

A Poem on Dying

by Henry Scott Holland

I am standing upon the seashore.
A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze
and starts for the blue ocean.
She is an object of beauty and strength.
I stand and watch her until at length she hangs
like a speck of white cloud
just where the sea and sky
come to mingle with each other.



Then someone at my side says: There, she is gone!"

"Gone where?"

Gone from my sight. That is all.
She is just as large in mast and hull and spar
as she was when she left my side
and she is just as able to bear her load of
living freight to her destined port.
Her diminished size is in me, not in her.
And at the moment when someone at my side says:
"There, she is gone!"
there are other eyes watching her coming,
and other voices ready to take up the glad shout:
"Here she comes!"

And that is dying.

In Loving Memory of **Susan Linda Graham Bogen**

June 17, 1949 – July 10, 2024



August 3, 2024
4:00 p.m.

First Congregational
United Church of Christ
Madison, Wisconsin

Celebration of Life

Susan (Sue) Bogen

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Prelude

Opening Words

Opening Prayer

Personal Reflections

Susan Cambria
Susan Ciurczak
Rev. Ann Beaty

Musical Tribute

“Here I Am, Lord”
Jan Goldhorn; arr. Mark Hayes

Scripture Readings

John 14:15-21, 1-3
Isaiah 40:28-31

Homily

Hymn “In Heavenly Love Abiding”

Closing Prayer

Final Blessing

Hymn #473 “Blessed Assurance”

Benediction

Postlude Recessional on “The Ash Grove”
arr. David Cherwien

(Please remain seated until the family has exited.)

You are invited to join the family in the Chapel following the service to share memories, fellowship and light refreshments.

Leading the Service:

Rev. Eldonna Hazen, Senior Minister:

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Madison

Zach Busch, Organist

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Madison

Heather Yonker, Director of Music Ministries

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Madison

Handbells: Paul Karch, Nancy Moore, Sara Nordberg, Judith Stephens

Hymn Leader: Mari McCarty

Livestream Technician: Alex Goff

Remembering Sue

Susan Linda Graham Bogen passed into God’s loving embrace on July 10, 2024, in Madison, Wisc., surrounded by the love of family and friends.

Sue was born in Tucson, Ariz., in 1949, to David and Irene (Francis) Graham. By her own admission, she was a terrible baby. She cried almost continuously for the first three months of her life, making her parent’s lives difficult. Shortly after her fourth month began, Sue ceased crying incessantly and won a beautiful baby contest when she smiled at the judge and grabbed his tie...

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