

Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of
Norma Ann Foster

31st August 1943 - 27th December 2022



St Andrew's Anglican Church, Walcha
2pm Wednesday, 4th January 2023

HYMN | “How Great Thou Art” Daniel O’Donnell

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;
Then sings my soul, my saviour God to thee, How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my saviour God, to thee, How great thou art, how great thou art!
When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!
And when I think that God His son not sparing,
Sent him to die - I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin

REFLECTIONS ON NORMA’S LIFE

POEM READING | God’s Garden *Read by Natasha & Eleanor*

God looked around his garden and he found an empty place.
And then he looked down upon the earth, and saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you, and lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful, he always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering, he knew you were in pain,
he knew that you would never, get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough, and the hills were hard to climb,
so he closed your weary eyelids, and whispered "Peace be thine."
It broke our hearts to lose you. But you didn't go alone,
for part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

POEM READING | Look For Me in Rainbows *Read by Dallas*

Time for me to go now, I won't say goodbye;
look for me in rainbows, way up in the sky.
In the morning sunrise when all the world is new,
just look for me and love me, as you know I loved you.
Time for me to leave you, I won't say goodbye;
look for me in rainbows, high up in the sky.
In the evening sunset, when all the world is through,
Just look for me and love me, and I'll be close to you.
It won't be forever, the day will come and then
My loving arms will hold you, when we meet again.
Time for us to part now, we won't say goodbye;
look for me in rainbows, shining in the sky.
Every waking moment, and all your whole life through.
Just look for me and love me, as you know I loved you.
Just wish me to be near you, and I'll be there with you.

WORDS IN MEMORY OF NORMA

Maree Brazel & Debbie Foster
Dakota
Sue

NORMA'S LIFE IN PICTURES "Walk A Country Mile" Slim Dusty

TIME OF THANKSGIVING & PRAYER Rev. Ben France

BIBLE READING | Psalm 23 Read by Dakota

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

BIBLE READING | John 14:1-6 Read by Emma

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me, so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place I am going." Thomas said, "Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus said "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through Me"

ADDRESS Rev. Ben France

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



HYMN | “Amazing Grace” Isla Grant

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound. That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found was blind, but now I see
T’was grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear. The hour I first believed
Through many dangers, toils and snares. We have already come
‘Twas grace that brought us safe thus far, and grace will lead us home
When we’ve been here ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise, than when we first begun.
Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound. That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found was blind, but now I see

RECESSIONAL MUSIC “I’ll Leave This World Loving You” Ricky Van Shelton



The family would like to thank you for your presence here today, for your kind thoughts, prayers and your expressions of sympathy and support. The family warmly invite you to share light refreshments at the Walcha Bowling Club following the service.



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