

High Flight

by Pilot Officer John Gillespie Magee, Jr • No 412 squadron, RCAF

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds, — and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of — wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air. . . .

Up, up the long, delirious burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace
Where never lark, or ever eagle flew —
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.



Original 2nd Lt. Ben L. Connelly Crew - 360th Bomber Squadron
B-17G Miss Umbriago #42-97187 360BS (PU-I)
(Crew assigned 360BS: 15 July 1944; Ben pictured top row, far left)

A Service of Death and Resurrection

Celebrating the Life of

Ben Lee Connelly

December 21, 1921 — February 11, 2010

Cotten Funeral Home Chapel

2201 Neuse Boulevard • New Bern, NC 28560

Sunday, February 21, 2010 at 2:00 pm



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GATHERING AND PRAISE

PRELUDE & GATHERING

RESPONSIVE READING*..... *Isaiah 40:28-31*

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.

OPENING HYMN*..... *It is Well with My Soul*

GREETING

OPENING PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Eternal God, we praise you for the great company of all those who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labor. We praise you for those dear to us whom we name in our hearts before you. Especially we praise you for *Ben Lee* whom you have graciously received into your presence. To all of these grant your peace. Let perpetual light shine upon them; and help us so

to believe where we have not seen, that your presence may lead us through our years, and bring us at last with them into the joy of your home not made with hands but eternal in the heavens; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 8:1-2, 11, 14, 17-18, 28, 31-32, 35-39

John 14:1-4, 18-19, 25-27

HOMILY *Rev. John M. McAllister*

HYMN..... *In the Garden*

EULOGIES *Richard Connelly, family and friends*

COMMENDATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND COMMENDATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN*..... *Blessed Assurance*

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING*

POSTLUDE*

** Congregation, please stand as able*



Interment will be at:

Greenleaf Memorial Park

900 River Road • New Bern, NC 28562

*In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to:
Occoneechee Council, Boy Scouts of America
P. O. Box 41229, Raleigh, NC 27629*