

The Funeral Service of

**MARY LOU (LEWKE) TUYLS**

September 1, 1940-January 5, 2023

**TUESDAY JANUARY 24, 2023**

4pm

**INVOCATION**

**GREETING AND PRAYER** (Pastor)

**HYMN:**

**AMAZING GRACE**

- 1. 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.**
- 2. The Lord has promised good to me; His Word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.**
- 3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.**
- 4. When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.**

**A REVIEW OF GOD'S GRACE TO MARY LOU TUYLS**

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Ezekiel 18:4; Romans 3:23; Romans 5:12; 6:23; 1 John 1:8; Psalm 130:1-5; John 3:16-17; Titus 3:4-5a; 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.

**He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the Lord.**

-- Proverbs 18:22

On Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 1962, Mary Lou was joined to Lloyd Tuyls in a Christian Marriage. Mary Lou and Lloyd made their vows before God in the presence of Pastor Bertram Naumann and the members of St. Paul's Lutheran in Green Garden. Lloyd and Mary Lou shared a special relationship with Pastor Bertram and Alice Naumann. Mary Lou and Lloyd also enjoyed going to country western concerts.

Mary Lou and Lloyd were moved by conscience to leave St. Paul's and become members of Calvary Lutheran Church in Marquette, where she remained a faithful member.

Life is never easy for a child of God this side of heaven, and Mary Lou also experienced pain and suffering. On Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010, the Lord Jesus called Lloyd from this earth to Himself in Heaven. In this difficult circumstance, the Savior Jesus comforted Mary Lou with His Word. She rejoiced to know that their parting was temporary because of the suffering, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. In her later years she relied heavily on her neighbor, her 'hired man' Bill Elliot and his wife.

**Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."**  
– John 11:25-27

On Thursday January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the same Lord Jesus, who has the keys of the grave and death, sent His angels to receive Mary Lou's soul to Himself. Christ, who died on Calvary to deliver her from sin and guilt, thus received her through death to life. While the days of her time of grace were numbered at 82 years, 4 months, 4 days, Mary Lou's days with Christ will be without end.

Mary Lou's parents, Henry and Augusta (Dorow) Lewke; her two brothers, Ronald and James; her sister, Doris Lewke Walker; her beloved husband Lloyd; her good friends and fellow sisters in Christ, Catherine (Mayworm) Heideman, Jean (Reader) Hill, Eunice (Priebe) Miller and Judy (McCarty) Belmore precede her in death.

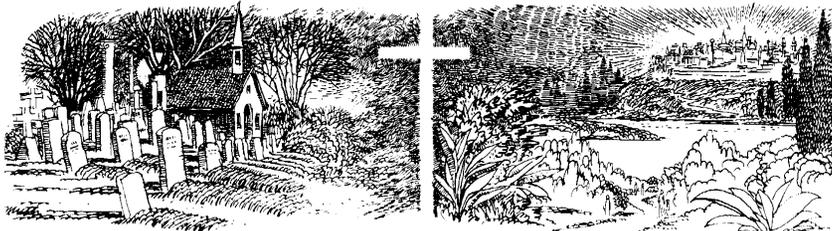
Mary Lou Tuyls remains will be laid to rest in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery in Green Garden in the spring, where they will rest until the glorious return of the Lord Jesus Christ, when she will be raised again to life and in an instant body and soul will be reunited and glorified, perfectly fitted for Everlasting Life.

**I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread.**      – Psalm 37:25

We have gathered here today to rejoice in the promise of the Resurrection in Christ and to thank God for the many blessings that He showered upon Mary Lou Tuyls. While today we feel sorrow, those tears will one day be replaced with tears of joy.

We also gather to support and encourage Mary Lou's friends, relatives and church family who this day remain in their times of grace. These include her 'hired man' Bill Elliot and his wife, Kathy; a cousin Nancy (Belmore) Matherne, as well as church family here at Calvary Lutheran.

**Nevertheless I am continually with You; You hold me by my right hand. You will guide me with Your counsel, And afterward receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You. My flesh and my heart fail; But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.**      -- Psalm 73:23-26



The Obituary of

**MARY LOU (LEWKE) TUYLS**

September 1, 1940 – January 5, 2023

**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 Sunday September 1<sup>st</sup> 1940, God blessed Henry and Augusta (Dorow) Lewke with the gift of a baby girl, Mary Lou Lewke at St. Luke's Hospital in Marquette, Michigan. She was the youngest of four children with which God blessed Henry and Augusta, including also Ronald, James and Doris.

**Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.**

-- Psalm 37:5

The Lord God not only blessed Mary Lou with physical life, but also granted her spiritual life. He granted her spiritual rebirth through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Mary Lou was baptized at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church at Green Garden on Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup> 1940, by Pastor William Roepke.

God never stops blessing His children, and so the Lord Christ continued to bless Mary Lou. Christ nourished the faith created at her baptism through the hearing of the Word in both worship and Sunday School at St. Paul's Lutheran.

On September 19<sup>th</sup> 1954, the Lord Jesus also moved Mary Lou to make confession of her faith before Pastor Egbert Albrecht and the membership of St. Paul's Lutheran, Green Garden. Mary Lou learned that God is faithful throughout her life, receiving the Lord's Supper regularly and the Word of God thankfully.

Mary Lou Lewke was raised on a farm down Mangum Road across the street from the Grimes Family. She attended school in Beaver Grove and later in Marquette, graduating from Graveraet High School in 1958. For a time, Mary Lou lived on Arch Street in Marquette with friend Jean Reader (Hill).

**HYMN:**

**THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD**

- 1. The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie In pastures green; He leadeth me The quiet waters by.**
- 2. My soul He doth restore again And me to walk doth make Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for His own name's sake.**
- 3. Yea, tho' I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill; For Thou art with me, and Thy rod And staff me comfort still.**
- 4. My table Thou hast furnished In presence of my foes; My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.**
- 5. Goodness and mercy, all my life, Shall surely follow me; And in God's house forevermore My dwelling place shall be.**

**THE SERMON:**

**PSALM 31:14-16**

<sup>14</sup> But as for me, I trust in You, O LORD; I say, "You are my God." <sup>15</sup> My times are in Your hand; Deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. <sup>16</sup> Make Your face shine upon Your servant; Save me for Your mercies' sake.

**PRAYER HEARD. PRAYER ANSWERED.**

**HYMN:**

**ROCK OF AGES**

- 1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee; Let the water and the blood From Thy riven side which flowed Be of sin the double cure, Cleanse me from its guilt and power.**
- 2. Not the labors of my hands Can fulfil Thy Law's demands; Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow, All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.**
- 3. Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling; Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace; Foul, I to the fountain fly,-- Wash me, Savior, or I die!**
- 4. While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death, When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment-throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee!**

