

Having a place to go is a home. Having someone to love is a family.
Having both is a blessing.



George Shaayegán Reifenstein - Sitka Kiks.ádi, Gagaan Hít

In 2014, Aanyaanáx_Ray Wilson, leader of the Sitka Kiks.ádi Gagaan Hít, adopted George into the clan to recognize George's work with children – all children. George became the caretaker of the name Shaayegán. Ray's brother Bill carried this name, as well as Ray's uncle. Ray and George's deep friendship began in 1996 when George welcomed and hired the *All Nations Children Dancers* to perform throughout the summer months for the Goldbelt Tram. When these children reached high school, George offered them jobs working for the tram, mentored them in career skills and helped them along their future paths. Being adopted into the Kiks.ádi clan has been one of the most significant events in George's life. He has held his Lingít name Shaayegán in high esteem by working to lift the name even higher through his contributions to our community. The Kiks.ádi will always remember what George has done for the clan. Ch'a tleix_igaxtusaxán – we will always love you.



Celebration of Life

George Henry Reifenstein, Jr

March 9, 2024

Centennial Hall

Juneau, Alaska

Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church

Rev. Dr. Charles Ensminger, Pastor

A More Light (Presbyterian Church (USA)) & Reconciling (United Methodist) Congregation
No matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

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Prelude Navy Hymn “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” prerecorded by the US Navy Sea
Chanters, in honor of George’s Father and Brother

Greeting and Land Acknowledgement

Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church would like to acknowledge that we gather today on the
traditional lands of the Áak’w Kwáan Tlingit. For thousands of years the Tlingit have been and
continue to be the stewards of the land and traditional knowledge. It is with gratefulness and
respect that we recognize the contributions, innovations, and contemporary perspectives of the
Tlingit.

*Hymn: Morning Has Broken see insert

Opening Prayer

Rev. Dr. Charles Ensminger

Old Testament Reading:
Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

For thou art with me;

Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

Thou anointest my head with oil;

My cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Homily

Rev. Paul Beran

Musical Selection “It is Well”

Sherry Patterson

Accompanied by Misuri Smyth

The Lord’s Prayer

**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 trespasses as we
forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Scripture Reading: John 13: 34-35

Tatum Gende, Granddaughter

Poem, author unknown

Heidi Reifenstein

Eulogies:

Ray Wilson and Lorrie Heagy

Ron Bressette

Ami Reifenstein

Fred Baxter

*Closing Prayer

Ringling of the Fire Bell for a firefighter's last call

Jayme Johns

Postlude: Amazing Grace, Jake Marnon, Bagpiper

A tradition of fire departments everywhere

*Dismissal with Blessing