



A Service Celebrating the Life of
Marquita “Markie” Merrill
Clymer Duncan

March 21, 1927 – August 21, 2021

Sunday, September 26, 2021



A SERVICE CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF Marquita “Markie” Merrill Clymer Duncan

GATHERING

Greeting and Word of Grace

Rev. Tracey Beadle

Hymn

Hymn of Promise - 707

Nina Revering

Prayer

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Responsive Reading

Psalm 139:1-18

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.**

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

Where can I go from your spirit?

Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there;

if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

**If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the
farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall
lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,”

**even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.**

For it was you who formed my inward parts;

you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works;

that I know very well.

**My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.**

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

**In your book were written all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.**

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

**I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.**

Scripture Reading	<i>Jeremiah 29:11-14a</i>	
Special Music	<i>Untitled Hymn</i>	
Remembrances		Jay Brim, Chris Clymer
Hymn	<i>In the Garden</i> - 314	Cal Brim
Scripture Reading & Sermon	<i>1 Peter 4:8-10</i>	
Song of Response	<i>The Rainbow Connection</i>	Jessica Schumacher Merrill Schumacher

COMMENDATION

Prayer of Commendation

The Lords 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, the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

Hymn *I'll Fly Away* - TFWS 2282

Benediction

Markie, as she was known to all, passed away on August 21, 2021, from natural causes at the age of 94. She was born in New York City on March 21, 1927, to Ray March Merrill and Lula Blanche Sadler Merrill. She married Major Harvey Claude Clymer (USAF) on May 10, 1952, in Washington, D.C. He predeceased her in 1994. She later married William Lloyd Duncan, a widower whom she met in a grief counseling group at The Christi Center after good friends Susan and Don Cox urged her to go. Markie and Bill wed on June 22, 1997, and were married nearly 20 years before his death in 2017.

She was a joyful person who loved people. She had a lifelong interest in singing and art; she both painted and sculpted. She loved group activities like the Retired Officers' Wives Club and the Welcome to Austin Club. She showered attention on her grandchildren when they were younger, and then on her great-grandchildren when they came along. She especially loved traveling in the latter part of her life; she and Bill traveled the world and had thousands

of photos to prove it. Cruises were favored because she was able to befriend others, who then became recipients of the famous Markie's Christmas Letter. When she and Bill moved into Assisted Living and could no longer travel, she shared stories of her life with the family that gave insight to the family history. She also considered her caregivers at Brookdale Gaines Ranch as personal friends, interested in their families and ALWAYS singing their praises to her children. These last two years Markie relied on the company and personal care of Daphne Frizzell, who treated her like family.

Markie is survived by her daughter Jeanine Eloise Clymer Brim and husband Jay, her son Christopher Merrill Clymer, grandchildren Cari Christen Brim Land and husband David, Brandon Young Brim and wife Rebecca, Jessica Merrill Brim Schumacher and husband Richard, and by six great grandchildren, Jack and Owen Land, Merrill and Emma Schumacher, and Isla and Enid Brim.

Pastor

Rev. Tracey Beadle

Musicians

Nina Revering & Austin Haller

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