

*In Loving Memory of
Connie A. Zemlicka*



*Born into the world August 2, 1942
Born to Eternal life March 30, 2025*

Greeting

Call to Worship

One: Hear the promises of God. God is near to all who call, who call from their hearts.

All: The desires of those who fear God are fulfilled; their cries are heard; they are saved.

One: Jesus proclaims: I am the resurrection and the life; all who believe in me, though they die, yet shall they live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.

All: Blessed are the dead who die in Christ. "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"

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

All: And also with you.

Prayer

One: Let us pray:

All: Almighty God, your mercy is boundless, look upon us in our sorrow and enable us to hear your word...

One: Great God of all mystery, if in the presence of death our thoughts are startled and our

words flutter about like frightened birds,
bring us stillness that we may cover the
sorrow of our hearts with folded hands.
Give us grace to wait on you silently and
with patience. You are nearer to us than we
know, closer than we can imagine. If we
cannot find you, it is because we search in
far places. Before we felt the pain, you
suffered it; before the burden came upon
us, your strength lifted it; before the sorrow
darkened our hearts, you were grieved. As
you walk in the valley of every shadow, be
our good shepherd and sustain us while we
walk with you, lest in weakness we falter.
Keep us in your way and guide us past
every danger; through the mercy of our
Good Lord and Savior we pray.

All: Amen.

Hymn #680 "Borning Cry"

Reading of Scripture

Proverbs 31:8-9 and 10-12

1 Peter 4:8-11

One: Let us pray: Merciful God, we thank you for
your word; it is a lamp for our feet, a light
for our path. We thank you especially that in
the night of our grief and in the shadows of
our sorrow, we are not left to ourselves. We
have the light of your promises to sustain
and comfort us.

All: Through our tears, give us vision to see in faith the consolation you intend for us. In your mercy, grant us the unfailing guidance of your saving Word, both in life and in death; through Jesus Christ our risen Savior we pray. Amen.

Hymn #300 "In the Garden"

A Celebration of Life – Remembering Connie

A Word of God's Grace

Affirmation of Faith - from Romans 8

One: Let us say again what we believe

All: We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, and we know that in everything God works for good with those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor 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. Amen.

We Remember Her

One: At the rising of the sun and its going down,

All: we remember her.

One: At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,

All: we remember her.

One: At the opening of the buds and the rebirth of spring,

All: we remember her.

One: At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer,

All: we remember her.

One: When we are lost and sick at heart,

All: we remember her.

One: When we have decisions that are difficult to make,

All: we remember her.

One: When we have achievements that are based on hers,

All: we remember her.

As long as we live, she too will live, for she is now a part of us, as we remember her.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Our Lord's Prayer

Commendation

Song of Simeon

**All: Lord, now let your servant go in peace;
your word has been fulfilled; my own
eyes have seen the salvation which you
have prepared in the sight of every
people; a light to reveal you to the
nations and the glory of your people
Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the
beginning is now and ever shall be
world without end. Amen.**

Hymn #422 "Amazing Grace"

Benediction

*April 6, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.
Peace United Church of Christ
Kewaskum, Wisconsin*

*Officiants – Rev. J. Eric Kirkegaard
Organist – Karla Spaits*

Connie Zemlicka

Connie A. Zemlicka (Keister), age 82 years, of Kewaskum was called home to be with the Lord on March 30, 2025, at Froedtert West Bend Hospital surrounded by her loving family.

Connie was born on August 2, 1942, in Freeport, Illinois to Roger and Beulah Keister (Iserman). She was united in marriage to Howard Zemlicka on June 10, 1961, at The Little Brown Church in the Vale in Nashua, Iowa.

Connie graduated from Dakota High School (IL) in 1960. She was a Kindergarten Teacher at Wayne Elementary School. She earned her Bachelor's degree from University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, and went on to earn her Master's degree from University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Connie was a longtime member at Peace United Church of Christ where she had been Church President, Church cemetery record keeper and administrator, and served on numerous church committees.

Connie was very active in her community. She was involved with Habitat for Humanity, the Kewaskum Library Board, KEYS, Inc., and many other organizations. She enjoyed playing cards, gardening, quilting, sewing, was an avid reader, and theatre enthusiast, and most recently, enjoyed studying genealogy. Most of all she loved spending time with her family.

Those Connie leaves behind to cherish her memory include her husband of 63 years, Howard; two daughters, Julann (Jeff) Zemlicka-Retzlaff and Jennifer (Dan) Gerhartz; grandchildren, Jake Zemlicka-Retzlaff, Zachary Retzlaff, Samuel (Gabi) Zemlicka-Retzlaff, Nicolai (Brianna) Gerhartz, Anastasia Gerhartz, Aleksandr (Jenna) Gerhartz, Sophia Gerhartz, and Tsion Gerhartz; and great-granddaughters, Harper and Adeline. She is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Connie was preceded in death by her brother, Darrell Keister.

Memorials in Connie's name can be directed to the Kewaskum Public Library Foundation.

The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses, and staff at Froedtert West Bend Hospital for their care and compassion.