

Memorial Service

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Pepperdine University

Smothers Theatre

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Benediction

Led by Dr. Charles Runnels

Our Father in heaven, hallowed by thy name on all the earth. We bow down to you with humble hearts and thank you for this day brought about by the life of a man whom we loved and respected. As we lift up our eyes to the beautiful Malibu hills and confess that our help comes from you who made heaven and earth—and sent us a servant leader—Oly Tegner.

With his vision, Oly helped us to dream the impossible dream—and to make it come true. He was an encourager who inspired others to give them strength and courage to carry out the mission of our University and to never compromise our Christian character.

Today, we want to thank you for this old soldier whose works will never fade away, but will live on and on. We are thankful for the talents that you gave this hero and for the ambition and drive he had to do his very best until the end. Oly was the golden thread who helped build an important bridge from the South Vermont campus to Malibu.

We are thankful that we who are here today can stand on the shoulders of this hero and model and carry on with the mission of our University that he loved. He was truly a great soldier of Pepperdine University and The Salvation Army.

We are thankful for Allie and the patient love and care that she gave Oly, especially in these last few years. And now we are thankful that Christ sent the Holy Spirit to comfort her and their family and all who loved and respected him.

Now that the day is done and the sun has set here on earth for our dear friend, we will always remember him for the path that he chose to take. We know that his journey here on earth was part of the Master's plan. We have been blessed that he touched our lives and the lives of so many young people.

Thank you, dear God, for Oly Tegner and the opportunity we had to know him. He was my friend. I loved him.

In the name of your son, Jesus, we pray, Amen.