

In Loving Memory



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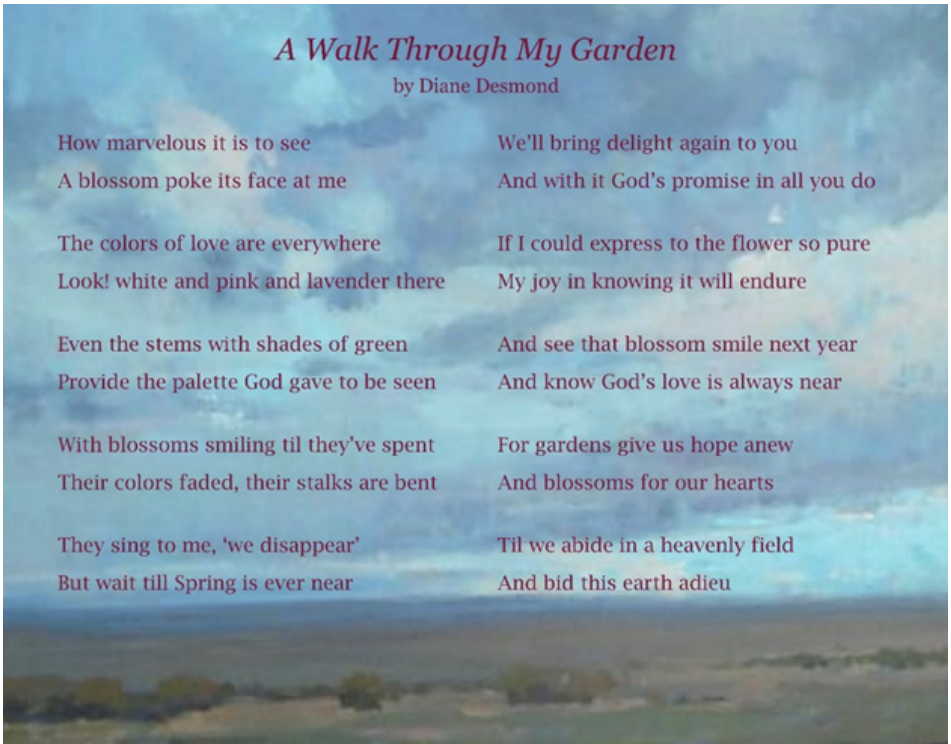
Diane Evelyn Desmond

April 21, 1941 – December 16, 2016

Christ Our King and Savior Catholic Church
Greensboro, Georgia

Memorial Mass

Thursday, December 29th at 3:00 p.m.



A Walk Through My Garden

by Diane Desmond

How marvelous it is to see
A blossom poke its face at me

The colors of love are everywhere
Look! white and pink and lavender there

Even the stems with shades of green
Provide the palette God gave to be seen

With blossoms smiling til they've spent
Their colors faded, their stalks are bent

They sing to me, 'we disappear'
But wait till Spring is ever near

We'll bring delight again to you
And with it God's promise in all you do

If I could express to the flower so pure
My joy in knowing it will endure

And see that blossom smile next year
And know God's love is always near

For gardens give us hope anew
And blossoms for our hearts

Til we abide in a heavenly field
And bid this earth adieu

Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd: I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the

paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

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.

Thou preparest a table before me in the

presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil:

my cup runneth over.

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.

Memorial Mass Order of Rite for Diane Desmond

Thursday, December 29th at 3:00 p.m.

Celebrant: Father Roberto Herrera

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Song Amazing Grace

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Revelation 14:13

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 23

Second Reading Romans 5:5-11

Gospel John 14:2-6

Homily Fr. Roberto Herrera

General Intercessions Fr. Roberto Herrera

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST Gift Bearers: Grandchildren

Offertory Song Be Not Afraid

Eucharistic Prayer Fr. Roberto Herrera

Communion Song One Bread, One Body

Eulogy (Final Thoughts) Diane's Children

FINAL COMMENDATION Fr. Roberto Herrera

Closing Song On Eagle's Wings

The family thanks the many friends and relatives for their prayers, love and support. Everyone is welcome to come downstairs to the Sacred Heart Social Hall for a reception immediately following the Mass. The Desmond family will greet you at the reception.



Diane Evelyn Desmond

Diane Evelyn Desmond died peacefully at her home on December 16th at the age of 75. Since the spring of 2015, she courageously fought her battle with brain cancer. Diane was a loving Wife, Mother, Nana, Sister and Friend to many and will always be remembered for her warmth, kindness and love of all creatures great and small.

Diane was born in Syracuse, NY on April 21st, 1941. She married Bob Desmond on October 7, 1968 in Detroit, Michigan; they celebrated their 48th anniversary this year. She graduated from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania with a degree in Art Education. She loved all facets of the Arts, from theater to painting, and started her career as an Art Teacher. After several years, she moved to the corporate world with IBM as an Education Services Representative.

After marrying Bob her primary focus moved to loving and raising her 5 children: Bobby, Brigid, Noah, Adam and Jocelyn. She also volunteered endless hours to many charitable organizations. While living in Barrington, IL she was instrumental in leading the 'Art in the Barn' annual fundraiser where the funds helped build Good Shepherd Hospital. After moving the family to Mequon, WI, tennis became her passion; she loved to watch, play and organize tournaments for the sport. She was most proud of her work chairing the Milwaukee Tennis Classic.

She and Bob made their last move to Reynolds Plantation in Georgia to enjoy warmer weather and outdoor activities year round like gardening and tennis. It didn't take her long to get involved in multiple charities and social groups: Garden Club, Book Club (The Bookies), Bocce, Tennis Team, Gourmet Dinner Club, Opus and Bible Study. She continued her fundraising work by helping to build the Christ our King and Savior Catholic Church.

She is reunited with her family in heaven, her parents Noresta Bourne (Porter), William Dunn, Douglas Bourne and her son-in-law, Stephan Els.

Diane is survived by her husband Robert Desmond ("Bob"), children; Robert Jr (Liz), Brigid Turritin (Tim), Noah, Adam (Julia) and Jocelyn Els (the late Stephan). Her grandchildren; Carli, Page and William Turritin, Maggie, Clay and Robby Desmond, Stephan Louis and Hannes Els. Her sisters Carol Miller (John) and Gerry Frankoff (the late Jerry).

In lieu of flowers/gifts, Diane requested that donations be given to her grandson's education fund, Hannes and Stephan Els, who lost their father earlier this year. Donations can be made at <http://go.fidelity.com/7qgf> Or you can make a donation check payable to Fidelity Investments and mail it to: Fidelity Investments, P.O. BOX 770001, Cincinnati, OH, 45277-0015. The Fidelity 529 account number is 617923362, Johannes Els account but the funds will go to both boys for their college education.

The family wishes to extend their sincere thanks to the wonderful neighbors, friends and family that supported her and whose prayers gave her amazing strength. They would also like to thank the medical staff at Harmony Hospice who took good care of her and special mention to Betty Jones, her dedicated caregiver who spent numerous hours with the patient she referred to as 'Lady Di'.



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