

Charles Gregory Alty

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

(Psalm 116:15)

Charles Gregory Alty, 60, of Lynchburg, VA went to be with God on August 25th, 2021, after a valiant battle with cancer.

Born on October 31st, 1960, in Fall River, MA, Greg's family moved to Lynchburg when he was age 6. He graduated E. C. Glass High School in 1978 and went to Duke University, where he graduated in 1982 with a degree in computer science. He later earned his M.D. at the Medical College of Virginia, where he remained for his residency in general surgery. From 1991-2005 and again from 2014-2020, Dr. Alty practiced general surgery in Lynchburg, also practicing in Winchester, VA from 2015-2020.

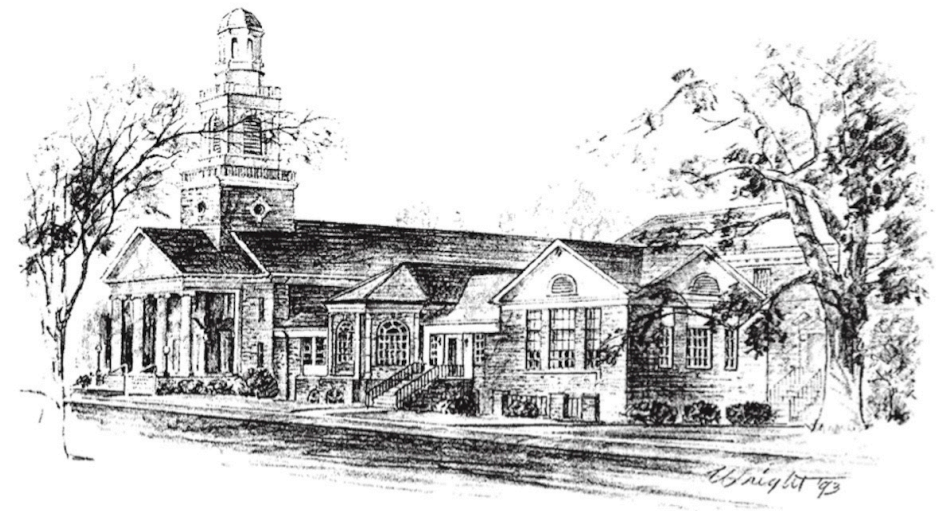
During his retirement from 2005-2013, he served as a missionary surgeon in Christian hospitals annually with World Medical Mission, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse, for month-long trips to help rural communities in Africa, two weeks in Haiti following the earthquake in 2010, and one week in Pass Christian, MS after Hurricane Katrina in 2005. He was awarded the "In the Footsteps of the Great Physician" recognition by World Medical Mission in 2017. Greg had a huge heart for this ministry, which he passed down to his son, Isaac, who accompanied him four times to Africa.

Greg's Christian service extended to the congregation of Rivermont Evangelical Presbyterian Church, where he served as a deacon, elder, Children's Church teacher, Sunday school teacher, Bible club leader, handbell player, and chaperone on youth mission trips and yearly summer retreats. Greg loved Jesus and studied the Bible faithfully with groups of Christian brothers. His favorite chapter in the Bible was Genesis 3, which describes the fall of humanity and our desperate need for a Savior, Jesus Christ.

Greg also served the community as an adult leader in the Boy Scouts. He led a Cub Scout den locally in Pack 7 and served regionally on the Council Executive Board for the Blue Ridge Mountains Council, leading in the position of District Chairman. When Isaac became a Boy Scout in Troop 7, Greg participated in hikes, camping trips, and as a chaperone for a Philmont trek, a National Jamboree, and a Northern Tier Adventure trek. Greg completed his Wood Badge leadership training and was awarded the Silver Beaver for service by the Council.

Above all, Greg loved his family deeply and was happiest when spending time with his loved ones. Whether he was sitting on the beach, riding motorcycles, or enjoying a good meal around the table, Greg loved being in the company of those closest to him. He will be dearly missed by them all. Greg is survived by his wife, Lisa Trevey Alty, his son, Isaac Gregory Alty and Isaac's wife, Jill, of Boston, MA, and his parents, Charles M. Alty and Antoinette P. Alty, of Lynchburg. Additional survivors include his siblings: Jeffery S. Alty of Naples, FL; Jon C. Alty and wife, Kim, of Fredericksburg, VA; and Jenifer A. Massie and husband, David, of Lynchburg; his brother-in-law Thomas S. Trevey and wife, Helen, of Richmond, VA; his sister-in-law, Julie D. Trevey, and husband, Olen Crane, of Richmond, VA, and his much-loved nephews and nieces.

A Witness to the Resurrection



Rivermont Evangelical Presbyterian Church
2424 Rivermont Avenue
Lynchburg, Virginia
October 15, 2022 ~ 3 PM

*A Service of Worship
To the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of
Charles Gregory Alty
(October 31, 1960 - August 25, 2021)*

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24)

THE PRELUDE: Peggy Bettcher, Organist

THE WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP: Pastor Ron Cox

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #94 *"How Firm a Foundation"* FOUNDATION

*THE INVOCATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 23 (in unison)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies: You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

REFLECTIONS: Pastor Lowell Sykes and Isaac Alty

*HYMN: #460 *"Amazing Grace!"* AMAZING GRACE

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 8:18-25

THE SERMON: *"Present Suffering, Future Glory"*

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, #1 (responsively):

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

My only comfort is that I belong, body and soul, in life and in death, not to myself, but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. At the cost of His own precious blood, He has fully paid for all my sins, and has set me free from the dominion of the devil. He also watches over me so well that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven. Indeed, all things must work together to fit His purpose for my salvation. Therefore, because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly ready and willing from now on to live for Him. Amen!

*THE GLORIA: *"Gloria Patri"* GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end! A—men, A—men!

THE PASTORAL PRAYER, concluding with THE LORD'S PRAYER: (in unison)

Our Father, Who art in heaven: hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN: #358 *"For All the Saints"* SINE NOMINE

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN (sung by all): "A-men, A-men, A-men!"

THE POSTLUDE: *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

*The congregation will please stand. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.
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Following the service, the family will receive friends in the Cheatham Center.

