



1957-2024

Memorial Service for:

Mary Wells

Celebration of Life for

Mary Wells

June 17, 2024

Officiant: Rev. Nathan Mugaas

PROCESSIONAL SONG

Borning Cry, ELW 732

- 1 "I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell."

- 2 "When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun."

- 3 "In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been,
with just one more surprise."

- 4 "I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold."

GATHERING

Pastor: Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our sister Mary, to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pastor: All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In her baptism, Mary was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, she shall be clothed with glory.

ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

All: We glorify you.

Pastor: Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

All: We praise you.

Pastor: Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

All: We worship you.

Pastor: To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, source of all mercy and giver of comfort, graciously tend those who mourn, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

REMEMBRANCES

Beth Wells
Kelli Sovell

MUSIC

I'll Save You a Seat
Recorded by Alex Warren

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Revelation 21:1-4
Read by Levi Ethen
John 14:1-6
Matthew 11:28-30
Read by Pastor Nathan Mugaas

SERMON

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

MUSIC

Hallelujah
Sung by Taylor Quinn

APOSTLES' CREED

Pastor: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

PRAYER'S OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: ...God of mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

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.**

COMMENDATION

Pastor: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Mary. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **All: Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, **All: Amen.**

RECESSIONAL SONG

I'll Fly Away

Recorded by Gillian Welch & Alison Krauss
From *Oh Brother Where Art Thou?* Soundtrack

VERSE 1

**Some bright mornin' when this life is over I'll fly away
To that home on God's celestial shore I'll fly away**

CHORUS

**I'll fly away, oh glory
I'll fly away in the mornin'
When I die, hallelujah by and by
I'll fly away**

VERSE 2

**When the shadows of this life have gone I'll fly away
Like a bird from these prison walls I'll fly away**

CHORUS

VERSE 3

**Oh, how glad and happy when we meet I'll fly away
No more cold iron shackles on my feet I'll fly away**

CHORUS

VERSE 4

**Just a few more weary days and then I'll fly away
To a land where joys will never end I'll fly away**

CHORUS

Following the service you are invited a luncheon gathering in the Community Room on our lower level.



OBITUARY

Mary Beth Wells (born Claypool), our beloved wife, mother, and sister who was enjoyed by all for her sense of humor and thoughtfulness, passed away at home in Elk River, MN on May 30. Born in Bemidji, MN in 1957, she peacefully went into God's care after a 15-month battle with pancreatic cancer.

Gone way too young, she will be dearly missed by her husband of 48 years, Ken Wells; her children, John Wells and Beth Wells (Tricia); sisters, Janet (Brad) Simenson and Yvonne (Jack) Cronmiller; in-law's Jack Wells (Mary Ann), Ronald Wells, Betty Wells, Richard Wells (Suzanne), Jerry (Debbie) Wells, Judi Wells; as well as her 18 beloved nieces and nephews and many great nieces and nephews that meant so much to her. She has gone home to be with those who have left us with only memories here on earth, including her parents, John Claypool and Irene (Dokken); brother, Gerald Claypool; in-laws, Arthur Wells and Dorothy (Magoon); her sister-in-law's, Linda Wells and Theresa (TC) Wells; brother-in-law Larry Wells; and her niece, Angela Simenson.