

A Celebration of Life
for
Ann Kulenkamp

April 14, 1952 - April 29, 2024



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May 11, 2024

2pm

Prelude

Spiegel im Spiegel
Kim Craig, piano (Longtime friend)

Arvo Pärt

Welcome and Gathering Prayer

Rev. Cynthia Riggin

*Opening Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

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Reading

Big Panda and Tiny Dragon, excerpt
Sue Hall (Longtime friend)

James Norbury

Music

When the River Meets the Sea
Jeanie Smith-Murphy, soprano (Sister-in-law)
Kim Craig, piano

Paul Williams

Remembrances

Amy Richardson (Sister)
Raymond Condon (Best man)
Lani Jordan (Longtime friend)

Special Music

Intermezzo Op. 118, No. 2

Johannes Brahms

Reading

Matthew 22:34-40
Leslie Hahn (Sister cousin)

Meditation

Rev. Cynthia Riggin

*Hymn

Morning Has Broken

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

Our Creator/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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Special Music

The Village Church

Norman Dello Joio

Commendation

Benediction

Postlude

Here Comes the Sun

Words and music by George Harrison
Piano arrangement by Dietmar Steinhauer



Memorials may be given to the American Cancer Society at cancer.org or to Como Friends, benefitting Como Park Zoo & Conservatory at comofriends.org.

The Board of Deacons and the family invite everyone to join them following the service in the Merriam Lexington Social Hall for a reception.

When I Go

by Donna Ashworth

When I go

don't learn to live without me,
just learn to live with my love
in a different way.

And if you need to see me
close your eyes

or look in your shadow
when the sun shines

I'm there.

Sit with me in the quiet and you will know
that I did not leave.


There is no leaving
when a soul is blended with another.

When I go



don't learn to live without me
just learn to look for me in the moments
I will be there.

For the Beauty of the Earth


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1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2. For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,
 4. For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5. For thy church, that ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,
 6. For thy - self, best Gift Di - vine, to the world so free - ly given,

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies;
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight;
 friends on earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild;
 of - fer - ing up - on ev - ery shore her pure sac - ri - fice of love;
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:



Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.
 * Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.



*For Holy Communion

Morning Has Broken

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Unison
C Am Dm G F C

1. Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
2. Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en,
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

Am Em/G F Em Dm G

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!

C F C Am Dm/F

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

D7/F# C/G F G7 C

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

WORDS: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931 (Lam. 3:22-23)
MUSIC: Trad. Gaelic melody; harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1988

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Ann Kulenkamp passed away at home in St. Paul, MN, on April 29, 2024. Ann's last days were filled with love and friendship, with her husband, family and friends at her side as her final hours drew near. She was 72.

Born in St. Paul, MN, on April 14, 1952, to Dean and Emily Kulenkamp, Ann grew up in Aberdeen, SD, and Fargo, ND, where she graduated from Shanley High School in 1970. She returned to St. Paul to attend college at Macalester. She grew close to another Shanley grad, John Wilson, who was a guest lecturer there when Ann was a senior. Their friendship grew into love, and they married in 1973, sharing 51 years of love, laughter, music, travel, good food and good friends. Ann and John's adventures took them to Hawaii, Paris, New Orleans and other locales across the country, but the place that drew them again and again was the North Shore of Lake Superior.

Ann's passion for music began in childhood and lasted throughout her life. She began playing piano at age 10, and regularly played accompaniment for school musicals and choral performances, as well as playing church organ for weddings and Sunday services. Ann left Macalester after her junior year because she wanted to explore the possibility of Music Therapy, a relatively new field at that time, as a career direction. For experiential research, she volunteered at a day program for developmentally delayed adults. She was soon hired for a full-time position and taught music and was head teacher for 10 years. Returning on a plane from a national conference, Ann had a chance encounter with Dale Warland, one of her Macalester professors. He encouraged her to return to finish her music degree. She decided to do this and studied piano with Don Betts. She completed her piano performance degree in 1983.

After graduation she began the second phase of her music career. She taught piano at and ran Project Cheer, a music program sponsored by the Schubert Club, designed to give lessons to children who might otherwise not have access to them. She also taught private lessons and retained many of her students from this time as lifelong friends.

In 1994, Ann decided to transition to writing, another of her creative passions. She worked as a freelance writer for several months, gravitating to the public health field. She was soon hired as the Communications Director for the Minnesota Safety Council and remained in that position for more than 20 years. While working there she completed a Master's Degree in Technical Communications.

After retirement, Ann became a Master Gardener. She spent happy hours in her own garden and in volunteering for projects that included caring for a plot in Como Park, planting gardens for new Habitat for Humanity homes, helping distribute extra food from community gardens and working to prepare some of the State Fair Grounds for the Great Minnesota Get Together. Ann loved reading and became a charter member of the Women Who Book club, where she made lifelong friends and enjoyed spirited discussions of classic and contemporary literature for more than 35 years. Como Park held a special place in Ann's heart. Both of Ann's parents grew up close to the park and Ann helped organize many family reunions there. Ann and John have commemorated their love for the park by sponsoring a bench near the entrance fountain at the Como Park Zoo & Conservatory, and we invite you to visit this special place.

Ann is survived by her beloved husband John Wilson, sister Amy (Jay) Richardson, brother Larry (Maryann) Kulenkamp, aunts Vonny Swanson and Karen Earle, and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and grands. Ann is preceded in death by her parents.



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