

Memorial Service for:



1962 - 2024

Sara Anderson

Celebration of Life for
Sara Anderson
July 9th, 2024

Officiant: Rev. Anne Schaefer
Urn Bearer: Morgan Johnson
Music: Led by Joe Jacobson and Taylor Quinn

PROCESSIONAL SONG

“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 your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

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 Sara, 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, Sara 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

Pastor Anne Schaefer

MUSIC

“How Great Thou Art”

- 1 O 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;**

REFRAIN

**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,
I 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; *Refrain***
- 3 But 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; *Refrain***
- 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!” *Refrain***

REMEMBRANCES

Jessica Person

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 121

Read by Brayden Anderson

Ephesians 2:4-10

Read by Josh Anderson

GOSPEL READINGS

Matthew 11:28-30

Read by Matthew Njos

John 14:1-6

Read by Mandy Njos

SERMON

Pastor Anne Schaefer

MUSIC

"Somebody's Praying"

(online broadcast will be muted due to copyright)

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

"The Lord's Prayer"

Our Father, which 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 debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil;
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
And the glory forever,
Amen.

COMMENDATION

Pastor: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Sara. 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

“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 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.

- 3 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.

- 4 Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

THANK YOU!

Immediately following the service, you are invited to a luncheon gathering downstairs in the Community Room.

Sara will be interred at Old Bethel Cemetery (Bethel, MN) following the luncheon at 1:30 pm.

OBITUARY

Sara Ann Anderson, passed away peacefully on June 28, 2024, at the age of 62 in St. Francis, MN, after a valiant battle with breast cancer. Born on May 23, 1962, in Moorhead, MN, to John and Sigrid Schulstad.

Sara's journey led her from the halls of Mounds View High School, where she graduated in 1980, to a brief tenure at the University of Wisconsin - Stout. Her professional path was marked by meaningful work with Lutheran Brotherhood, ING, and, for the last decade, Summit Orthopedic. Her dedication to her career was matched by her pride in her 100% Norwegian heritage.



On October 2, 1998, Sara married the love of her life, Tom Anderson, in a beautiful ceremony at King of Kings Lutheran Church in Woodbury. Together, they built two homes in St. Francis, where they created memories since 1998. Sara's life took a challenging turn in 2003 when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Nevertheless, she faced the disease with courage and a positive outlook that inspired everyone around her.

She found joy and tranquility in the sun and on the water, whether it was tubing down the river or fishing with unwavering patience. Her love for her family was unparalleled; she was a constant presence at her grandchildren's activities, cheering them on and celebrating their achievements. Sara's love for wrestling matches was especially prominent, as she never missed an opportunity to enjoy her favorite taco in a bag with her family during those exciting events. In fact, taco in a bag became a holiday tradition in the Anderson household, thanks to Sara's fondness for this simple pleasure.

Sara is survived by her devoted husband, Tom Anderson; her adoring children, Mandy (Matt) Njos and Josh (Melissa) Anderson; her cherished eight grandchildren, Matthew (Marissa) Njos, Colby, Mackenzie and Lainey Njos, Brayden, Carter, Isabelle, and Grace

Anderson; and her three great-grandchildren, Raelynn, Raymond, and Levi. Sara's love also extended to her siblings, Lorie (Tom) Werk, Mary Weisser, Carol Schulstad, and brother John Schulstad.

Sara was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, James Schulstad.

Sara will be profoundly missed, but her memory will continue to shine brightly in the hearts of her family, friends, and all who were fortunate enough to have known her. The family wishes to thank Trinita Hospice and the wonderful care given to Sara.

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Psalm 34:18



Trusting in God's grace, an accepting,
joyful community, serving God & neighbor.