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SATURDAY

JANUARY 18, 2025

A SERVICE TO THE GLORY OF GOD

AND A WITNESS TO

THE RESURRECTION FOR

THE LIFE OF



Judith Koenen

October 1, 1934 ~ January 2, 2025

OFFICIANT: Pastor Eric Garner | ORGANIST: Ben Marti

SPECIAL MUSIC: Rick Kramlinger

MEDITATION

*“For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God,
a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.” ~ 2 Corinthians 5:1*

PRELUDE

I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

Ben Marti

GREETING AND WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Eric Garner

OPENING SENTENCES

Matt. 11:28; Ps. 103:13; Isa. 66:13

Pastor Eric Garner

Jesus said: Come to me, all you that are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
And I will give you rest.
As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear God.
As a mother comforts her child,
so I will comfort you, says the Lord.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Eric Garner

HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

GTG 39

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Eric Garner

**God of mercy,
Whose loving-kindness endures forever:
We confess that often we have failed
To receive and give love;
To care for others as we care for ourselves;
To forgive and accept forgiveness.
We acknowledge our fear in the face of death
And our failure to accept the hope you offer us in Christ.
Renew us with your loving assurance
That our sins have been forgiven,
Through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.
Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Eric Garner

The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Christ Jesus, you are forgiven.

Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Eric Garner

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 23

Pastor Eric Garner

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

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.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

SHARING OF REMEMBRANCES

Emily Kramer

Curt Koenen

Bruce Koenen

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 13

PASTORAL MEDITATION

Pastor Eric Garner

MUSICAL OFFERING

In this Very Room

Rick Kramlinger

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Eric Garner

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidleberg Catechism 1

Pastor Eric Garner

My only comfort is that I, body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ; who, with his precious blood, hath fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of death; and so preserves me, that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; and therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto him. Thanks be to God.

HYMN

For All the Saints

GTG 326

COMMENDATION

BLESSING

Pastor Eric Garner

Now as you go on your way
May the Lord go with you
God before you, to show you the way
Behind you, to encourage you
Beside you, to guide you
Above you, to watch over you
And with you, to give you peace.

POSTLUDE

Ben Marti

Judy's family invites everyone to stay for a reception located downstairs in the Fellowship Hall

Interment will be at 2:00 p.m. at Tivoli Cemetery, 59663 203rd Street, Eagle Lake, MN

Directions:

from Broad Street in Mankato, turn Left onto Cherry Street staying on Cherry Street as it merges
With Glenwood Avenue
Continue Straight from Glenwood Avenue as it merges with Hoffman Road
Turn Right onto County Highway 22
Turn Left onto State Highway 83 South
Turn Right onto 598th Avenue, Eagle Lake, MN
Turn Right onto 203rd Street, Eagle Lake, MN

OBITUARY

Judy Koenen, age 90, of Mankato, passed away Thursday, January 2, 2025 at Mayo Clinic Health System in Mankato. Celebration of Judy's life will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, January 18, 2025, at First Presbyterian Church of Mankato with visitation starting at 9:30am. Following the service, food and fellowship will be held in the lower level of church. Burial will follow at Tivoli Cemetery for those who wish to attend.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorials be directed to Judy's favorite charitable organizations, such as ECHO Food Shelf, Connections Shelter, or VINE Faith in Action.

Judy was born at home near Kesley, Iowa to parents Edward and Magdalene (Harms) Krull on October 1, 1934. She was a farm girl, attended country school for 8 years and graduated from high school in Aplington, Iowa. She married her high school classmate, Wayne Koenen, in 1955, and they were married for 59 years. Their first year of marriage began in Pella, Iowa while Wayne finished his undergraduate studies at Central College. From there, they moved 6 times while Wayne taught at many different schools and finished his graduate degree at the University of Iowa while teaching full-time. In 1968, Judy and Wayne moved to Mankato.

Judy was employed at the University Bookstore at MSU for 24 years. After that employment, she wasn't ready to retire, and she found her very favorite employment at Green Thumb Garden Center. She retired from there in 2017 after 23 years.

She served as a Deacon and Sunday school teacher at First Presbyterian Church for many years. Judy loved family camping trips, trips to Dodgers baseball games, trips to Alaska, and bridge games. She talked so many times about her friendships: her bridge friends, coffee friends, wonderful neighbors, Arizona friends, BSF church families, and love of Wayne and her extended families, plus blessings in abundance.

Left to remember her are three loving sons and their families, son, Brent (Ellen) of Eagle River, AK, Curt (Pam) of Mankato, MN, and Bruce (Wendy) of South Haven, MN; 13 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; sister, Mavis (Darwin) Kampman of Aplington, IA; brother, Eldon (Frances) Krull of Kesley, IA; and many extended family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Magdalene Krull; husband, Wayne Koenen in February 2014; sister and brother-in-law, Beverly and Walter Lupkes; and many other extended family members.

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