

ST. ANDREW'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BEAUMONT, TEXAS

Service of Witness to the Resurrection for

# Joyce Anne Skains Sitton

October 10, 1942 - September 26, 2019

# A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

IN WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

With Praise and Thanks to Almighty God for the Life of

**JOYCE ANNE SKAINS SITTON** 

October 10, 1942 – September 26, 2019

ORDER OF WORSHIP 2:00 p.m. | October 5, 2019

\*Please stand in body or spirit

**PRELUDE** 

**Edelweiss** 

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are gathered here to praise God, to witness to our faith, and to give thanks for the life of Joyce Anne Skains Sitton. We come together in grief, acknowledging our loss.

May God grant us grace that in pain – we may find comfort,

May God grant us grace that in pain – we may find comfort, in sorrow – hope, and in death – resurrection.

Dying, Christ destroyed our death. Rising, Christ restores our life. Joyce, being created in the image of God remains God's child forever. Let us worship God!

\*HYMN 625

How Great Thou Art

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

O God, who gave us birth, you are ever more ready to hear than we are to pray. You know our needs before we ask. Show us now your grace, that as we face the mystery of death we may see the light of serenity. Speak to us once more your solemn message of life and of death. Help us to live as those who are prepared to die. When our days here are ended, enable us to die as those who go forth to live, so that living or dying, our life may be in Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns. We have not always sought nor done your will. We have not lived as your grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us. Apart from you, we are nothing. Only your grace can sustain us. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us free from our sin, and restore to us the joy of your salvation now and forever...

Silent Prayers May be Offered

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

2 Corinthians 5:17

Hear the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.** 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:28-31

Bettie Skains Sonnier

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

REFLECTION

Rev. Charles Pederson

SPECIAL MUSIC

On Eagle's Wings

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 21:1-7 Shelly Broline Sitton

God always blesses the reading and hearing of The Word.

Thanks be to God!

**FAMILY REFLECTION** 

Thomas Sitton

MESSAGE Julie Odle

#### PRAYER FOR COMFORT

#### \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

\*HYMN 840

It is Well With My Soul

#### COMMENDATION

O God, in the beginning you formed us from the dust of the earth and breathed into us the breath of life. So also, in the last days, you have promised to raise us from the dust, so we might assume a new body at the coming of your Son. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive. We thank you for this hope, that Joyce who has died, will be raised to life imperishable. Look down upon us with tender pity and compassion, grant each of us the comfort of your Spirit. Renew within us the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** 

Memory

# **Leading Worship**

Julie Odle, CRE, Pastoral Associate Rev. Charles Pederson Thomas Furlow, Accompanist Zoey Henderson, Soloist



Joyce Anne Skains Sillon, 76, of Beaumont, TX, passed away peacefully on the morning of September 26, 2019 at Autumn Leaves of The Woodlands. She was born October 10, 1942 in Beaumont, Texas, to Wilmer Skains and Eleanor Thomas Prather Skains. An only child, she grew up in Beaumont and graduated from Beaumont High School, followed by completing her degree in Business from Lamar University where she was a member of Alpha Chi Omega During her time at Sorority. Lamar, she met the love of her life, Gary Sitton and they were married April 17, 1965.

Joyce was a wonderful mother and homemaker and loved spending time with her children and grandchildren. She was a member of the Junior League of Beaumont, the Symphony League of Beaumont, and her church, St. Andrews Presbyterian. She also served as Secretary/Treasurer of Sitton Oil and Marine Company.

She is survived by her husband, Gary Lee Sitton; her children, Elizabeth Sitton Morgan and husband, George Morgan of Augusta, Georgia; Gary Thomas Sitton and wife, Shelly of The Woodlands; and grandchildren, Eleanor Catherine and Elizabeth Montgomery Morgan, both of Augusta; William Thomas, Weston Edward, and Katherine Elizabeth Sitton, all of The Woodlands.

The family would like to thank the wonderful caregivers of Brookdale Dowlen Oaks in Beaumont. Autumn Leaves of The Woodlands and Bristol Hospice for their care and compassion.

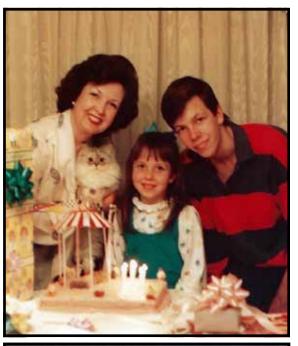














































#### **Pallbearers**

Ronald Everett
Dr. Charles Harrell
Howard Nichols
Reed Nichols
Greg Salvaggio
John B. "Squeaky" Starr

#### Interment

Magnolia Cemetery Beaumont, Texas

# **Memorial Contributions**

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