



Celebrating
THE *Life* OF

Judith Elizabeth Jutzi

October 12, 1949 – March 5, 2022

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Sunday, March 13, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
Erb Street Mennonite Church, Waterloo



“Tis not the destination; it is the journey.”

Prelude		Mike and Diana Erb
Processional	<i>Precious Lord</i>	Mike and Diana Erb
Musical Reflection	<i>Ave Maria</i> (Schubert)	Alison Jutzi (niece)
Words of Welcome		Rev. Myrna Miller Dyck
Hymn	<i>Down to the River to Pray</i>	Congregation
Scripture	The Beatitudes	Jane Snyder
Prayer	Peace Prayer of St. Francis	Jane Snyder
Poem	<i>Lines from Tintern Abbey,</i> (Wordsworth)	Krista Steinman
Musical Reflection	<i>Wildflowers</i> (Trio)	Mike and Diana Erb
Tributes		Renee Sauder Anita Cressman Jessica and Seth Sandra Schiedel (printed)

Musical Reflection *She Loves Me Like a Rock,* Mike and Diana Erb
(Simon)

Meditation Luke 10:38-42 Rev. Myrna Miller Dyck

Hymn *My Life Flows On,* VT 605 Congregation

Prayer of Thanksgiving Rev. Myrna Miller Dyck

Musical Reflection *Going Home* (Dvorak) Alison Jutzi

Commendation and Benediction

Recessional *Soon and Very Soon,* VT 669 Congregation

Officiant: Rev. Myrna Miller Dyck
Pianist for Congregational Singing: Karen Bileski
Song Leader: Elaine Ranney
Pianist for Soloist: Carolyn Snider



*All songs and readings for today's service were
taken from Judith's Favourites lists.*



Judith's family thanks you for your attendance here today to honour her life. Out of caution related to Covid there is no reception to follow. Family only will meet at Jessica and Steve's home following the service.

Judith's Favourite Fiction

Chaim Potok	Davita's Harp
Margaret Laurence	Stone Angel
Leo Tolstoy	Anna Karenina
Fyodor Dostoyevsky	Brothers Karamazov
Miriam Toews	A Complicated Kindness
John Irving	A Prayer for Owen Meany
Margaret Atwood	The Handmaid's Tale
Virginia Woolf	A Room of One's Own
Rohinton Mistry	A Fine Balance
Ian McEwan	Atonement

Favorite Songs

Hymns of the 49 th Parallel	k.d. lang
Pearl	Janis Joplin
The Divine Miss M	Bette Midler
Make You Feel My Love	Adele
Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow	Amy Winehouse
Save the Last Dance for Me	Emmylou Harris
I'll Always Love You	Dolly Parton / Trio
Coal Miner's Daughter	Loretta Lynn
Angel from Montgomery	Bonnie Raitt
A Living Prayer	Alison Krauss
Surfacing	Sarah McLachlan
Wildflowers	Trio
Love Me Like a Rock	Paul Simon

Favourite Movies

Moonstruck	Cher
Postcards From the Edge	Meryl Streep
Mamma Mia	Meryl Streep
Pretty Woman	Julia Roberts
You've Got Mail	Tom Hanks / Meg Ryan
Moulin Rouge	Nicole Kidman
Shawshank Redemption	Tim Robbins
Julia	Jane Fonda / Vanessa Redgrave
The Deer Hunter	Meryl Streep
Erin Brockovich	Julia Roberts
Thelma and Louise	Susan Sarandon

Favourite Concerts

Roy Orbison	Kitchener Auditorium
Supremes & Diana Ross, 1969	Kitchener Auditorium
Loretta Lynn	With Mom, Hamilton
Adele	With Steve and Jess, Toronto
Bette Midler	Toronto
Ani DiFranco	Waterloo
k.d. lang	Centre in the Square
Everly Brothers	Kitchener Auditorium
Jefferson Airplane	Toronto
Alison Kraus / Robert Plant	Molson Amphitheatre, Toronto
Melissa Etheridge	
Eric Clapton / Bonnie Raitt	Toronto
Bonnie Raitt	Centre in the Square
Dixie Chicks	London
Coldplay	Toronto
Gary Puckett and The Union Gap	Waterloo
Sarah McLachlan	Kitchener
Bruce Cockburn	Kitchener
Madonna	Toronto

Down to the River to Pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way

O sisters, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
O sisters, let's go down
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the robe and
crown
Good Lord, show me the way

O brothers, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
Come on, brothers, let's go down
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way

O fathers, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
O fathers, let's go down
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good Lord, show me the way

O mothers, let's go down
Come on down,
Don't you wanna go down?
Come on, mothers, let's go down
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way

O sinners, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
O sinners, let's go down
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good Lord, show me the way



Dear Judith;

What does it mean to have a lifelong friend? I've thought about this in the past months as I have reflected on my lifelong friendship with you Judith. I believe it is a gift and one that can so easily be taken for granted, because the friend is always "just there" and always has been.

Through childhood, memories include playing at each other's houses, picking raspberries in our garden, picking peas in your garden, Sunday afternoon bike rides that went well beyond the boundaries set out by our parents, cottaging

at Chesley Lake, skating after school until dark on our school rink and the many childhood antics that accompany elementary school years. Interestingly, our personalities were not really that similar. Maybe that's why we just "connected". Also, you didn't have a sister, and though I had two, one was over three years older and one was over four years younger.

Although I have been reflecting on our many experiences through the years, remembering periods of time when we had little interaction, to other periods, when our lives, both personally and with family were closely connected, I guess what I'm really thinking about is why we stayed connected, rather than retelling our history.

In some ways, our lifelong connection is puzzling, because we are different in many ways. We were certainly never two peas in a pod, though your mother referred to us as "you doneys", whatever that meant. Though you are over a year younger than me, it always seemed that you could do everything better, and that was something I felt all of my life. I don't recall ever feeling jealous, just admiring the many strengths you demonstrated. You were always true to what you believed at the moment and were never afraid to share your beliefs with anyone. That is what has gained you so much respect by so many people, not just me, a lifelong friend. Your feminism, political activism, theological beliefs.... never hidden from anyone. I have always admired your courage and steadfastness or just plain stubbornness on some issues.

What I have been fortunate to experience is that no matter what topic, issue or situation arises, we can always talk candidly; be it church-related, other friends, family members, whatever. A deep trust and unwritten bond exists, which is probably what I most treasure. These past few years as your health has been challenging it seemed even more important to connect with you on a regular basis. This of course was through regular phone calls, though we did manage to get together when Covid permitted. As always, we could just pick up from where we had left off! That is not something to take for granted but something to be valued and I do! I can't imagine not having you in my life. There would be a great void which could not be replaced.

I am deeply saddened to think of you suffering in your present state and pray for the best kind of healing for you! Deep down I feel that you have a strong will to live with whatever quality of life that may be. Your love of family is so great that you still have much to offer them. I pray for comfort, healing and peace for you. Know how much I value our friendship and look forward to seeing you again!

In love and friendship,

Sandra Schiedel

January, 2022

