1939-2026

Memorial Service for:

Beverly Gayle Hodges

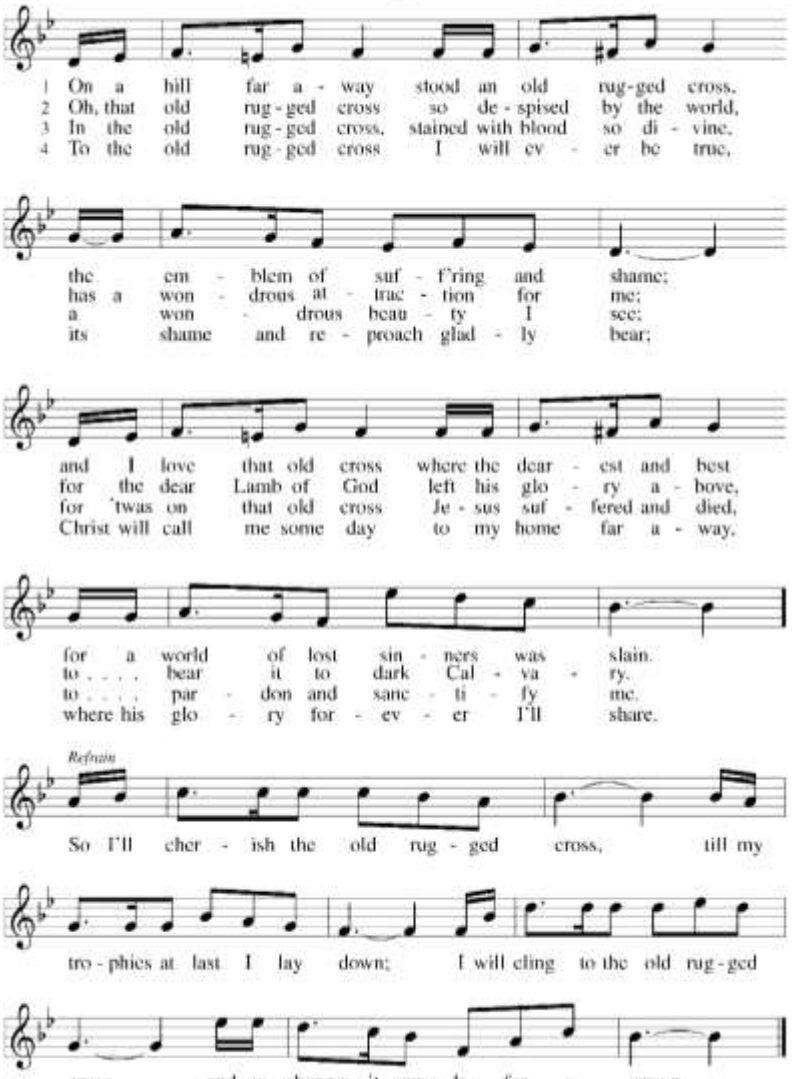
Celebration of Life for

Beverly Gayle Hodges

October 22, 2026

Officiant: Pastor Bob Rusert

PROCESSIONAL SONG **The Old Rugged Cross**

On a Hill Far Away
The Old Rugged Cross

Text: George Bennard, 1873–1958
Music: THE OLD RUGGED CROSS, George Bennard, 1873–1958

GATHERING

Pastor: Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our sister Beverly, to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pastor: All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
In her baptism, Bev was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, she shall be clothed with glory.

ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.
All: We glorify you.
Pastor: Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death f or all, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life,
we praise you.
All: We praise you.
Pastor: Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.
All: We worship you.
Pastor: To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.
All: Amen.

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, source of all mercy and giver of comfort, graciously tend those who mourn, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
All: Amen.

WELCOME

PSALM 23 {Read by all}

1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
3 he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.
5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

REMEMBRANCES Kevin Schrupp, Grandson

SCRIPTURE READINGS **PSALM 100**
COLOSIANS 3:12-17

MESSAGE OF PROMISE **JOHN 14:1-7** Pastor Bob Rusert

SONG OF CELEBRATION **In the Garden**

VERSE 1
I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.

REFRAIN
And He walks with me,
And He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known.

VERSE 2
He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing. *Refrain*

VERSE 3
I'd stay in the garden with Him
Tho' the night around me be falling;
But He bids me go, thro' the voice of woe;
His voice to me is calling. *Refrain*

APOSTLES' CREED

Pastor: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYER'S OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: …God of mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

COMMENDATION

Pastor: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Bev. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **All: Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
All: Amen.

RECESSIONAL SONG **On Eagles Wings, ELW 787**

VERSE 1
You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!"

REFRAIN
And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

VERSE 2
The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear;
under God's wings your refuge,
with faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

VERSE 3
You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come. *Refrain*

Verse 4
For to the angels God's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

FINAL REFRAIN
And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand;
and hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Following the service you are invited to a luncheon gathering in the Community Room.

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BEVERLY GAYLE HODGES OBITUARY

Beverly Gayle Hodges 87, of Elk River, MN, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on October 8, 2026, at her home.
She was born on March 6,1939 in Peoria, Illinois to Claude and Eva Bowman. She was the youngest of 7 children.

LIFE AND LEGACY

Bev graduated from Hopkins High School in 1957. On September 23,1961, Bev married Jack Hodges and they had 65 wonderful years together. They were blessed with a daughter Lori and a son Kevin.

Bev will be remembered for her love of music and her beautiful singing voice. Family and friends were often blessed with a call on their birthday where she would sing them a wonderful Happy Birthday Song. Bev loved the party that included good food and great music. Bev was especially proud of her grandchildren and great grandchildren, which she was happy to talk about to everyone.

FAMILY

Beverly is survived by her husband Jack, her daughter Lori (Alan), grandchildren Kacey (Andy), Kevin (Brittany) and Kyle (Kori). Great grandchildren: Savannah, Samantha, Sophia, Kennedy, Jackson, Sawyer and Henry and many other family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, 6 siblings and her son Kevin.