Service of Christian Burial for
Norma Feigler Stuart
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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.

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

And also with you.

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

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.

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister Norma. 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.

**Word**

1st Lesson

*Isaiah 43:1b-3a, 5a*

*Read by Brent Wickline, Norma’s grandson*

1b Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.  
2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.  
3 For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
5 Do not fear, for I am with you.”

Following the reading:

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

*Read by Carol Stuart, Norma’s daughter*

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;  
3 he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff —  
they comfort me.  
5 You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
my whole life long.

2ND LESSON 1st John 4:7-12

Read by Jean Shotwell Allen, lifetime family friend

7 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God;  
everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

REMEMBRANCE Mark Stuart, Norma’s son

GOSPEL John 14:1-6

Read by Christine Swann, Norma’s granddaughter

Before the Gospel:

P The Holy Gospel according the John, the 14th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

1 Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again
and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Following the Gospel:
P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY
Pastor Albert Triolo

HYMN
Eagle’s Wings

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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
Each petition is followed by:
P God of mercy,
C hear our 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.

SENDING

THE COMMENDATION & BENEDICTION

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

SENDING HYMN

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

POSTLUDE

Organ

PALL BEARERS

Mark Gum Justen Stuart Will Swann
Tony Rose Christine Swann Brent Wickline

All are invited to press pause on their live stream of the service, grab some refreshments, and then resume this video of a movie of Norma’s life prepared by her family. The family thanks you for helping them celebrate Norma’s life today.
Norma Feigler Stuart was born in Red Lion, Pennsylvania on January 24, 1925. She was born to Dary Feigler and Anna Poff Feigler in the home built by her grandfather. Norma liked to say that “there was nothing like growing up in a small town”. Norma was the second youngest of four sisters—Charlotte Geraldine, Bettie Jane, and Marion Elizabeth. After high school, Norma worked in a defense plant for the Navy during World War II, and then moved from her small town to Washington, DC. In Washington, Norma worked for the American Red Cross. While living in the “big city”, Norma attended a “Boy Meets Girl” dance and there she met her future husband, Glenn Stuart.

Norma and Glenn were married on April 14, 1956 and celebrated 51 years of marriage before Glenn passed away in 2007. Norma and Glenn moved to Springfield, Virginia in 1958. Glenn and Norma had three children—Carol Diane Stuart (Michael Whiteman), Mark Wayne Stuart, and Anna Renee Stuart-Swann (William Swann). Norma has three grandchildren—Justen Travas Stuart, Brent Clay Wickline (Carol Wickline), and Hrothgar Stuart Whiteman. She also has a great grandson—Carter Clay Wickline. Norma gained two more children and a granddaughter through Anna’s marriage to Will—Christine Swann, Tony Rose, and Hazel Lynn Rose. She is beloved by them all.

In 1961, Norma and Glenn joined Saint Mark’s Lutheran Church. Norma enjoyed her fellowship at Saint Mark’s and was involved in many aspects of church life, including the Eucharist guild, the crafters, the pray shawl knitters, the greeters, and the Food for Others team.

Here are just a few things that you may not know about Norma. Norma loved to sing and dance. Growing up she would sit around a warm stove in a cold kitchen, singing with her sisters. She sang
all her life. She liked to jitterbug and to listen to big band music, and later on she came to love Motown and Disco music. Norma was a dedicated seamstress and for many years she sewed all of the clothing for herself and her daughters. Norma enjoyed doing crafts, including ceramics, crocheting, and cross-stitch. One of her favorite past-times was playing bridge, and she was an active and dedicated bridge club member for about the last fifty years. Norma’s most recent bridge club was at Springfield United Methodist Church, where she enjoyed many years of friendship.

When she retired from the American Red Cross, Norma left the “outside the home” workforce and devoted herself full time to raising her children. Norma’s family will always remember her sweet and easy-going demeanor. Her sister Bettie used to say, “If you can’t get along with Norma, you can’t get along with anyone.” At the same time, Norma was strong and steadfast in the beliefs and ideas that were most important to her. Norma became a ‘second mother’ for many of the neighborhood kids and remained interested in them throughout their lives. Norma was always there for her own children and grandchildren and was a willing participant in their many get-togethers and “shenanigans”. These included attending her first rock concert (The Eagles at the Verizon Center), sailing on her first ocean cruise, and traveling in a crowded van to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland—all while in her nineties!

Norma loved deeply and was deeply loved. While we take comfort in the knowledge that she is now at peace with her Lord, we will miss her more than words can say.