

"While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light." John 12:36

A Celebration of Life

NANCY MAE PUTNAM DAVIS October 18, 1937 - October 27, 2023



2:00 pm November 17, 2023

NANCY DAVIS

Nancy Mae Putnam Davis was born October 18, 1937 in Portland, Oregon, the only child of Fernando C. and Lillian Ada (Biersdorf) Putnam. She died peacefully in her home in Renton, Washington on October 27, 2023, surrounded by family. Raised on a dairy farm in Hillsboro, Nancy was involved in 4H and was crowned Jersey Queen while in high school. She graduated from Pacific University and married her high school sweetheart, RW (Bill) Davis, in 1958, raising four children together. Nancy was deeply involved at Saint Matthew Lutheran Church in Beaverton, serving on church council and as a Sunday School teacher for both youth and adults. She also chaperoned countless youth trips; volunteered as a MOPs mentor; and played in the handbell choir. When an almost-empty nester, she went back to work teaching preschool.

After the death of her husband Bill in 2010, Nancy moved to Washington to live with her daughter and her family where she quickly became involved in both Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church and her grandchildren's elementary school. She volunteered as a reading buddy and a student mentor for the Issaquah Schools Foundation and became known as Nana to the school staff.

Nancy will be forever and lovingly remembered by her sons Mark (Nancy); Steve (Kris); Paul (Cheryl); and daughter Beth Donahoe (Jim); grandchildren Chris (Jack); Aaron (Mary); Kevin (Brynn); Christopher (Baily Rae); and Lillian and Kasten; as well as three great-grandchildren, Zoe, Luke, and Daniel.

Worship Participants

Presiding Minister The Reverend Lara Forbes Director of Music Ministries/Organist Dr. Will Simpson Remembrances Beth Donahoe, Lilli Donahoe, Mark Davis Reader Paul Davis Soloist Anna McLeod Audio/Visual Sharon Gurtel, Johannes Grad

Reception Support Team Jay Baxter, Lois Eckley, Mikel Oswalt

A Service of Thanksgiving and Praise to God in Loving Memory of

NANCY MAE PUTNAM DAVIS

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Pastor Lara

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING

P 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 in Christ, Nancy, to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

Please stand.

HYMN

There Is a Balm in Gilead

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C And also with you.

- P O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister in Christ, Nancy. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

Please be seated.

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REMEMBRANCI	ES	Beth Donahoe Lilli Donahoe Mark Davis
HYMN	I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light	bulletin page 10
READING He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you		Micah 6:8 Paul Davis
but to do justi	ce, and to love kindness, lk humbly with your God? od.	
 PSALM 23 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. 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. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 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. 		Paul Davis

READING

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

R Word of God.

C Word of Life.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

P The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 1:1-5, 9-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

WORDS OF COMFORT AND HOPE

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I Know You by Heart [Diane Scanlon, Eve Nelson] Anna McLeod, solo

Please stand.

MUSIC

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

 Trusting in God's baptismal promises, we affirm our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.
 Lelieve in God, the Father almighty

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 power of 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- **P** God of mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

• Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

Pastor Lara

Apostles' Creed

THE COMMENDATION

Let us commend Nancy Davis to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer. Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Nancy. 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.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P 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 mercy give you peace.

C Amen.

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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SENDING

HYMN

- **P** Let us go forth in peace.
- **C** In the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Following the service, all are invited to gather in Fellowship Hall for a reception.

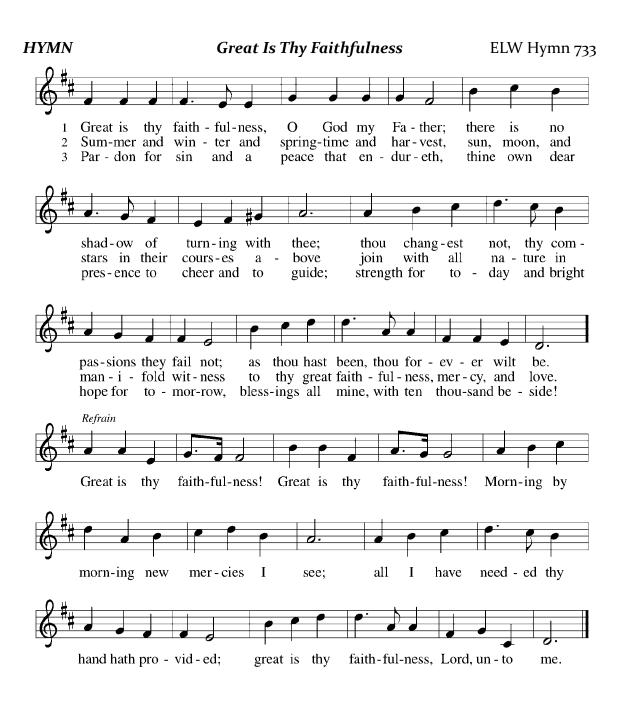
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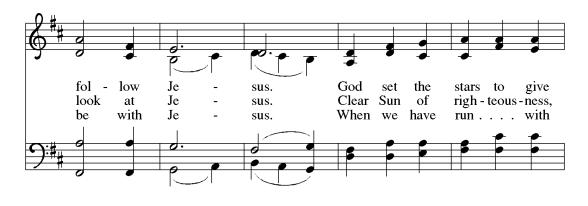
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I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (refrain)



The family wishes to thank everyone for being here today or viewing online. They also wish to express their deep gratitude to everyone who called, visited, sent cards and even fed them during Nancy's time in hospice. Your support and encouragement were greatly appreciated and we love you all.

If you wish to make a memorial gift in Nancy's memory, the family suggests that donations be directed to an organization which supports children, education, or the unhoused.

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