

Marcie Copeland Hortenstine

On Saturday, February 11, 2023, Martha Copeland Hortenstine, known to so many as Marcie, left this world in the company of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to rejoin her beloved son Read, her parents, grandparents, and many other friends and family in what we can only imagine will be a heavenly celebration that will last for an eternity.

Marcie was a vibrant, energetic, and fun-loving person with an incredibly engaging personality and the endearing ability to speak at warp speed. She loved to laugh and spend time with her friends and family.

Marcie met the love of her life, her husband, Jim Hortenstine (or Jimmy as she lovingly referred to him). They were married on August 21, 1982. Their marriage was blessed with two sons, Grant and Read. Marcie was a wonderful wife and mother. While supporting Jimmy in all of his professional endeavors, she immersed herself in all of the boys' activities, attending innumerable baseball, lacrosse and football games and acting as "tutor in chief" for their academic pursuits. Marcie and Jimmy spent many long weekends and summers relaxing at their vacation home in Wimberley, Texas. They especially enjoyed spending time there with Marcie's parents and Jimmy's brothers and their families.

Marcie's last years were not easy. In 2015, she lost her son, Read, who passed away unexpectedly. Having remained in constant communication with Read throughout his college years, she missed him desperately. Not long after his passing, Marcie was diagnosed with a debilitating, progressive neurological disorder. It was a long, difficult journey, but she never gave in to anger, frustration, or resentment, and maintained a brave and kind spirit to the very end. During her illness, her friends truly stepped up for her. They were faithful companions who continued to visit her, spend time with her, and take her on outings. While she will be missed greatly, we are so comforted by faith-derived assurances that she is herself once more.

Celebrating the Life

of

Marcie Copeland Hortenstine

April 27, 1956 - February 11, 2023



February 24, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Sanctuary

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Houston, Texas

Order of Service

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 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. Amen.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths
of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence
of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with
oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life: and I will dwell in
the house of the Lord for ever.

*The family invites you to a reception
in the Fellowship Hall following the service.*

Prelude Victoria Shorokhova

*Seating of the Family

*Word of Grace Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears

Reading from the Psalter 23rd Psalm Congregation

*Hymn #89 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

Readings from Holy Scripture

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Kate Copeland, Carson Copeland
John 14:1-4 Nell Copeland
Romans 8:35, 37-39 Kendall Carew

Solo *How Great Thou Art* HOW GREAT THOU ART
Brennan Blankenship, soloist

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears

The Lord's Prayer Congregation

Remembrances Denise Cloyes
Karen Noel

Solo *On Eagle's Wings* ON EAGLE'S WINGS

Word of Faith Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears

*Hymn #378 (vs 1,2,3,6) *Amazing Grace* AMAZING GRACE

*Prayer of Commendation

O God, all that you have given us is yours.
As first you gave Marcie to us,
so now we give her back to you.
Receive Marcie into the arms of your mercy.
Raise her up with all of your people.
Receive us also, and raise us into a new life.
And to you, with your church on earth and in heaven,
we offer honor and glory now and forever. Amen.

*Benediction Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears

*Postlude Victoria Shorokhova

*indicates congregation standing, if able