

ST Catherines
CHURCH



**A SERVICE TO CELEBRATE
IAN NIGEL HENDERSON**

SEPTEMBER 9, 1930 – MAY 20, 2020

AND

PATRICIA LOUISE HENDERSON

MAY 19, 1941 – DECEMBER 24, 2020

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

Pat and Nigel Henderson

Officiant: Rev. Sharon Smith

*We invite you into stillness as you reflect and remember
Pat and Nigel's life. You are invited to light candles*

Please stand as you are able.

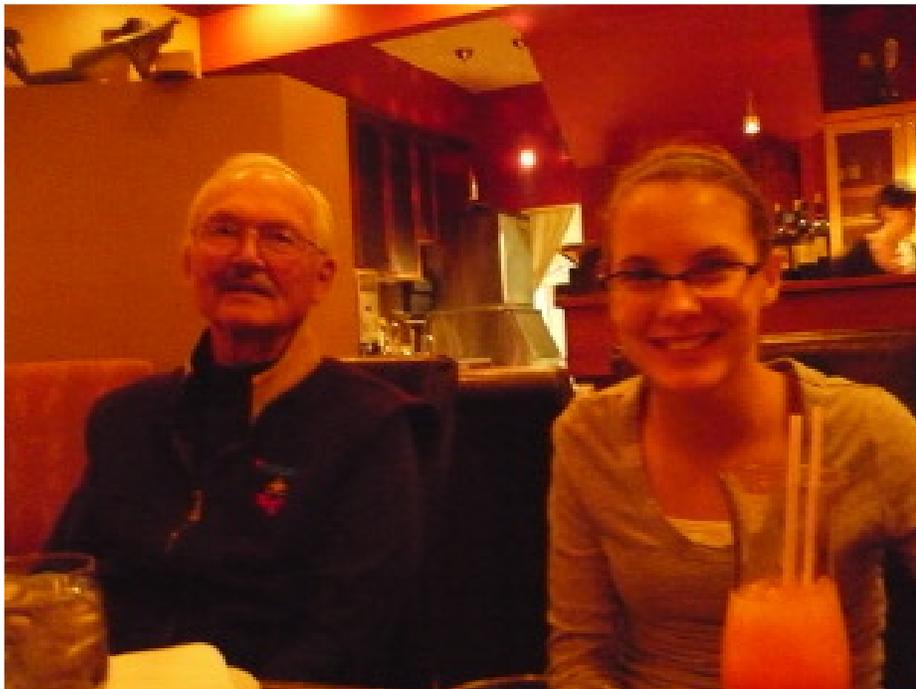
Priest: I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,
even though he die.
And everyone who has life,
and is committed to me in faith,
shall not die for ever. *John 11.25–26*

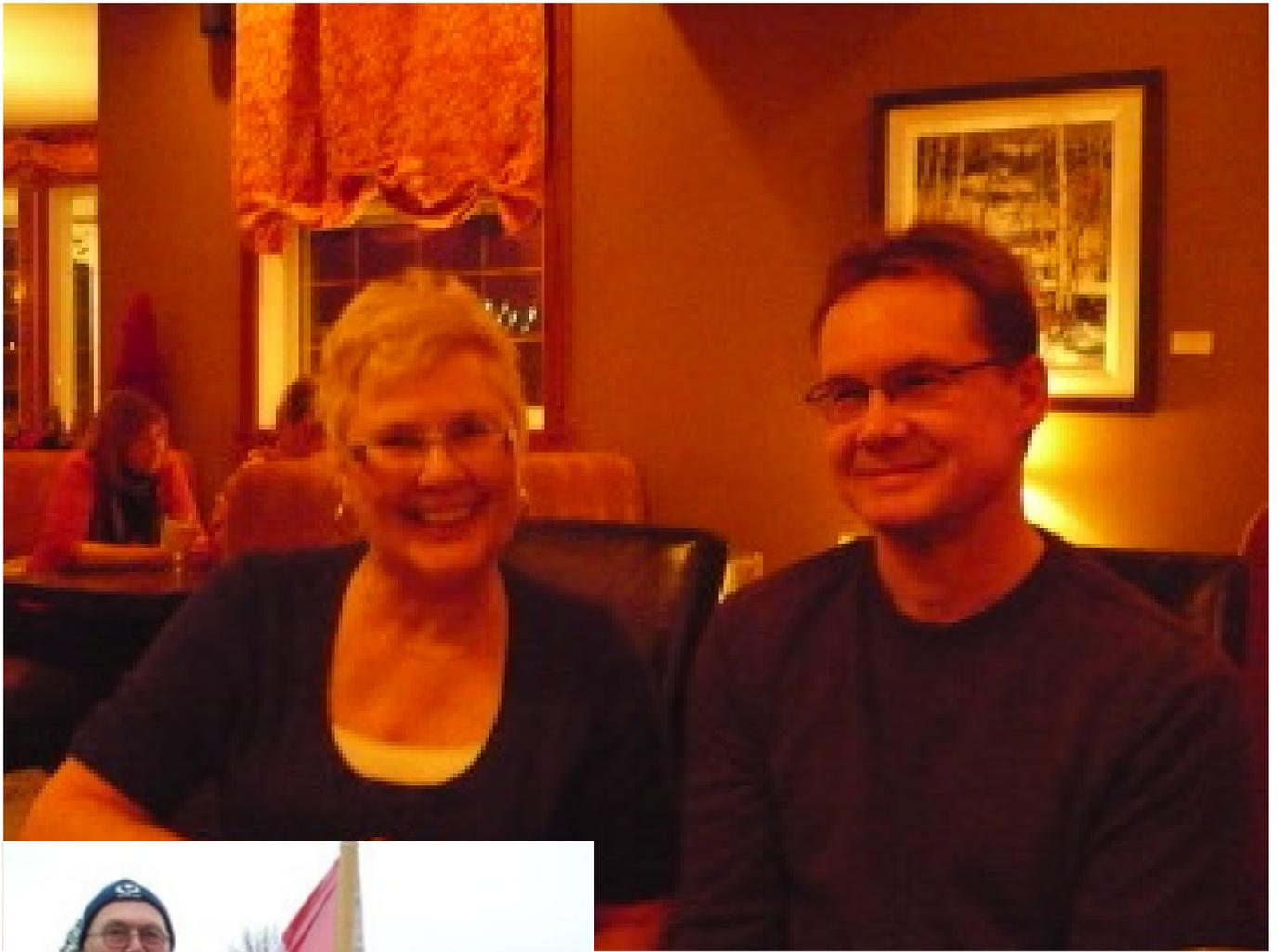
Let not your hearts be troubled;
believe in God, believe also in me.
In my Father's house are many rooms;
if it were not so, would I have told you
that I go to prepare a place for you?
And when I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again and will take you to myself,
that where I am you may be also. *John 14.1–3*

I am sure that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
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. *Romans 8.38–39*

Words of Welcome and Intention – Rev. Sharon









Prayer

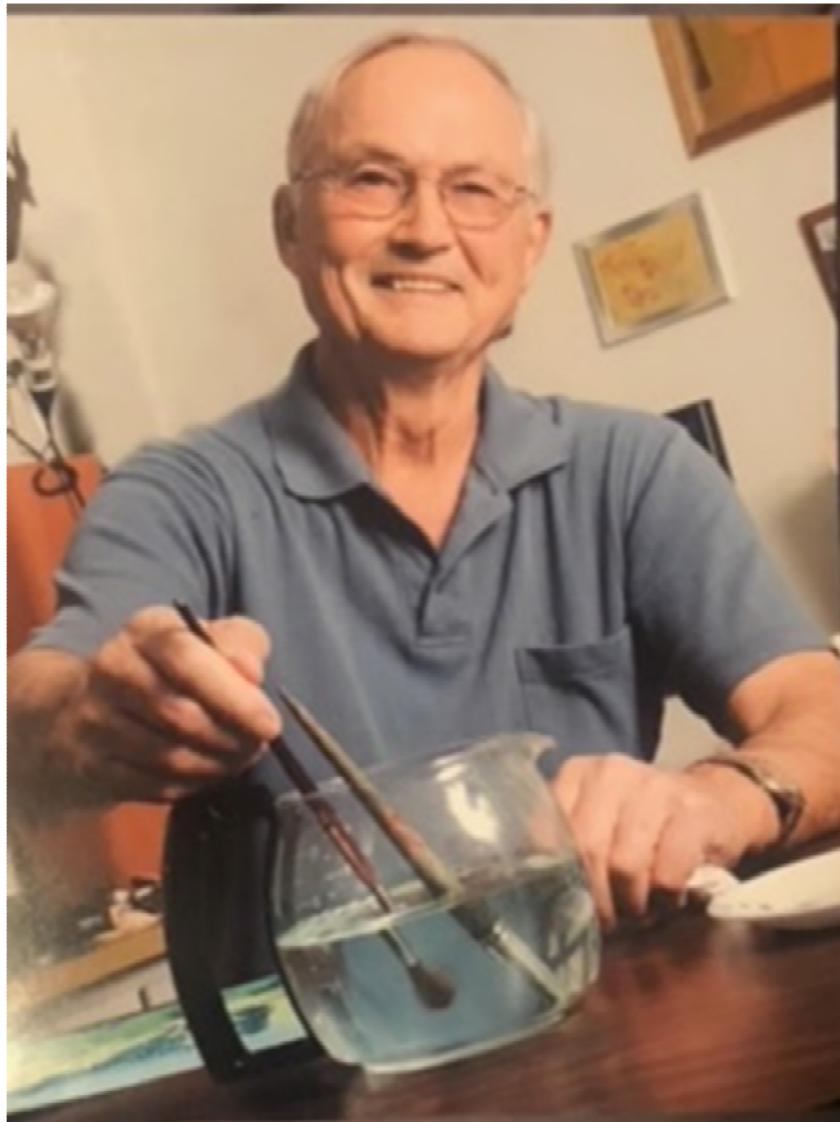
Presider:

Giver of life,
you know and care for all people,
whoever we are and whatever our thoughts
of you.

Speak your word to us,
and come among us with love
to give life to all,
today and for ever.

All:

Amen.



First Reading: Psalm 23 (Reader: Colleen James)

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.



Second Reading: On Death, by Kahlil Gibran
(Reader: Lynn Spence)

Then Almitra spoke, saying, We would ask now of Death.
And he said:

You would know the secret of death.

But how shall you find it unless you seek it in the heart
of life?

The owl whose night-bound eyes are blind unto the day
cannot unveil the mystery of light.

If you would indeed behold the spirit of death, open
your heart wide unto the body of life.

For life and death are one, even as the river and the sea
are one.

In the depth of your hopes and desires lies your silent
knowledge of the beyond;

And like seeds dreaming beneath the snow your heart
dreams of spring.

Trust the dreams, for in them is hidden the gate to
eternity.

Your fear of death is but the trembling of the shepherd
when he stands before the king whose hand is to be laid
upon him in honour.

Is the shepherd not joyful beneath his trembling, that he
shall wear the mark of the king?

Yet is he not more mindful of his trembling?

For what is it to die but to stand naked in the
wind and to melt into the sun?

And what is it to cease breathing, but to free the
breath from its restless tides, that it may rise
and expand and seek God unencumbered?

Only when you drink from the river of silence
shall you indeed sing.

And when you have reached the mountain top,
then you shall begin to climb.

And when the earth shall claim your limbs, then
shall you truly dance.









Remembering Pat & Nigel: Family

Following the family eulogy, guests are invited to share a brief memory about Pat and Nigel.

In the interest of time, please keep your reflections to about 2 minutes.

Music video piano: Schubert Sonata Op 120 Andante
Linda Falls

Reflections: Rev. Sharon Smith

Prayer

Priest: God of grace and glory, we thank you for Pat and Nigel, who were so near and dear to us, and who have now been taken from us.

We thank you for the friendship they gave and for the strength and peace they brought.

We thank you for the love they offered and received while they were with us on earth.

We pray that nothing good in their lives will be lost, but will be of benefit to the world; that all that was important to them will be respected by those who follow; and that everything in which there were great will continue to mean much to us now that they are dead.

Priest: We ask you that they may go on living in their family and their friends; in their hearts and minds, in their courage and their consciences.

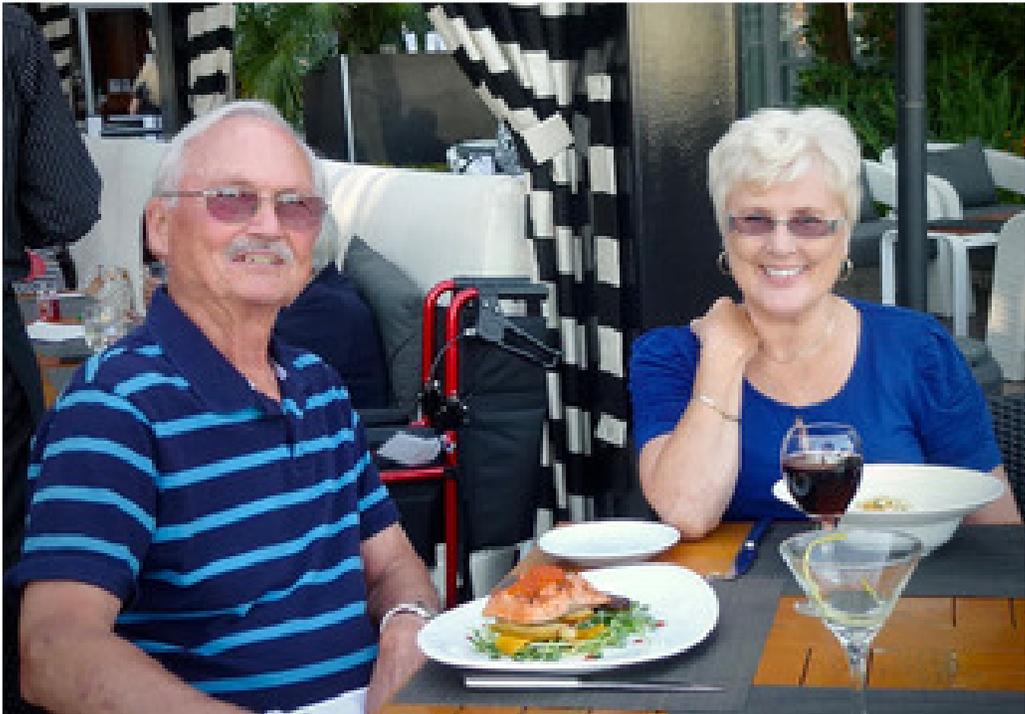
We ask you that we who were close to them may now, because of their death, be even closer to each other, and that we may, in peace and friendship here on earth, always be deeply conscious of your promise to be faithful to us in death.

We pray for ourselves, who are severely tested by their death, that we do not try to minimize this loss, or seek refuge from it in words alone, and also that we do not brood over it so that it overwhelms us and isolates us from others.

May God grant us courage and confidence in the new life of Christ. We ask this in the name of the risen Lord.

All: Amen.





The Lord's Prayer

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, let us
pray,

**All: 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 for ever.

Amen.**

Music video cello: Saint Saens, The Swan
Danielle Markle

Announcements – Rev. Sharon



Blessing

Priest: Life is Short

And we do not have much time
to gladden the hearts of those
who travel the way with us.

So be swift to love, make haste
to be kind and the Blessing of
God Creator, Redeemer and
Sustainer of our lives,

Be with you

All: Amen.

Participants:

Presider: Rev. Sharon Smith

Readers: Colleen James and Lynn Spence

Musicians: Linda Falls, (Pianist- video)

Danielle Markle (cellist)

Eulogy: Family

Livestream: Mermi