

**ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**September 28 , 2004**

**THE FUNERAL SERVICE OF  
EVELYN WOLF**

**(JUNE 30, 1913 – SEPTGEMBER 26, 2004)**

GREETING  
THE WORDS OF GRACE

**HYMN "How Great Thou Art"**

**PRAYER**

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Let us pray: (In Unison)*

**Eternal God,**

**we praise you for the great company of all those  
who have finished their course in faith  
and now rest from their labor.**

**We praise you for those dear to us  
whom we name in our hearts before you.**

**Especially we praise you for *Evelyn Wolf*,  
whom you have graciously received into your presence.**

**To all of these, grant your peace.**

**Let perpetual light shine upon them;**

**and help us so to believe where we have not seen,  
that your presence may lead us through our years,  
and bring us at last with them**

**into the joy of your home**

**not made with hands but eternal in the heavens;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)**

**Holy God, before you our hearts are open,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.**

**We bring to you now our shame and sorrow for our sins.**

**We have forgotten that our life is from you and unto you.**

**We have neither sought nor done your will.**

**We have not been truthful in our hearts,  
in our speech, in our lives.**

**We have not loved as we ought to love.**

**Help us and heal us,  
raising us from our sins into a better life,**

**that we may end our days in peace,**

**trusting in your kindness unto the end;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord,**

**who lives and reigns with you**

**in the unity of the Holy Spirit,**

**one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**THE WORD OF ASSURANCE**

**RESPONSIVE READING (Ps 130)**

*Out of the depths I cry unto thee, O Lord!*

*Lord, hear my cry.*

**Let thine ears be attentive  
to the voice of my supplication.**

*If thou, Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?*

**But there is forgiveness with thee,  
that thou may be feared.**

*I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,  
and in his word do I hope.*

**My soul waits for the Lord  
more than those who watch for the morning.**

*O Israel, hope in the Lord!*

*For with the Lord is great mercy.*

*With him is plenteous redemption,*

**And the Lord will redeem Israel from all their sins.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

II Cor 5:1-10

MESSAGE

Rev. Dwight L. Sheesley

REMEMBERANCE/TRIBUTE

HYMN

*"God Will Take Care of you"*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God, the father almighty , creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ , his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

BENEDICTION

*Burial will be at the Pleasant View Cemetery*

**Officiating Ministers: Rev. Dr. Christopher J. Kurien  
Rev. Dwight L. Sheesley  
Funeral arrangements: Lutz Funeral Home**

The family would like to thank everyone  
for your support, prayers and presence

**Gifts towards Evelyn's memorial may be sent to:  
St. Matthew's UMC Memorial Fund  
501 South 18<sup>th</sup> Street Reading, PA 19606**