

**A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE  
OF**

**Joan L. Osborne**

**October 12, 1935 ~ November 9, 2020**



**Thursday, November 19, 2020  
11:00 a.m.**

**Chapel at Donaldson Funeral Home, P.A.  
313 Talbott Avenue  
Laurel, MD 20707**

**The Reverend Joseph M. Constant, Celebrant  
Rector, St. John's Episcopal Church  
Beltsville, MD**

## *Obituary for Joan L. Osborne*

Joan L. Osborne of Bowie, MD passed away on Monday, November 9, 2020 at the age of 85. She was preceded by her husband Robert L. Osborne; mother Dorothy Earle; father Donald Earle and brother Donald Earle Jr. Surviving family members include daughters Vernita Reveron of North Carolina, Valery Spriggs (James Jr.), Cheri Osborne, Robin Osborne, Carla Marshall of Maryland; brother-in-law Frederick Osborne (Judy) of Georgia; sisters-in-law Carol Suber of Connecticut, Adele Earle of Arizona; 8 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, 2 great greatgrandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was born and raised in New Haven, CT where she was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church and the Girls Friendly Society – The Golden Years 1948-1998. She graduated from Hamden High School in 1952 and went to work for Southern New England Telephone Company (SNET). In 1955 she married Robert L. Osborne on Christmas Eve and became a mother and homemaker while he served in the military. In 1968 she received her cosmetology license while living in Georgia and worked in a local beauty shop. After her husband retired in 1977 in Lanham, MD, she worked at Sears then First American Bank until she retired in 1991. They moved to Laurel, MD in 2000 and after his death in 2018, she moved to Bowie, MD.

She enjoyed sewing, cooking, working with ceramics and traveling. She was also very active in her grandchildren's lives - babysitting, attending grandparent's day, graduations and other events. She was a long-time member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Beltsville, MD.

Services will be held at Donaldson Funeral Home chapel 313 Talbott Avenue, Laurel, MD 20707 on Thursday, November 19. Viewing will be from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. with service immediately after. Service can also be viewed online at <https://www.donaldsonlaurel.com/obituary/Joan-Osborne>. Burial will be at Crownsville Veterans Cemetery. Due to COVID, attendance at the cemetery will be limited.

In lieu of flowers, family and friends are asked to make a monetary offering to St. John's Episcopal Church. The money collected will be used to support Haiti Micah Project, St. John's international ministry. Please make checks payable to:

St. John's Episcopal Church  
11040 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705

In the memo section of the check, please write: In memory of Joan Osborne



*\*In recommendation of the current CDC guidelines, the congregation is asked to refrain from singing.*

## Order of Service

### Prelude

Selected

With faith in Jesus Christ, we receive the body of our sister Joan for burial. Let us pray with confidence to God, the Giver of life, that he will raise her to perfection in the company of the saints.

*Silence may be kept; after which the Celebrant says*

Deliver your servant, Joan, O Sovereign Lord Christ, from all evil, and set her free from every bond; that she may rest with all your saints in the eternal habitations; where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### Burial Anthems

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.  
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,  
even though she die.  
And everyone who has life,  
and has committed herself to me in faith,  
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives  
and that at the last she will stand upon the earth.  
After my awaking, he will raise me up;  
and in my body I shall see God.  
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him  
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in herself,  
and none becomes her own master when she dies.  
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,  
and if we die, we die in the Lord.  
So, then, whether we live or die,  
we are the Lord's possession.

**Hymn** How Great Thou Art

LEVAS 60

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

*Refrain*      *Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee;  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee;  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

2 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God how great thou art. *Refrain*

### **The Collect**

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant Joan, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding, deal graciously with Joan's family and friends in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Liturgy of the Word**

### **The First Lesson**

Numbers 6:22-27

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

*Reader*          The Word of the Lord.

*People*          **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 23** *Read in unison*

- 1. The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not want.**
- 2. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; \*  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.**
- 3. He restoreth my soul; \*  
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.**

4. **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.**
5. **Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; \*  
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**
6. **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

### **The Second Lesson**

Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

*Reader*                    The Word of the Lord.

*People*                    **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand*

**Hymn**    It is well with my soul

LEVAS 188

- 1    When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
      When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
      Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
      It is well, it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*    *It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul),  
                  It is well, it is well with my soul.*

### **The Gospel**

John 14:1-6

*Priest*                    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People*                    **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also, and you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. 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."

*Priest*                    The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*                    **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Hymn** It is well with my soul

LEVAS 188

2 My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought  
My sin not in part, but the whole  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

*Refrain It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul),  
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

**Tribute**

Robin Osborne

**Hymn** Just As I Am

LEVAS 137

1 Just as I am, without one plea; But that thy blood was shed for me,  
And that thou bidd'st me to thee; O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
2 Just as I am, of thy great love; The breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
Here for a season, then above: O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

**Homily**

The Reverend Joseph M. Constant

**Apostles' Creed**

*All stand.*

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

*Celebrant and People*

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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.**

**Prayers of the People**

For our sister Joan, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Joan, and dry the tears of those who weep.

**Hear us, Lord.**

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

**Hear us, Lord.**

You raised the dead to life; give to our sister Joan eternal life.

**Hear us, Lord.**

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister Joan to the joys of heaven.

**Hear us, Lord.**

Our sister was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give her fellowship with all your saints.

**Hear us, Lord.**

Joan was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant her a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

**Hear us, Lord.**

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our sister Joan; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister Joan, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that her death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

## **Peace**

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*          **And also with you.**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**Hymn**    Peace, Perfect Peace

HWC #487

- 1 Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin?  
The blood of Jesus whispers peace within.
- 2 Peace, perfect peace, with loved ones far away?  
In Jesus' keeping we are safe, and they.
- 3 Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown?  
Jesus we know, and He is on the throne.
- 4 Peace, perfect peace, death shad'wing us and ours?  
Jesus has vanquished death and all its pow'rs.
- 5 It is enough: earth's struggles soon shall cease,  
And Jesus calls us to Heav'n's perfect peace.

*All stand.*

## **Commendation**

*Celebrant* Give rest, O Christ, to your servant Joan with your saints,  
*People* **where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*People* **Give rest, O Christ, to your servant Joan with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

*The Celebrant then says*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Joan. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, 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.**

## **The Blessing**

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

*Priest* Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## **Recessional Hymn** When We All Get to Heaven

LEVAS 20

1 Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, Sing His mercy and His grace;  
In the mansion bright and blessed, He'll prepare for us a place.

*Refrain* *When we all get to heaven, What a day of rejoicing that will be!*  
*When we all see Jesus, We'll sing and shout the victory.*

2 Onward to the prize before us! Soon His beauty we'll behold;  
Soon the pearly gates will open; We shall tread the streets of gold. *Refrain*

## **Postlude**

Selected

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## **PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Celebrant: The Reverend Joseph M. Constant  
Rector, St. John's Episcopal Church

Organist: Patrick D. McCoy  
Organist and Choirmaster, St. John's Episcopal Church

Cantor: Melissa Sites  
Cantor, St. John's Episcopal Church

First Lesson: Christa Beal, Granddaughter

Second Lesson: James Spriggs III, Grandson

Tribute: Robin Osborne, Daughter

*Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life.  
Those who believe in me,  
even though they die, will live. John 11:25*



# PRAYER OF ST FRANCIS



LORD, MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT  
OF YOUR PEACE;  
WHERE THERE IS HATRED, LET ME SOW LOVE;  
WHERE THERE IS INJURY, PARDON;  
WHERE THERE IS DOUBT, FAITH;  
WHERE THERE IS DESPAIR, HOPE;  
WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS, LIGHT;  
AND WHERE THERE IS SADNESS, JOY.

O DIVINE MASTER,  
GRANT THAT I MAY NOT SO MUCH SEEK  
TO BE CONSOLED AS TO CONSOLE;  
TO BE UNDERSTOOD AS TO UNDERSTAND;  
TO BE LOVED AS TO LOVE.  
FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE;  
IT IS IN PARDONING  
THAT WE ARE PARDONED;  
AND IT IS IN DYING  
THAT WE ARE BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE.



## **Pallbearers**

TeMarque Brown  
Jahmal Clark  
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James Spriggs, III  
Jason Thomas  
Lance White

## **Acknowledgements**

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## **Interment**

Maryland Veterans Cemetery at Crownsville  
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## **Professional Services Entrusted to:**

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The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised. The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

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