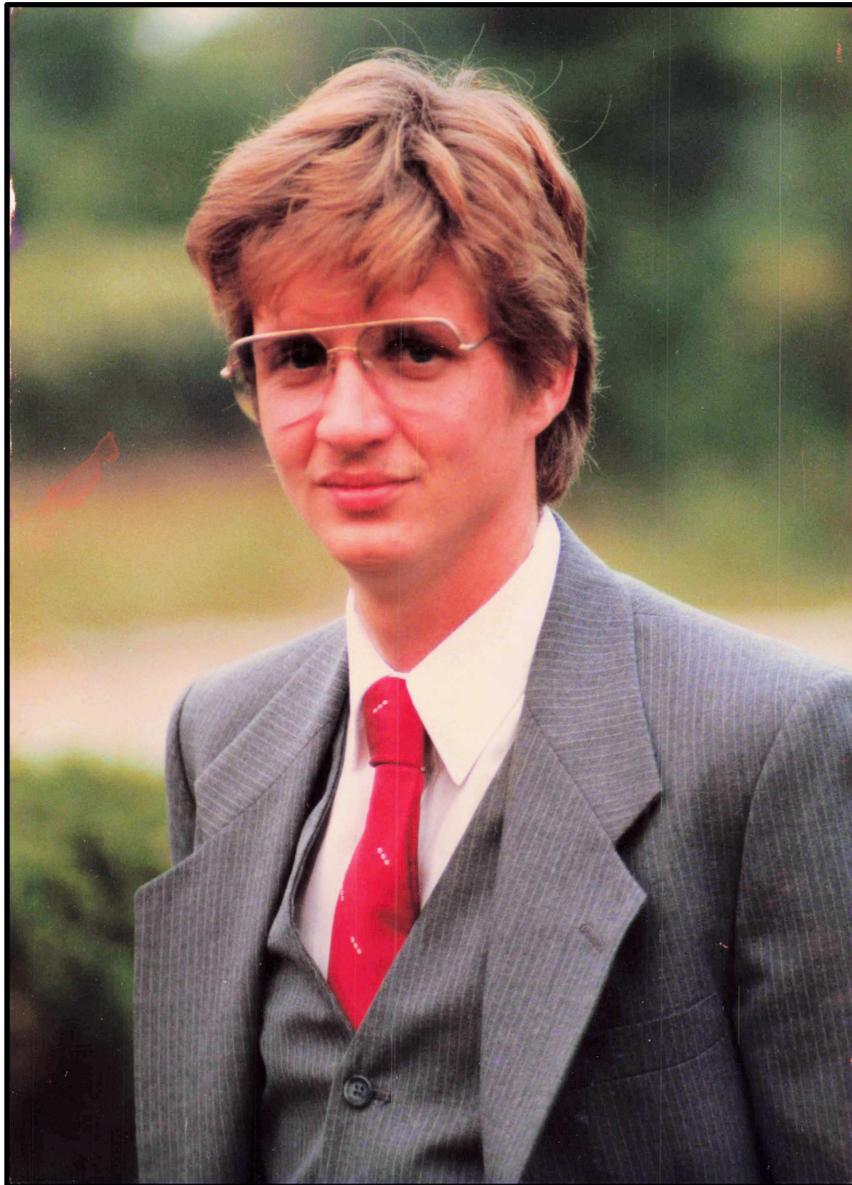


**Celebrating the Life of**  
**Kevin Patrick McHugh**

February 4, 1958-March 8, 2023



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# ORDER OF SERVICE

March 24, 2023 (Friday)

11:00am

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**Prelude** ..... Gloria Juan

**Greeting & Opening Prayer** ..... Rev. Dr. Sunny Ahn

**Hymns (Medley)** ..... Together  
(From Kevin's "Acceptable Hymn" List)

(Hymn 144 "This is My Father's World")

This is my Father's world, / and to my listening ears / all nature sings, and round me rings / the music of the spheres. / This is my Father's world: / I rest me in the thought / of rocks and trees, / of skies and seas; / his hand the wonders wrought.

(Hymn 64 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty")

Holy, holy, holy! / Lord God Almighty! / Early in the morning / our song shall rise to thee. / Holy, holy, holy! / Merciful and mighty, / God in three persons, / blessed Trinity!

(Hymn 77 "How Great Thou Art")

O Lord my God! / when I in awesome wonder / consider all the worlds thy hands have made, / I see the stars, / I hear the rolling thunders, / thy power throughout the universe displayed. / Then sings my souls, my Savior God to thee; / how great thou art, / how great thou art! / Then sings my souls, / my Savior God to thee; / how great thou art, / how great thou art!

**Reading of Kevin's Biography** ..... Jim Skibby

**Hymns (Medley)** ..... Together  
(From Kevin's "Acceptable Hymn" List)

(Hymn 504 "The Old Rugged Cross")

On a hill far away / stood an old rugged cross, / the emblem of suffering and shame; / and I love that old cross / where the dearest and best / for a world of lost sinners was slain. / So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, / till my trophies at last I lay down; / I will cling to the old rugged cross, / and exchange it some day for a crown.

(Hymn 378 "Amazing Grace")

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound / that saved a wretch like me! / I  
once was lost, / but now am found; / was blind, but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me, / his word my hope secures; / he will  
my shield and portion be, / as long as life endures.

(Hymn 528 "Nearer, My God, to Thee")

Nearer, my God, to thee, / nearer to thee! / E'en though it be a cross / that  
raiseth me, / still all my song shall be / nearer, my God, to thee / nearer,  
my God, to thee, / nearer to thee!

Though like the wanderer, / the sun gone down, / darkness be over me, /  
my rest a stone; / yet in my dreams I'd be / nearer, my God, to thee; /  
nearer, my God, to thee, / nearer to thee!

**Scripture Reading** ..... Psalms 23  
Navy Mareko (Samoan) and Rev. Dr. Ahn (English)

**Message** ..... Rev. Dr. Sunny Ahn

**Time of Sharing** ..... Together

**Hymns (Medley)** ..... Together  
(From Kevin's "Acceptable Hymn" List)

(Hymn 374 "Standing on the Promises")

Standing on the promises of Christ my King, / through eternal ages let his  
praises ring; / glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, / standing on the  
promises of God. / Standing, standing, / standing on the promises of God  
my Savior; / standing, standing, / I'm standing on the promises of God.

(Hymn 369 "Blessed Assurance")

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! / O what a foretaste of glory divine! /  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, / born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.  
/ This is my story, this is my song, / praising my Savior all the day long; /  
this is my story, this is my song, / praising my Savior all the day long.

(Hymn 364 "Because He Lives" *Refrain x 2, the last one in acapella*)

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; / because he lives, all fear is gone;  
/ because I Know he holds the future, / and life is worth the living just  
because he lives.

**Benediction** ..... Pastor Lavaka Malakai

**Postlude** ..... Gloria Juan

An asterisk (\*) indicates a place for you to stand as you are able.

**Bold Print indicates a place for you to sing or speak.**

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### **THANK YOU**

Words cannot express how much we thank you for the expressions of sympathy, and the help you provided us during our moment of sorrow. We are truly grateful for your friendship and support. Please join us a reception after the service. *–The McHugh Family*

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### **KEVIN PATRICK McHUGH**

Kevin was born during a snowstorm in Allentown, PA on February 4, 1958. He was the first of what would become a family of 8 children. His father worked for the medical company Merck, Sharp and Dohme and the family relocated numerous times during his childhood. He was what was called a "sickly child" and spent a lot of time in hospitals. When he was 10 years old, he had major surgery that redirected the flow of blood to internal organs. This was a formative event for his entire life – the surgery was new and complex, and he was not expected to live to full adulthood. In typical Kevin fashion, he ignored that and defied the odds.

After high school, Kevin joined his father who had a cargo service in the Caribbean, flying freight among all the islands. While he was based in

Puerto Rico, Kevin especially loved St. Kitts. He had some hair-raising stories of his dad's adventurous piloting, which eventually caught up to them in a crash landing. While waiting for the plane to be fixed, Kevin went back to upstate New York to spend time with his mom. He took a temporary job as a bartender at a ski resort where he met Janet – also on her way to somewhere else. Both changed their individual plans to a plan where they were together, and they were married on June 23, 1984.

They lived for several years in Allentown close to Kevin's loving extended family, and while there, he found his true calling when he took a job in the optical industry. Starting out on the bottom rung, he worked as an apprentice to an old-school optician who gave him the knowledge he needed to be able to go on to become a licensed optician, in time earning the designation of Master optician. He was probably proudest of this achievement, and it gave him great satisfaction for the rest of his life to be able to help people see better with a new pair of glasses.

Eventually they moved to upstate New York again and after eight foot-loose and fancy-free years, the biggest joy in Kevin's life arrived in the form of his daughter, Colleen. However, *warm* was where he wanted to be, and the family moved to Kailua Kona in 1995. Kevin was employed by several of the "Big Box" stores that had optical departments, but he was happiest when he opened Kevin McHugh Optical and could really spend time getting to know his patients and help them find exactly what they needed for their vision challenges.

In later years, Kevin suffered some health problems that limited his ability to work, but he kept busy with his drone flying, and his parakeets and cockatiels, as well as caring for the two dogs-who-were-really-kids. His caring and empathy were unlimited; he went out of his way to help people in need – anyone who looked like they needed a ride, he was the one who would stop if you were stranded by the side of the road.

Kevin leaves behind Janet and Colleen and a large extended family who will miss his unique light in the world. Rest in peace Kevin – a hui hou.

