

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Kristi Karol Olson

DECEMBER 23, 1943 - JANUARY 20, 2020

DIGITAL SERVICE HELD BY OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH DENVER, CO SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2020 AT 6:30PM

A Lasting Impression

Kristi was born on December 23, 1943 into a tightly knit Norwegian community. She was raised in Mauston, WI as the second of six siblings. She earned her undergraduate degree from St. Olaf College and received Masters degrees in Social Work from University of Wisconsin, Madison and University of Oregon. Kristi worked in Oregon for twelve years and then moved to Denver and served as a social worker with Developmental Pathways and the Aurora Public Schools until her retirement in 2004. Kristi was an active member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Kristi was, and still is, a powerful force in the lives of many people.

Kristi's upbringing by her parents, Harlan and Bessie, included hunting, hog farming, a thirst for knowledge, as well as compassion for the poor and vulnerable. This upbringing led Kristi to be her own direct, intelligent, and compassionate person. The lives of her parents certainly influenced Kristi to serve as a social worker in her professional life and to spend countless hours sharing her time and talents with the church, charitable organizations family and friends.

Kristi loved to hike and travel. Despite her health challenges, Kristi's passion for living never declined. She enjoyed being with people, laughing at meals, going out to concerts, attending Nuggets games, watching movies, reading good books, supporting the church and trying the latest restaurants. Kristi is survived by her brothers, Hans and Paul and sisters, Ruth and Naomi and their families. She was preceded in death by her parents Harlan and Bessie and her youngest sister, Karla. Although Kristi left this world too soon, we will carry her with us in our memories and hearts. We are blessed to have had Kristi in our lives. Rest in peace dear Kristi.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Our Savior's Lutheran Church in her name.

Order of Funeral Service

PRELUDE	Finlandia (piano)
WELCOME	Pastor Marty Lettow
GATHERING SONG "Earth and All Stars" ELW 731	Caleb Collins

GATHERING

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

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. **We glorify you.**

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. **We praise you.**

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

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever. **Amen.**

GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY.....Pastor Marty Lettow O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister, Kristi. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN "On Eagles Wings" ELW 787	Caleb Collins
READING Romans 8: 31-39	Thor Kjeseth
GOSPEL Matthew 6:1-4; 19-34	Pastor Marty Lettow
HOMILY	Pastor Marty Lettow
HYMN "Borning Cry" ELW 732	Caleb Collins
EULOGY	Grace Halmi, Marilyn Renninger, Linda Carlson

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION	Thor Kjeseth

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

FINAL SONG "Beautiful Savior" ELW 838.....Caleb Collins

BLESSING......Pastor Marty Lettow

COMMENDATION.....Pastor Marty Lettow

DISMISSAL

Please join us after the service this evening for a ZOOM reception. Kristi loved sweets, and today we remember her in this fun way by enjoying a dessert as we share memories of her. Thank you for being here today at this celebration of Kristi's amazing life.

Please take a moment to sign and leave memories or photos of Kristi on her Guestbook found at <u>https://www.legacy.com/funeral-</u> <u>homes/obituaries/name/kristi-olson-obituary?</u> <u>pid=195136180&v=batesville&view=guestbook</u>

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