A Celebration of Life

Karen Halseth August 15, 1942 – June 6, 2009

June 20, 2009 Oceanside Museum of Art

Order of Service

Welcome

Tom Voris

"Frost"

Danced by Kailyn Halseth, Kaelynn Clark, Renee Chavez, Gabi Esquivel, Ashton Gammarano, Kaylin McCauley, Jaci Pharris. Choreographed by Danielle Dupre.

Readings

Amy Halseth, Rebecca Voris

Through the Storm Chorus

Take My Hand, Precious Lord Calling my Children Home

Reading

Kailyn Halseth

Sharing of Memories

All

La Jolla Symphony and Chorus

How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place (Brahms German Requiem, 1865)

How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place (Joseph A. Erwin, with Homage to Brahms, 2004)

"We Remember"

David Kendall

Benediction

Through the Storm Chorus

O Mary Don't You Weep



Karen L. Halseth

August 15, 1942 ~ June 6, 2009





Karen L. Halseth

Born August 15, 1942 in Minneapolis, MN.

- 1947 Sister Judy was born.
- 1948 Moved to Braham, MN with family.
- 1964 Graduates from Concordia College with a Music major and History minor.
- 1964~'66 Taught music in Madison, MN.
- 1965 Visited a cousin in California and attended Fresno State for a graduate level music program. Met Robert Halseth.
- 1967 Married Robert Halseth.
- 1967~'68 Moved to Oceanside for Robert's and Karen's teaching jobs.
- 1968 Bought first house in Encinitas, CA.
- 1969 First daughter born, Amy Elizabeth.
- 1973 Bought house on Valencia in Oceanside.
- 1973 Second daughter born, Rebecca Lyn.
- 1980 Took job as music teacher at Bonsall Elementary School.
- 1981 Divorced.
- 1986 Started teaching music in the Oceanside Unified School District.
- 1992 Spring Break in Egypt, which is the first of many traveling excursions with her dear friend, Peggy.
- 1995 First grandchild, Kaily is born. Karen is now "Nana." "I'm too young to be called grandma."
- 1997~2000 Travels to Egypt, Spain, Switzerland, Italy, Moscow, China and Peru.
- 2001 Daughter, Becca marries Tom Voris.
- 2002 First grandson, Christian is born.
- 2003 Retires from the Oceanside Unified School District.
- 2003~'08 Trips to New York, New Orleans, Yellowstone, Alaska, Hawaii and Las Vegas...to name a few.
- 2004 Second granddaughter, Kyah is born.
- 2008 Daughter, Amy marries David Kendall.
- 2009 Her last trip was to Sedona and the Grand Canyon in April of this year.
- June 6, 2009 marks the end of a strong, adventurous, independent, well-traveled, and loving woman's life.

We Remember

(Read Responsively)

At the rising of the sun and at its going down, [All] We remember them.

At the blowing of the wind and the chill of the winter, *We remember them.*

At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring, *We remember them.*

At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn, *We remember them.*

At the beginning of the year and when it ends, *We remember them.*

As long as we live, they too will live, For they are now part of us, as *We remember them*.

When lost and sick at heart, We remember them.

When we have joy we crave to share,

We remember them.

When we have decisions that are difficult to make, We remember them.

When we have achievements that are based on theirs, *We remember them.*

As long as we live, they too will live, For they are now part of us, as

We remember them.

Always in our Hearts



"What we do for ourselves passes with us.
What we do for others and the world
remains and is immortal."

-Albert Pine