
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
710 East Broadway St., Osseo, Minnesota
A Celebration Honoring the Life of Valeria Lydia Craven
Saturday, November 9, 2019 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE **LSB 278**

Please note the responses of the congregation during the Service.
These responses are marked with a red box with a white "C."
You may remain seated throughout the Service

Solo: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
Invocation & Remembrance of Baptism*
Psalm: Psalm 23 'The Lord Is My Shepherd'
Kyrie
Salutation and Collect of the Day
Old Testament Reading – Psalm 84:1-12
Second Reading – Revelation 2:10b
Gospel Reading – John 14:1-6
Apostles Creed
Hymn: "How Great Thou Art" **LSB 801**
Sermon – "Val is Surrounded by Something Even Better"
Text – Hebrews 12:1-2
Solo: "Now the Light has Gone Away"
Prayer of the Church & Lord's Prayer
Nunc Dimittis & Concluding Collect
Benedicamus and Benediction
Solo: "Beautiful Savior"

Officiant — Reverend Daniel R. Burns
Organist — Thomas Hanna
Soloist — Jacqueline Pickens
Crucifer — Maddi Sullivan
Biographer — Jenny Hines

On behalf of the family, you are cordially invited to join us for lunch following the service and a time to share memories of Val. Interment will take place at Glen Haven Cemetery of Crystal, MN.

*The Funeral Pall is a symbol in the Church that shows that we have been covered and clothed with the righteousness of Christ in our Baptism.



Valeria Lydia Craven
April 27, 1924 – November 2, 2019

VALERIA LYDIA CRAVEN

Valeria Lydia (Hebeisen) Craven was born April 27th, 1924 to Fred and Lydia Hebeisen in Green Isle, MN. She was the fifth of twelve children.

Val attended a German Parochial school for eight years before moving onto Glencoe High School. She graduated from high school in 1941. After graduation she continued her education by attending Minneapolis Business College.

Shortly after graduating from college Val began working for Munsingwear. She was very proud of the fact that she led and marched in the Aquatennial Parade with them for 5 years! What an amazing experience!

When Val was younger, she was chased by a bull while visiting her cousins' farm and barely escaped by jumping over a fence. Talk about a close call!

Val met the love of her life, Ken, at Porter's Café in Minneapolis, MN. He walked up to her, asked her to go home and change clothes so he could take her out for a night on the town. Val could not refuse this intriguing man, so she agreed, and they went to a movie where he proceeded to kiss her hand throughout the entire movie. She was completely smitten and as they say the rest was history. On August 29, 1948 Ken and Val were united in marriage. Soon after starting their life together they began adding to their family by welcoming daughter Karen Shirley in 1950, daughter Victoria Jean in 1952, son Gary Kenneth in 1953, daughter Heidi Marie in 1959, and daughter Rebecca Lynn in 1963. Through the years Val, Ken, and their family lived in Minneapolis, MN; Crystal, MN; Costa Mesa, CA; New Hope, MN; and Maple Grove, MN.

Val loved spending time with her beloved husband Kenny while traveling around the world. They had the opportunity to explore the world on 20+ cruises as well as travel to Germany, New Zealand, Australia, Alaska, Russia, and Mexico just to name a few. She also was very fortunate to be able to travel to Hawaii with Kenny many times for business.

Val also loved spending time with her family especially the annual fall trips to the casino with her daughters and granddaughters because there was always lots of fun to be had. She also loved teasing her grandchildren by asking them if they wanted gum or homemade cookies and if they responded with a yes, she would proceed to tell them she didn't have any and laugh. Val always made everyone feel welcomed and loved her Kenny, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren more than you could imagine.

One of Val's favorite past times was dancing! She and her partner were often the spotlight of the dance floor. She loved to go dancing with her husband on Saturday nights. Once they were even part of The Lawrence Welk Show and loved watching it every week hoping to see the episode they were on. She also loved to play cards and was part of a Bridge club for many years.

Val's German heritage was another very important part of her life. She and her mom would have conversations in German when others were around and laugh because they knew that no one could understand what they were talking about. She also loved sharing her heritage with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren by singing to them in German.

Val's faith was also a very important part of her life and was a big part of her family's life as well. She was in the Altar Guild, helped with the Sunday School Programs, and was a devout member of St. Paul's Lutheran for 22 years.

Val made her journey to heaven to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Saturday, November 2, 2019. She suffered from kidney disease and heart failure but in the end, we truly feel she wanted to be reunited with her beloved husband, Kenny, theirs truly was a love story.

"Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?

He gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Cor. 15:57

Val is survived by her children Karen (Craig) Dennis, Vicky (Darrell) Judkins, Gary (Kay) Craven, Heidi (Mike) Patrick, and Becky (Tim) Sullivan; grandchildren, John (Jenny), Amy (Steve), Katie (Al), Carrie (John), Nathan (Jennifer), Trent, Kenny (MacKenzie), Chris (Jenny), Jacob, Tony, Ben, Travis (Amber), Storm, and Maddi; great-grandchildren, Ian, Callum, Isaac, Amelia, Kiara, Alex, Reyes, Cooper, Jacqueline, Kaitlyn, Zachary, Ashlyn, Brooklyn, Bennett, Abigail, Austin, Hart, Smith, Annabell, Rudy, Vincent, Marley, and Mataya; and siblings Earl (ClaraLee) Hebeisen, Marion (Jim) Mundt, Dorothy (John) Barten, and Dick (Noreen) Hebeisen.

Val is preceded in death by her husband Kenny; parents Fred and Lydia; brothers Chester, Marvin, Fritz, Alloyd, and Floyd; sisters Violet Luecke and Myra Johnson; and great-granddaughters Samantha and Madelyn Pickens.

RITE OF COMMITTAL

P Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:
“The Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!

C **The Lord’s right hand is lifted high; the Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!”**

P I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.
Psalm 118:15-17

P For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord.

C **So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.**
Romans 14:7-8

P Jesus said, “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.”
John 11:25-26a

P Let us pray: Merciful Father and Lord of life, with whom live the spirits of those who depart in the faith, we thank you for the blessings of body and soul that you granted this departed sister, whose earthly remains we lay to rest. Above all we rejoice at your gracious promise to all your servants, living and departed, that we shall rise again at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is

your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
1 Corinthians 15:51-57

P We commit Valeria’s body to its resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him to subdue all things to Himself. May God the Father, who created this body, may God the Son, who by His blood redeemed this body, may God the Holy Spirit, who by Baptism sanctified this body to be His temple, keep these remains to the day of the resurrection of all flesh.

C **Amen.**

P Let us pray: Almighty God, by the death of Your Son Jesus Christ You destroyed death, by His rest in the tomb You sanctified the graves of Your saints, and by His glorious resurrection You brought life and immortality to light so that all who die in Him abide in peace and hope. Receive our thanks for the victory over death and the grave which He won for us. Keep us in everlasting fellowship with all that wait for Him on earth and with all in heaven who are with Him who is the resurrection and the life, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Christ is risen.

C **He is risen indeed.**

P Let us go forth in peace.

C **In the name of the Lord.**