



### I Am Always With You

When I am gone, release me, let me go.  
I have so many things to see and do,  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,  
But be thankful we had so many good years.

I gave you my love, and you can only guess  
How much you've given me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love that you have shown,  
But now it is time I travelled on alone.

So grieve for me a while that we must part,  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust  
That it is only for a while that we must part,  
So treasure the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away for life goes on.  
And if you need me, call and I will come.  
Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near  
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear  
All my love around you soft and clear

And then, when you come this way alone,  
I'll greet you with a smile and a "Welcome Home"

*The Families would like to sincerely  
thank Sister Mary and all of you for  
your presence here today, your expressions  
of sympathy, your prayers & loving support.*

*They invite you to join them at the  
hall supper room for refreshments*

# Marjorie Smith "Mardie"



11<sup>th</sup> December 1925 - 7<sup>th</sup> July 2008



# *Funeral Service for Marjorie Smith*

( Interrupted by Jeffery's daughter Cornelia)

**WELCOME:** We come together today to say farewell to Marjorie (Mardie) Smith. We want to give thanks for Mardie's life and offer our sympathy to Jeffery, Maureen, Keith, Leonard, Raymond, Brenda, Daniel and Christopher and their families and her many relatives and friends. Let us pray today for Mardie and commend her soul to Almighty God.

**OPENING HYUMN:** *Amazing Grace*  
Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren placing of flowers

## READING

### Be Not Afraid

Who shall find a valiant woman?  
Who shall find a woman of strength?  
A pearl of great price is she.  
All who are with her have confidence in her  
and benefit from her experience.  
She initiates good, not evil, every day of her life.  
She does not neglect her tasks; she willingly works.  
Broadminded, her understanding of life is a source of  
nurture for her.  
She considers her options makes her move,  
investing the experience she already has.  
She works diligently, taking pride in her inner  
resources and strengths.  
When her gifts are encouraged and their value affirmed  
she will work wholeheartedly.  
She opens her heart to the needy; she is generous  
with the poor yet she does not neglect the family's needs  
nor her own priorities  
She is known for her dignity and strength  
and she laughs at the days to come.  
She speaks with wisdom and she teaches in a kindly way.  
Those who are close to her, praise her  
Charm is superficial, and beauty fades,  
But the woman who is wise is the only to be praised.  
May all value who she is and may all applaud her integrity.

## PSALM 23: (Recited together)

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your rod and your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

## GOSPEL READING: St. John, Chapter 14

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not let your heart be troubled. Trust in God still and trust in me. There are many rooms in my father's house, if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the place where I am going."

Thomas said:

"Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

Jesus said:

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No-one can come to the Father except through me."

## SPECIAL READING: Jeffery Smith, David Hagan and others

EULOGY: *Gordon Wyton*

SONG: *Mother*

## PRAYERS:

(After "Lord hear us," all respond to each prayer with: "Lord hear our prayer.")

1. Jesus, you wept for your friend, Lazarus who had died. Comfort all those who mourn and especially Mardie's family. Jeffery, Maureen, Keith, Leonard, Raymond, Brenda, Daniel and Christopher **Lord hear us.**
2. Lord, you have told us not to be afraid and that you are going to prepare a place for us. Sometimes it is hard to believe, hard to see the meaning of our lives. Help us to trust you. Increase our faith in you. **Lord hear us.**
3. Lord, there are things we wish we had said or done and other things we wish we could take back. Help us to leave the past behind and to be grateful for the gift of life which we share today. **Lord hear us.**
4. Thank you, Lord for the gift of Marjorie in our lives, for the ways in which she has touched people over the years. Please grant her eternal rest. **Lord hear us.**
5. Thank you Lord for the staff at the Pioneer and for all who have cared for Mardie in her need. **Lord hear us.**
6. Loving God, you raised Jesus your Son from the dead. With confidence we pray for Mardie. Receive her into your loving presence. **Lord hear us.**

CLOSING SONG: *Can We Feel The Love*