

Symbolism at Military Funerals

The 21 gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776.

The American Flag is folded 13 times representing:

The **1st fold** of our flag is a symbol of life.

The **2nd fold** is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

The **3rd fold** is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The **4th fold** represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The **5th fold** is a tribute to our country, for the words of Stephen Decaur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.

The **6th fold** is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The **7th fold** is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they are found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The **8th fold** is a tribute to the One who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The **9th fold** is a tribute to womanhood, and mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The **10th fold** is a tribute to the fathers, for they, too, have given their sons and daughters for the defense of our country.

The **11th fold** represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in the Hebrews' eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The **12th fold** is a symbol of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians' eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

The **13th fold**, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding us of our nations motto "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us rights, privileges and freedoms we enjoy today.

Celebration of Life *Weldon Carpenter*

March 3, 2009 @ 10 AM

Prelude	Nancy Lloyd
"Amazing Grace"	DVD by Il Divo
Welcome and Call to Worship	Pastor Doug Klein
Prayer	Pastor Doug Klein
Old Testament Readings	Pastor Doug Klein
Musical Trio "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"	Lynee Graves, Amy Thorne, Dan McGowan
Eulogy	Pastor Doug Klein
Congregational songs of praise:	
Page 36	"He Is Exalted"
Page 372	"Our God Reigns"
Page 358	"Because He Lives"
Page 772	"When We All Get To Heaven"
Video	
Remembrances	Merrill, Newman, MOF & Elders Dan Kimsey, Military
New Testament Readings	Pastor Doug Klein
Message	Pastor Doug Klein
Poem "I'm Free"	Aly Bronsert
Solo "How Great Thou Art"	Bob Bennett
Committal	Pastor Doug Klein
Full Military Honor Guard Presentation	
Benediction	Pastor Doug Klein
Postlude	Nancy Lloyd

*You are invited to greet family and friends at a reception
in the Faith Church Fellowship Hall*



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.

I took His hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back, and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with a remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with the times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life has been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

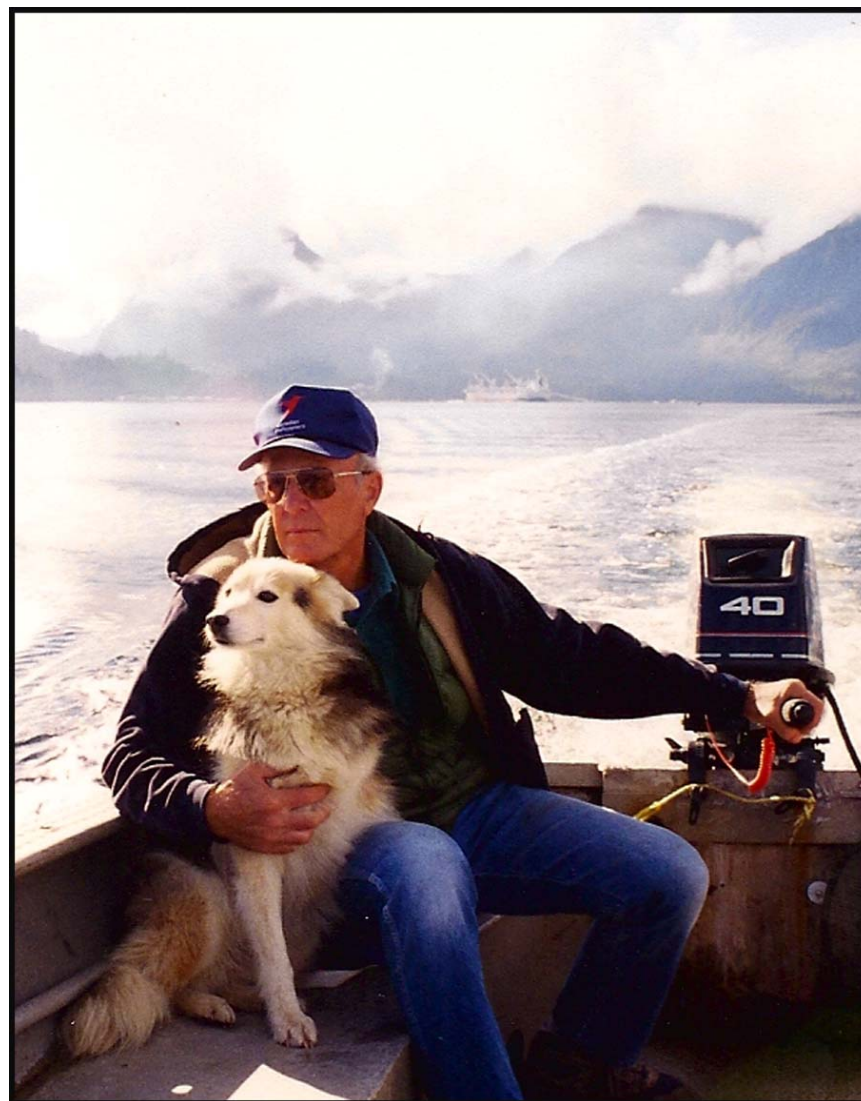
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

For a full obituary go to NewcomerDenver.com

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Sunday Worship 8:45 AM & 10:30 AM*

Homecoming Celebration

Weldon Carpenter



Born November 30, 1936
Entered the Church Triumphant February 25, 2009