

## Ruth Carol (Unrath) Borchers

Ruth Carol Borchers, age 90, of Centennial, Colorado, passed away on December 20, 2023. She was born to Carl and Helen Unrath on August 6, 1933, in Chicago, Illinois, the fifth of ten children.

Ruth was married for 69 years to her husband, Norm, with whom she had 2 children, Cheryl (husband Randy) and Karen (husband Ron). She was blessed to watch her four grandchildren, Mandy (husband Nathan), Ashley (husband Kris), Daniel (wife Alina) and Nicole, grow to adulthood. She was especially happy to spend precious time with her great-grandchildren (Mandy and Nathan's kids) Allie and Zeke, who brought her great joy.

Ruth grew up in the Lutheran church. She was baptized, confirmed, and married at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Chicago, IL. She held a variety of jobs, including working the drill press at a screw factory, swim instructor, secretary at Motorola, church secretary at St. John's Lutheran Church in Niles, IL, and Shepherd of the Hills in Centennial, CO. She also worked as a PERA at Twain Elementary School and at the yearbook company Jostens.

Ruth never dreamed she would travel the world, but she had adventures and made friends all around the globe. Her favorite place in the whole world was Bellagio, Italy. A recent adventure was an African safari where she and Norm had some close encounters with the "Big Five." Whether it was visiting family or friends in the USA or experiencing foreign cultures abroad, travel remained an important part of Ruth's life for many decades.

In addition to traveling, Ruth enjoyed crocheting, gardening and sewing. Not only did she sew clothes and costumes for the family, but she also sewed projects to raise money for The Good Shepherd Home. Ruth was a member of the altar circle at Shepherd of the Hills and sewed altar paraments and baptismal cloths. She continually looked for ways to serve in the church. She especially enjoyed participating in Bible study groups throughout her life. She was a strong woman of faith, and that faith spilled over to everyone she encountered.

Ruth was a lady with a wonderful heart. She was dedicated to her family, friends and faith. She brought fun, laughter and guidance to many, whether they were friends, family, or friends of family. Her smile lit up the room and you could expect to feel like part of the family when you were around her. We rejoice in the sure knowledge that Ruth is at home with her heavenly family.

Memorials may be made to the Foundation for Peripheral Neuropathy at:  
<https://www.foundationforpn.org/online-donations/>

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### I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free. I'm following the path God laid for me.

I took His hand when I heard Him call. I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day to laugh, to love, to work or play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way. I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss— ah yes, these things I too will miss.

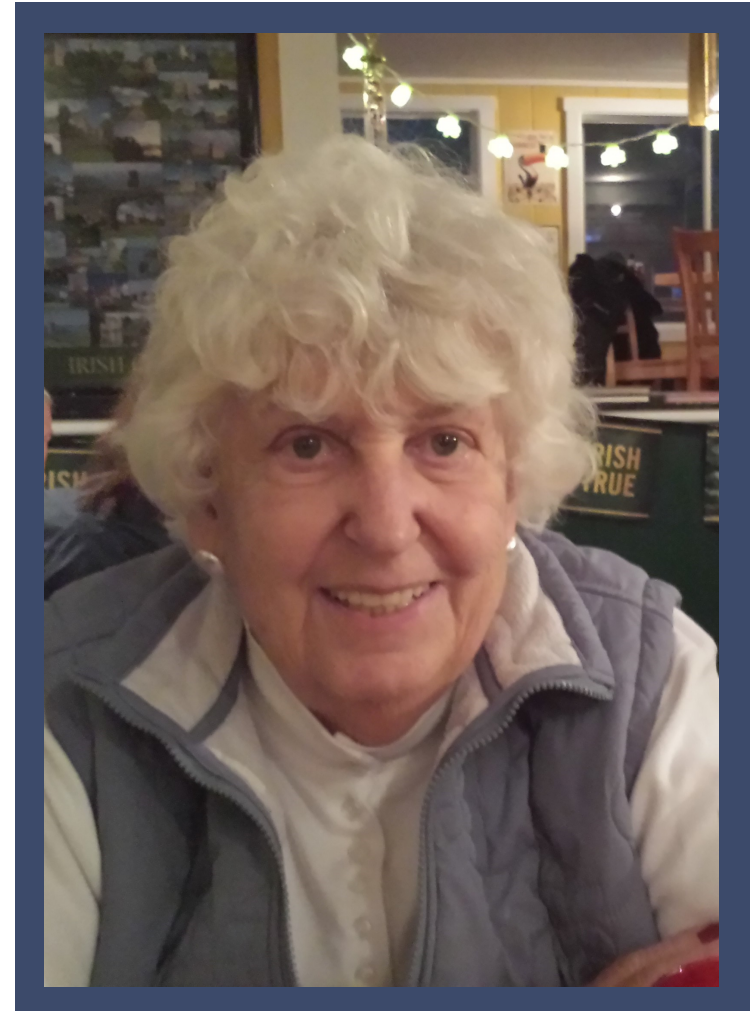
Be not burdened with times of sorrow. I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much— good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief. Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me. God wanted me now; He set me free.

## A Celebration of Life in the Certain Hope of Resurrection



**The Lord is my strength and my shield;  
in Him my heart trusts.**

Psalm 28:7

## Ruth Carol Borchers

Entered this World ~ August 6, 1933

Entered God's Family in Baptism ~ September 3, 1933

Confirmed her Baptismal Faith ~ March 30, 1947

Entered her Heavenly Home ~ December 20, 2023

To the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of

## Ruth Carol Borchers

August 6, 1933 ~ December 20, 2023

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Friday, January 12, 2024

10:30am

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church  
7691 S. University Blvd. Centennial, Colorado

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PRESERVICE MUSIC *includes some of Ruth's favorite hymns* Gail Black

INVOCATION *we call out to our Triune God for blessing and guidance*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen!**

BAPTISM REMEMBRANCE *use of white cloth: we are covered by Christ! Romans 6:3-5*

P: In Holy Baptism Ruth Carol Borchers 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."**

PRAYER

HYMN "Lord, Come Near" *tune: "Edelweiss" words: Rev. Henry F. Fingerlin*

**Lord, come near, as we meet, bless our gath'ring together,**

**Share our bread, fill our cup with the joy of Thy Presence.**

**Refrain: Savior of all, may we learn to know— learn to know Thee better,**

**And may we, bound to Thee, grow in love for each other. (repeat Refrain)**

PSALM 23 *Rev. Roger Krause*

P: The LORD is my Shepherd;

C: **I shall not want.**

P: He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.

C: **He leadeth me beside the still waters.**

P: He restoreth my soul.

C: **He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.**

P: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

C: **I will fear no evil,**

P: for Thou art with me;

C: **Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.**

P: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;

C: **Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

P: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

C: **And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

BIBLE READINGS

1 Peter 1:3-9

Romans 8:38-39

John 14:1-7

APOSTLES' CREED

*a creed is a statement of faith or belief*

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

**ALL: 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 ✠ everlasting. Amen!**

HYMN # 702 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

*Lutheran Service Book*

MESSAGE "Caused Us to Have Hope" text: 1 Peter 1:3-9

*Rev. Greg Zillinger*

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

*the prayer Jesus taught us Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4*

**ALL: 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!**

SIMEON'S SONG

*Simeon was ready to meet His Lord! Luke 2:29-32*

P: "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

C: **Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel!**

PRAYER OF COMFORT

P: Lord God, our Shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *Amen!*

GOD BLESSES US "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

*sung by the choir*

HYMN # 924 "Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing"

*Lutheran Service Book*

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*You are invited to join with the family in the Parish Hall for luncheon and fellowship.*