

The Little Things

Don't ever outgrow the little things
The world just gives away ...
The free fresh air and sunshine
And the games the robins play

Don't ever outgrow the magic
Of a puddle in the rain
The splash one little pebble makes
The joy rainbows contain

Don't ever outgrow big shady trees
With shadows twice their size
And the wonder of a perfect moon
That captivates your eye

Don't ever outgrow the tender heart
That loves the things it sees
And cling to all that's beautiful
In treasured memories.

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To the Glory of God and in Celebration of the Lives of Valerie & Donald Watt



Anglican Parish of Salt Spring Island

Valerie Anne Watt
August 27, 1928 - November 22, 2019
Donald Lynn Watt
March 24, 1927 - Dec 11, 2019



Wedding Day: June 1st, 1950

Blessing

Postlude

The Family welcomes you to a reception in the church hall immediately following the service.



Image by Geneva Douglas Watt

Hymn 401: Immortal, Invisible

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious,
thy great Name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting,
thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains
high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains
of goodness and love.**

**To all life thou givest –
to both great and small;
In all life thou livest,
the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish
as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish –
but nought changeth thee.**

**Great Father of Glory,
pure Father of Light,
Thine Angels adore thee,
all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render:
O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.**

Valerie, born on Salt Spring Island to Dorothy and Percival (Jack) James, enjoyed her early years in the Cowichan Valley on the family farm with her sisters Mary and Audrey. Her teen years were spent in West Vancouver and then Kelowna. Here she met her husband.

Donald, born in Kelowna to Winnifred and William Watt, spent his childhood with his brother Michael and friends and family about Lake Okanagan. Many local adventures developed wonderful lifelong friendships.

Donald and Valerie were married on June 1, 1950. They started a family in Kelowna, later moving to Vancouver and finally to Victoria to raise their children and to continue their careers. They greatly enjoyed their years of boating and time with family and friends. Eventually, they moved back to Salt Spring Island to enjoy the retirement years.

Valerie had boundless energy and an amazing zest for life. She could often be found in the garden tending to her beautiful creations. Valerie was completely devoted to her family and took great pleasure seeing how her family grew with grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was very involved in her community on Salt Spring Island and was active in the St. Marks' Anglican Church Guild for many years.

Donald was passionate and dedicated to so many aspects of his life. He loved his family which was particularly evident in his retirement years. After years of travel and dedication to work, he was involved with Power Squadron, the radio club, and the Salt Spring Historical Society, and he greatly enjoyed his hobbies: photography, computers, miniature trains, and gardening.

The two of them had a wonderful bond and cared deeply for each other and their family.

Valerie and Don are pre-deceased by their son Douglas, Valerie's sister Mary and Donald's brother Michael, brother-in-law Bill, sister-in-law Gay, and son-in-law Tom. They are survived by children Chris (Kerry), Barbara, and Robert (Liz), grandchildren Shaun (Lindsay), Breanne (Mike), Michael (Mimi), Katherine, Emerson, Vienna and Geneva, and 11 great grandchildren.

**A SERVICE OF MEMORIAL
and
THANKSGIVING
for the lives of**

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**Saturday, December 14, 2019, 3 p.m.
All Saints by-the-Sea**



**Officiant: The Reverend Gyllian Davies
Organist: David Storm**

**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 them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen.**

**O Saviour of the world,
who by thy Cross and precious
Blood hast redeemed us;
Save us and help us,
we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.**

**Graciously look upon our afflictions, O Lord;
Pitifully behold the sorrows of our hearts.**

**Make thy servants to be numbered
with thy saints;
In glory everlasting.**

Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Psalm 139

The Responses and Prayers

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE FUNERAL LITURGY

(Book of Common Prayer)

Prelude

Procession

Welcome and Sentences from Scripture

Hymn 721: All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings –
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset, and the morning
That brightens up the sky.

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden –
He made them every one.

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

Eulogy

Reading: Lamentations 3:20-26, 31-33

Hymn 426: I feel the winds of God today

I feel the winds of GOD to-day;
To-day my sail I lift,
Though heavy oft with drenching spray,
And torn with many a rift;
If hope but light the water's crest,
And CHRIST my bark will use,
I'll seek the seas at his behest.
And brave another cruise.

It is the wind of God that dries
My vain regretful tears,
Until with braver thoughts shall rise
The purer, brighter years;
If cast on shores of selfish ease
Or pleasure I should be,
LORD, let me feel thy freshening breeze,
And I'll put back to sea.

If ever I forget thy love
And how that love was shown,
Lift high the blood-red flag above:
It bears thy Name alone.
Great Pilot of my onward way,
Thou wilt not let me drift;
I feel the winds of GOD to-day,
To-day my sail I lift.

Psalm 23: The Lord is my Shepherd

**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
for ever.**

Hymn 470: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.**