

**A Service
in Loving Memory**



Shirley Jo Dean Edmonson
October 18, 1934 – October 22, 2023

First Presbyterian Church
512 3rd Street SW
Rochester, MN 55902
December 2, 2023
11:00 a.m.



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



REDEEMING THE TIME

Redeem the time! God only knows
How soon our little life may close,
With all its pleasures and its woes.
Redeem the time!

Redeem the time, it goes so fast;
Then use it well, buy back the past,
And think each day may be our last,
Redeem the time!

Redeem the time, and that with might!
Far spent the day, quick falls the night;
Soon closed the race, and fought the fight,
Redeem the time!

~ anonymous



Participating in today's service:
Rev. Thomas J. Parlette, *Pastor*
John Stender, *Director of Music*

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***In Memory of
Shirley Jo Dean Edmonson***

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Anthem Going Home

Scripture Readings George Edmonson
Psalm 23
John 11:25-26

In Remembrance Karen Edmonson
Paul Edmonson

Anthem I'll Fly Away

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 Oh When the Saints Go Marching In

Shirley Jo Dean Edmonson

Shirley Jo Dean Edmonson was born on October 18, 1934 in Garden City, KS.

She was the oldest of 3 children. She attended college and became a nurse. She met her husband John Hamilton Edmonson during college in Memphis, TN. They were married for 64 years until Johns' death.

Shirley worked as a nurse for two years until her second child was born. She gave birth to 4 children. Her husband John worked as a physician, and she was then a stay-at-home mother with 4 children under the age of 6. They moved often when the children were young. They started out in Memphis TN then moved to Jacksonville NC, then to the Boston MA area, then to upstate NY, then to Long Island NY, during the first 16 years of their marriage. They finally ended up in Rochester MN where Shirley extensively volunteered throughout the community and raised her family. Shirley took great joy spending time with family and friends until she was no longer able. She was a philanthropist to organizations close to her heart. She travelled to over 65 countries with her husband, sister, daughter and friends.

Shirley died Sunday October 22, 2023 peacefully. She is survived by her sister Carolyn and her brother Steve, her 4 children Karen, George, Margaret and Paul, 3 grandsons Michael, Ryan and Thomas, and a great-grand-daughter Holly. She left the world a better place because she was in it.

Memorial donations to Open Arms or Heifer International or Friends of the Library or Compassion and Choices in lieu of flowers.