



*A Celebration of the Life of  
Forrest Wesley Walls  
January 3, 1939 - October 16, 2009*

Service of Worship  
To The Glory Of God  
And In Memory of  
**FORREST WESLEY WALLS**  
January 3, 1939-October 16, 2009

First Free Methodist Church

October 23, 2009 2pm

PRELUDE

Diane Lemcio, organist

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

\*HYMN

#384 This Is My Father's World

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 19

Pastor Bonnie Brann

MEDITATION

Pastor Mark Abbott

PRAYER

SOLO

Catherine Haight

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

WORDS OF MEMORY

Burton Walls, brother

Gordon Conger, law partner and friend

Jerry Klein, long time friend

Jill Locke, family friend

\*HYMN

#708 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

\*Please stand as you are able.

*Vi and family thank you for your love, prayers, support and presence here today. Everyone is invited to a reception in the Fine Center.*

*Memorials may be made to*

*Alpine Lakes Foundation, 1230 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. E. Seattle, WA 98112;*

*First Free Methodist Church, 3200 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W. Seattle, WA 98119; or*

*F. Wesley Walls and Elizabeth Walls Scholarship Endowment*

*Office of Development, SPU, 3307 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W. Seattle, WA 98119*

## Forrest "Forry" Walls

1939- 2009

Forrest Wesley Walls was born January 3, 1939, in Cedar Falls, Iowa. His family moved to Queen Anne Hill in Seattle when Forry was 2. He grew up playing by the canal, at Rogers Park, and taking the bus to the YMCA at 10 and walking home. Forry attended North Queen Anne Elementary School and was a graduate of Queen Anne High School, Seattle Pacific University, and the University of Washington Law School, where he was on Law Review and was a member of Order of the Coif.

He was hired by Preston Gates and Ellis, now K & L Gates. He was the 11<sup>th</sup> lawyer at the firm and became a partner in 1970, specializing in municipal finance. As bond counsel he represented many public agencies in Washington and Alaska. He was a member and officer of the National Association of Bond Lawyers. He was well regarded by his clients, partners and colleagues during his 37 years of practice. Forry retired in 2001.

Forry and Vi were married in 1965, nine months after meeting at an alumni function. They lived in the same house in Edmonds all of their married life. His pride and joy was his family: sons Ryan and Aaron, daughter-in-law Renee, and his granddaughters Riley and Keira. Together the family enjoyed many vacations, hikes, boat trips, and time at Glencove. The entire family was able to have a wonderful trip to Hawaii in May. Those memories will last a long time.

Forry's love of the outdoors probably began from the influence of his mother who had a very adventurous spirit. He started hiking and fishing with a Boy Scout troop. Before he could drive, he and a couple of friends would be dropped off at a trailhead and picked up a day later. This was done with a minimum of equipment. He took a climbing course from the Mountaineers, and then the climbing started. There were 5 summits of Mt. Rainier, an attempt of Mt. McKinley, and summits of mountains in Ecuador and Mexico and many of the mountains of Washington. It took little encouragement for Forry to get a hike or climb put together. For 25 years the summers also included at least one sailboat trip, sailing the inland waters up to Canada.

Forry and Vi enjoyed traveling, beginning with family trips when Ryan and Aaron were young, trips on their own, and with friends. Forry looked for trips with some adventure - taking a dugout canoe with a guide on the Curaray River in Ecuador "camping along the way" and hiking a mountain with the kids in Guatemala, where

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they hired a farmer in a field to guide them and protect them from the banditos. It worked and was a memorable hike. Another adventure was driving the backside of Maui on a dirt road with a low fuel tank. The most memorable trip was the month in Africa and the visit to Rwanda with Jo and Chet Lewis. The highlight was that Phyllis (Jo's sister) arranged a trip with armed guards and knowledgeable guides to see the gorillas.

Forry served in various organizations over the years. He was an officer and member of several Edmonds citizens groups. There was always a need for someone to write by-laws and make sure legal requirements were met for tax-exempt status. He began working with Alpine Lakes Protection Society in the 70's and later Alpine Lakes Foundation, serving on that board until 2008. Forry was the chairman of the board for the Warm Beach Senior Community for 20 years. Many changes and growth took place during that time. He also has been active in the First Free Methodist Church, attending here most of his life.

Diagnosed 15 years ago with Parkinson's disease, he continued to live a full life with the loving assistance of Vi. They were a team, a partnership. In most cases they had opposite but complementary skills and personalities. The deep love for each other and their family gave them a solid foundation on which they could face all the joys and challenges of their 44 years together. Their mutual trust and faith in God was the other ingredient that gave them strength.

I love the upward ways  
To the sun-tipped crest of the mountains  
High over the billowy world;  
Where the wind sings hymns of praise,  
And the snows break into fountains,  
And life is a flag unfurled.

-- Harriet Monroe