

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection

In Loving and Grateful Memory of

Patricia Ruth Wilson

July 6, 1934 – May 29, 2023

June 5, 2023

Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

Bloomington, Minnesota

Welcome to Oak Grove Church.

Please remember to turn your cell phone off.

Gathering Music “My Sweet Lord” Ian Wilson
 “I’ll Fly Away” & Brian Harris

Prelude “Amazing Grace” Judy Cooper

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to God’s Holy Name,

All: **To declare our steadfast love in the morning and our faithfulness by night, to sing God’s praise to the music of the organ and harp.**

One: For it is God who has made us, and it is God who lifts us up,

All: **when our strength and power are no longer with us, and our spirits are worn down, then we lift our voice again to sing of God’s steadfast love.**

One Lift up your spirits, and raise your voices in praise,

All: **for we come to celebrate life and God’s good gifts, to remember those who journeyed with us, and the loving God who keeps us and walks with us. Let us worship God.**

Solo

“In the Garden”

Dick Nichols

***Unison Prayer**

**O Lord our God,
We come before your gracious presence to mourn
our loss, to receive comfort from your word and
from one another, to contemplate our own mortality,
to turn our hearts toward you.**

**Impress upon us in this hour that this world is not
the end that satisfies our spirits, but a place of
pilgrimage in which you have set us.**

**And so, amid the changes and fragility of this life,
grant that our hearts may be fixed where true joys
are found. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

Scripture

**Ecclesiastes 3:1–4
John 14:1–3**

**Jack Harris
& Alistair Wilson**

***Hymn**

“How Great Thou Art”

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Homily

Family Remembrances

**Ruth Harris &
Grandchildren**

Special Music

“I Can Only Imagine”

by Mercy Me

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 debts, as we forgive
our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and
the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

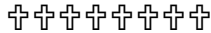
Solo "Precious Lord Take My Hand" Dick Nichols

***Commendation & Benediction**

Postlude "Will the Circle be Unbroken" Ian Wilson
(*please join in on chorus*) & Brian Harris

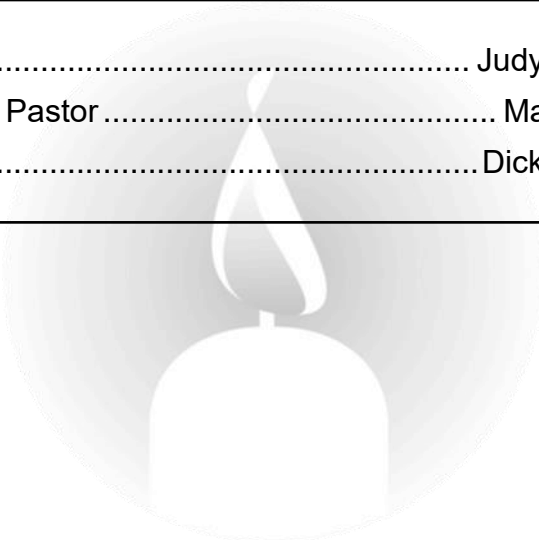
**Will the circle be unbroken
By and by, lord, by and by
There's a better home a-waiting
In the sky, lord, in the sky**

** Please rise in body or in spirit.*



*Following the service, you are invited to join
the family and friends in Gideon Pond Hall for lunch
featuring Pat's favorite food and music, and continuing
conversation around the table.*

Pianist.....	Judy Cooper
Presiding Pastor	Mary Koon
Soloist.....	Dick Nichols



Patricia (Pat) Wilson Obituary

Our beloved mother Patricia "Pat" Ruth Wilson, 88, of Bloomington, Minnesota, passed away on May 29, 2023. She was born to



parents Jack Francis Murden and Ruth Margaret Murden, on July 6, 1934 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She lived a life full of faith, family, food, love and adventure all the way to the end.

Pat graduated from Central High School in 1952 and attended the University of Minnesota. She worked as an Administrative Professional with the highest security clearances for the U.S. Government in Washington, DC, Tokyo, Japan and Minneapolis in the 1950–60s. She was awarded the "Federal Civilian Employee of the Year" honor in 1965 among many other superior performance recognitions.

Pat met Alex Wilson in 1961. They were married on October 17, 1964 in Minneapolis, Minn. Together they raised four children: Sarah Cederstrom, Blair Wilson, Alistair Wilson, Ruth Harris. She and Alex ran an antique and interior design business for many years. She spent the last three decades of her career working at Shephard of the Lake and Oak Grove Presbyterian churches as Office Manager.

She 'retired' three times, and finally hung up her work boots in 2017 at 83 years old.

Patricia is survived by her children Sarah, Blair (Carol), Alistair (Jody), Ruth (Brian). Grandchildren Alexander, Stephanie, Mairi, Ashley, Andrew, Ian, Colin, Tori, Lindsey, Jack, Chloe and Evie. She was preceded in death by parents Jack and Ruth Murden, sister Barb Nelson, husband Alex Wilson and idol Elvis Presley.

We would like to give special thanks to the staff and residents at Presbyterian Homes in Bloomington for providing such amazing care, companionship and community to her over the past two years.

Services will be on Monday, June 5 at Oak Grove Presbyterian Church in Bloomington, Minn. The visitation will start at 10 am and ceremony at 11 am, with a reception featuring White Castles and Pat's favorite music following.

Memorials can be made to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society or National Audubon Society.

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