

Service of Witness to the Resurrection
For Louise Hay
October 19, 2024

Prelude (The Lord's Prayer on Piano by Sherrienne Graf)

Opening Sentences

Seating of the Family

Music

1. Down by the River to Pray – Kyla Brock

Welcome and Prayer

God of grace and hope, we thank you for life, love, and good memories, for the gift of age, and for the wisdom that comes from experience. We bless you for your constant presence, for with you there is fullness of joy. Give us the courage and faith to accept life as it comes (and as it goes), confident that the future is yours and that we belong to you forever through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Eternal God, you knew us before our birth and will know us throughout eternity. Touch us with your grace, and grant us a sense of your abiding presence, that abides even with Louise and even in death. Assure us of your loving presence and unfailing care in life, in death, and throughout our days. In Jesus Christ we pray, amen.

Confession and Pardon

Gracious God, whose loving-kindness endures forever; forgive us and help us to forgive others; heal us from the pain of self-condemnation; free us from the burden of failures that cannot be corrected; renew us with your loving assurance that our sins have been forgiven, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Reading of the Eulogy – Tanner Etheridge

Prayer of Illumination

God, by your grace you are transforming all things. We have been changed from the dust of the earth to be created in your image, and we return to the earth from which we've come. In the resurrection you transform death into new life, and now God, we ask you to transform our grief into hope, and these words of paper and ink into words of encouragement and mercy.

Music

2. Just a Closer Walk with Thee – Kyla Brock

Scripture

John 6:37-40

Music

3. Amazing Grace - Ron Gravitt, Suanne Durham, Kathy (Hay) McFadden

Remembrances

Angela Burns

Bryce Etheridge

Second Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born and a time to die;

a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill and a time to heal;

a time to break down and a time to build up;

a time to weep and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn and a time to dance;

a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;

a time to seek and a time to lose;

a time to keep and a time to throw away;

a time to tear and a time to sew;

a time to keep silent and a time to speak;

a time to love and a time to hate;

a time for war and a time for peace.

Reflection - Rev. Charles Somerville

4. Hymn #625 - O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)

To Those I Love, Poem -- Read by Joshua Hay

Benediction and Commendation

The family welcomes you to join them in the Fellowship Hall after the service.

In Loving Memory of

Family



Louise

1932 -2024

OBITUARY

Louise passed away at home on Saturday, September 28, 2024, at the age of 92 surrounded by her family. Louise was born in Dearlock, Ontario Canada on May 31, 1932, to Robert and Bernice Morford. Louise resided in Cleburne, Texas. Louise moved to the United States when she was six years old and lived in Bismarck, North Dakota until she was 12 years old. Their family moved to Elbowoods, North Dakota where Louise finished her schooling on the Indian Reservation. In 1952 she married John Hay of Parshall, North Dakota where they worked on his father's farm. John and Louise moved to Topeka, Kansas where John was employed by Santa Fe Railroad for 32 years. They raised their family in Silver Lake, Kansas. Louise was a wonderful homemaker, seamstress, volunteer, and worked part-time at the school and local grocery store. John and Louise lived an adventurous life, living full time in a motorhome traveling around the country. Family was everything to Louise. During her life, Louise and John attended all their children's sporting events, followed by their grandchildren, and continued with great-grandchildren. She loved to fish as much as John. She was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, Cleburne, Texas and helped in preparing meals for activities at the church. She was a woman of deep faith, and she knew where she was going. Over the past year since John's passing, she couldn't wait to go be with him.

She is survived by her sister, Lorraine (Boyd) Parker, Stafford, Texas; son, Dan (Jan) Hay, Topeka, Kansas; daughter, Debbie (James) Kirby, Bessemer, Alabama; son, Terry (Karen) Hay, Willow Park, Texas and daughter, Kathy McFadden, Annapolis, Maryland. Other survivors include brother-in-law, Wesley Hay, Minot, North Dakota; 10 grandchildren, Trisha (John) Martinek, Eric (Amanda) Hay, Traci (Sean) Root, Ryan (Allison) Hay, Jarod (Erica) Hay, Brandie (Chris) Weidman, Tanner Etheridge, Bryce (Madelynn) Etheridge, Joshua (Ashley) Hay, Angela (Joshua) Burns and four step grandchildren, Julie (Dan) McElroy, Tony (Kelli) Howerton, Adam Kirby, Josh (Ashley) Kirby and 34 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Bernice (Bottenfield) Morford; husband, John Hay; brothers, Robert (Pandora) Morford, and Chester (Lena) Morford; sisters, Leota (Alvie) Jones, Lois (Loyd) Salter, Viola (Howard) Green, and Fern (Joe) Stevens; great-grandson, Braxton Weidman; and son-in-law, William McFadden.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Make A Wish Foundation and United Presbyterian Church of Cleburne.



Together Again

Mom

*She never looked for praises
She was never one to boast
She just went on quietly working
For the ones she loved the most*

*Her dreams were seldom spoken
Her wants were very few
And most of the time her worries
Went unspoken too.*

*She was there...A firm foundation
Through all our storms of life
A sturdy hand to hold on to
In times of stress and strife.*

*A true friend we could turn to
When times were good or bad
One of our greatest blessings
The woman that we called Mom.*



REMEMBERING *Louise Hay*

BORN

*Tuesday May 31, 1932
Dearlock, Ontario Canada*

PASSED AWAY

*Saturday September 28, 2024
Cleburne, Texas*

MEMORIAL SERVICE

1:00 P.M.

*Saturday, October 19, 2024
United Presbyterian Church
Cleburne, Texas*

OFFICIATING

Reverend Charles Somervill

