



**LINDSAY ARTHUR LAFFORD,
LORD OF RIDLEY
OCTOBER 27, 1912 – APRIL 5, 2014**

Tributes

Eileen Mager
Carefree, Arizona

Karen Ford
Tempe, Arizona

Guy Welbon
Wallingford, Pennsylvania

Llewellyn
Penn Yan, New York

A Prayer of Boethius

Julia, Llewellyn, Peter,
Bill Goodenberger

Centennial Retrospective
by Peter

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

The Lord's Prayer

Nunc Dimittis

The Walbrook Singers from England
In Meldorf Cathedral, Germany

Benediction

The Very Reverend Troy Mendez
Dean, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

Postlude

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 3½ 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.