Christian Funeral Service for Norma Engelhardt



Saint John's Lutheran Church Summit, New Jersey March 4, 2022 | 11:00 AM



PRELUDEVariations on "Marching to Zion"
Setting of "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
Setting of "Beautiful Savior"
Setting of "Deep River"
Setting of "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

By Jon Spong By Emma Lou Diemer By James Pethel Arr. Richard Billingham By Wilbur Held

GATHERING

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 Norma, to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

Please stand.

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Who made Heaven and Earth.

If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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 God 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.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 856 How Great Thou Art



Music: O STORE GUD, Swedish folk tune; adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1975–1969 Text and music © 1953 S. K. Hine, assigned to Manna Music, Inc., 35255 Brooten Road, Pacific City OR 97135 (ASCAP). Renewed 1981. All rights reserved.

APOSTOLIC 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

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.**

Please be seated.

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

Jeff Engelhardt Kevin Engelhardt Mark Engelhardt Ashley Sikora

READING A selection from *Chasing Daylight*

MUSIC "Face to Face"

Oh, I'm a traveller far from home I get lost, but I press on, 'cause there's a mansion in streets of gold where I belong.

Yes, there's a day coming soon where the old will be made new and Heaven's glory shines like the morning before our eyes.

When we all see Jesus, when we all see Jesus, no more sickness, no more madness, no more pain when we all see Jesus face to face.

And then we will sing with angel voices; there will be a great rejoicing. Holy, holy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb.

When we all see Jesus, yes, when we all see Jesus, no more sickness, no more madness, no more pain when we all see Jesus face to face.

READING Job 19:23–27a

²³O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! ²⁴O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! ²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; ²⁶and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, ²⁷whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

The reader concludes: The word of the Lord. The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.

By Eugene O'Kelly

By Zach Williams

PSALM 116

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

²for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴**Then I called upon the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray you, save my life."** ⁵Gracious is the LORD and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

⁶The LORD watches over the innocent; I was brought low, and God saved me.

⁷Turn again to your rest, O my soul; for the LORD has dealt well with you.

⁸For you have rescued my life from death,

my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;

⁹I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.

¹⁰I believed, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted."

¹¹In my distress I said, "No one can be trusted."

¹²How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?

¹³I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people.

¹⁵Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.

¹⁶O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant,

the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

¹⁷I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD.

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people,

¹⁹in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

READING Romans 8:34–39

³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

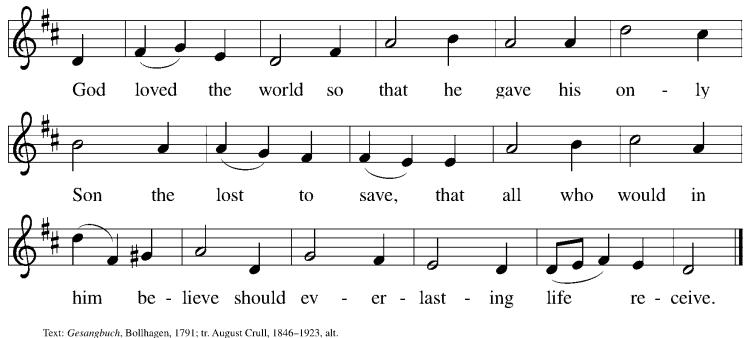
"For your sake we are being killed all day long;

we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Please stand. GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW 323 God Loved the World



Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

GOSPEL John 14:1–6

The Holy Gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In 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? ³And 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. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated. SERMON

The Rev. Gladys G. Moore



Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Psalm 23:4

Please stand. HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 574 Here I Am, Lord



Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946 Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte Text and music © 1981 OCP Publications, Inc., 5536 NE Hassalo, Portland, OR 97213. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

APOSTLES CREED

Let us confess the faith of the Church, the faith of our Baptism, our trust in life and death:

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

Let us pray.

Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

Please be seated. **MUSIC** I Will Not Leave You Comfortless

> Adult Choir I will not leave you comfortless. But I will come to you, and your heart will rejoice. For I will not leave you comfortless.

By Ron Nelson



Please stand.

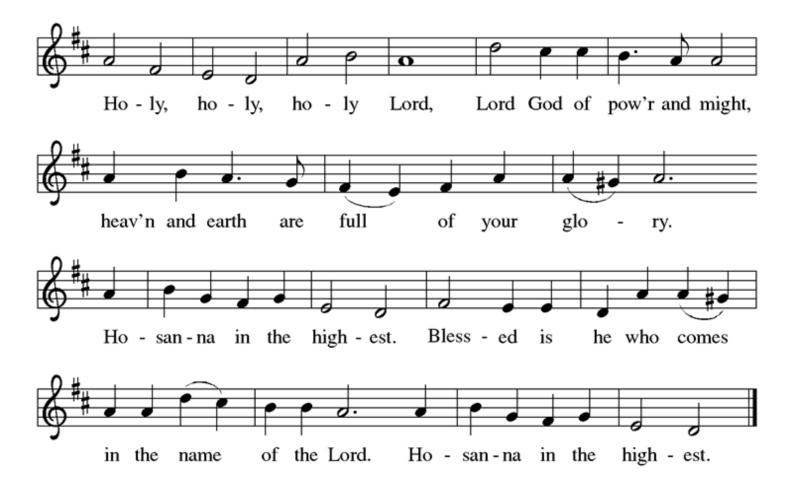
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who rose from the dead, and in whom our hope of resurrection dawns. The sting of death has been removed by the glorious promise of his risen life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

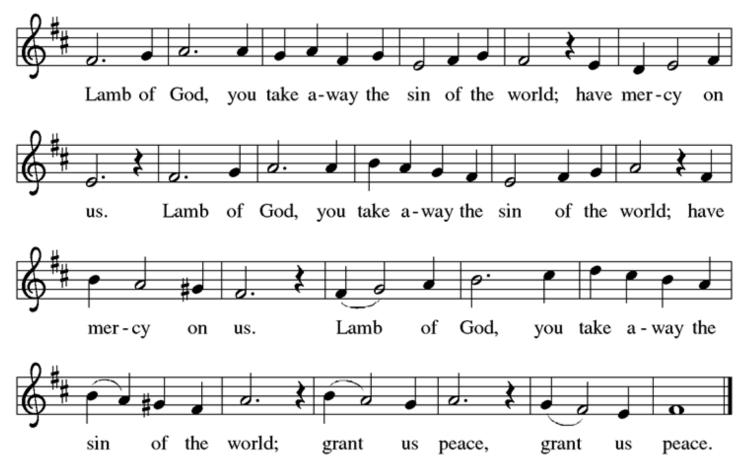
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,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

Please be seated.

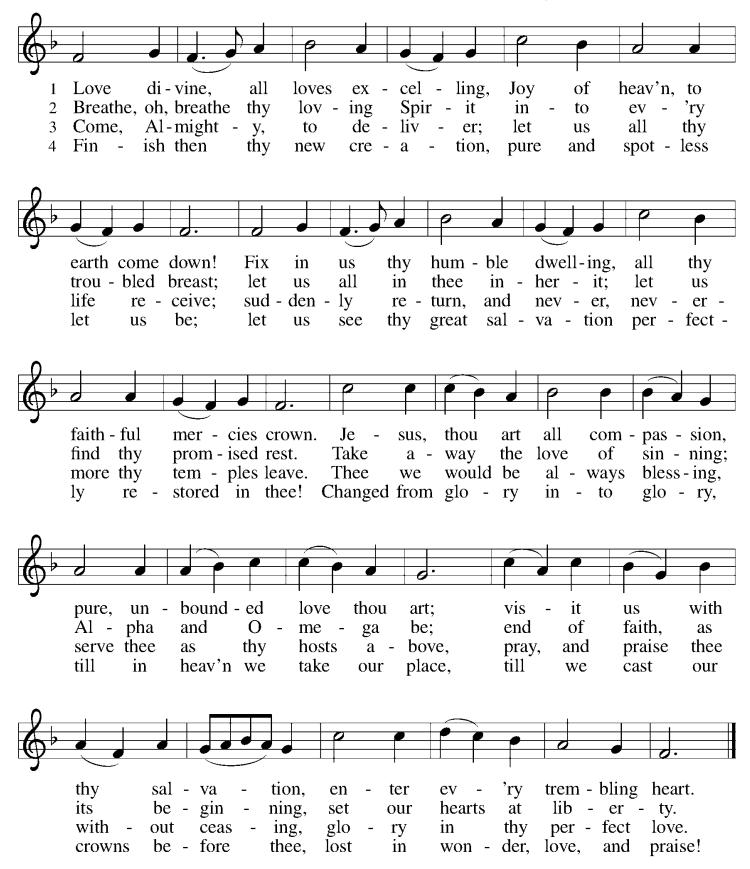
If you wish to receive communion, please approach the pastor one at a time. The pastor will place a wafer in your open hands. Please indicate if you need a gluten free wafer. The assisting minister serves the wine/grape juice in pre-filled individual cups. You may pick up your personal cup, being careful to only touch that cup. Step aside and drink the wine, placing the used cup in the return tray.

> All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. If you do not wish to commune, you may come forward for a blessing.

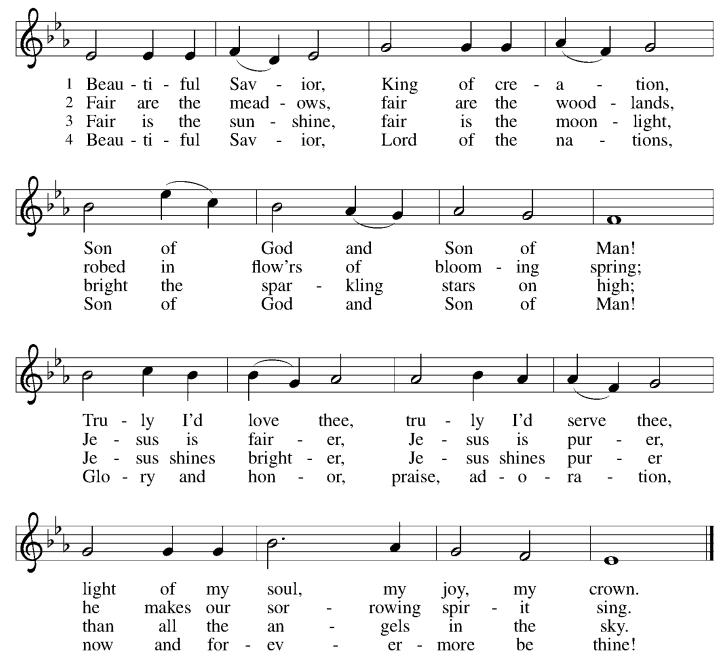
LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMN ELW 631 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887 COMMUNION HYMN ELW 838 Beautiful Savior



Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

Please stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction and a pledge of our inheritance of life eternal where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMENDATION

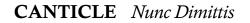
Let us commend Norma to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

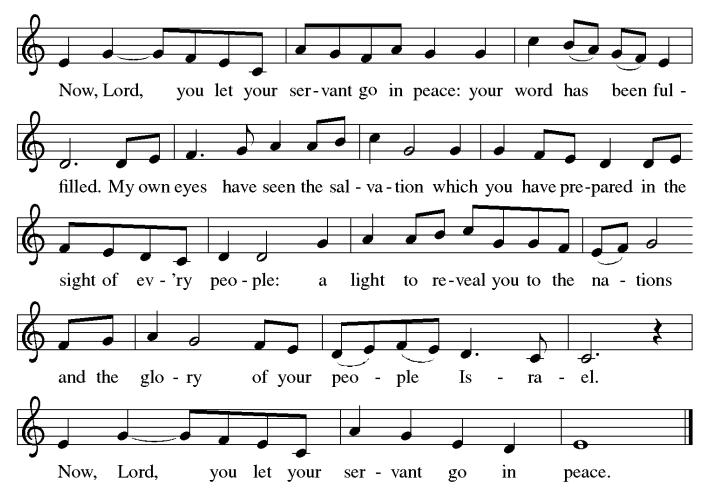
SOLO "The Lord's Prayer"

By Albert Hay Malotte

Jody Mullen, Soprano

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Norma. 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. **Amen.**





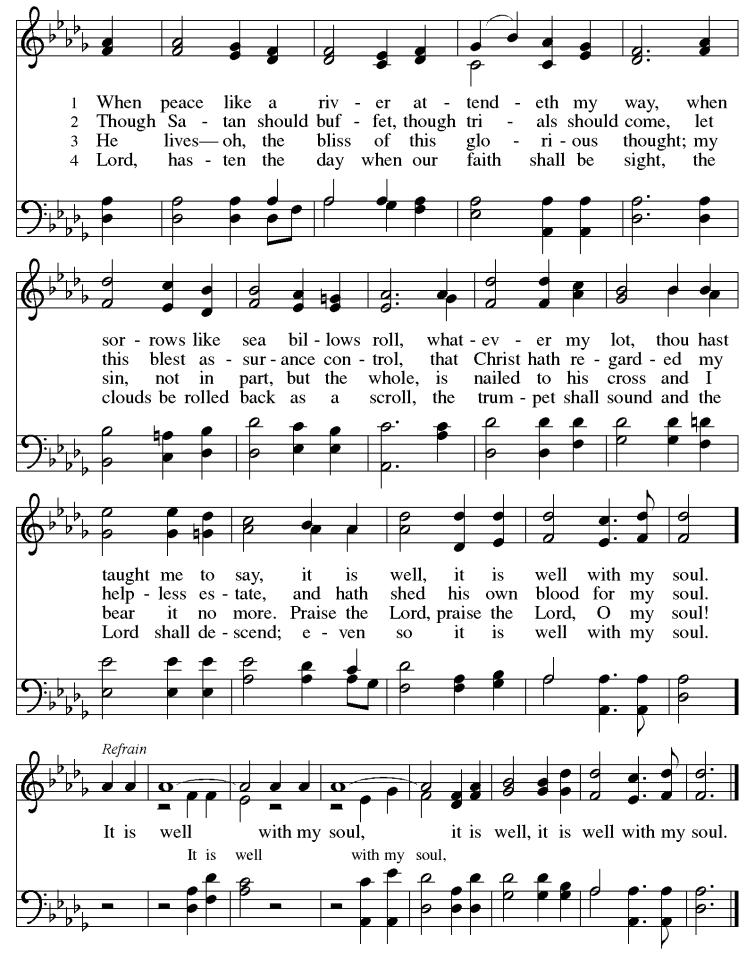
BLESSING

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 give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in peace, in the name of Christ. Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 785 When Peace like a River



Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888 Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876 Please proceed to the Garden of the Resurrected for the interment.



Reception & Fellowship

You are invited to greet the family at a reception following today's service in Hinman Hall.

Participants in Today's Service:

Presider: The Rev. Blake A. Scalet Preacher: The Rev. Gladys G. Moore Organist: Wayne H. Dietterick Reader: Grace O'Connell Reader: Laura Prothero Reader: Kelsey Engelhardt

Norma Engelhardt



Norma Engelhardt, a loving mother to 3 sons, Mark (Laura), Kevin (Tracey), Jeff (Diane), devoted grandmother to 8 grandchildren Ashley (Chris), Grace (Trevor), Drew (Kate), Laura (Allen), Cole (Victoria), Kyle, Kelsey, and Scott (Chelsea) and doting great grandmother to 7 great grandchildren Nolan, Nathan, Keeley, Blakely, Griffin, Brady and Josie, died on February 16, 2022 after a bout with cancer. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 57 years Duane, her 3 sisters and her 3 brothers. Norma, born in 1935, was raised in Morris, IL, spent the majority of her life in Springfield, NJ before moving to her final residence in Jacksonville, FL. Norma was an especially gifted singer and found joy singing with Sweet Adelines and performed in many National and International competitions. One of her most cherished memories was her solo performance at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Norma was also active in her church choir at St. John's Lutheran Church in Summit, NJ where she was an active member for 50 years. Norma was committed to donating her time to charitable work especially working with Furniture Assist in Springfield and delivering sandwiches to homeless people in neighboring New York. Her greatest gift to all who knew her was her ability to be present in every situation; whether feeding the homeless, providing for underprivileged, or playing with her grandchildren Norma gave all of herself to every situation.



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