

In Loving Memory
Bobette Serences Stewart

February 21, 1945—December 7, 2009



St. Anne's Anglican Church
Celebrated at
St. Michael's Episcopal Church
December 30, 2009

A Celebration of the Life of

Bobette Serences Stewart

Bobette was born in Denver, Colorado on February 21, 1945. She loved music even as a child and in her early teens, she was a church organist. She graduated from UCSB with a degree in Music. She married her college sweetheart, Randy Stewart, also a graduate of ECSB in Music. They enjoyed 44 years of married life. Randy always said their marriage worked because he was the “nuts and bolts” and Bobette was the “sunshine.”

Bobette used her musical talents in many ways: as a member of the La Jolla Symphony Chorus, as director of several choirs, Holy Cross, Good Shepherd and occasionally with St. Anne's. She was also the organist/accompanist at Holy Cross and was admired for her optimism, cheerfulness, work ethics, and her smile.

Bobette and Randy had two children, Lia Stewart Keane and Gregory Randolph Stewart. They have five granddaughters. She spent much quality time with Ellie, Chloe and Abby, Lia and Tim Keane's children, and traveled to be with son, Greg and his wife Wendy and their two children, Madeleine and Gigi. She took great delight in watching them grow, perform, dance, and most of all laugh. Bobette's sister, Gail Clark-Savage, has wonderful memories of singing together in choir as children and helping and loving each other as adults.

Bobette and Randy did a great deal of traveling in other countries, often with the La Jolla Symphony Chorus. Some of the countries they visited are France, Italy, Germany, Bhutan, China and Canada.

Bobette fought a debilitating mystery illness for several years, and with her weakened immune system, she could not fight off streptococcal pneumonia. Randy, their family and friends will sorely miss her but they take comfort in knowing that she is in a better place and she will always be with them in spirit.

Preludes

St. Anne's Choir lovingly remembers Bobette as a gentle teacher; one who encouraged us to either engage in or just get out and appreciate the great music being presented in our own North County; as a keyboard player who could take on a complicated harp accompaniment or a complete rehearsal without batting an eye; and as a conductor who would capably, easily and smilingly step up to the podium whenever needed. Her appreciation of the good and the beautiful remain an inspiration to us! The songs we sing today are songs we shared with her in all these ways.

Cantique de Jean Racine

Faure/Rutter

Bringing in the Sheaves

Coates

Abide With Me

arr. by IJames

(Sung by the St. Anne's Choir, Deacon Ed Stubbs, Director)

The Call from *Five Mystical Songs* by Ralph Vaughn Williams

Fr. Michael Kaehr, Baritone Soloist

April Snyder, Piano

Opening Sentences

Book of Common Prayer (BCP 491)

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 has committed himself to me in faith,
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.

After my awaking, he will raise me up;
and in my body I shall see God.

I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself,
and none becomes his own master when he dies.

For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,
and if we die, we die in the Lord.

So, then, whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on are those who die in the Lord!

So it is, says the Spirit,

For they rest from their labors

of God... Who is to condemn? Is it Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For 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.

The Psalm

Psalm 23
(Verses 1-4)

Hymnal #345

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

The Gospel Reading

John 14:1-7

Jesus said, "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. And you know the way where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also; henceforth you know him and have seen him."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord

People *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

Psalm 23
(Verses 5-6)

Hymnal #345

The Homilies

The Rev. Neal Moquin
The Rev. Joseph R. Rees

Rembrances

Special Music

May Sunshine Light Your Way
Max Chodos, Tenor
April Snyder, Piano

Albrecht & Althous

Celebrant In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

Celebrant and People

The Apostles Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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

The Prayers of the People

For our sister Bobette, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life." Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Bobette, and dry the tears of those who weep.

Hear us, Lord.

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

Hear us, Lord.

You raised the dead to life; give to our sister Bobette eternal life.

Hear us, Lord.

You promised paradise to the thief who repented;
bring our sister to the joys of heaven.

Hear us, Lord.

Our sister was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit;
give *her* fellowship with all your saints.

Hear us, Lord.

She was nourished with your Body and Blood;
grant *her* a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

Hear us, Lord.

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our sister
let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Celebrant Father of all, we pray to you for Bobette, and for all those whom we love
but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon
them. May *her* soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of
God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

The Peace

The Offertory

Ave Maria by Rachmaninov (arr. by John Cramer)
The La Jolla Symphony Chorus,
David Chase, Conductor

The Holy Eucharist

Celebrant *The Lord be with you.*

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose
victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For
to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body
lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the
company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized believers in Christ are invited to receive communion

Communion Music

Here, O My Lord (all)

I See, I Hear, I Know

Sing Me to Heaven

(The St. Anne's Choir)

Hymnal # 204

Courtney

Gawthrop

Pange Lingua

Ubi Caritas

The Schola Pacifica, Max Chodos, Conductor

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death,

neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Special Music

God Thoughts

Jameson Marvin

La Jolla Symphony Chorus, Dr. David Chase, Conductor

The Commendation

Celebrant Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

People *Where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

Celebrant You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

People *Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

Celebrant Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Bobette. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive *her* into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. *Amen.*

Special Music

Almighty Father from Mass

Leonard Bernstein

La Jolla Symphony Chorus, Dr. David Chase, Conductor

Recessional Sentences

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia*

Organ Postlude

Wedding March # 3

Ernst Bloch

April Snyder, Organ

