

I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord. Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods. Many, O Lord my God, are the wonders you have done. The things you planned for us no one can recount to you; were I to speak and tell of them, they would be to many to declare.

Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but my ears you have pierced; burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require. Then I said, "Here I am, I have come -- it is written about me in the scroll.

I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart." I proclaim righteousness in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, as you know, O Lord. I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and salvation. I do not conceal your love and your truth from the great assembly. Do not withhold your mercy from me, O Lord; may your love and your truth always protect me.

For troubles without number surround me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see. They are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails within me. Be pleased, O Lord, to save me; O Lord, come quickly to help me. May all who seek to take my life be put to shame and confusion; may all who desire my ruin be turned back in disgrace. May those who say to me, "Aha! Aha!" be appalled at their own shame. But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation always say, "The Lord be exalted!" Yet I am poor and needy; may the Lord think of me. You are my help and my deliverer; O my God, do not delay.

Psalm 40



In Loving Memory
Marlene Toepke

Rejoice in the Lord always.

I will say it again: Rejoice!

Philippians 4:4





Marlene Marie Henke Koenig Toepke passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of May 26, 2019, surrounded by her family.

Marlene was born July 30, 1935, in Bismarck, to Henry and Alma Henke of Hannover. She was brought to faith in her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, by the power of His mighty word in baptism at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in Hannover. As a small child, she remembered being nurtured in the faith by her parents, who taught her prayers and songs and showed her the wonders of God’s creation.

Marlene was very blessed to have the opportunity to attend 8 years of parochial school, followed by high school in New Salem. She spent her college years at Concordia in Seward, NE, and became a teacher, starting her career in Fargo and shortly thereafter, relocating to Kalispell, MT.

That move brought her to Bob Koenig, a strong Christian man, whom she married and raised four children with. During her years in MT, she was actively involved with LWML and Trinity Lutheran Church and School.

Following the passing of Bob, Marlene reconnected with and married her high school sweetheart, Gene Toepke. They were blessed with 18 years of life together, traveling extensively and spending time with their families.

Marlene is remembered as a wonderful musician, a loving mother, grandmother, and a faithful servant to her Lord, declaring “Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice.” Philippians 4:4.

Marlene is preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Bob; and her eldest son, Bill.

She is survived by her husband, Gene Toepke; her children, Mary (Mark), Bobby (Barb), Kelly (Pam); and daughter-in-law, Karen (Bill); Gene’s children, Todd, Sarah, and Tana (Corey); and a total of sixteen grandchildren.

**Marlene requested memorials be made to Trinity Lutheran Church and School, 400 West California Street, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Please go to www.BuehlerLarson.com to share memories of Marlene.

Funeral Service

Thursday, May 30, 2019; 11:00 AM
Peace Church, New Salem, North Dakota

Officiating

Reverend Joshua Eddy

Musician

Michelle Kaelberer

**Special Music
Piano Accompaniment**

Granddaughters ~ Aly Meier & Erica Toepke
Tana Meier

Honorary Casketbearers

Ted Koenig, Margaret Koenig, Ann Koenig
Tim Koenig, Matthew Koenig, Jimmy Smith, Emma Smith
Rachel Koenig, Abbey Koenig, Lydia Koenig, Connor Koenig
Cole Koenig, Aly Meier, Alora Meier, Erica Toepke, & Danica Toepke

Prelude

Announcements

Call To Worship

*Hymn “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” #118

Invocation

Reading of the Obituary

Family Favorite Scriptures Psalm 40:1-3
Philippians 4:4

Prayer

Special Music “Above All”

Sermon Scriptures Romans 8:26-27

Sermon “Help With Our Weakness”

Special Music “I Can Only Imagine”

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

*Hymn “It Is Well With My Soul” #495

Special Music by Corey & Tana Meier “The Lord’s Prayer”

Commendation

Benediction

Postlude

Committal will take place at a later date in Kalispell, Montana.

The family invites you for lunch and fellowship at the church following the service.