



A CHRISTIAN MEMORIAL VICTORY SERVICE

December 2nd, 2022

In Loving Memory of

Mildred Elaine (Lilly) Hocker

Born: September 28th, 1925

Baptized into Christ: 1939

Confirmed in Christ: December 23rd, 1943

Departed to be with Christ: October 21st, 2022

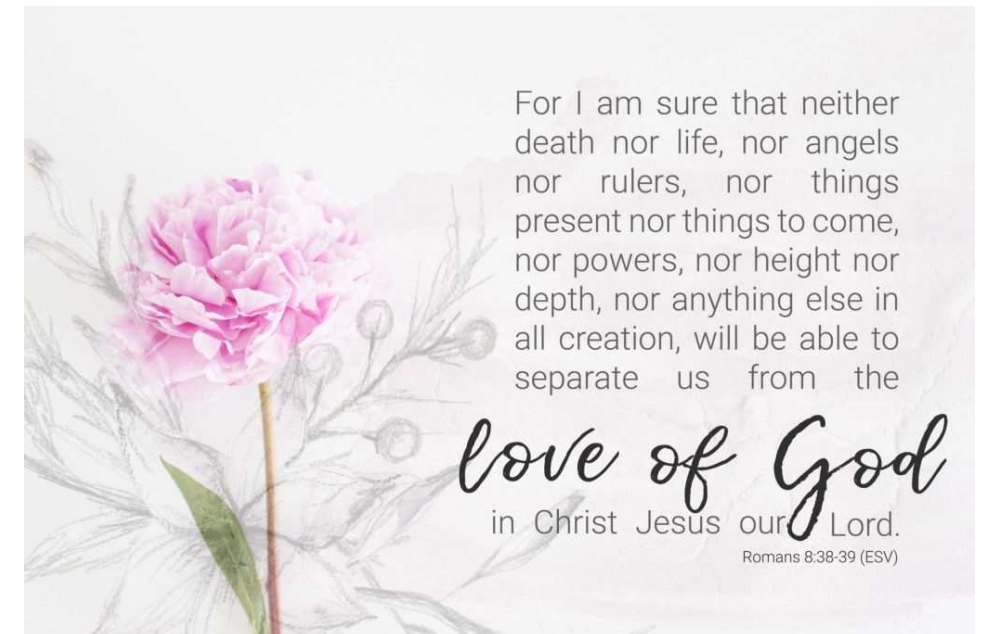
Buried in Christ: October 31st, 2022

Madronia Cemetery - Saratoga, CA

Officiant: Pastor Luke Bernthal

St. Stephen Lutheran Church-West and East Bay,

Mountain View & Hayward, CA



We Welcome Our Visitors who are with us today.

We hope that you are uplifted by the Gospel at our worship service.

We invite you to join us every Sunday. Please sign our guestbook in the entry.

THE INVOCATION & OPENING PRAYER

PASTOR: We begin this victory service in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

We have come together to seek God's comfort in our sorrow, but also to rejoice in the promise of the resurrection. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who said, *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."*

Let us pray:

Dear Lord Jesus,

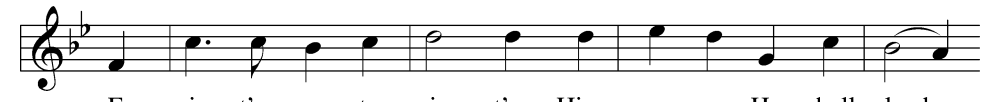
As we gather together today in loving memory of our dear sister, Elaine, we also remember You, dear Savior. Because of You there is joy in our sorrow; because of You there is hope in our grief, and because of You there is the promise of life everlasting even in death. Give us your comfort and peace today as we remember the blessed life you gave Elaine, and fill us with your peace all the days of our lives, until we meet her again on the Last Day. In Your saving name we pray. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

From **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NKJV)**

- [P]** But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.
- [G]** **For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.**

- [P]** For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my He shall lead
Let all His faith - ful serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;
Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.
The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.
Let cour - age rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.
Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.
And with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone is invited to a reception following our memorial service in the fellowship hall. Food will be provided as well as a time for friends and family to share memories of Elaine.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

C 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.

BENEDICTION

P Receive now with peace-filled hearts the blessing of our Lord:

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn: “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” *(please stand for this hymn)*

1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross.
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;
3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; Stand in His strength a - lone.
4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The strife will not be long;

Lift high His roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.
Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this His glo - rious day.
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.

alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.

- C** For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.
- P** Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.
- C** Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Opening Hymn: “Amazing Grace” *LSB 744*

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
5 When we’ve been there ten thou - sand years, Bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
shin - ing as the sun, We’ve no less days to

now am found, Was blind but now I see!
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
then pre - vail In heav - en’s joy and peace.
sing God’s praise Than when we’d first be - gun.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS:

For our Scripture reading we read God's definitions of love and faith. It was God's love in Christ for Mame-maw and the faith that He created in her heart that gives us true comfort, true hope, and true joy today, even in the midst of our sorrow.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (ESV)

⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never ends.

Hebrews 11:1 (EHV)

Faith is being sure about what we hope for, being convinced about things we do not see.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

☞ I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

Born of the Virgin Mary;

Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried;

He descended into hell;

the third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven

And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;

The Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints;

The forgiveness of sins;

The resurrection of the body;

And the life everlasting. Amen

THE SERMON

Romans 12:12 (NKJV)

“Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer.”

**Theme: In Times of Tribulation and Loss—
Rejoice, Persevere, and Pray!**

OBITUARY



Mildred Elaine Hocker fell asleep in Christ on 10/21/22 at 97 years old (9/28/1925). She was born to James/'Jake' Lilly and Myrtle Mae (née Bryant) and raised from humble beginnings on farms in rural Texas. She was baptized at 14 years old in 1939, and confirmed in Christ at 17 in 1943.

During WWII, she served as a nurse's aide. She married Richard Monroe Hocker in 1945 and they moved from Texas to Burbank, CA in 1946. In 1947, she completed coursework at a finishing school for modeling. She and her husband both worked at Lockheed Martin in Burbank.

In 1955, they were transferred to the Bay Area and lived in Cupertino while they built their home in Saratoga, CA. Mildred had a long career at Lockheed in administration. In 1976 she received teaching credentials to train future leaders at Lockheed.

When her son was young, the family enjoyed traveling across the country, backpacking, and motorcycling. In her civic life, she was involved in Toastmasters (speech and debate organization) and the local women's Republican group. She was active in local politics, especially in advocating for traditional values. She volunteered her time entertaining disadvantaged children as a clown. Her hobbies included gardening, sewing, decorating, reading, research, and writing.

She was preceded in death by Emmitt & Marion/'Shorty' (brothers) and Richard Hocker (son). She is survived by Iris Conner (sister), Beth Hocker (daughter-in-law), Suzanna Blank (granddaughter), and Rachel and Elizabeth Blank (great-grandchildren).

Throughout her life, Mildred was devoted to the study of Scripture and had an active prayer life. Her life and actions could be summarized by this prayer of hers, "My deepest prayer, O Lord, is to know you and serve you all the days of my life."

PRAYER