

Celebrating the Life of Marilyn Lou Travis



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Christ Lutheran Church
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OBITUARY FOR MARILYN LOU TRAVIS

Marilyn Lou Travis of Zionsville, Indiana passed into the arms of Jesus peacefully at her home surrounded by her loving family on Tuesday June 16th 2026. She was 79. Marilyn was born in Louisville, Kentucky on February 11, 1947, daughter of the late Melvin and Lucienne Meffert.

She was a 1965 graduate of South Miami High School Miami, Florida. After moving back to Louisville she met the love of her life and in 1968 Marilyn and Joe were united in marriage. A devoted wife, mother and grandmother who loved her family and friends dearly. Marilyn was a member of Christ Lutheran Church Zionsville.

She retired from the Zionsville Community Schools as a head cafeteria cashier. Knitting gave her great joy and satisfaction. Right after every Christmas she would begin knitting special gifts for those nearest to her heart for the coming Christmas. She would make special knitting and needlepoint gifts for extra special people and occasions. She was an excellent cook and would prepare special southern dishes. Marilyn always had a determined mind to overcome the significant health issues she suffered for many years.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph W. Travis of Zionsville; children Angela (Jeremy) Rogers of Noblesville, Rebecca Travis (Adam Borden) of Westminster, Colorado and her only grandchild Megan Hallam of Bountiful, UT.

Funeral Services are planned for 11:00 a.m. on June 20th, 2026 at Christ Lutheran Church, 600 North Ford Road, Zionsville, Indiana. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Christ Lutheran Church, Luminary Hospice, or your favorite charity in her honor.

**A Celebration of Life Service for
Marilyn Lou Travis
February 11, 1947 - June 16, 2026**

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

At the invitation of the Pastor, please stand as you are able.

GATHERING

P: Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our sister, Marilyn, to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful Redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

OPENING HYMN

“HOW GREAT THOU ART”

ELW 856

**1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;**

Refrain

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!**

**2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain***

**3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain***

**4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!” *Refrain***

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister, Marilyn. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

READINGS

Job 19: 25-27a

Read by friend Doug Bosworth

For I know that my Redeemer lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

Psalm 23

Read by friend Paul Schmidt

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff — they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

1 Peter 1:3-9

Read by friend John Burkhardt

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith — being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Please stand as you are able.

THE GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 11: 28-30

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

MESSAGE

Interim Pastor Deacon Hope Moran

Please stand as you are able after the message.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“FOR ALL THE SAINTS”

ELW 422

- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 5 The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

CREED

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith—the faith Marilyn lived and died by.

C: 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 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

P: Loving God, give courage and faith to those who are bereaved—Joe, Angela, Jeremy, Becky, Adam and Megan— that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.

C: Hear us, Lord.

P: Grant us grace to entrust Marilyn to your never-failing love which sustained her in this life. We are grateful you received her into the arms of your mercy, and remembered her according to the favor you bear for all.

C: Hear us, Lord.

P: God of all grace, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give you thanks because by his death Jesus destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

COMMUNION PRAYER

P: God of all creation, all you have made is good. Your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord is with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray together as our Savior taught us.

C: Our Father, which 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 glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to participate in the Lord's Meal. If it's been years, or just a week, the bread and wine/juice and Jesus' presence in, with, and around them are for all. If you have questions about taking your first communion don't hesitate to ask. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. When you come forward you will receive a wafer from the Pastor or Assisting Minister and you will hear the words the body of Christ, given for you. Once you eat the wafer you are invited to take either wine or juice from the communion assistant and you will hear the words, the blood of Christ, shed for you. Once you've communed there is a small receptacle where the used communion cup can be placed.

*The wine is “red” and the grape juice is “white.”
Gluten free wafers are available.
Simply tell the Pastor when she offers the bread.*

Please follow the direction of the usher to come forward for communion.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL”

ELW 785

1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain*

3 He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

4 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

**1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!"**

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.**

**2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear;
under God's wings your refuge,
with faithfulness your shield. *Refrain***

**3 You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come. *Refrain***

**4 For to the angels God's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

Final 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;
and hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world, your love that sustained Marilyn, and sustain us in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

COMMENDATION

P: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Marilyn. 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 heaven.

C: **Amen**

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✚ give you God's peace.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES"

ELW 619

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| 1 I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence
gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was
dead;
he lives, my ever-living head! | 3 He lives to grant me rich supply;
he lives to guide me with his eye;
he lives to comfort me when faint;
he lives to hear my soul's complaint. |
| 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
he lives eternally to save;
he lives exalted, throned above;
he lives to rule his church in love. | 4 He lives to silence all my fears;
he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart;
he lives all blessings to impart. |

DISMISSAL BLESSING

P: Let us go forth in peace.

C: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**



Donations in Marilyn's loving memory may be made to Christ Lutheran Church, Luminary Hospice, or your favorite charity in her honor.

The family invites you to a luncheon after the service in Christ Lutheran's Fellowship Hall to support and encourage the family.

Officiant:	Interim Pastor Deacon Hope Moran
Director of Music:	Rhonda Blacklock
Usher:	Tom Conrad
Communion Assistants:	Margie Kilgus, Sue Haughton, Barb Burkhardt



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