

Retirement Community

Celebration of Life

**Summer 2021** 

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# Welcoming Change: Discovering Hope in Life's Transitions

By now it's clear: yours is not a time of transition— It is a *life* of transitions. One change will follow another as long as you live, And some will not wait to follow they will perch one on top of another. You will learn as you go, and you will change with the changes. You will find good company along the way, Because, however unique your changes are, change is not unique to you. And you will experience first-hand this truth: In all the changes of your life, there is Something—Someone—unchangeable. Whatever comes, Someone never leaves you. And whatever leaves you, Someone always remains. Always.

 $\sim$  James E. Miller (pp 63)  $\sim$ 



PRESENTED by LAUREL LAKE HOSPICE

Laurel Lake Hosp ce

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**PRELUDE:**By Ludwig van BeethovenSean Morris, piano"Moonlight Sonata"

WELCOME:

David Oster, CEO and Jennifer Williams, Executive Director of LL Hospice

Rev. Lynn Anderson, Chaplain

#### **OPENING PRAYER:**

POEM:

read by Carl and Bonnie Spitznagel, *Laurel Lake Residents* "**WE REMEMBER THEM**"

At the rising of the sun and at its going down we remember them. At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter we remember them. At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring we remember them. *At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer* we remember them. When we are lost and sick at heart we remember them. When we have decisions that are difficult to make we remember them. When we have achievements that are based on theirs we remember them. As long as we live, they too will live, for they are now a part of us, as we remember them. ~Rabbi Simcha Kling

 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.

"In The Garden"

Text and Music : Charles Austin Miles

- 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
- 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.

## HONORING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

## **READER:**

**OPENING HYMN:** 

1.

Johnnie Dent, Jr., Chaplain

**CARL BACIK** (5/25/2021) Carl was born in Cleveland to a German mother and a Czechoslovakian father who met each other as immigrants in Cleveland. Carl graduated from West Tech High School in Cleveland and enlisted in the Naval Air Corp at the age of 17 years old. It was the Navy that sent Carl to Baldwin Wallace College, John Carroll University, and the University of North Carolina. He received the college education he dreamed of and competed on the track team of all three schools. After the war, Carl decided to use the GI Bill to enroll in Case School of Applied Science, where he competed in track once again. Carl met Rosemary while attending Case and they were married June 19, 1948, two weeks after he graduated with a Civil Engineering Degree. Carl became part owner in the Krill Company which was a construction firm that did work for the Sohio Refinery Plant in Cleveland. He retired at the age of 65 years old. He is survived by his 4 children Barbara Ann, Christine Ann, Charles, and Mark. He has 9 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

**PATRICIA BLAKE** (3/7/2021) Pat will be remembered by her loving family and friends for her sense of humor and her card playing skills. Born and raised in Akron, she resided most of her life in Silver Lake, where she and her late husband Harold raised their 5 children. She was a devout member of Holy Family Catholic Church and

was a strong advocate for equality and justice. Pat also worked for the Summit County Juvenile Court until retirement and believed her work there was a good deterrent to her children getting into trouble. Her skills at playing Euchre and Bridge were well known among friends, along with her tendency to drive fast and laugh easily. In addition to her children, Pat is survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

**CARMELA CERJAK** (1/5/2021) Carmela will be remembered by her family and her many friends for her quiet, gentle demeanor. She was an active resident of Laurel Lake and could often be found at the bridge table or playing an enthusiastic game of Mahjong in the Mixing Place. Carmela was perhaps known best as a devout member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and for her service as a Eucharistic Minister to church members. In her spare time, in addition to Mahjong and bridge, she enjoyed reading and, as a younger woman, was an avid golfer. Preceded in death by her beloved husband Frank, and her son Thomas, Carmela is survived by three children, 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

**ROBERT CHAPMAN** (2/5/2021) Robert was a quiet man, who was devoted to his family and to science. He and his beloved wife, Susan, came to Sagamore Hills by way of State College, PA, where he earned a degree in physics at Penn State. After completing coursework in astronomy at the University of Michigan, he earned a PhD in astrophysics from Harvard University. His career in astronomy was varied; he worked as a research scientist at NASA and headed the laboratory for Solar Physics at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. The author of 4 books on astronomy, Robert also taught astronomy at the University of California, Los Angeles. One of his books, *The Comet Book*, is a staple in elementary and middle school classrooms. After retiring as program manager at Honeywell International, he continued to be involved with Penn State as a contributor to its Astronomy lecture series. In addition to his wife, Robert is survived by his two children and two grandchildren.

**SALLY DAVIES** (12/3/2020) Sally grew up in Akron during the Depression and World War II. She graduated with a business degree from Ohio University in 1952 and married Bob that same year. Following the births of their two daughters, they moved to Hudson, where Sally worked as an Educational Aide for the Hudson Public Schools. Their son, John, was born some years later. She loved going on family vacations to their summer cottage in Ontario; and in retirement, with her husband to their condo in Naples, Florida. Following Bob's death in 2003, Sally moved to Laurel Lake, where she was very active in a variety of volunteer work and served as Chair of the Welcoming Committee for a number of years. She was also a devoted member of the First Congregational Church in Hudson. In addition to her daughters and son, Sally is survived by 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

**MARIE DRUMMOND** (12/1/2020) Marie was a native of Cleveland, where she met and married her first husband, Jack Ryan, and where they raised their three children. They also became guardian foster parents to Jack's two nieces and were a family of seven for several years. Following Jack's death in 1978, Marie continued her work at Fidelity Alarms Company while being mother to 5 children. In 1984, she married John Drummond, who had five children of his own, and Marie found herself

mother to a growing family once more. When the children were grown, she and John moved to Walden in Aurora and became avid golfers at Walden Country Club. She was also a passionate gardener, and their beautiful home became the gathering place for many family occasions. Marie and John moved to Laurel Lake in 2013 and became active members of St. Mary's Catholic Church. John passed away earlier last year.

WILLIAM "BILL" ELDRIDGE (5/3/2021) A native of Chicago, IL, Bill graduated from the Francis W. Parker School in Chicago and from Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, and began his professional career in 1953 with the Sherwin-Williams Company, with which he was associated for 40 years. He married Patricia Sawyier in 1960. He and Pat traveled extensively after his retirement, heading to the Middle East (especially Syria and Jordan), Egypt, Israel, multiple trips to Turkey, the Greek islands and mainland, Malta, China, Vietnam and Cambodia, and around North America. Giving back to his community was important to Bill. He served on the Hudson Planning Commission, on the board of his Unitarian-Universalist Church, and as Ministerial Settlement Representative for the UUA in Ohio and Pennsylvania. But the position he valued most was his presidency of the board of the Hudson Library and Historical Society. Aside from his family, perhaps the two things Bill loved most were Books and Baseball. When he moved to Cleveland, he wholeheartedly embraced the Indians. In his later years, he spent much of his day with a book in his hands. Bill is survived by his wife Pat, his children Tamesin and Bill, and four extraordinary grandchildren.

**VIRGINIA ELMS** (11/15/2020) Throughout her life, Ginny was a devout Christian, serving as Sunday school teacher and leader of bible studies at The Chapel in Akron, where she and husband Bill settled in 1962. She also taught English to International students through the church. A graduate of Millersville State Teachers College in Millersville, PA, Ginny loved being a teacher and was passionate about her work teaching grade school children at Chapel Hill Christian School, a position she called her "dream job" and held for 23 years. After retiring in 1989, she continued as a substitute teacher and spelling bee coordinator for another 12 years. In retirement, she and Bill traveled throughout the world, with Ginny serving as a teacher of bible translation on a mission trip to Papua New Guinea. She was an avid gardener and a member of the Presidential Park Gardeners for 52 years. In addition to her devoted husband Bill, Ginny is survived by their son and daughter and 2 beloved granddaughters.

Please join in the response: We remember and celebrate their lives.

SPECIAL MUSIC	"Ave Maria"	Sean Morris,
Text and Music : Franz Schubert		Jaclyn Kurtz,

# HONORING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

#### **READER:**

Michelle Beier, Laurel Lake Social Services

piano vocal **RICHARD FRY** (11/15/2020) Richard was a proud member of the U.S. Air Force and enjoyed a career with NASA for 30 years at the Glenn Research Center at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. Married to his wife Mary for nearly 50 years until her death in 2005, they were the devoted parents to 3 sons, 2 daughters, and a stepdaughter who preceded him in death. Richard was active in their Medina community and worked at Giant Eagle after retiring from NASA. He loved movies and, according to his family, had an encyclopedic memory for the names old films. He was 80 years old, the victim of the COVID pandemic and, in addition to his children, is survived by 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

**GWENDOLYN GARDNER** (2/20/2021) Gwen was born and raised as an only child in Cleveland and married her high school sweetheart, Bud, in 1946. Her life career as a homemaker was one of great fulfillment; and her 3 children were her proudest accomplishment. She worked outside her home for a period of time as a bank teller and also volunteered at St. Luke's Hospital and for her daughter's Girl Scout troop, where she offered her skills in flower arranging whenever needed. Gwen was also an avid gardener and created English Gardens, though her creativity wasn't limited to the outdoors. She loved baking, creating family picture albums, and making Christmas ornaments for her family.

**HELEN GRIMA** (3/8/2021) Helen was a 14-year resident of Laurel Lake and will be remembered for her brilliant smile and friendly demeanor. Born and raised in Warren, she was a graduate of St. Elizabeth's School of Nursing in Youngstown and met her husband, John, as a student nurse when he was a resident. After marrying in 1945, they settled in Warren, where Helen was an active community member, serving in St. Joseph's Medical Auxiliary, with Meals on Wheels for 30 years, and as a member of the Trumbull County Mental Health Board. She was a generous and optimistic person, and considered by family and friends to be a wonderful mother to her 5 children, homemaker, and partner in the community aspects of John's medical practice. Helen was 97.

**RICHARD HAAS** (1/26/2021) Dick was born in Buffalo, NY 100 years ago. He received a BS in chemistry from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and also completed pilot flight training while at MIT. From there, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and served as flight instructor during most of World War II. Following the war, Dick earned his Law degree from Harvard Law School, during which time he met and married his beloved, Betty. After practicing in New York City, He and Betty and their 3 children moved to Akron in 1960, where Dick worked as Agent Counsel, while continuing to serve as a flight instructor in the Air Force Reserves. Following retirement from Goodyear, he joined the faculty of the University of Akron School of Law. He also worked as pro bono counsel in the advancement of women's equality in country club settings and was an excellent golfer at his own Silver Lake Country Club. Predeceased by his loving wife, Dick is survived by 2 daughters, a son, 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

**NADINE HURSCHMAN** (11/21/2020) Nadine, a Cleveland native, attended Western Reserve University and worked for many years as a nursery school teacher. She then became an aide in the reading lab for a Hudson City Schools and eventually secretary to the Superintendent until her retirement. She and her husband of 45 years, Alfred, raised 3 children in Hudson. As a devoted mother and grandmother, she never missed a school performance or graduation. Always making herself available to others, Nadine was an active member of the Hudson's Women's Club, Garden Club, Land Conservancy, PTO, and Youth Development Center. At Laurel Lake, she was a very active member of the Green Team, and was responsible for developing and leading the Committee's Textile Recycling efforts.

**SANFORD JACOBS** (12/20/2020) Sandy will be remembered for his friendliness and genuine desire to be helpful. An Ohio native, he graduated from Miami University with a BS in Business after serving in the U.S. Navy. He then went on to Harvard Business School, where he earned a Masters Degree in Marketing, which led to a position as Marketing Manager with Standard Oil of Ohio. He held that job until he retired after 33 years and pursued a second career as a marketing instructor for Cleveland State for another 18 years. During this time, he served as a South Euclid Councilman for two terms. Married to the love of his life Nancy for 68 years, Sandy was the father of 3 daughters, grandfather to 5, and great grandfather to 2. Sandy's hobbies included photography, painting, and rose gardening, and a passionate love of model trains, for which he had a separate room in his apartment.

**ROBERT KEMPE** (11/30/2020) Bob was born in Minneapolis and grew up in nearby Redwing, which he referred to as a "magical place." He earned a Bachelors Degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Minnesota, then joined the U.S. Navy Reserves, where he earned the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade. He was stationed in the Pacific during World War II. Bob met his devoted wife Virginia while taking classes at Case Western Reserve University and they became parents of a daughter and son. He was Vice President of MetalPhoto Corporation in Cleveland and, eventually, became President and CEO. He also worked as President of ReuterStokes, Inc., and retired from that company in 1987. After retirement, Bob continued his interest in classical music, literature and art. His collection of vintage slide rules now resides at the University of Minnesota's Engineering Department. Bob was also an avid cyclist and loved riding the Cape Cod Bike Trail near Wellfleet, where he and Virginia had a vacation home.

**DELBERT KNOOIHUIZEN** (11/24/2020) Del was a native of Holland, Michigan and attended Hope College before earning a Masters Degree at Michigan State. At Hope, he met his beloved wife of 73 years, Mimi, who preceded him in death. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, then worked as a CPA with accounting firms in Detroit before moving on as an executive with Union Savings in Cleveland. He also worked as president of Delta Mortgage and with Orlean Company in Cleveland. Del was a longtime member of Church of the Savior and served in several administrative capacities for the church, including Chair of the Finance Committee and the Board of Trustees. In retirement, he and Mimi loved traveling throughout the world, and he was also an avid gardener, supplying fresh vegetables and his famous raspberries to family and friends. Del was 99. Please join in the response: We remember and celebrate their lives.

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "Going Home" Text and Music : Samuel Stennett (1787) Sean Morris, piano Jaclyn Kurtz, vocal

## HONORING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

**READER:** Stephanie Fellenstein, *LL Foundation Communications Assistant* 

**EDWARD MAILEY** (5/11/2021) Ed will be remembered by his devoted family and many friends for his sharp, outspoken wit and for his unfailing generosity. He was a proud member of the U.S. Navy, serving on a submarine destroyer during World War II. After the Navy, he began his career as a repo man in New Jersey and Eastern PA, and then worked his way to Wall Street. Following retirement, he and his beloved wife of 62 years, Ann, traveled extensively, though never very far from a golf course. Their home base - Amelia Island, Florida - was Ed's favorite place, and he remained there, taking care of Ann through a 15-year-long illness from ALS. After her death, Ed moved to Laurel Lake, where he pursued an interest in poetry and creative writing by becoming active in the Poetic Pursuits and Creative Writing groups. He is survived by his 3 sons, 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**DONALD MORRIS** (11/23/2020) Don was a native of Fulton, KY but left after high school to join the U.S. Navy during World War II. After the war, he earned his BS in Rubber Chemistry from the University of Akron and later worked at R.T. Vanderbilt in Connecticut as a chemist specializing in latex. He gained prestige as co-author of a handbook that was widely used throughout the rubber industry. Don was also a professional musician and played in numerous marching bands, jazz bands, and dance bands. Big Band music was at the top of his list of favorites. Don and his beloved wife Juanita were members of the United Methodist Church, where he organized a young men's Methodist Fellowship. In his retirement he enjoyed broadening his education by attending classes at Kent State as a senior guest student. In addition to Juanita, Don is survived by their blended family of 5 children, 7 grandchildren and 11 greatgrandchildren.

**MARION OLSON** (2/6/2021) Marion was a lover of nature and devoted to its preservation. Prior to coming to Laurel Lake, she was an active member for 30 years of the Western Reserve Land Conservancy and the Tinker's Creek Reservation, where there is a Preserve section named in her honor. At Laurel Lake, Marion was a dedicated member of the Green Team and almost single-handedly brought the recycling program, including textile recycling, to Greenwood, our Assisted Living facility. For many years, Marion worked as a middle school teacher for the Twinsburg School District and, in retirement, thoroughly enjoyed singing in the Sweet Adeline's, as a member of the Greater Cleveland Chorus. She was the beloved wife of the late Reverend Frederick Olson and is survived by their 4 children, 3 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

**ALAN PETERSON** (3/15/2021) Alan enjoyed a successful career as an engineer at General Tire and Rubber Company for 32 years. He credited that success to his education at Case Institute of Technology in 1954, to which he earned a full scholarship as a young wrestler in high school. He was Ohio State champion wrestler twice and earned a trip to Japan representing the US by the Amateur Athletic Union. Alan and his wife of 67 years, Audrey, raised 4 children in Talmadge and in Hudson and spent may happy vacations, camping trips and holidays together as a family. His approach to life was to give his best effort in all things and to that end, he worked hard and played hard, according to his loving family. Alan is survived by his wife, his 4 children, and numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren

**CHARLES "CHUCK" POLLIS** (1/12/2021) Chuck was born and raised in Pittsburgh, the child of Italian immigrants. He studied electrical engineering at Carnegie Tech, now Carnegie Mellon University, and it was during this time that he served with the U. S. Army and met the love of his life, Gloria. He also began his long career at Honeywell, Inc., in Pittsburgh. After moving to Cincinnati for Honeywell, Chuck eventually became Regional Sales Manager and he and Gloria raised their 3 children there. While still with Honeywell, Chuck and Gloria relocated to South Carolina, to then unknown Kiawah Island, and helped to establish it as a popular summer retreat community for thousands of vacationers. They lived there for nearly 40 years, until Gloria's death from Alzheimer's Disease, after which Chuck moved to Laurel Lake to be closer to family. But, for as long as he was able, he continued to fly south for the winters.

**SUZANNE POTTS** (5/21/2021) Born in Seaford, Delaware, Suzanne attended the University of Delaware. She graduated with a degree in elementary education and enjoyed a career of teaching 4th-6th graders. She married her husband Dick in 1951. Suzanne was Episcopalian, attended Christ Church in Hudson, and participated in the weekly women's Bible study. Suzanne was also a devoted League of Women Voters Member. She liked card games such as Rummy, Poker and bridge. Her hobbies were Knitting, reading mystery novels, and watching TV. Suzanne and Dick had 4 children: Richard, Mike, Bill and Macy. They had 3 grandchildren.

**JOHN PROMINSKI** (3/15/2021) A native of New Jersey, John earned a civil engineering degree at Rutgers University and was then accepted into the Naval Officer Candidate School in Rhode Island. After serving in the Navy, he worked as a sales engineer and later started his own business, Applied Building Concepts. He also served in the US Naval Reserve and the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. John was an active member of the Hudson Presbyterian Church. After marrying his wife Pat in 1962, they raised 2 daughters. John loved sports, especially golf. He enjoyed traveling with his wife to dozens of countries around the world. In 2012, John and Pat moved to Laurel Lake. John is survived by his 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren.

**PATRICIA PROMINSKI** (9/11/2020) Pat was born in Columbus. She attended Ohio University and Cleveland State University, earning a Bachelors Degree in Education, and took graduate courses at Kent State University, as well. She worked as a learning disabilities teacher in Brecksville-Broadview Heights School District and was an active member of the Hudson Presbyterian Church. She and her beloved husband, John, raised their family in Sagamore Hills. They loved to travel, which included visits to more than 20 countries and the Panama Canal. In 2012, Pat and John moved to Laurel Lake, where she enjoyed playing bridge and Mahjong and reading. In addition to her John and her 2 daughters, Pat is survived by 4 grandchildren.

**JANET ROSS** (4/26/2021) Janet was a graduate of Duke University in Education. After doing graduate work at Temple University, she taught at the Friends Schools and worked as a braille instructor at the Overbrook School for the Blind in Philadelphia. She married John Ross during this time and they eventually moved to Akron, where John worked in the Law Department of Goodyear and Janet became a board member of the Litchfield Rehab Center, which served children with cerebral palsy. She loved spending her summers in Stone Harbor, NJ with family and friends at their vacation home. Janet is preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, John, and by their son, William. She is survived by 2 sons and 2 grandchildren

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SPECIAL MUSIC	"Lord Make Me An Instrument"	Sean Morris, piano
	Tune: O Waly Waly (traditional)	Jaclyn Kurtz, vocal

### HONORING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

#### **READER:**

Susan Busko, Laurel Lake Program Manager

**DONNA SECHRIST** (3/4/2021) Donna was born in Cleveland and was a resident of Stow and Hudson for many years where she lived with her husband David. They both taught at Nordonia High School and enjoyed commuting to work together each day. Donna was a French Teacher who was devoted to her students. For those students who made it to 4th year French, she treated them to French food and special outings. From Brown Street Alliance Church to Riverside Alliance Church, Donna's commitment to her faith and her house of worship was a priority. She played organ for most worship services, was a devoted member of the Women's Missionary Prayer Fellowship, and held Vacation Bible School in her garage. The strength of her calling was in serving others.

**MAXINE SHIFFMAN** (11/04/2020) Maxine was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY, where she studied at the Fashion Institute of Technology and became a textile designer for Lowenstein & Sons in New York's fashion district. After relocating to central New York, she became a draftsperson with the New York Department of Transportation. She and her former spouse Sidney raised 3 children. As a young mother, Maxine was generous with her artistic talents: She painted murals on her children's bedroom walls; sewed puppets, and made award winning costumes. Her cooking and baking skills made her a mainstay at PTA fund raisers. Following her

retirement, Maxine moved to Painesville, Ohio to be near family, and there she met her beloved partner of 20 years, Frank Green, and a few years later they moved to Laurel Lake. Maxine's talents as a knitter and quilter were well known here, as she could always be found knitting hats for charity and quilting lap blankets for fellow residents who were sick.

**MARGARET "PEG" STALEY** (2/13/2021) Peg was an active Hudson resident, working in the Duncan Gallery and volunteering at Christ Episcopal Church. As a young woman, she earned a Liberal Arts degree from Penn State University and soon afterwards, met and married her beloved Bill. Peg and Bill belonged to the Country Club of Hudson, where she was also an active volunteer. She remained connected to her Alma Mater through THON, a Penn State student-run philanthropy committed to enhancing the lives of children and families impacted by childhood cancer. She was an avid golfer and bridge player and continued to play bridge after moving to Laurel Lake, as well as to socialize with friends at the Bistro's Happy Hour. Peg was predeceased by Bill and is survived by their 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren

**AGNES TERCEK** (11/13/2020) Aggie was born and raised in Buffalo, NY where she also attended college. She met her husband, Al, when he was a drummer in a local band and eventually she became the band's lead singer and traveled with them locally. She worked for her husband's company, Tercek Insurance, after they were married in what she called "a big Slovak wedding." Aggie and Al raised 6 children and she became an active volunteer, as well as a great cook of ethnic dishes which included Streusel and Patitza. Aggie also loved being outdoors, was an avid gardener, and enjoyed skiing in the winter. In addition to her children, she is survived by 12 grandchildren.

**JOAN VAN OSDOL** (3/23/2021) Joan was known throughout Hudson as an educational entrepreneur, having devoted much of her adult life to the development of innovative teaching methods and philosophy. She founded the Center Country Day School, a private nursery and kindergarten, where hundreds of children benefitted from her curriculum. Prior to her work in education, Joan acquired a degree in Social Work at the University of Michigan and was employed briefly as a welfare worker in Detroit. She met and married Peter there, and they eventually moved to Cleveland and had 2 children. After divorcing, Joan began her second career in teaching and became director of the Hudson Montessori School, followed by a position as Director of the Summit County Head Start program. She returned to school at Kent State, earning another Bachelor's degree and a Masters in Early Childhood Education. Joan loved the arts and would often take her young students at CCDS to Severance Hall or the Cleveland Art Museum

**PATRICIA WARNER** (12/6/2020) Pat was from North Royalton and worked for 35 years as an elementary school teacher for the Cleveland Public Schools. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Education from Kent State and her Master's from Cleveland State University. She also taught young children at Walton School, where

she met Bill. After they were married in 1984, she became step-mother to Bill's two teenage daughters. She and Bill enjoyed traveling locally, especially to the Metro Parks and to Sugar Creek in Amish Country. When they were at home, they served as cat-sitters for their neighbors wandering felines, who would visit while their owners worked. Her unexpected death was the result of the COVID pandemic.

**WILLIAM WARNER** (4/13/2021) Bill's death followed Pat's by four months. A devout Catholic, he entered the Seminary following high school in Cleveland but left after more than 4 years to study education. He received his Bachelors Degree from Kent State and Masters at Cleveland State and worked for 28 years at Walton School, in the Cleveland School District, where Pat also worked. A widower with two adolescent daughters, Bill married Pat in 1984. They loved cats, though they had none of their own and, instead, became the unofficial Day Care for the neighborhood felines. When they weren't doing that, they traveled to their favorite place: Sugar Creek in Amish Country. Preceded in death by his daughter, Ann Marie, Bill is survived by his other daughter and two granddaughters

**ELIZABETH WATT** (10/19/2020) Elizabeth was born and raised in Mississippi. Following her attendance at business school, she moved to Elyria, Ohio to be with her sister. There, she worked as secretary to the director of the Elyria YMCA and met her first husband, Ray Pavick, who worked in advertising. They moved to Twin Lakes. After Ray passed away, Elizabeth met and married Al Watt, who was the President of Watt Printing. They lived in the Cleveland Suburbs until they moved to Laurel Lake in 2003. Elizabeth lost her husband Al in 2004, but enjoyed the Laurel Lake community for many more years. Her hobbies included playing bridge and sewing. She enjoying being outside and sitting in the sun. Elizabeth leaves behind her daughter, Pat and Pat's husband, Thomas Miller, two grandsons, and numbers of nieces and nephews.

**JENNY WITHERS** (11/27/2020) Jenny grew up in Shaker Heights and had what she called a storybook childhood, highlighted by her beloved horse Ray Shine. She attended Wittenberg College in Springfield, majoring in English. There, she met her husband Carl, and they were married in 1950. Jenny was a talented home decorator and also sold real estate. She loved researching her family history and enjoyed antiquing, as well as collecting Currier & Ives lithographs. She titled herself "Domestic Engineer and Club Woman," and held various positions in many social and genealogical organizations. They included: the Daughters of American Revolution, Ohio Genealogical Society, Shaker Hts. Historical Society, Village Garden Club, and the Cleveland Botanical Garden. She is survived by husband Carl, her 3 children and two grandchildren.

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### **SCRIPTURE READING (Unison)**

led by Amy McCarthy, resident

#### Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His Name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** Rev. Bill Edwards, *LL Hospice Chaplain* 

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

led by Jennifer Williams Executive Director of LL Hospice

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.

<b>CLOSING HYMN:</b>	"How Can I Keep From Singing"	Sean Morris, <i>piano</i>
	Text and Music : Robert Lowry	Jaclyn Kurtz, <i>vocal</i>

 My life flows on in endless song Above Earth's lamentation

 I hear the real though far off hymn That hails a new creation.

> Chorus: No storm can shake my in-most calm, While to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, How can I keep from singing.

2. Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing;
It sounds and echoes in my soul;
How can I keep from singing? chorus

### BENEDICTION

Rev. Jon Dodson, Chaplain

#### POSTLUDE

by J.S. Bach "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

# Thank you for joining us in this service of celebration and remembrance.

#### The Mission Department of Laurel Lake Retirement Community Extends Deep Gratitude for the Care, Compassion, and Leadership of LAUREL LAKE HOSPICE

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Laurel Lake Hospice helps adults and their families live as fully as possible during an advanced illness. The team of clinical professionals, trained caregivers and volunteers deliver care anywhere at Laurel Lake Retirement Community - in apartments or villas, Greenwood assisted living, or Crown Center skilled nursing. Together, our team works with patients and their caregivers to provide expert care, counseling, education, and a holistic care plan that includes pain management, symptom control, and bereavement support.



#### The Mission Department of Laurel Lake Retirement Community Extends Deep Gratitude for:

# The musical talent of Sean Morris

Sean Morris is a collaborative pianist and Catholic liturgy musician, providing professional piano accompaniment for churches, schools, and soloists in northeast Ohio. He earned a master of music (M.Mus.) degree from Kent State University, and was awarded the 2010 division achievement award in piano pedagogy from his undergrad alma mater, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He is a winner of the Clara Rolland Piano Competition.

# and the musical talent of Jaclyn Kurtz

Jaclyn Kurtz is a Hudson native. She currently lives in Cuyahoga Falls, where she teaches private voice, piano, and music theory lessons. She also sings and cantors at St. Mary, Hudson.



