Gone from My Sight

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.

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She is just as large in mast,
hull and spar as she was when she left my
side.

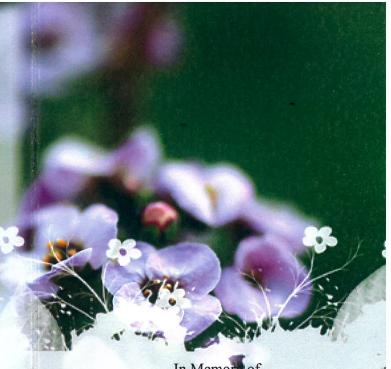
And, she is just as able to bear her load of living freight to her destined port.

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...

Henry Van Dyke



In Memory of

Norma T. Johnson

November 10, 1930 ~ August 29, 2022

A Mother holds

her children's hands for a while...

their hearts forever.

If I should die and leave you here a while,

be not like others, sore undone, who keep

Long vigil by the silent dust and weep. For my sake

turn again to life and smile,

Nerving thy heart and trembling hand to do That which will

comfort other souls

comfort you.

than thine;

Complete these dear unfinished tasks of mine,
And I, perchance, may therein

- MARY LEE HALL

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Mass of Christian Burial
10:00 a.m. Saturday, September 3, 2022
St. John's Catholic Church
Woodhull, Illinois

Officiating
Reverend Eugene Radosevich

Co-Officiating
Reverend Johndamaseni Zilimu
Reverend Christopher Magesa

*Organist*Kari Granger

Soloist Bob Juraco

Pallbearers

Brian Johnson Brandon Otterstrom Greg Strandberg Michael Johnson Nate Otterstrom Steven Frantz

Emma Johnson Marilyn Barton
Pat Fritz Jean Mileham
Jolene O'Tool Julie Lopez

Interment
St. John's Catholic Cemetery

Luncheon
St. John's Catholic Church