



In Memory Of
Reverend Susan Lynn Brown-Smith

OCTOBER 29, 1959 ~ AUGUST 28, 2024



Gone From My Sight

by Henry Van Dyke

I am standing upon the seashore. A ship, at my side,
spreads her white sails to the moving breeze and starts
for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength.
I stand and watch her until, at length, she hangs like a speck
of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to
mingle with each other.

Then, someone at my side says, "There, she is gone."

Gone where?

Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in mast,
hull and spar as she was when she left my side.
And, she is just as able to bear her load of
living freight to her destined port.
Her diminished size is in me -- not in her.

And, just at the moment when someone says, "There, she is gone,"
there are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices
ready to take up the glad shout, "Here she comes!"

And that is dying...

Pallbearers

Richard Thurman
Mike Attaway
Ernest Harrell
Zakary Savage
Keith Attaway
Jerry Leath



A Celebration of the Life of
Reverend Susan Lynn Brown-Smith

11:00AM Friday, September 6, 2024
Smith Chapel Methodist Church

Words of Gathering and Grace

Prayer Kip Gilts

Scripture Matthew 11:28-30

Song "You Raise Me Up"

Scripture Psalm 98

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

People: God has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

People: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

Leader: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

People: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

All: Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy.

Words of Remembrance

Skyla Smith
Kimberly Carney

Song "In The Garden"

Scripture John 1:1-9, 14
John 14:1-3, 27

Words of Faith "Full of Grace" Roy James

Song "I'll Fly Away"

Words and Prayers of Committal James Pickens

Song "Mansion Over the Hilltop"

Benediction

Obituary

Susan Lynn Brown-Smith (29 Oct 1959-28 Aug 2024) passed away at a local Tyler hospital after a brief illness.

Susan was born in Dunkirk, NY to the late Glenn and Beverly Brown. Susan graduated from the State University of New York at Fredonia in 1981 with a teaching degree in Mathematics. She taught high school math in Vermont, New York and Maryland before meeting her husband Bruce T. Smith while in Maryland and marrying 24 May 1987.

Susan found out what life as a wife of a U S Marine was as she and Bruce were stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, SC, Naval Ordnance Station Indianhead, MD, MCAS Iwakuni, Japan before retiring in April of 1999 from MCAS Beaufort, SC. Susan and Bruce moved to Manassas Park, VA as Bruce was hired first with the U S Department of State then back to the Department of Defense. Susan and Bruce returned to East Texas in Sept of 2005 where Susan became involved in her family church and participated in many mission outreach programs to include a mission trip to mainland China for 3 weeks in October of 2009.

In 2010, Susan answered the call to the ministry with the United Methodist Church as a local pastor first serving with the First United Methodist Church of Fruitvale, Texas, the Colfax Circuit in Van, TX, First United Methodist Church of Grand Saline, Texas and then assignment as associate pastor at Fairwood United Methodist Church in Tyler, Texas.

Susan was preceded in death by her father Glenn Brown and her mother Beverly Brown of Fredonia, NY; and also preceded in death by her son, Timothy Jackson Smith of Bryan, Texas.

Susan is survived by her husband of 37 years Bruce T. "Tim" Smith of Mineola; daughter, Brittany Ann (Smith) Garrett of Jacksonville, FL; grandsons, Jordan Smith of Middleburg, FL, Koley Williams of Mineola, Everett Jackl of Jacksonville, FL; granddaughter, Saylor Smith and daughter-in-law Skyla Smith of Bryan, Texas; along with various nieces and nephews.

Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to Hospice of East Texas or Fairwood United Methodist Church, Tyler Texas in Susan's memory.

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