Orangeville, Ont.

1987-1989 - Interim Pastorates in Baptist Churches

in Cobble Hill, B.C.; Duncan, B.C.; and Parksville, B.C.

1989 – 1992 - Sr. Pastor, Saanich Baptist Church, Victoria, B.C.

After retiring in 1992, Bob served Interim Pastorates in the following churches: Wortley Baptist Church, London, Ont. 1992; Willowdale Baptist Church, Toronto, 1993; Forward Baptist Church, Toronto, 1993-1994; Oakridge Baptist Church, Vancouver, 1995; Bethel Baptist Church, Strathroy, 1995; West Highland Baptist Church, Hamilton, ON 1995-1996; Willowdale Baptist Church, Toronto, 1996-1997; Forward Baptist Church, Cambridge, Ont. 1998-1999; Calvary Baptist Church, Oshawa, Ont. 1999; Orangeville Baptist Church 2000; Central Baptist Church, Victoria, B.C. 2000-2001; Markham Missionary Church, Markham, Ont. – 2001-2004; Ajax Baptist Church, Ajax, Ont. 2004-2005; High Park Baptist Church, Toronto, Ont. 2005-2006. Bob also conducted monthly worship services on Sunday afternoons at Amica Care Home in Markham 2003-2011

### Pallbearers

Stephen Brown

Dr. Daniel Brown

Rob Holmes

Robert James Holmes

Dr. John Voorhies Jr.

Steven Holmes