



The Funeral Service for **Marilyn Larson**

April 21, 2025

KING OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH | *Golden Valley, Minnesota*

THE RESURRECTION COMFORT

- P: We have come together to seek God's comfort in our sorrow and to rejoice in the promise of the resurrection. May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. Amen.
- P: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. The apostle Paul writes to the Romans: "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Jesus gives us this comfort: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."
- C: He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**
- P: When Christ, who is our life, appears
- C: Then we also will appear with him in glory.**
- P: We will be before the throne of God
- C: And serve him day and night in his temple.**

P: Never again will we hunger;

C: **Never again will we thirst.**

P: For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be our shepherd; he will lead us to springs of living water.

C: **And God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.**

P: Let us pray: God of all grace, you sent your Son Jesus to destroy the power of death and to open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives, we too shall live. Comfort us with your promise that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

Abide with Me | #561: v. 1, 6–8

READING OF THE OBITUARY

APOSTLES' CREED

P: As it was spoken at Marilyn's baptism, we give expression to the hope of our Christian faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: **I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23

GREAT-GRANDKIDS ANTHEM

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb | #177

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 20:1-18; Colossians 3:1-4

HYMN

The King of Love My Shepherd Is | #370

SERMON

John 14:1-6

HYMN

I Know that My Redeemer Lives | #351: v. 1-2, 5-8

PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

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

HYMN

On My Heart Imprint Thine Image | #593

Marilyn’s family invites everyone to a meal in the Fellowship Hall following the service. Committal will then follow at Glen Haven Memorial Gardens.

Preacher..... Rev. Aaron Ferkenstad | **Organist**..... Karen Merseth
Pallbearers..... Joseph Madson, Timothy Madson, Benjamin Shoop, Andrew Shoop,
Jonathan Eckberg, Matthew Eckberg



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Marilyn Louise Larson

May 27, 1929 – April 13, 2025

Marilyn Louise (Lee) Larson, 95, formerly of Golden Valley, Minnesota, entered her eternal home on April 13, 2025 while receiving care at Wealshire of Medina.

Marilyn was born to Rev. Sophus E. Lee and Ruth Johanna Lee on May 27, 1929 in Minneapolis, Minnesota and became a child of God through her baptism at Emmaus Lutheran Church on June 16, 1929. She attended Immanuel Lutheran Grade School and later graduated from Patrick Henry High School in 1947. Her college years were spent at Bethany Lutheran College from 1947-1949.

On October 27, 1950 she married high school sweetheart Donald Allen Larson, at Emmaus Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, MN. They were married for nearly 49 years, prior to Don's death in 1999. Marilyn and Don were richly blessed with three daughters, Jan Louise Madson (David), LuAnn Ruth Shoop (Dean), and Linda Marie Eckberg (Tod).

Marilyn raised her children at home, and later became a valued employee of Donaldson's Department Store and Dahlberg Electronics. She was a faithful member at King of Grace, where she loved singing in the choir, and being a part of King's Daughters and the Mr. and Mrs. Club. She and Don maintained friendships with many of their beloved Fairview and King of Grace families for years. Marilyn also remained close to many of her high school friends as well.

Marilyn was adored for her kind and grateful spirit. She loved others unconditionally and reflected compassion and grace throughout her life. As a child of God, Marilyn's most precious treasure was the promise of eternity in heaven, won for her through the life, death and resurrection of her Savior Jesus.

Marilyn is survived by her three daughters and sons-in-law, her 9 grandchildren: Kari (Derek), Joseph (Elissa), Timothy (Sarah), Benjamin (Leah), Emily (Collin), Andrew (Emily), Kelsey (Nick), Jonathan (Amber), Matthew, 22 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her brother David (Patty) Lee, brothers-in-law Richard (Marilyn) Larson and Dale (Carol) Larson, great grandsons Isaiah Shoop and Abram Shoop. Her family was her greatest joy!

We rejoice at Marilyn's saving faith. Blessed be her memory.