

*Effy Claire
Draetta*

*April 7, 1946 -
September 30, 2024*



Service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving

Effy Claire Draetta

April 7, 1946 - September 30, 2024

February 1, 2025

1:00 PM

Congregation stands for the processional

PROCESSIONAL SONG

How Great Thou Art

THE PASTORAL GREETING

THE FAMILY REMEMBRANCE

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

- P** In Holy Baptism Effy was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all *her* sin. St. Paul says: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"
- C** **We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.**
- P** "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God."
(2 Corinthians 1:3-4)
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

SONG

You'll Never Walk Alone

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Effy and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Congregation is seated

PSALMODY

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

³He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SECOND READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1–4

¹For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

²a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
³a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
⁴a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

Congregation stands

HOLY GOSPEL

Philippians 4:4–7, 11–13

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

SONG

Wind Beneath My Wings

THE HOMILY

APOSTLES' CREED

P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life \dagger everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words.

P Lord, in your mercy...

C **Hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C **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 trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Congregation is seated

THE COMMENDATION

BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

P Let us go forth in peace,

C **in the name of the Lord. Amen.**

SONG

Amazing Grace

Congregation stands for the recessional

All are invited to a reception immediately after the service in the Café area of the Narthex.

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Preston Wagner, Officiant

When I Go

When I go,
don't learn to live without me,
just learn to live with my love,
in a different way.

And if you need to see me,
close your eyes,
or look in your shadow,
when the sun shines,

I'm there.

Sit with me in the quiet and you will know,
that I did not leave.

There is no leaving when a soul is blended with another.

When I go,
don't learn to live without me,
just learn to look for me in the moments.

I will be there.



Effy Claire Draetta

April 7, 1946 - September 30, 2024

Eufemia "Effy" Claire Draetta, age 78, of Wake Forest, North Carolina passed away peacefully on the eve of September 30, 2024 surrounded by family. Effy was born in the Bronx, New York as a 1st generation American with Italian decent. After graduating from Sacred Heart High School in Yonkers, New York, Effy married and raised her two daughters. She then settled in Raleigh, NC where she went on to earn her Bachelor's of Arts degree in Psychology from Meredith College in 1996. Effy worked and volunteered while developing and implementing a new program in Wake County to help young women transition from prison back to their home/work life. She provided structure and goals for them.

Effy enjoyed her retirement to its fullest and touched so many lives throughout North Carolina. Effy was loved at her Retirement Community by many good friends and was an active member at Hope Lutheran Church in Wake Forest, North Carolina. She was known for her kind listening ear, funny quips, creative talent for any craft she took up, fantastic cooking, and mean card playing skills.

Effy is survived by her sister, Donna Drap (Stephen), her children, Christine Finney (Chuck/Deceased), Debbie Lane (Nick), MaryAnn Fagel (Jamie), and Wayne Maroon (Angela), her beloved ten grandchildren and great grandson, as well as extensive extended family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Claire Draetta, and her father, Dominick Draetta.

She will be undoubtedly missed by everyone who had the pleasure of her company.