

The Funeral Service of

JEAN ANN (READER) HILL

February 16, 1940 – January 13, 2021

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Friday May 28, 2021

11:00am

INVOCATION

GREETING AND PRAYER (Pastor)

HYMN: HOW GREAT THOU ART

1. **Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed. Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to Thee, "How great Thou art! How great Thou art!" Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to Thee, "How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"**
2. **When through the woods and forest glades I wander, And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze, Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to Thee, "How great Thou art! How great Thou art!" Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to Thee, "How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"**
3. **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. Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to Thee, "How great Thou art! How great Thou art!" Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to Thee, "How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"**
4. **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!" Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to Thee, "How great Thou art! How great Thou art!" Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to Thee, "How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"**

We have gathered here today to say a temporary goodbye to Jean Hill and to thank the Lord Jesus for all the blessings that He showered upon her during her lifetime.

Jean's parents, Ernest and Edna Reader; a brother, Bruce Reader, and other relatives precede her in death.

Those who still remain on earth in their times of grace include: her husband, Melvin G. Hill; daughters, Diane K. (Chad E.) Hudson of Salt Lake City, UT and their daughter, Brooke H. Hudson; Carol A. (Harrison Adegoke) Hill of Jacksonville, FL and her daughter, Aili Hill Adegoke; her brother, Jim Reader of Minnesota and son, Mark Reader; brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Kay Reader of Green Garden; nephew, Jeremy (Jaymie) Reader of Marquette and their children, great-nieces, Kaylee and Gabriella Reader; niece, Kelly December of Marquette; great nephews, Kevin and Kyle December and niece, Denielle Bowen of Marquette; nephew, John December of Milwaukee, WI; nephew, Tim (Wendy) December of Rochester, MI; great-niece, Nicole December; nephew, David (Kim) December of Nebraska.

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.
– John 14:1-3

He who finds a wife finds a good thing, And obtains favor from the LORD.

-- Proverbs 18:22

God not only blessed Jean with faith in His Son, Jesus the Christ. He also blessed her with the gift of a husband, Melvin G. Hill. It was on Saturday, December 6th in 1975 that Melvin and Jean were united in a Christian marriage at St. Paul's Lutheran in Green Garden. Pastor Jonathon Schaller conducted the wedding. God blessed Melvin and Jean with two daughters, Diane and Carol.

The Lord Jesus was with them in good times and in difficult. Jesus comforted her through His Word. Jesus came to her in His Supper to confirm that her sins were all forgiven. The Holy Spirit moved her to faithfully attend worship at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and later at Calvary Lutheran in Marquette, Michigan, where she was a member. She enjoyed worship and bible study.

After retirement, Jean and Melvin enjoyed traveling in the United States and Virgin Islands until residing both in Marquette and Ocala, Florida. Jean had a green thumb and enjoyed spending her summers playing in the dirt.

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

-- Philippians 3:20-21

On Wednesday, January 13th, 2021, the Lord Jesus kept His promise to Jean by sending His angels to retrieve her soul. Jean's earthly days were numbered at 80 years, 10 months and 28 days – but her days with Christ will never end. We will lay her body to rest at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery in Green Garden, where it will remain until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, when her soul and body will be reunited and glorified, perfectly fitted for everlasting life.

So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. For we walk by faith, not by sight. We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.

– 2 Corinthians 5:6-9

A REVIEW OF GOD'S GRACE TO JEAN HILL

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ezekiel 18:4; Romans 3:23; Romans 5:12; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:8; Psalm 130:1-5; John 3:16-17; Titus 3:4-6; 2 Corinthians 5:19-21; Ephesians 2:8-10; 1 Peter 1:3-5; 1 Corinthians 15:51-58; Psalm 23; John 10:27-28.

HYMN: WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

- 1. What a Friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!**
- 2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged, Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a Friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness-- Take it to the Lord in prayer.**
- 3. Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our Refuge-- Take it to the Lord in prayer. Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer; In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there.**

SERMON:

PSALM 23:6

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

HOME AT LAST!

HYMN: BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

- 1. 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.**
- 2. Foul are His creatures, Foul is our ev'ry work, Robed in sin of blackest dye; Jesus is purer, Jesus is holy; He makes our sorrowing spirit fly!**
- 3. Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight; Brighter the light of His empty grave. Jesus died for us! Jesus lives for us! Shines in our hearts and comes to save!**
- 4. Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!**

PRAYER

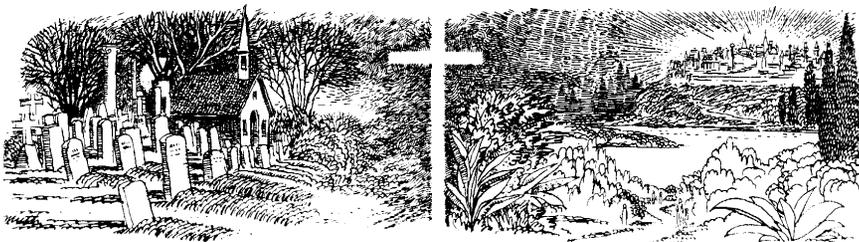
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: I'M BUT A STRANGER HERE

1. 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 every hand; Heav'n is my fatherland, Heav'n is my home.
2. 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.
3. There at my Savior's side Heav'n is my home; I shall be glorified, Heav'n is my home; There are the good and blest, Those I love most and best; And there I, too, shall rest, Heav'n is my home.
4. Therefore I murmur not, Heav'n is my home; Whate'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. Amen.



GRAVESIDE SERVICE

The remains of Jean Ann (Reader) Hill will be laid to rest at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery in Green Garden following this service. A light lunch will be served for those who would like to remain and after the graveside service for those who return. Everyone is invited to stay.

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Pastor: Andrew Schaller

Organist: Mr. Walter Priebe

The Obituary of

JEAN ANN (READER) HILL

February 16, 1940 – January 13, 2021

For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.

-- Psalm 139:13-14

On Friday, February 16th 1940, Almighty God blessed Ernest and Edna (nee Zerbel) Reader with the gift of a baby girl, Jean Ann, in Green Garden. Jean was the second child with which God blessed their union, including an older brother Jim and two younger brothers Richard and Bruce. The Lord Jesus Christ made her part of God's family on Sunday, April 21st 1940, when He washed away her sins through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Jean Ann was baptized by Pastor William Roepke at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Green Garden.

"...if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

– Romans 10:9-10

Jesus wasn't finished blessing Jean Ann. She grew up under His loving protection in Green Garden. Jean grew up working on the farm alongside her parents and three brothers.

Jean Ann came to better understand what the Lord Jesus had done for her through confirmation classes at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. On Sunday September 19, 1954, she was confirmed in the faith of her baptism. The Spirit of God moved her to confess her faith in the One True Triune God of the Bible before the members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The Scripture chosen as her confirmation passage by then Pastor Egbert Albrecht was John 16:23, "And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you."

Jean Ann also received an education in the things of this world, attending schools in Beaver Grove and Harvey. Jean attended the Marquette Junior High and then graduated from Graveraet in 1958. Jean went on to earn a Bachelors of Nursing Degree from Northern Michigan University and a Masters in Nursing from the University of Michigan. She served as an NICU nurse and community health nurse until serving as a professor in the Nursing Department at NMU until retiring in 1997.