

HALVERSON SERVICE

\*Senator Nickles will open program and call upon speakers. Each has been requested to keep remarks in 2-3 minute length.

ORDER OF SPEAKERS

Senator Dole  
Senator Daschle  
Senator Coats  
Senator Nunn  
Doug Coe  
3 Capitol Hill employees

**MRS. HALVERSON, MEMBERS OF  
THE HALVERSON FAMILY,  
COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS:**

**BESIDES OFFERING THE PRAYER  
THAT OPENS EACH SENATE SESSION,  
THERE REALLY IS NO FORMAL JOB  
DESCRIPTION FOR THE OFFICE OF  
CHAPLAIN.**

**BUT, AS WE ALL KNOW, DR.  
RICHARD HALVERSON DIDN'T NEED A  
JOB DESCRIPTION.**

**HE WAS A MINISTER. AND LIKE  
MINISTERS EVERYWHERE, HE BELIEVED  
HIS RESPONSIBILITY WAS TO SERVE  
HIS PARISH.**

**SOME WHO SERVED AS SENATE  
CHAPLAIN IN THE MORE THAN 200  
YEAR HISTORY OF THAT OFFICE SAW  
THEIR PARISH AS BEING LIMITED TO  
JUST THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE.**

**BUT REVEREND HALVERSON  
CHANGED THE JOB FOREVER, BECAUSE  
HE SAW HIS CONGREGATION AS BEING**

**MUCH LARGER THAN JUST 100  
MEMBERS.**

**YES, HE WAS ALWAYS THERE  
WHEN SENATORS NEEDED HIM. AND  
YES, HE HAD A SPECIAL SENSE OF  
KNOWING WHEN WE NEEDED HIM--  
OFTEN EVEN BEFORE WE KNEW IT  
OURSELVES.**

**BUT, AS WE SEE TODAY, HE WAS  
ALSO THERE FOR THE OTHER  
MEMBERS OF OUR SENATE FAMILY.  
FROM POLICE OFFICERS, TO**

**CUSTODIANS, TO RESTAURANT  
EMPLOYEES, TO PERSONAL AND  
COMMITTEE STAFFERS, DR.  
HALVERSON WAS ON A FIRST NAME  
BASIS WITH COUNTLESS MEMBERS OF  
OUR SENATE FAMILY.**

**HIS MOTTO WAS SIMPLE. "I TRY  
NEVER TO BE IN A HURRY," HE SAID,  
DESCRIBING HIS FREQUENT WALKS  
THROUGH THE CAPITOL.**

**THOSE ARE WORDS YOU DON'T  
HEAR VERY OFTEN IN THIS FAST-**

**PACED CITY--BUT THEY ARE WORDS  
THAT REMIND ME OF MY YEARS IN  
RUSSELL, KANSAS.**

**RUSSELL WAS ONE OF THOSE  
TOWNS WHERE NO ONE WAS IN A  
HURRY...WHERE PEOPLE ALWAYS HAD  
TIME TO LISTEN TO EACH  
OTHER...WHERE EVERYONE NEW  
EVERYONE ELSE, AND WHERE YOU  
ALWAYS REACHED OUT TO  
NEIGHBORS IN NEED.**

**AND IT IS MY BELIEF THAT RICHARD  
HALVERSON WAS UNIVERSALLY  
LOVED AND ADMIRED BECAUSE EACH  
AND EVERY DAY, IN WAYS LARGE AND  
SMALL, HE MADE CAPITOL HILL A  
LITTLE MORE LIKE RUSSELL,  
KANSAS...A LITTLE MORE LIKE PERRY,  
GEORGIA...A LITTLE MORE LIKE *FORT WAYNE,*  
*INDIANA OR*  
ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA...A LITTLE  
MORE LIKE THE PLACE THAT EACH OF  
US CALLS HOME.**

**MRS. HALVERSON, I KNOW I SPEAK  
FOR ALL THOSE WHO SERVED IN THE  
SENATE DURING THE PAST FOURTEEN  
YEARS, IN THANKING YOU AND YOUR  
FAMILY FOR SHARING THIS  
REMARKABLE MAN WITH US.**



# *Memorial Service*

In Grateful Memory  
of  
Dr. Richard C. Halverson



United States Senate  
60th Chaplain  
February 2, 1981 - February 5, 1995



Call To Worship

Choral Praise

National Christian Choir

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Shared Blessing

Reading of Scripture and Personal Word

Rev. Chris Halverson

A Favorite Hymn of Dr. Halverson

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*  
(Verses 1,3)

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father  
There is no shadow of fuming with Thee  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not  
To Thy great Faithfulness, mercy and love.

**Chorus:**

Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

**Chorus**

Grateful Reflections

Members of the Senate and Staff

Led by Senator Don Nickles

A Favorite Hymn of Dr. Halverson

*"Amazing Grace"*  
(Verses 1, 5)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now am found  
Was blind but now I see.

When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

A Message of Hope

Dr. Lloyd Ogilvie

Choral Anthem

National Christian Choir

Benediction

Order for Grateful Reflections, 11:45-12:15:

There will no introduction in between speakers:

Senator Don Nickles

Senator Bob Dole

Senator Tom Daschle

Officer Bob Ellis, Capitol Police

Mr. Myron Flemming, Senate Doorkeeper

Ms. Annie Wright, Waitress, Senator's Dining Room

Mr. Doug Coe

Senator Sam Nunn

Senator Dan Coats