



Remembering Anita L. Smith

September 6, 1922 – March 1, 2024

*“And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*

-Philippians 4:7

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University Lutheran Church of Hope, Minneapolis + April 27, 2024, 1:30 p.m.

+Indicates the Assembly should stand as able

Spoken assembly words are marked in **boldface**.

ELW refers to the red hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

PRELUDE Debussy, Bach Warren Rogers, son in law
Jesus, Remember Me
(this hymn is in special memory of Anita and Bill)

WORDS OF WELCOME Lette Rogers, daughter

+HYMN Children of the Heavenly Father ELW 781

+GREETING AND PRAYER

REMEMBRANCES

HYMN Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service ELW 712

READINGS Psalm 139:1-18, 23-24
Romans 8:37-39
John 14:1-7

HOMILY Pastor Esther Dant

SPECIAL MUSIC Bret Smith, son

+APOSTLES' CREED

Let us profess our faith:

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.

PRAYERS

Following each petition:

God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Using this or whatever version is most familiar to you:

Our Creator, Our Mother, Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMENDATION

SENDING HYMN

Lord of All Hopefulness

ELW 765

SENDING WORDS

POSTLUDE

How Great Thou Art

Swedish Hymn

Private interment to follow

Ministers Pastor Jen Nagel

Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert

Musician Robert Ragoonanan, Minister of Worship and Music

Anita L. Smith

Anita L. Smith, aged 101, died peacefully with family at her side at United Hospital, St. Paul, MN on Friday, March 1, 2024. With joy, she joins her beloved Bill in the glory of eternal life.

Anita was born on September 6, 1922 in Heron Lake, MN. She was the daughter of Ruby (Jacobs) Lundahl and Arthur Lundahl who was an award-winning buttermaker for Land O'Lakes in their hometown. After graduating from high school, Anita attended Minneapolis Business School in 1940. She graduated and worked at a bank in downtown Minneapolis, which also helped to support her parents, Ruby and Arthur, back home in Heron Lake.

Anita married her high school sweetheart Bill after the war in 1946. She was a homemaker and an active member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in south Minneapolis where her beloved husband was a pastor for 15 years. Later she worked part-time as a secretary at Luther Seminary and she and Bill joined University Lutheran Church of Hope in 1972, where they and their children and grandchildren attended for many years.

Anita loved to read, and she especially enjoyed the music of the 30's, 40's and 50's, but her favorite and greatest source of inspiration was people. She loved and accepted people from all walks of life and celebrated their uniqueness, which brought her joy. Anita loved her family fiercely, took delight in her grandchildren and prayed for them daily. She prayed for hundreds of others every day until she could no longer see her prayer list. She cherished her faith and her many visitors from University Lutheran Church of Hope over the past several years.

Anita was preceded in death by her beloved husband Bill, her parents Art and Ruby, brother Wilbur Lundahl (d. 1942, WWII) and many friends. Anita is survived by her children, Brice Eichlersmith (Jann) of Minneapolis, Elyse Moynihan (Kevin) of Eden Prairie, Bret Smith of Richfield, and Lette Rogers (Warren) of Marion, Indiana. She is also survived by her 7 grandchildren, Erin Moynihan, Martha and Tom Eichlersmith, Molly Rose, Will, and Andy Gamble and Jake JohnsonSmith, all of the Minneapolis-St. Paul area.

Memorials preferred to Luther Seminary, St Paul MN; University Lutheran Church of Hope, Minneapolis, MN; and N.C. Little Hospice, Minneapolis, MN.



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