

A Celebration of Life



LaVerne Minnie Sandrock

November 30, 1929 to August 22, 2017

AS WE GATHER

Today we gather in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to remember the life of LaVerne Sandroek and to proclaim the victory of Jesus Christ who has been raised from the dead. Both the Old and the New Testaments of the Holy Bible speak powerfully of the resurrection of the dead. Isaiah, Hosea, and Paul all remind us, "'Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting?' The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ".

Such is the wonder of the Christian faith. When a Christian loved one is taken from us in death, we have the assurance that he or she has won the victory! Our struggle with sin and death, pain and sorrow continues, but His victory is complete! Our sense of loss can be overwhelming, but His victory is won!

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

CALLING ON GOD

PSALM 23

Pastor: In the name of the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

People: He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters.

Pastor: He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

People: 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.

Pastor: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

People: Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Pastor: Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

OPENING HYMN: "I'm But a Stranger Here"

I'm but a stranger here, Heav'n is my home;
Earth is a desert drear, Heav'n is my home.
Danger and sorrow stand Round me on ev'ry hand;
Heav'n is my fatherland, Heav'n is my home.
What though the tempest rage, Heav'n is my home;
Short is my pilgrimage, Heav'n is my home;
And time's wild wintry blast Soon shall be overpast;
I shall reach home at last, Heav'n is my home.
Therefore I murmur not, Heav'n is my home;
What-e'er my earthly lot, Heav'n is my home;
And I shall surely stand There at my Lord's right hand;
Heav'n is my fatherland, Heav'n is my home.

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to LaVerne and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

LAVERNE'S LIFE IN WORDS

LaVerne M. Sandrock, 87, of Philomath passed away Tuesday.

She was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Otto A. and Adele B. (Mundt) Zastrow. She attended South Division High School. She was in the Class of 1948. She received a Bachelor's degree from Dr. Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota. She married George Sandrock on August 30, 1958 at Atonement Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. LaVerne taught fifth and sixth grades at Atonement Lutheran School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from 1951 to 1975. She lived in Milwaukee and West Allis, Wisconsin until she and her husband moved to Philomath in 1977. "A DREAM LED THEM TO GOD'S COUNTRY."

She was a member of Peace Lutheran in Philomath and helped maintain Mt. Union Cemetery for many years. LaVerne enjoyed playing and watching tennis, knitting, Sudoku, tutoring, bowling and gardening. She loved baking goodies and pies.

She is survived by sister-in-law Nancy Zastrow of Dunkirk, New York; nieces Laurel Zastrow of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Melissa Zastrow and children of Dunkirk, New York, Marcy Zastrow of Tonawanda, New York; cousins: Carol Shields of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Lenora Beyersdorf of Brookfield, Wisconsin; many friends and faithful and beloved Basenji, "Rocky." LaVerne was preceded in death by her husband George Sandrock in 1981; and brother Marvin Zastrow in 2015.

Her memorial service will be 1 p.m. on Friday, August 25, at Peace Lutheran Church in Philomath.

Memorial contributions can be made in her name to Peace Lutheran Church, 2540 Applegate Street, Philomath, Oregon 97370 or Safehaven Humane Society, 32220 Old Highway 34, Tangent, Oregon 97389. Private burial will take place at Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Philomath.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 16:3

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.

GOSPEL

JOHN 14:1-6

(Jesus said) "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Peace in the Valley"

Peace Lutheran Choir with Bob Glathar as soloist

WORDS OF COMFORT

Pastor Lucke

PRAYER

Pastor: Father in heaven, give to the friends of LaVerne and to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Receive our thanks for LaVerne and for all the blessings You bestowed on her in this earthly life. Bring us at last to our heavenly home that with her we may see You face to face in the joys of paradise. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to life. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence that because He lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come will be able to separate us from Your love, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

ALL:

**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,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION



Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.
Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine!