

MUSICAL PRELUDE, CRYSTAL MILLER

INTRODUCTION / OPENING COMMENTS
PASTOR BRITT CARLSON

SONG: GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS (#327)
SONG LEADER, JIM WENGER

SONG BY THE FAMILY: MAY THE LONG TIME SUN

REFLECTION BY FAMILY

SONG: GOTT IST DIE LIEBE (#167)
FAMILY WILL SING FIRST TWO VERSES IN GERMAN
THEN ALL WILL SING FIRST TWO IN ENGLISH

SONG: DONA NOBIS PACEM (#346)

REFLECTIONS BY FAMILY

SONG: ALL PRAISE TO THEE (#658)

SONG: IN THE BULB THERE IS A FLOWER
(TUNE OF THE ROSE - ON SCREEN)

INFORMAL SHARING:
TWO MINUTES, PLEASE

CLOSING WORDS, PRAYER
PASTOR BRITT CARLSON

SONG: ALLELUIA (ON SCREEN)

TO MAKE A DONATION IN SONJA'S MEMORY

- ◇ EPIC — SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT
IN LATIN AMERICA
- ◇ SONJA'S FRUIT GARDEN — TO GROW PAWPAWS
INSTRUCTIONS IN OLD CHAPEL



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



SONJA JEAN ANDREAS

APRIL 12, 1949 - JUNE 1, 2019



Sonja Jean Andreas left this life peacefully in the early morning hours of Saturday June 1st, 2019 in her home with two sisters and her daughter. She was born April 12th, 1949, in Beatrice, Nebraska.

Sonja spent most of her growing up years on her Mother's family farm near Hillsboro, Kansas in the Brudertal Mennonite community settled by her Great Grandfather's generation. She was in high school when the Army Corps of Engineers decided to build a dam that turned her community into a lake, forcing the family to leave, settling on a new farm 30 miles away near McPherson, Kansas. Sonja viewed the move as an opportunity to start anew and welcomed the relatively progressive attitudes at the McPherson Mennonite Church, where the youth minister actively fostered engagement & community service, along with critical thinking & questioning. Her values, her commitment to peace and social justice, are strongly influenced by her involvement in the Mennonite Church, and the people that became part of her life as a result. Her unrelenting tenacity in pursuing what she deemed right and important, was a force to be reckoned with!

Sonja completed her Nursing degree at Wesley Hospital School of Nursing,

followed by a Masters Degree in Family Therapy at Friends University, both in Wichita, Kansas. She was by nature a caregiver, working for some time as a psychiatric nurse. She served as primary caretaker for her Father as he was dying of cancer, and later for her Mother, who was unable to live unassisted.

Sonja's fascination with life on the farm played a fundamental role in her life. She took a keen interest in helping her Dad with the dairy and other farming chores, and spent hours, along with her siblings, helping her Mother with huge gardening operations. Sonja was a life-long lover of nature; she was in her element when birdwatching, taking her younger sisters exploring, horseback riding, and nurturing growing things. In recent years her dream was to start an organic, ecologically sound farm here in the middle of Portland, and thanks to her usual dogged determination and the support and partnership of her daughter Mischa along with other family, friends and supporters, Abba's Garden became a reality! The land continues as a garden, leased to a dynamic group of young farmers who share Sonja's vision for food gardening, and intend to carry that vision forward.

Sonja leaves behind Mischa Becker, with whom she shared a home in Portland, and Raphen Becker, married to Jiaying Shen, and granddaughters Kamina and Amira Becker - San Jose, CA. Also grieving her loss are her Mother Lois Jean Andreas, four sisters - Theresa Tod, Connirae Andreas, Rene Eisenbart, and Tamara Andreas, a brother Jonathan Andreas, and their respective families. She is preceded in death by her father, William Andreas.

Sonja's passing creates a huge void in her biological family, as well as her wide family of friends. We will treasure the many memories, and the legacy that will keep her alive in all our hearts.