



Jan Woitas

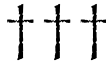
October 10, 1944 – November 11, 2023

The Funeral Service of

Jan Woitas

November 16, 2023; 11:00 AM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN



Processional

Invocation

Opening Prayer: *Psalm 130*

Hymn: *On Eagles' Wings*

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge, My rock in whom I trust!"
And He will raise you up on eagles' wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand.
2. Snares of the fowler will never capture you, And famine will bring you no fear;
Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield.
And He will raise you up on eagles' wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand.
3. For to His angels He's given a command To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.
And He will raise you up on eagles' wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9 On this mountain the LORD of Armies will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of aged wines, with the best cuts of meat, and with the finest wines. On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that covers all peoples, the burial cloth stretched over all nations. He has swallowed up death forever! The LORD God will wipe away the tears from every face. He will take away the shame of his people throughout the earth. For the LORD has spoken. On that day it will be said, "Look, here is our God! We waited for him, and he saved us! This is the LORD! We waited for him. Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!"

Epistle Reading

2 Timothy 4:7-8 I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on, there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness. The Lord, the righteous Judge, will give it to me on that day, and not only to me but also to everyone who loved his appearing.

Hymn 385 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

John 14:1-7 "Do not let your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to be with me, so that you may also be where I am. You know where I am going, and you know the way." "Lord, we don't know where you are going," Thomas replied, "so 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, except through me. If you know me, you would also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Hymn 319 *Just as I Am*

Sermon Text

John 3:16-17 “For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”

Sermon

The Reading of the Obituary

Psalm 23 *(read in unison)*

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul:
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Prayer

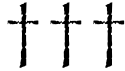
Lord's Prayer

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 forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn 561, vv. 1, 2, 7, 8 *Abide With Me; Fast Falls the Eventide*

Benediction

Postlude



Officiant: Pastor Luke Ulrich

Organist: John Baumann

Pallbearers: Andy Smith, Dave Mueller (sons-in-law);
Joseph Mueller, Braeden Smith, Tyler Smith (grandsons)

The Woitas family extends its thanks to all who have come to be with them today. All guests are invited to return to the Social Hall for a lunch immediately following the interment.

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Jan Woitas, age 79, of Mankato, died on Saturday, November 11, 2023 at Mayo Clinic Health System, Mankato. The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Mankato. Visitation will be held from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Interment will be at Calvary Cemetery, Mankato. Mankato Mortuary is assisting the family with arrangements.

Jan, the daughter of Leonard and Gladys (Harmeyer) Ballman, was born on October 10, 1944 in St. Peter. She graduated from Le Center High School in 1962. On September 10, 1966 Jan was united in marriage to Laurence H. Woitas at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Le Center. Jan was previously employed at National Poly and the Chamber of Commerce, both of Mankato, but she spent most of her life as a homemaker. She loved spending time with her daughters, grandchildren, friends, and family. She also enjoyed bowling, going to the casino, playing cards, going to her grandchildren's activities, and watching Minnesota sports. Later in life, she had poor vision but her memory was still as sharp as a tack.

She is survived by her husband, Laurence H. "Larry" Woitas; daughters, Amy (Dave) Mueller and Nikki (Andy) Smith; and grandchildren, Abbey, Joseph and Cassie Mueller and Braeden and Tyler Smith. She was preceded in death by her parents; step-mother, Magdalene Ballman; sister, Judy Ballman; and parents-in-law, Watzef and Regina Woitas.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Mt. Olive Lutheran School, Mankato.

