Celebration of Life

Louise Virginia Wilt
November 8, 1927 – March 6, 2021

March 10, 2021

Brook Hill United Methodist Church
8946 Indian Springs Road
Frederick, MD 21702

Officiants
Rev. Dana Werts – Rev. Linda Warehime
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Mrs. Peg Bruckart

Words of Grace and Greeting

Pastor Dana Werts

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Almighty God, we praise you for the great company of all those who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labor. We praise you for those dear to us and especially we thank you for Louise, whom you have graciously received into your presence. We are grateful for this time of worship and opportunity to remember and celebrate the life you gave her. Grant us your blessing in this hour and enable us to put our trust in you so that our spirits may grow calm and our hearts be comforted as we reflect on your light of eternity that brings us peace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Hymn “In the Garden” – Let us reflect on Louise’s favorite hymn

I come to the garden alone
while the dew is still on the roses,
and the voice I hear falling on my ear,
the Son of God discloses.

Refrain:
And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
and he tells me I am his own;
and the joy we share as we tarry there,
none other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of his voice
is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
and the melody that he gave to me
within my heart is ringing.
(Refrain)
I'd stay in the garden with him
though the night around me be falling,
but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe
his voice to me is calling.

(Refrain)

Text: C. Austin Miles, 1913 (Jn. 20:11-18); Music: C. Austin Miles, 1913; adapt. by Charles H. Webb, 1987;
Tune: GARDEN, Meter: 89.557 with Refrain

Scripture Readings - Psalm 23, 1 Corinthians 13 selected verses, Colossians 3:12-15

"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 prepardest 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 forever."

A Sharing “What Did We Learn?” Pastor Linda Warehime

Other Reflections - Persons may share a memory of Louise

Commendation

Hymn “How Great Thou Art” solo, Pastor Linda

Closing Prayer

Holy God, we are so thankful for your gift of the life of Louise. Thank you for what she has meant to each of us. We mourn our loss, but celebrate her journey home to you. We rejoice in the faith, hope, and love that have been showered on us by your special servant, Louise. We also give you thanks for your Son, Jesus Christ whose life, death and resurrection made her homecoming to you a reality. May we live in that hope of eternal life and be comforted by your presence in our lives.
Sustain and nurture us now with your comforting Spirit so that we will not be overwhelmed with grief. Let our memories and love for one another as family and friends hold us together in the times ahead. All this we pray in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray:

_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._

**Song**  “The Lord’s Prayer” by Albert Malotte

The Blessing  
*Pastor Dana Werts*

Postlude  “God Be With You till We Meet Again”  
*Peg Bruckart*

**The Committal Service will take place at Mount Olivet Cemetery immediately after the service.**
Louise "Weezie" Virginia Gibbons Wilt, age 93, of Frederick, Md transitioned into heaven on March 6, 2021. She was the loving wife of the late George Edward Wilt for 65 years.

Born on November 8, 1927, at Braddock Heights, MD, she was the daughter of the late Elmer M. and Virgie Marie Beachley Gibbons.

She was a 1944 graduate of Frederick High School. She was a member of Brook Hill United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday School and volunteered on committees. She worked alongside her husband on the dairy farm, was a 4-H leader and volunteered for the American Red Cross. She was an associate real estate broker with Rock Creek Realty.

She enjoyed watercolor painting, reading, raising flowers, sewing and singing with the Golden Tones singing group. She greatly loved her family, especially her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her children Robert (Bob) Wilt and wife, Joyce, of Jefferson, MD; Jane O'Brien and husband, Thomas, of Manassas, VA; and Robin Cook and husband, Terry, of Southport, NC and her brothers, Harold Gibbons of Frederick, Richard Gibbons of Frederick, and Fred Gibbons of Red Boiling Springs, TN. She is survived by ten-grandchildren, Tanya Poillucci and husband, Michael, of St. Simons Island, GA; Curtis Marshall and wife, Laura, of Richmond, VA; Kelly O'Brien of Gainesville, VA; Jessica Wise and husband, Philip, of Frederick; Dana Deyton and husband, Nick, of Union Bridge; Jamie Wilt of Maugansville, MD; Tara Whipp and Danny; Allison Cook of Frederick; Charlotte Cook of Frederick and Jessica Bell of Frederick. Also surviving are 15 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her brothers Millard, Bruce, Glenn and Homer Gibbons.

In response to the pandemic, a private ceremony will be held to celebrate the transition of her life and the internment will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Frederick.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be given to Brook Hill United Methodist Church or the American Red Cross.