



In Memoriam



Roxanne "Roxy" Johnson
April 3, 1945 - May 17, 2023

Memorial Service for Roxy Johnson
Saturday, June 17, 2023 • 11:00 a.m.
**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

GATHERING MUSIC Ahmed Anzaldúa, piano

TOLLING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE Mysterious Barriers (Rondeau) Kathleen Bartholomay, piano
By François Couperin

OPENING WORDS On Death by Kahlil Gibran Rev. Kathleen Rolenz

CHALICE LIGHTING

WORDS ON GRIEF

SILENCE

*RESPONSIVE READING

They are not dead,
Who leave us this great heritage of remembering joy.

*They still live in our hearts,
In the happiness we knew, in the dreams we shared.*

They still breathe,
In the lingering fragrance, windblown, from their favourite flowers.

*They still smile in the moonlight's silver,
And laugh in the sunlight's sparking gold.*

They still speak in the echoes of the words we've heard them say again and again.

*They still move,
In the rhythm of waving grasses, in the dance of the tossing branches.*

They are not dead;
Their memory is warm in our hearts, comfort in our sorrow.

*They are not apart from us, but part of us, for love is eternal,
And those we love shall be with us throughout all eternity.*

READING High Flight by John Gillespie Magee, Jr. Joanne Collins

*HYMN #15 The Lone, Wild Bird

EULOGY

COLLAGE OF VOICES

INTERLUDE The Road Home Unity Choir and Friends

CHARGE TO THE GATHERED

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Turn! Turn! Turn! Kathleen Bartholomay, piano
Words from the Book of Ecclesiastes
Music by Pete Seeger

To access the Sanctuary's assistive listening system, please switch your hearing aid to "T" or request headphones or assistance from an usher. Large print orders of service are also available by request to an usher. Please join family and friends for a reception in Parish Hall following the service.

Roxy Johnson, age 78 of St. Paul, died on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, after sustaining a massive stroke. She was a longtime member of the choir at Unity Church-Unitarian in St. Paul, and dear friend to many in her St. Paul neighborhood and her church community. Roxy had a smile and demeanor that was inviting and connected with others in a meaningful way — always very supportive and encouraging. Her laughter was contagious and she always dressed and presented herself with elegance. Those of us that were privileged to know Roxy will miss her profoundly. She was a bright light, a lovely woman beyond measure. Roxy held a BA in Journalism from the University of Minnesota. Her varied career spanned from flight attendant to grant writer to etiquette trainer for inmates at the Dakota County jail. Roxy was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Kingsley. She is survived by her brother, Guy (Jennifer); nephews, Adam and Gordon; her beloved dog, Pippin; and many friends.



Memorials preferred to the Animal Humane Society, 1159 University Avenue West, St. Paul, MN, 55104, or Unity Church Music Ministry.