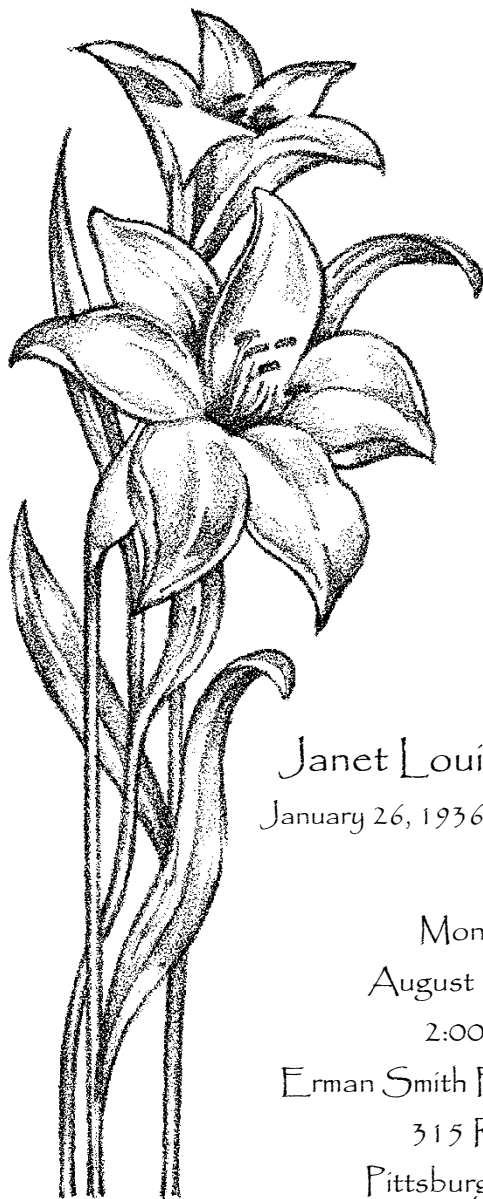


A Service of Worship
In Witness to the Resurrection



Janet Louise Lawton
January 26, 1936 – July 27, 2020

Monday
August 3, 2020
2:00 pm
Erman Smith Funeral Home
315 Rusk
Pittsburg, Texas

PRELUDE

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather to celebrate the life of Janet Lawton.

**Many: To affirm with praise and thanksgiving
the goodness of the Lord.**

One: We have gathered to celebrate the entry of our sister
into life eternal,

**Many: To witness to our faith, to come together in our grief,
acknowledging our human loss.**

PRAYER

PIANO

It Is Well with My Soul

CONFESSION

Let us now ask God to cleanse our hearts,
to redeem our memories,
and to renew our confidence in the goodness of God.

**Holy God, you see us as we are, and know our inmost
thoughts. We forget that all life comes from you and that to you
all life returns. We have not always sought or done your will.
We have not lived as your grateful children, nor loved as Christ
loved us. Apart from you, we are nothing. Only your grace can
sustain us. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make
us whole. Set us free from our sin, and restore to us the joy of
your salvation now and forever.**

(Silent Prayer)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Romans 8:34; 2 Cor. 5:17

Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn?

**Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us;
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a
new life has begun. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

Amen.

Bold print indicates the people pray/respond in unison.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 31:6; Isaiah 41:10; Matthew 28:19-20

SERMON

*APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. (*universal)

PRAYERS, ending with the 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

PIANO Precious Lord, Take My Hand / In the Garden

COMMENDATION

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Janet. Acknowledge her, we humbly pray, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The family extends gratitude for the many expressions of loving support and for those who joined them in this service virtually via Facebook Live. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the charitable organization of your choice.

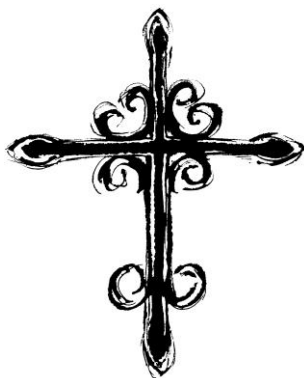
Mrs. Janet Louise Lawton, age 84, passed away on Monday, July 27, 2020 in Mt. Pleasant. She was born January 26, 1936 to Jesse and Elsie Wulschleger Holcombe in Tyler, Texas.

Mrs. Lawton was a homemaker, a nurse, and of the Presbyterian faith. She is survived by her sons, Mark Lawton and wife Elizabeth of Pittsburg; Scott Lawton and wife Sandy of Forney; grandchildren, Jeff Lawton, Samantha Lawton, Drew Lawton, and Mary Claire Lawton; sisters, Mary Frances Lindsay and husband William of Paris; and Freida Langston and husband John of Rockwall.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Edward Lewis Lawton; her parents, Jesse Holcombe and Elsie Wulschleger Karlen; step dad, Frank Karlen and step mother, Ruth Holcombe.

Services will be held 2:00 P.M. Monday, August 3rd at Erman Smith Funeral Home Chapel with visitation prior to the service.

A private family burial will take place at a later date.



Worship Leaders

Reverend David Ivie, Pastor
Cheryl DeJong, Pianist
of

First Presbyterian Church of Forney, Texas