

A photograph of a forest scene. In the foreground, a wooden bench with a black metal frame sits on a path covered in fallen brown leaves. The path leads towards a river that flows through the forest. The trees are dense, with some showing autumn foliage. The sun is shining from the upper left, creating a bright glow and lens flare. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

He leads me beside
Still Waters

Carolyn's Sacred Space overlooking
Little North Fork River at Camp Cascade

SERVICE OF COMFORT AND HOPE

July 27, 2024

In Loving Memory of

Carolyn Louise Barendse

July 23, 1938 – July 1, 2024

A Christian memorial service is a worship celebration. Although there is sadness because we no longer have our loved one with us, we meet here to celebrate the joy of victory for Carolyn Louise Barendse and for ourselves as we believe that Jesus Christ has died for us and was raised back to life. We worship together.

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VICTORY CELEBRATION

Do you not know that all who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were, therefore, buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we, too, may live a new life. If we have been united with Him in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection. (*Romans 6:3–5*)

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HYMN OF COMFORT

“Amazing Grace”

Amazing grace—how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see!

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
His grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

INVOCATION

P We gather here today to receive and to share with each other the comfort and strength of our Lord.

C **In His Word is both life and hope which is ours through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P In You, O Lord, do we trust. Be with us this day as we need and seek Your guidance and direction in grief and sorrow.

C **In You, O Lord, do we trust. And so, we make our beginning in the name of the Father Who created us, the Son Who redeemed both body and soul, and the Holy Spirit Who made this earthly body the temple of our Lord. Amen.**

P O God of grace and glory, we remember before You today, Carolyn, our sister in Christ. We thank You for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion here on earth. In Your unlimited compassion, console us who mourn. Enable us, Lord, to be able to see in death the gate to eternal life and that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by Your call, we are reunited with Carolyn and those who have gone before us; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God the Father Who loved us, and by His grace gave us eternal life, strengthen you in every good deed and word. (2 *Thessalonians 2:16–17*)

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 23 (ESV)

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 paths of righteousness for His name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will 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 forever.

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 4:6-7 (ESV)

⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

HYMN OF HOPE

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! This I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong,
they are weak, but He is strong.

Chorus

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! See His grace!
On the cross He took my place.
There He suffered and He died,
That I might be glorified. **(chorus)**

Jesus loves me! God's own Son
Over sin the vict'ry won.
When I die, saved by His grace,
I shall see Him face to face. **(chorus)**

GOSPEL PROMISE

John 14:1- 6 (ESV)

¹ “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. ² In My Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

MESSAGE

“A GRACIOUS HEART”

John 14:1- 6

Pr Jim Sprengle

PRAYER

P O God, our Father in Heaven:

C **Have Mercy.**

P O God the Son, Redeemer of the world:

C **Have Mercy.**

P O God the Holy Spirit, our Counselor:

C **Grant us Your peace.**

P O, how glorious is that Kingdom wherein all the saints rejoice with Christ.

C **They are clothed with white robes and follow the Lamb wherever He goes.**

P Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
C **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

P Loving and merciful God, if it were not for the promise of the resurrection and life eternal, we could not endure the sorrow which has come upon this gathering. Only the assurance of Your continual presence enables us to carry on during these times.

Lord, do not let these loved ones mourn as those who have no hope. Comfort them day after day with the precious promise of Your Word. Give them grace to come to You and to find rest for their souls.

Merciful God, You have appointed us to endure trouble and sorrow with our Lord Jesus Christ before we enter with Him into glory. Enable us to be strong in faith to the end and to find peace and joy in the blessed hope of the resurrection of the dead and of the glory of the world to come. We pray through Jesus. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C **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.**

“Nearer My God To Thee”

Raelyn Olsen – Harp

THE COMMENDATION

P Into Your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend Your servant, Carolyn Louise Barendse. We humbly ask, Lord, that You acknowledge her as a sheep of Your fold, a lamb of Your flock, and a sinner whom You have redeemed. Receive her into Your merciful arms, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in Heaven.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

(Elderly Simeon spoke the following words when Baby Jesus was presented to him in the temple.)

Sovereign Lord, as You have promised, You now dismiss Your servant in peace.

For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to Your people Israel. *Luke 2:29-32*

May God enable you to see Jesus as your salvation. In the name of the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

“How Great Thou Art”

O Lord, my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow’r thru’out the universe displayed.

(Refrain)

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

And when I think That God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. **(refrain)**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!" **(refrain)**

*Please join the family for a time of fellowship and refreshment
in our Community Room following the service.*

**We know Carolyn loved all plants and flowers,
but in lieu of, please consider a donation in her honor to:
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Officiant: **Rev. Jim Sprengle**
Musicians: **Brad Hall and Raelyn Olson**

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CHRISTIAN OBITUARY

Carolyn Louise Barendse

July 23, 1938 – July 1, 2024



Carolyn Louise Barendse died peacefully on July 1, 2024, surrounded by beloved family and friends, including her husband and love of her life, Ron.

Carolyn was born to Gustav and Louise Moeller on July 23, 1938, in Forest Grove Oregon. She was baptized on August 24, 1938, and confirmed on April 27, 1952.

Carolyn met her husband Ron in 1956 at the Tip Top

in her hometown of Forest Grove, Oregon. Ron and Carolyn were married April 6, 1957, at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church where her family were active members. Carolyn expressed her incredible musical talent as church organist, pianist, and choir member. She was baptized and confirmed in Lutheran theology; lived a life of profound faith and was dedicated to true Christian values.

Carolyn was also a fun, adventurous soul who took on many passions. As Ron journeyed around the state of Oregon: Joseph, Hubbard, Rockaway, Redmond and Gresham for his profession, she immersed herself in local groups and causes, easily making lifelong friends.

She was a gifted seamstress, often sewing entire wardrobes for her children, Ronda, Daniel, Jena and Lisa. She was always their biggest fan and, through the years, their chef, chauffer,

employer and therapist. They especially loved to make her laugh, as did her beloved sons-in-law, Jose' and Joseph. She could be a little opinionated and her one liners were famously on point.

After Ron retired from education she embarked on a new chapter in the Elkhorn Valley at Camp Cascade. Among the soaring trees, sacred stones and river, Carolyn emerged as a talented chef and entrepreneur. She was famous for her phenomenal cinnamon rolls. Her kitchen at Northfork Lodge was filled with a light cloud of flour, laughter, and spirited conversation. Her kitchen crews adored and loved her as did so many of her guests and truly, anyone who came to know her. She had a beautiful smile; an incredible and distinct laugh and her eyes were always kind and compassionate.

At Camp Cascade, Carolyn was a pioneer of Oregon's Elderhostel, now called Road Scholar. She hosted curious seniors with classes on creative writing, watercolor and oil painting, golf, calligraphy, and genetics. Participants raved about the food, the hospitality and the magic Carolyn created for them. After a week at Elderhostel, they left with a little bit of Carolyn's spirit and zest for life not to mention a few extra pounds from her cinnamon rolls.

During her years at camp, Carolyn developed a gift for investing. She was a huge fan of CNBC, diligently studied Janus stock tips and even recently purchased shares of Dutch Brothers because she loved their lattes. She promoted the importance of financial security, and you'd find Money Magazine displayed alongside Good Housekeeping or Redbook on the coffee table.

After Camp Cascade and returning to Gresham, Carolyn enjoyed her new freedom as a retiree. She continued her pursuit of the arts, embraced being a supportive mom, grandparent, world travelers and culinary enthusiast. She rekindled her passion for gardening, turning the backyard of her

Gresham home into a park-like setting. On her wood bench in an area she deemed 'Sacred Space', she'd reflect on her life while enjoying her pink roses, blue hydrangea and scarlet sweet William. She traveled to Mexico, Alaska, The Holy Land, the Mid-West and one of her favorites, the Tulip Festival in Washington.

She loved hitting the road with Ron in their Aljo travel trailer, visiting the Oregon Coast, Sunriver and California. She was hostess extraordinaire even in the confines of her tiny Aljo kitchen, presenting full Thanksgiving meals on a picnic table at Thousand Trails in Palm Springs. Often family and friends would join them on their travels but hosting her grandchildren gave her the most happiness.

Family was her North Star, and she was an enthusiastic cheerleader no matter the pursuit. She supported her children's and grandchildren's every athletic and artistic ambition. Her desk was lovingly cluttered with detailed directions to auditoriums, fields, parks, theatres, and gymnasiums, and her home is filled with photos and mementos. Every holiday and birthday were a grand excuse for a cake and to celebrate. She treasured nothing more than family gatherings.

Even at the end of her life, Carolyn was filled with a joyful spirit. She smiled and waved, winked and grinned. Her eyes twinkled especially when there was a grandchild or great-grandchild sighting.

In addition to her family, friends, and Savior, she loved (not necessarily in this order) hazelnut lattes, A&W Root Beer, salted caramel ice cream (really, any ice cream), Cheetos and the color green. She was an avid Trailblazer fan, loved her pink flowering trees and listened to Engelbert Humperdinck from her 20s to her 80s.

Her favorite restaurant was La Carreta, owned by her son-in-law Jose' and daughter Lisa. She loved their chili rellenos and often gifted Jose and his staff homemade baked goods. She

relished and loved playing the role of 'Mom' to so many – even her email address, cinnamonroll911 revealed her chosen purpose.

She was a huge fan of *Dancing with the Stars*, *The Price is Right*, *Golden Girls*, *I Love Lucy* and *Full House*. She'd often sang and danced to *Grease* and *Mama Mia*. One of our favorite memories was watching her sashay down her hallway, kicking up her feet before saying good night and I love you.

She developed a mutual love for her caregivers Liz, Denisse, Millie and Esperanza who became as close to her as family. She was also lovingly cared for by her granddaughter Amanda. We are forever grateful to her daughter Lisa who provided and directed an incredible team of care. Thanks to Lisa and help from family and friends, Mom truly lived out her final days just as she wished – in comfort and in her beautiful home.

She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Ron; her loving children, Ronda Whaley (Joseph), Dan Barendse, Jena Garrick and Lisa Estrada (Jose'). Beloved grandchildren Nathaniel (Jessica), Amanda, Nicholas, Benjamin (Donna), Jordan (Sarah), Jaron, Jessa, Andres (Margaret) and Sophia. And sweet great-grandchildren, Anna, Ryan, Tessa, Brennon, Emilia, Alivia, Calan, Ella, Declan, Jonathan, Louie, Mia and Clay, dear sisters and brother, Roxanne, Gerald and Jeannette and her adored sisters-in-law, Velma, Nancy and Nella.