

Weidenbach (nee Hanson), Charleen Helen died peacefully at age 95 on March 1, 2022, in Edina, Minnesota with her daughter Jan by her side. Born in 1926, Charleen grew up on Silver Lake Farm near Hawley, Minnesota, graduated from Concordia College, Moorhead, and in 1952 married Donald Weidenbach. They were married for almost 70 years and made a wonderful, loving pair.

Charleen and Don loved traveling. Over the decades, they, along with the family, made over 50 trips out to Montana to gather on the Boulder River with her college roommates and their families and friends. Along the way, they would always stop to visit relatives and friends. She and Don took four trips to Europe, including one in 1970 for six weeks with all five kids! On this trip, they were delighted to visit Charleen's relatives near Bergen, Norway, the birthplace of her grandfather. As lifelong learners, Don and Char eagerly participated in Elderhostel programs in both the U.S. and abroad. They also loved spending time at their cabin at beautiful Bay Lake with family and friends. After years of raising children, Charleen worked for 15 years at Augsburg College in the Admissions Department, where she coordinated the Adult Scholars and Elderhostel Programs and assisted transfer students. She loved being a part of the vibrant Augsburg community and found her work there interesting and meaningful. Charleen was a longtime, active member of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Bloomington, where she and Don coordinated the congregation's participation in the Loaves and Fishes program to feed the hungry. She was a generous supporter of a wide range of worthy causes, and she always had a large stack of membership cards to museums and other cultural institutions around the Twin Cities. Charleen enjoyed knitting and was always creating caps to donate to newborns and cancer patients. Warm, intelligent, well read, and with a wonderful dry sense of humor, Charleen would quietly dispense words of wisdom. She cherished her family and made all of us feel special and loved. In her last years she faced difficult health challenges with amazing courage and grace. We will miss her dearly and always keep her in our hearts.

Charleen was preceded in death by her parents, Simon and Alma Hanson; her son Carl, who died at age 10; and her sisters Chris Liggett and Esther Johnson and their husbands.

She is survived by her husband, Don Weidenbach, their children Jan Marshall (Tom), Grant, Lisa McGowan (Patrick), and Gretchen (Marc Farley), along with six grandchildren: Heidi (Jeff), Kriste (John), Laura, Bret, Carter, and Shelby and three great-grandchildren: Luke, Siri, and Erik.



## Charleen Weidenbach

September 2, 1926 - March 1, 2022

*Your life was our blessing, and you shall never be forgotten*

# In Celebration of the Life of

## **CHARLEEN WEIDENBACH**

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Saturday, March 12, 2022

### PRELUDE

*This Is My Father's World*

### GATHERING

P: Welcome in the name of Jesus ...

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus...we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

**C: Amen.**

### HYMN

***Great Is Thy Faithfulness***

**ELW 733**

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 23

Romans 5:31-35, 37-39

### HYMN

***It is Well with My Soul***

**ELW 785**

### FAMILY REMEMBRANCES

Marc Farley, son-in-law

Heidi Thompson, granddaughter

Carolyn Carlson, friend

### GOSPEL READING

John 14:1-6, 25-27

### SERMON

### APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was**

**buried; he descended to the dead.\* On the third day he rose**

**again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of**

**the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### PRAYERS

P: God of mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

### PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

P: Into your hands ... the glorious company of the saints in light.

**C: Amen.**

### HYMN

***Beautiful Savior***

**ELW 838**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SENDING

P: Let us go forth in peace,

**C: In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### POSTLUDE

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

#### *Participating Today*

Presiding

Pastor Trevor Skorburg

Preacher

Rev. Roger Domyahn

Organist

Bjorn Gustafson

The family requests memorials be made to Christikon Lutheran Camp, 1108 24th St. West, Billings, MT 59102 or charity of your choice.