

*A Service of Worship
in Witness to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ,
to the Glory of God, and in Memory of*

Midori Louie

May 9, 1938 – September 21, 2021



November 20, 2021 at 1:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley

Order of Service

Prelude	<i>Going Home</i> <i>Amazing Grace</i>	James Parrish Smith, organ
Welcome		Rev. Mark
*Hymn	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	
Scripture	Psalm 23	Rev. Mark Stryker
Scripture	Job 19:25--27	Milt Latta
Special Music	<i>I Know That My Redeemer Liveth</i>	Kristen Engle, vocals James Parrish Smith, piano
Scripture	Colossians 1:13-20, 3:4	Milt Latta
Remembrances		Tris Roost Mary Coe Arlene Acuna
Midori's Story		Rev. Mark Stryker
Special Music	<i>And I Love You So</i>	Elmer Strasser, vocals James Parrish Smith, piano
Witness to the Resurrection		Rev. Mark Stryker
*Hymn	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	
Words of Gratitude	<i>Lai Saechin, Kitty Ho,</i> <i>Maggy Taga, Glenda Sionosa</i>	Rev. Mark Stryker
Closing Prayer/Benediction		Rev. Mark Stryker
Postlude	<i>Hallelujah Chorus</i>	James Parrish Smith, organ

Midori Louie

Midori Louie, 83, of Richmond, CA, died on September 21, 2021, from cardiopulmonary arrest. She also suffered from Alzheimer's dementia with Parkinson's for many years and for the last seven months epileptic seizures. She leaves behind her husband Donald, her daughter Lisa Caylor, son in law Robert Colbert, grandchildren Ian and Sabrina, stepson David Louie (Danielle), and stepdaughters Christine Corona (Alonzo) and Laurie Louie (Morgan Gray).

Midori was born in San Jose, CA, on May 9, 1938. She was the daughter of Shigeru and Tomiko Uchiyama. Her family were farmers in San Jose. During WWII her family was relocated to Poston, AZ. After the war they returned to San Jose and started farming again. The fifth of eight children she was raised in the midst of racial discrimination, hard work, and financial insecurity. She did very well in school, and in 1956 graduated from high school and was accepted at UC Berkeley. She majored in Zoology, graduated in 1960, went to San Jose State, got her teaching credentials, and started teaching at Walnut Creek Junior High later transferring into the Berkeley school district. Her daughter Lisa was born in 1964 while she was living in Berkeley.

After her divorce from Lisa's father Midori moved to Concord, CA, for a few years while continuing to teach at Berkeley High West Campus. She taught life science classes and was chosen to be part of the HUI program of enrichment for advanced students. In the late 1970's she moved back to El Cerrito. In the 1980's Midori started having health problems and took a leave of absence from teaching in 1983 due to severe rheumatoid arthritis and fatigue.

Donald and Midori met at the end of 1984 at the Seafarers class at First Presbyterian Church, Berkeley. They were



married in 1987 in Berkeley and moved into their present home in 1988. Midori loved to teach, and after retiring from teaching, supported Lisa and herself as a landlord owning several houses and by dabbling in the stock market. These interests remained with her the rest of her life. She also was very active at First Pres, was a member of the Seafarers and Sunday Morning Study classes, helped prepare and serve communion, was a Stephen Minister, a deacon, and helped with the Saturday Street Meal. She was a CASR volunteer to the family court in Richmond and for years was a member of Bible Study Fellowship. Midori loved to travel. Being a teacher Lisa and she took several trips to Europe during the summer, to Hawaii, and later to SE Asia. Donald and she travelled to western and eastern Canada, to the east coast of the US, to Japan, and their last trip a cruise through the Panama Canal

Eventually her health caught up with her. In 1991 she was diagnosed with lupus. Later the arthritis flared up, and she had both knees replaced. She also had numerous hand and foot surgeries. Around 2010 she started showing signs of dementia. She loved music and had season

subscriptions to the San Francisco Symphony and SF Opera, loved the Broadway Theater, and regularly would go to Ashland for the Shakespeare festival. As her health was declining evening performances changed to matinees and more zoos and museums than nights out. By December, 2019, she was using a walker full time, started losing weight, fell, was hospitalized, discharged on hospice, stopped walking and needed a wheelchair to get around.

In addition to those listed above Midori is survived by her brother Tomio (Marion), her sister Chiyo Hikido, her sister Jane Fukuda, her sister Hanako Miyagi (Ken), her sister Miyo Fukuda, her sister-in-law Emiko Uchiyama, and her brother-in-law Art Hilborn. She is predeceased by her parents, her brother Dan Uchiyama, her sister Judy Hilborn, and her brothers-in-law Ken and Bob Fukuda. She also leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.