

**A Service
in Loving Memory**



Mary Elizabeth Potter

February 7, 1930 – November 3, 2023

First Presbyterian Church

512 3rd Street SW

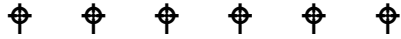
Rochester, MN 55902

January 13, 2024

11:00 a.m.



*The Potter family appreciates your presence here today.
You are invited to join them for a luncheon
in the Social Hall following the service.*



Mother

*All my life you have been there for me.
Your heart was the rhyme of my beginning.
Your love, the chart by which I set my course.
Your guidance by which I set my boundaries.*

*You are the touchstone for every relationship I have.
You gave and nurtured my gift of art, and poetry.
You pushed me to my limits
but kept me safe from harm.
You set me free to be a man,
but always a child I'll be in your arms.*

*All my life I will be there for you.
~ David Potter*



Participating in today's service:

Rev. Thomas J. Parlette, *Pastor*
John Stender, *Director of Music*
Elizabeth Woolner, *soloist*

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***In Memory of
Mary Elizabeth (Marken) Potter***

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Anthem How Great Thou Art O STORE GUD

Scripture Readings

*Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
Psalm 23
Jeremiah 29:11
Romans 8
John 14*

In Remembrance Rev. T.J. Parlette

Hymn 649
Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound NEW BRITAIN

Meditation Rev. T.J. Parlette

Memorial Prayer & The Lord's 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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Benediction

Postlude

Mary Elizabeth (Marken) Potter

Mary Elizabeth (Marken) Potter died peacefully at home on November 3, 2023, from heart failure and dementia.

Mary was born to Ralph William Marken and Hazel Margaret (Fitz) Marken on February 7, 1930, in Hampton, Iowa. Her family later moved to Waterloo, Iowa, where she met Warren Potter. Mary and Warren were joined in marriage in Waterloo on August 27, 1950. They remained in Iowa where their sons, John and Steven were born. The family moved to Rochester in 1963 where their third son, David, was born.

Mary worked for Northwestern Bell Telephone Company for 27 years, taking early retirement to begin the family photography business. Mary and Warren retired in the early 1990's and enjoyed time with their Minnesota and Iowa family, and traveled multiple times to the west coast to visit son, Steven, and Mary's sister, Jeanne and her family.

This was a difficult summer for Mary and Warren as their son's Steven and David both died on June 26-Steven in Las Vegas and David here in Rochester.

Mary is survived by her husband, Warren; son John, daughter in law Shelly; grandchildren Megan and Derek (Rainy); great granddaughters Autumn, Radke and Hannah; and many beloved nieces and nephews.