



IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF

*Joanne "Jody" Stedman Yost
Fulbright*

March 17, 1930 - October 30, 2017

FUNERAL SERVICE

NOVEMBER 4, 2017

10:00 A.M.

SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Celebration of the Life of
Joanne "Jody" Stedman Yost Fulbright

Saturday, November 4, 2017 10:00 a.m.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Beaumont, Texas



Organ Prelude

Solemn Anthems

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

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives
and that at the last he 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 himself,
and none becomes his own master when he 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.

Happy from now on
are those who die in the Lord!
So it is, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors.

The Celebrant says the following Collect, first saying

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our sister Jody. We thank you for giving her to us, her family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding, deal graciously with those who love Jody 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.*

The people are seated.

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah 29:11-13

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart,

Celebrant The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the
depths of the sea;
Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.
The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, *
 what awesome things he has done on earth.
It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
 he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
 and burns the shields with fire.
“Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
 I will be exalted among the nations;
 I will be exalted in the earth.”
The Lord of hosts is with us; *
 the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

A Reading from Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 55-58

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Celebrant The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 671

“Amazing Grace”

New Britain

3 The Holy Gospel: John 14:1-6 (All stand)

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

Father A. Dean Calcote

The Apostles' Creed *(please stand)*

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.

The Prayers *(please kneel)*

For our sister Jody, 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 Jody, 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 eternal life.

Hear us, Lord.

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister 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.

She 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; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

The Celebrant concludes with a collect.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory Solo

“On Eagle’s Wings”

Michael Joncas
Nolan Thornal, Soloist

Congregation responds with “Refrain”

“And He will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of His hand.”

The Great Thanksgiving

The people stand. The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Eucharistic Prayer may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 361.

At the place appointed Celebrant and People sing together

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel. At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer, the Celebrant continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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, for ever
and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread (*said*)

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. To receive the Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. When receiving the Wine, please guide the chalice as it is offered. If you prefer, you may leave the Bread on your palm for the person administering the chalice to dip into the Wine and place on your tongue.

Anyone may come forward for a prayer for God's blessing in lieu of receiving Communion. Please indicate your desire for a prayer for God's blessing by crossing your arms on your chest. Ladies are encouraged to blot lipstick before receiving Communion. Ushers will direct the congregation to receive communion.

Postcommunion Prayer (*Celebrant and people*)

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

The Commendation *(please stand)*

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

The celebrant continues

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.

Celebrant and people

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

Celebrant

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant JoAnne. 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

Hymn 376

“Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”

Hymn to Joy

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude





Joanne Stedman Yost Fulbright passed away October 30, 2017. A Beaumont native, Jody was born at Beaumont's Hotel Dieu Hospital on March 17, 1930, to Jerry C. Stedman and Bea Post Stedman.

She graduated from Beaumont High with the class of 1947, then attended The University of Texas where she pledged Zeta Tau Alpha. She became a member of the Junior League of Beaumont in 1950.

In 1951, she married the love of her life, Fred Yost. They moved to Houston in 1954. After the loss of Fred in 1977, Jody remained in Houston until 1994 when

she married old childhood and family friend, W. W. "Bud" Fulbright, Jr. and returned to Beaumont.

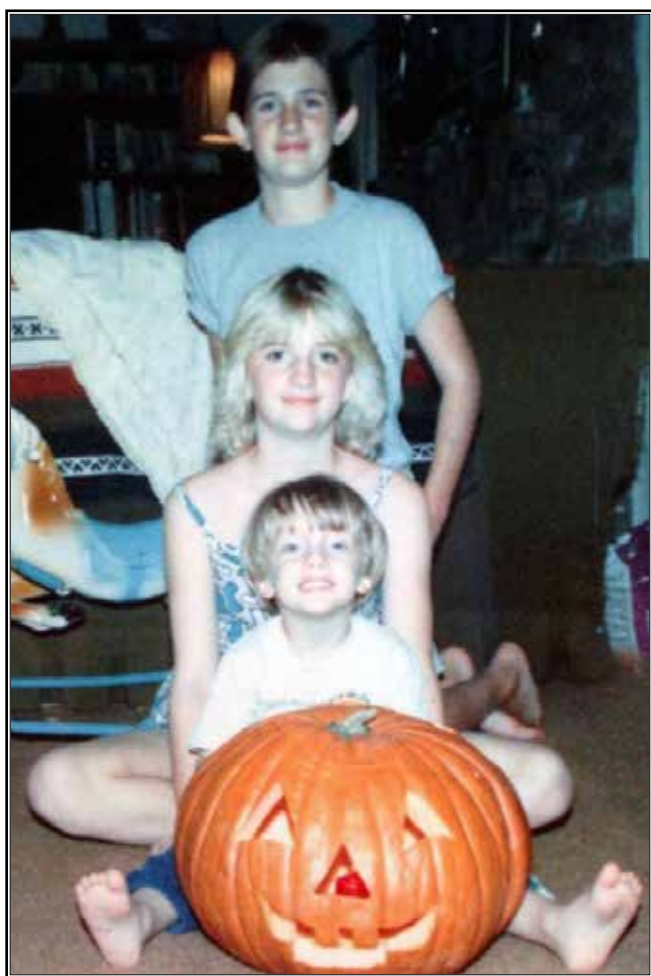
She was a long-time member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, the Junior League of Houston, the Golden Triangle Republican Women's Club, the Tyrrell Historical Library Association, and the Texas Gulf Historical Society.

She is preceded in death by father Jerry C. Stedman, Jr., mother Bea Post Stedman, brother Jerry C. Stedman, III, husband Fred G. Yost, and husband W.W. "Bud" Fulbright, Jr.

She is survived by sons Fred G. Yost, Jr., James Stedman Yost, and daughter Anne Yost Elam; grandchildren Josie Elam , Fred G. Yost, III, Christian Brown and his wife, Denise, Amy Poynter and her husband, Paul, and five great-grandchildren, Shelby, Trenton, Katy, Ian, and Skylar.













Interment

Memorial Oaks Cemetery
13001 Katy Freeway
Houston, Texas

Memorial Contributions

St. Mark's Episcopal Church Pantry Fund
680 Calder Avenue
Beaumont, Texas 77701

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Meals at the Crossroads
Some Other Place
590 Center Street
Beaumont, Texas



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