

A Celebration of the Life of  
***Elma Louise Munster***

October 21, 1930 – April 22, 2020

Saturday, April 24, 2021 10:00 am

PRELUDE *“Sheep May Safely Graze” – J.S. Bach*  
*Robert Grube, Jr., Organist*

WELCOME Rev. Leigh Gillis

INTROIT *“Be Thou My Vision” - Arr. Hopson*  
*Jubilee Bell Choir, Elsa G. Hahn, Directing*

OPENING SENTENCES Rev. Leigh Gillis

PRAYER Rev. Leigh Gillis

SPECIAL MUSIC *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” – arr. J.Schrader*  
*Lynn Pinto, Soloist, Robert Grube, Pianist*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS: Isaiah 40:28-31 Rev. Leigh Gillis

Psalm 139:7-18 Rev. Leigh Gillis

Psalm 23 Mark Cassidy

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *“Jesus Loves Me” – W. Bradbury*  
*Lynn Pinto and Kelli Bruno*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS: John 14:1-6; 25-27 Aileen Munster

Ephesians 1:17-23 Rev. Leigh Gillis

Philippians 4:4-9 Betsy Kluge

Revelation 21:1-7 Rev. Valencia Norman

EULOGY Rev. Valencia Norman

MEMORIES OF FAMILY  
John Munster  
Karen Cassidy  
Patrick Cassidy  
Sarah Cassidy  
Nicholas Munster  
Katie Munster

SPECIAL MUSIC *“Supermarket Flowers” – Ed Sheeran*  
*Kelli Bruno, Soloist*

MEDITATION Rev. Leigh Gillis

PRAYER AND COMMITTAL

POSTLUDE *“Tocatta” from Symphony 5” – C.M. Widor*  
*Robert Grube, Jr., Organist*

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**Celebrants:**

Reverend Leigh B. Gillis, Pastor

Reverend Valencia Norman, Pastor of First Presbyterian and  
Trinity Church, South Orange.

Robert Grube, Jr., Church Organist

Elsa G. Hahn, Music Director

Lynn Pinto, Soloist

Kelli Bruno, Soloist

Jubilee Bell Choir

Al Simone

Tamri Lowery

Ann Weeks

Mary Petty

Kathy McLeer

Karen Bruno

Carina Hechevarria

Kelli Bruno

Judy Bobucky

Grace Owens

Mary Bruno

## *Elma Louise Munster*



Elma Louise Munster, 89, a woman of deep faith and conviction, passed away peacefully on Wednesday April 22, 2020 at Sunrise Assisted Living in Westfield.

A loving wife and mother, she was born in Belleville, New Jersey to Nicholas and Anna Kleinknecht and was the youngest of the 3 Kleinknecht ("Dolly") sisters. She worked for a number of years at Prudential in Newark, and

eventually married her Belleville High School sweetheart Charles in 1953. They moved to Cranford in 1957 where she lived and raised her family until moving to Sunrise in 2019. For over 60 years, she was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Cranford which guided her faith and spirit. Her fondest memories were of her years in the choir and her participation in so many of the church's activities. She was supported over the years by her loving and caring friends at the church.

Predeceased by her parents, sisters Doris and Adell, and husband Charles (2006), she is survived by her daughter, Karen Cassidy and her husband Mark along with her son, John Munster, and his wife Aileen, as well as four loving grandchildren, Patrick and Sarah Cassidy and Nick and Katie Munster. She also leaves behind many loving nieces and nephews and her spiritual network of friends at First Presbyterian Church.

Donations in her memory can be made to The Memorial Fund, First Presbyterian Church of Cranford.

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## SUPERMARKET FLOWERS

I took the supermarket flowers from the windowsill  
I threw the day-old tea from the cup  
Packed up the photo album Katie had made  
Memories of a life that's been loved  
Took the get well soon cards and stuffed animals  
Poured the old ginger ale down the sink  
Dad always told me, "Don't you cry when you're down"  
But mum, there's a tear every time that I blink  
    Oh, I'm in pieces, it's tearing me up, but I know  
A heart that's broke is a heart that's been loved  
So, I'll sing Hallelujah  
You were an angel in the shape of my mum  
When I fell down you'd be there holding me up  
Spread your wings as you go  
And when God takes you back we'll say Hallelujah  
You're home  
Fluffed the pillows, made the beds, stacked the chairs up  
Folded your nightgowns neatly in a case  
John says he'd drive then put his hand on my cheek  
And wiped a tear from the side of my face  
I hope that I see the world as you did 'cause I know  
A life with love is a life that's been lived  
So, I'll sing Hallelujah  
You were an angel in the shape of my mum  
When I fell down you'd be there holding me up  
Spread your wings as you go  
And when God takes you back we'll say Hallelujah  
You're home  
Hallelujah  
You were an angel in the shape of my mum  
You got to see the person I have become  
Spread your wings and I know  
That when God took you back he said Hallelujah  
You're home.

Songwriters: Johnny Mcdaid / Edward Christopher Sheeran / Benjamin Joseph Levin