

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Suzanne Louise Freeman

1947 - 2011





Suzanne Louise Freeman of Westlake Village, California, died suddenly on August 11, 2011 while riding her motorcycle on the Pacific Coast Highway near San Simeon, California. She was with her husband and friends at the time of her death.

She was 64.

Suzanne was born on July 14, 1947, in Dallas, Texas and married Stephen Freeman in 1971.

Suzanne graduated from the University of Arkansas in 1975 with a Bachelor of Arts in the German language. She was an active member of the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority.

Suzanne and Stephen moved to Westlake Village, California in 1976.

Throughout her professional career she worked for Westlake Lutheran Church, Exxon, and for the majority of her career in the Office of the President at California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, California.

She is survived by her husband, Stephen G. Freeman and children David C. Freeman, of Las Vegas, Nevada and Ashley A. Freeman, of Santa Barbara, California. In addition Suzanne's sister, Janet Baber, of San Antonio, Texas; and several nieces and nephews. Suzanne was a devoted wife of 40 years, a beloved mother, aunt, as well as a friend to many.

Her mother, Francis Flick, and father, Jesse Flick, of Dallas, Texas preceded her in death.

She was proud of her Texan heritage and never fully lost her endearing southern accent. All her life, Suzanne loved tennis, reading, cooking, history, knitting and politics. A world wide traveler, Suzanne spent decades filling her passport with stamps and her heart with memories. Upon receiving her motorcycle license in celebration of her fiftieth birthday, Suzanne began her passion of seeing the country via her Harley Davidson Softail motorcycle on trips with her husband, family and friends. She was an experienced rider of over 14 years.

Suzanne was a member of New Hope Lutheran Church (formally known as Westlake Lutheran Church) and Ascension Lutheran Church. She touched lives with her positive attitude, devotion to California Lutheran University as well as with her love and generosity toward others. Suzanne was loved by her friends and family and lived a full and joyful life. She often said, "Life is good!"

Memorial Service for
Suzanne Louise Freeman

Officiants

Rev. Craig Beeker, New Hope Lutheran Pastor
Rev. Melissa Maxwell-Doherty, California Lutheran Univ. Pastor
Rev. Scott Maxwell-Doherty, California Lutheran Univ. Pastor

Prelude Melanie Podley, *harp*

Hymn - "How Small Our Span Of Life" hymn 636

A Word Of Welcome Rev. Melissa Maxwell-Doherty

Prayer Of The Day

God of all creation, you have left your fingerprints on our hearts and in so many lives through the gift of Suzanne Freeman. We thank you for her love and grace, for her dedication and steadfast presence of joyful living. Send your Spirit to join with ours as we give voice to our deep appreciation for Suzanne and the ache in our hearts as we miss her life with us. Bring to us your holy comfort, in our sharing, in song, in silence and in prayer. Be our God; we are your people. Amen.

Reflection Dr. Luther Luedtke, former President, CLU

Hymn - "Here I Am, Lord" (verse 1,3) hymn 574

Reflection Ashley Freeman, daughter

Hymn - "Abide With Me" (verse 1,3,5) hymn 629

Reflection Allison Pilmer, friend

Readings Rev. Craig Beeker
Romans 8: 31-35, 37-39 - John 10: 11-16

Hymn - "In The Bulb There Is A Flower" see handout

Reading Rev. Craig Beeker
Psalm 139: 1-14

Hymn - "He Leadeth Me" (verse 1,4) see handout

Message Rev. Scott Maxwell-Doherty

Hymn - "Eternal Father Strong To Save" (verse 1,4) hymn 756

Prayers of Intercession Rev. Melissa Maxwell-Doherty
Each petition concludes:
God of mercy, **hold us in love.**

Lord's Prayer

Rev. Melissa Maxwell-Doherty

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.

Commendation

Rev. Melissa Maxwell-Doherty

Let us commend Suzanne to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Suzanne, our companion in faith, we entrust you to God. Go forth from this world in the love of God who created you, in the mercy of Jesus who died for you, in the power of the Holy Spirit who receives and protects you. May you rest in peace and rise in glory, where pain and grief are banished, and life and joy are yours forever.

Benediction

Rev. Melissa Maxwell-Doherty

The Lord is blessing you and keeping you.
The Lord's face is shining on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord is looking upon you with favor and giving you peace.
Amen.

Hymn - "Thine Is The Glory"

hymn 376

Postlude

Dr. Kyle Johnson, *organ*



You are invited to a reception on the President's Patio for a time of fellowship and to talk with the family.



In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be directed to the Suzanne Freeman Memorial Scholarship at California Lutheran University. Attention: Planned Giving, 60 W. Olsen Rd., Thousand Oaks, California 91360.

Alternatively, donations to the scholarship may be made via credit card by calling (805) 493-3829 and stating the purpose of your call. You will be directed to an appropriate party.