

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sue Kinsman



May 12, 1941 to November 5, 2022

January 7, 2023 at 11:00 am

Elim Lutheran Church
Petaluma, California

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome and Prayer - Pastor Kathryn Gulbranson

Opening Song

"On Eagles' Wings" ELW 787

Psalm 23

Reader: Donna Kinsman

Reader: ¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

All: ²**He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;**

Reader: ³he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

All: 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.**

Reader: ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

All: 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.**

Gospel

John 14:1-6

Reader: Pastor Kathryn Gulbranson

¹Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Homily - Pastor Kathryn Gulbranson

Song

"Borning Cry" ELW 732

Eulogy - Bobby Headman

Prayers

Leader: God of Mercy **All: Hear our prayer**

The Lord's Prayer

**All: 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**

Blessing and Sending

Closing Song

"How Great thou Art" ELW 856

Acknowledgements

Presided by:

The Rev. Kathryn Gulbranson

Musicians

Lauren Haile

Elim Choir

Readers

Donna Kinsman, Bobby Headman

Please join us for refreshments and reminiscing
after the service at the Elks Lodge 901 in Petaluma
2105 S. McDowell Blvd

Sue Kinsman



Susan Mary Hurtig Kinsman was born in St. Louis Missouri in 1941, to Gunnar and Dorothy Hurtig. Sue had an older brother, also named Gunnar. They lived in the St. Louis suburbs until 7th grade, then moved to Buffalo, New York. In her early years, Sue went to the Midland Presbyterian Church, where she loved going to Vacation Bible School every year. Sue had been to many different churches throughout her life, and the Lutheran Church was her favorite. Sue graduated from high school in Buffalo, New York, and went on to Elmira College for pre-nursing. She got her Nursing credential from Cornell Medical Center and a master's degree in Health Care Management from Golden Gate University.

Sue was a nurse from the beginning. She worked her way through the many different areas of nursing and then into management. She worked with the Red Cross as Director of Health Education and did Home Care at Seton Medical Center in Daly City.

After Sue had finished nursing school, she came out to California to help her brother relocate from Los Angeles to San Francisco.

She met the love of her life, Robert Kinsman in a bar one evening after getting insurance for her new car. They saw each other, and that was it. It was love at first sight. They were married six months later in October 1968. They always felt they were soul mates, and their song was the "Unicorn Song." They lived in Burlingame and San Carlos until they moved to Half Moon Bay in 1969 and lived there until 2007. They had a son, Erik, who is married, and Sue has two beautiful grandchildren, Aidan and Bridget.

Throughout her life, Sue had been active in church and in the community. Sue also had a love of animals and volunteered at the San Francisco Zoo and Wildlife Rescue. She was one of the army of love at North Bay Animal Services, where she was a cat cuddler.

Sue was also very talented and crafty. She was a member of Elim's Crafters Guild and knits, embroiders and needlepoints, creating beautiful items. Sue has always loved to sing and play the piano. She used to accompany the congregation at their church in Half Moon Bay. Sue was a part of the leadership for the Elks Lodge in Petaluma, where they were working to make the facility enticing to teens, help veterans and disabled children. Bob and Sue moved to Petaluma in 2007. They walked into Elim that first morning and were made to feel so welcome that they stayed. Sue has always loved the family church feeling at Elim.

At Elim, Sue was very active as well. Besides the Crafters, Sue served as an assistant minister, acolyte, and communion server. She had served as the secretary of the Leadership Team and helped in the office by entering baptisms, weddings, and funerals in the Church Ledger. Sue shared her voice and musical talent with the Elim Chancel Choir and Festival Choir.