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## Memorial Service Skirm Auditorium, Friendship Village Tempe, Arizona April 10, 2014

Recordings of Selected Organ Pieces Composed and Performed by Lindsay

Words of Welcome

The Reverend Suzanne Getz

Hymn

Prelude

O God Our Help In Ages Past "St. Anne"

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.

Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame, From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.

Time, like an ever rolling stream, Bears all its sons away; They fly, forgotten, as a dream Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Be thou our guard while life shall last, And our eternal home.

Prayers and Tribute

The Reverend Jennie-Lou Reid Coral Gables, Florida

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm Eileen Mager, soprano The Lord Is My Shepherd James Gerber, organist Composed for Julia in memory of Lindsay's wife, Anne, soon after Anne's death in 1988.

## Tributes

Eileen Mager Carefree, Arizona

Karen Ford Tempe, Arizona

Guy Welbon Wallingford, Pennsylvania

> Llewellyn Penn Yan, New York

Julia, Llewellyn, Peter, Bill Goodenberger

O God Our Help in Ages Past: Fanfare, Recitative and Hymn

The Lord's Prayer

A Prayer of Boethius

**Centennial Retrospective** 

Nunc Dimittis

Benediction

Postlude

by Peter

The Walbrook Singers from England In Meldorf Cathedral, Germany

The Very Reverend Troy Mendez Dean, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

> Amazing Grace Walker, arranged Lafford

Lindsay composed or arranged all of the music in this service.

Participants	The Reverend Suzanne H.Getz
	The Reverend Jennie-Lou Reid
	The Very Reverend Troy Mendez
	James Gerber, organist
	Eileen Mager, soprano
	Julia Lafford Welbon
	Llewellyn Lafford
	Peter Lafford
	Guy Welbon
Greeters	Jim Bosma
	Betty English
	Denis Kigin
	Dave Seaman
	Diana Whitford

Lindsay Arthur Lafford, Lord of Ridley, LHD, FRCO, FTCL, was born in Gloucester, England, in 1912. From age 9 he was a chorister, then organ scholar at Hereford Cathedral until his 1935 appointment as organist and director of music at St John's Cathedral, Hong Kong. He met Anna Pohl in Dalat, French Indo-China, while both were on holiday. They married in England in 1939 and emigrated to the U.S. for his teaching positions at Haverford and Swarthmore colleges and as University Organist at Princeton. During World War II service in the U.S. Navy he was a Chaplain's Assistant and director of music for The Navy Goes to Church, a program broadcast on WOR radio in New York. Following his honorable discharge he became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1946. For 31 years from 1948 he was professor of music. conductor, organist, carillonneur, and department chair at Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, New York. In 1979 retirement freed him to concentrate on writing music for the next 31/2 decades. He spent 14 years at St. Philips Episcopal Church in Coral Gables and at the University of Miami. In 1994, he moved to Tempe, Arizona, where his composing, conducting and performing continued until his death on April 5, 2014, following a brief illness.

In 1988 he received the title Lord of Ridley. In 2008 he was awarded the Ageless Heroes of Arizona award for Creative Expressions, sponsored by Blue Cross / Blue Shield of Arizona and the Arizona Republic.

His wife, Anne, predeceased him in 1988. He is survived by his daughter, Julia Welbon, and his sons, Llewellyn and Peter, their spouses and a grandson, Christopher Welbon. He was a published and prize-winning composer of vocal and instrumental works, detailed on his website Lord-of-Ridley.com.