President Emeritus
Ronald R. Thomas
1949 - 2023

Memorial Service
June 24, 2023, 2 p.m.
Tahoma Room, Thomas Hall
University of Puget Sound
Program

Welcome

Invocation

Reflections from Ron's Family

Reflections from University of Puget Sound Board Chairs

A Reading from Scripture, I Corinthians 13:1-8

“Because I Am” (lyrics by Ron Thomas)

Reflections from University of Puget Sound Faculty

Greetings from University of Puget Sound Staff

Poetry Reading from T. S. Eliot's “Little Gidding”

Reflections from a University of Puget Sound Graduate

Reflections from a Friend

Photo Montage

“When the Deal Goes Down” (Bob Dylan)

“Every Grain of Sand” (Bob Dylan)

“Forever Young” (Bob Dylan) sung by Jess Smith ’05, Associate Professor of Theatre Arts, accompanied by Darrel Frost ’04

Isaiah Crawford
University of Puget Sound
President

Michael Segawa

Stephen Belde

Deanna Oppenheimer
Rick Brooks

Stephen Belde

introduced by Shelly Reiss

Michael Veseth

Fred Grimm

Mark Halliday

Darrel Frost ’04

Robert Pohlad P’07

introduced by Michael Reiss

Reception following on the Event Lawn, Thomas Hall.
A Note from Mary Thomas

As some of you might remember, Ron quoted from Tennyson's *Ulysses* at his inauguration in 2004 and again at his retirement in 2016. It is a poem about life’s journeys, its triumphs and travails, and its yearnings. And it is a particular line in *Ulysses* that I recall when I read your kind and thoughtful messages at Ron’s passing: “I am a part of all that I have met.” So many of you have described the deep and abiding effect he had upon you. And now that he is gone, I find comfort in believing that he is indeed still with us.

To those who have helped to plan and bring to fruition Ron’s memorial, my thanks: Michael and Shelly Reiss, my indispensable partners in every aspect of this service

Darrel Frost ’04, who coordinated and performed the program music

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