

Brian Doerksen Remembered: The Worship Leader Behind 'Come Now Is the Time to Worship' Dies at 60

The Church has lost one of its most beloved worship leaders.

Brian Doerksen, whose songs have filled churches around the world for decades, has died at the age of 60 following a brief battle with stage 4 cancer. For many, titles like Refiner's Fire and Come Now Is The Time To Worship are more than songs—they have become prayers, declarations of faith and reminders of God's nearness in both celebration and suffering.

Yet if the statements released following his passing reveal anything, it is that Doerksen's greatest legacy was not simply the music he wrote. It was the life of worship he lived.

In a statement shared by his family on social media, they wrote that "Till the very end, Brian continued to love those around him, encouraging them in who they are, and shared incredible gratitude to those in the medical field who tried their best to help him." They added that "He was a beacon of light even in his final moments to his close family and friends, and loved well right to the end."