



Nothing can ever separate us
from God's love.

- Romans 8:31-39

A Service Celebrating the Life of

Cora Slothouber

January 17, 1933 – February 28, 2018

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

Minister: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ, which passes all understanding, be with you all.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN: #559 Ten Thousand Reasons

Minister: When we were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, we were baptized into his death and buried with him, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

People: **Those who believe in him, though they die, yet shall they live.**

Minister: We have come here in sorrow, mourning the death of Cora Slothouber. Let us share that grief with our God:

Father, we remember today in your presence our mother, grandmother, and friend, who through your grace entered and enriched our lives. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. We praise you for all in her that was good and faithful and loving, and we bless you for the grace that flowed from you through her and into our lives. Even so, heavenly father, we grieve. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before us; through your Son, Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN: #348 Great is Thy Faithfulness

Minister: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, and leads me beside still waters. He revives my soul.

People: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil. For He is with me.

Minister: He guides me along right pathways for His name's sake. Even as I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil. For He is at my side with His rod and staff to comfort me.

People: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil. For He is with me.

Minister: He spreads a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; he has anointed my head with oil; my cup is running over.

People: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil. For He is with me.

Minister: Surely His goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

People: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil. For He is with me.

All: Amen.

HYMN: #581 Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture: Romans 8: 31-39 (Jack Slothouber)

Homily: Nothing Can Separate Us, Part 2

Hymn: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
Cora Lindner, Betty Slothouber Chris Leonhardt

REMEMBERING CORA

A Reading – When Memory Fades

The Family Shares Memories

Minister: People of God, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. (*Heidelberg Catechism, Question and Answer #1*)

Minister: Let us pray. God of all grace, you sent your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality into the world. We give you thanks that by his death he destroyed the grip of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of God to all believers. Make us confident that because he lives we shall also live. Deepen our conviction that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, nor anything else in all creation shall be able to separate us from your love. Immerse us now in that love, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

COMMITTAL AND CLOSING

Minister: Since God has called our sister Cora from this life to Himself, we commit her body to the earth, for we are dust, and to dust we shall return. But the Lord Jesus Christ will change our mortal bodies to be like his in glory; for he is risen, the firstborn of the dead.

People: Amen.

Minister: Into your tender hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your beloved servant, Cora Slothouber, that you may embrace her in love, and raise up her body on the last day. Acknowledge, we pray 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 everlasting peace, into the glorious company of the saints who dwell in your light. And may your kingdom of peace come quickly.

People: Amen.

Minister: The Lord is risen.

People: Christ the Lord is risen indeed.

Minister: Go forth in peace.

People: Thanks be to God.

All: Amen.

HYMN: #965 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Recessional

Postlude

*Following the service, the family invites everyone
to stay for a time of fellowship and refreshments.*



To God Belongs this World of Ours

My God who lives in heav'n above
cares for me with deep tender love,
guards me each day and every night
and never loses me from sight.

God made the fishes, flowers, and trees,
the bears and birds and also bees;
God made the heavens and the earth,
gave you and me our life at birth.

God hears me talk, knows what I think.
God hears my prayers for food and drink,
for health and growing big and strong –
God hears my crying and my song.

God cares for me and makes me sing
more than for sparrows on the wing.
God makes my world to bloom with flowers –
To God belongs this world of ours!

Norm Slothouber
Waterloo, Ontario, 1992

Cora Vermeulen-Slothouber

Cora passed away, peacefully at Trinity Village on February 28, 2018 after a lengthy struggle with Alzheimer's dementia.

Cora is predeceased by her husband, Norm Jan Slothouber (2010) and is survived by her children Jack (Betty), Mike (Cathie), Bette (Alan) Harley, and Kathy (Glyn) Williams and grandchildren, Chris, Norm (Sonia), Steve (Brittany), Nick (Erin), Tom (Holly), Cora (Jordan), Beth, Simon, Marissa, and Callum, and great grandchildren, Benjamin, Cora and Hendrix. Also survived by her brother Henk (Marianne) Vermeulen Utrecht, NL and sisters, Tena Minnema Kentwood, MI USA and Willy (Jack) Kamphuis, Concord, CA, USA, sisters-in-law Jane Slothouber, Smithville, ON, Dora Slothouber, Perth, Australia and Joke Karsenbarg, Haarlem, NL.

Predeceased by her parents, Henk and Bep (Broekhuis) Vermeulen, brother, Ad Vermeulen, son-in-law Mike Renaud, granddaughter Jessica Marie Slothouber, sisters-in-law, Marie Slothouber, Minette DeWitt, brothers-in-law, Jan, Eric, Niek, and Bem Slothouber, and Dr. Ted Minnema.

Cora was born in Amsterdam on January 17, 1933. She survived many challenges through the war, contributed to caring for her siblings, finished high school and volunteered as a Boy Scout leader. She worked as a telex operator, becoming fluent in morse code. Later she worked for Philips, NL where she met Norm and they entered a lengthy courtship. They married on March 11, 1955 and immigrated to Canada later that year.

Her new home presented many new challenges; learning English, becoming a Mom, setting up a household and moving multiple times until they finally settled in Waterloo where they lived and raised their family.

She was an active member of her church and worked for many years as bulletin clerk and as secretary to the Campus Chaplains.

Cora took an active part in her grandchildren's lives and spent time teaching the ways of cooking, reading and gardening. She enjoyed creating intricate cross stitch projects and was an avid knitter making unique sweaters for her grandkids as well as hundreds of booties for new babies born in her church community.

Cora's baking skills were renowned in the family, neighbourhood and church, a skill passed on to her children and grandchildren.

Cora was burdened in her final years with Alzheimer's dementia and was constantly looking for her home. We are thankful to God that she has finally ended her journey and is now home with her Father in heaven.

Condolences for the family and memorial donations to the Alzheimer Society of K-W and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank may be arranged through the funeral home www.erbgood.com or 519-745-8445.