

A Service in Celebration of the Life of Judy Donaldson

December 28, 1937 ~ June 21, 2023

The Winchester Unitarian Society
October 7, 2023

Prelude – *Skating*, Vince Guaraldi

Invocation and Welcome

Livestream stream attendees are encouraged to "sign the guest book" by sending an email to guestbook@winchesteruu.org. Please provide your name, where you are streaming from and any short message you would like to share with the family.

Responsive Chalice Lighting by S. William Feiss,

Lit by Judy's grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Mike Donaldson, Sawyer Donaldson (great-granddaughter), Luke Macannuco, Jude Macannuco, Will Macannuco, Maegan Sofo, Tony Sofo, Caroline Wild

One: We light this flame

As our fervent plea to brighten the dark corners of our hearts;

Many: We hold this flame

For in it is the promise of warmth for souls grown cold in loss and despair;

We kindle this light

That we might continue to find comfort in its warmth; strength in its light; holiness in its presence;

We follow this light

That it might illuminate our search for purpose, for meaning, and forgiveness;

We light this chalice

Knowing even as this sacred spark of life is extinguished, in the ensuing darkness, its light, her light, will still burn bright with all the memory and hope of its all too brief flash across our lives.

All: We light this flame of life, of love and truth for the divine promise of healing hearts.

Images from a Life – Music: Happy, Pharrell Williams

Eulogy

Silence

Personal Reflections

Rick Donaldson Liz Donaldson Shawn Macannuco

Kindling of the Light Brand New Day, Sting

As the music begins, you are invited to come forward and light a candle in Judy's memory. Judy especially loved candles and was unable to have them in her life during her illness.

Personal Reflections

Jude Macannuco Peter Stevens Liz Antoszewski Rachel/Jaime Wilson

Reading "We Will" by Ann Reed Luke Macannuco

Prayer

When invited to do so, please join in reciting together the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Benediction The Serenity Prayer

Postlude – Linus and Lucy, Vince Guaraldi

Please join us in the Symmes Room for a dessert reception after the service.

The Rev. Heather K. Janules, Officiant John Kramer, Director of Music Jay Kwan, Livestream Coordinator

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to:

The Autism Housing Pathways https://www.autismhousingpathways.org or to

St. Jude's Research Hospital https://www.stjude.org/donate/

Judy held these two organizations close to her heart.