



Memorial Service for Joyce Flight
Saturday, April 10, 2021 – 11:00 am

PRELUDE

WORDS OF GRACE

GREETING

*OPENING HYMN

Lord of the Dance

***I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.***

***Refrain: Dance, then wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.***

***I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on. [Refrain]***

***They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. [Refrain]***

OPENING PRAYER

**Eternal God, we bless you for the great company
of all those who have kept the faith,
finished their race,
and now rest from their labor.
We praise you for those dear to us
whom we name in our hearts before you.
Especially we thank you for Joyce,
whom you have now received into your presence.
Help us to believe where we have not seen,
trusting you to lead us through our years.
Bring us at last with all your saints
into the joy of your home,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 40

SPECIAL MUSIC

On Eagle's Wings

Michael Joncas
arr. Ange Birkhead-Flight
Ange Birkhead-Flight, piano and voice
Silver Flight, violin and voice
Laura Flight, voice

POEM

Specialty
Written by Hannah Flight

Hannah Flight

TRIBUTES

Cindy Cooper, Linda Flight, Bill Flight

SPECIAL MUSIC

A Gift for the Soul
In loving memory of Joyce Flight

Joseph Bracket; Phillip P. Bliss
arr. Taylor Flight
Risa Flight, flute
Madeline Flight, oboe
Taylor Flight, bassoon

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 14

SERMON

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

*CLOSING HYMN

Hymn of Promise

***In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.***

***There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.***

***In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.***

*THE BLESSING

VIDEO TRIBUTE

Rev. Darren Cushman Wood, presiding
Heather Hinton, organist



Joyce Gladys Richards Flight, 87, Indianapolis, died March 23, 2021. She was born in Windom, MN on December 2, 1933 to Rev. Sydney L and Gladys (Girch) Richards. She married fellow Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary student Thomas Flight on December 20, 1958 and worked alongside her pastor husband in churches in Montezuma, Coatesville, Tell City, Beech Grove, and Indianapolis, Indiana.

Joyce, a Diaconal Minister with the South Indiana United Methodist Church, was employed by Perry County Cooperative Ministries, First Friends Meeting, Lawrence UMC, Roberts Park UMC and First-Meridian Heights Presbyterian Church.

At Robin Run Retirement Village, she and Tom enjoyed many group activities and opportunities to engage with a variety of interesting people. She played clarinet in the Robin Melodiers and was instrumental in the group's continuation after their long-time conductor passed. Joyce loved playing ping-pong and shuffleboard, bringing people together, and connecting with others.

Tom preceded her in death in 2015. In 2018, Joyce and her life-long friend John Gibson were married until his death last year. They enjoyed hosting a different group of people each week for lively conversation dinners.

She is survived by her and Tom's four children: Linda Flight, Indianapolis; Bill (Ange) Flight, Cincinnati, OH; Mark (Risa) Flight, Indianapolis; Cindy (Mark) Cooper, Plainfield, IN and seven Grandchildren: Silver, Taylor, Hannah, Madeline, and Laura Flight and Sean and Emily Cooper as well as two sisters: Janice Iverson, Rochester MN and Phyllis Herman, Sioux Falls, SD, and sister-in-law Pauline (Gordon, brother - deceased) Richards, St. Paul, MN.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Indonesian Scholarship at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, 2121 Sheridan Rd., Evanston, IL 60201 or to the Resident Council Scholarship Fund at Robin Run Village, 5354 W 62nd St., Indianapolis, IN 46268.