

In Loving Memory

Lola Mae Swinford

“If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Galatians 5:25

BORN

July 6, 1934

DIED

January 25, 2024

SERVICE

Friday, February 16, 2024 at 1:00 pm
Kent Lutheran Church
Kent, Washington

BURIAL

Tahoma National Cemetery with Bill

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Pastor Tormod Svensson (Kent Lutheran Church)

Pastor Perry Raak (formerly Trinity Community Church)

Pianist – Sean Haley

Singers – Mike Beckman

Anna Koloen

Sound and Video – Proctor McCaw

Office Manager – Jody McCaw

Reception & Ushers – Church Family and Friends

**Please join us for a time of sharing and cookies following
the service in the fellowship hall**



LOLA MAE SWINFORD

Remembering the Life and Faith of Lola (Mom, Grandma, Gigi)

Prelude

Opening Sentences

Hymn #597 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

We Remember the Life and Faith of Lola

Comforting Words of Scripture *Psalm 23*

Prayer

We Give Thanks for the Life of Lola

Family members sharing stories

Selected Scripture Passages Giving Hope and Assurance

Revelation 3:20 *Philippians 4:9* *Ephesians 6:16-20*

Hymn #856 "How Great Thou Art"

Scripture II Corinthians 3:5-6; John 15:15-17

Meditation "Giving God All the Thanks, Praise, Honor & Glory"

Prayer ending with 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory, forever and ever. Amen

Video of Lola's Life to "September Morn" & "Clair de Lune"

"In the Garden" Duet: Mike Beckman and Anna Koloen

Benediction

Postlude

Husband: Bill Swinford (deceased)

Sister: Ruth Jessen (deceased) **Brother:** Lewis Stanersen

Children: Nancie (deceased), Tom, Cindi, Diane

Grandchildren: Jamie, Brent, Steven, Elizabeth, Jeff, Joey, Ben, Michelle, Kaitlyn, Tyler, David

Great Grandchildren: Matteo, Oliver, Harrison, Zoe, Taylor, Callum, Jack, Jameson, Jamison, Lucas, Lyla

SAFELY HOME

I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
All's so happy, all's so right!
There's perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief are over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.

Did you wonder I so calmly
Trod the valley of the shade?
Oh? But Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still;
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's will.

There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idle stand;
Do your work while life remaineth -
You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all complete,
His will gently call you home;
Oh, the rapture of the meeting!
Oh, the joy to see you come!

-Author unknown



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Lola was born the youngest of three children to Albert and Evelyn Stanersen in Joliet, Illinois. While growing up there, her childhood summers were spent enjoying fun with friends and family at their lake cottage in Michigan.

In Lola's early years, she began her walk with Jesus and grew to be an inspiration to many people in their faith walk. While achieving good grades as a student, she earned money babysitting when she wasn't busy with her many school activities. Evidenced in her High School yearbook, she experienced many adventures and fun with her girlfriends. Activities included being an ROTC sponsor, participation in acapella choir, and attending any and all dances.

Following graduation from Joliet Township High School, Lola earned her Registered Nurse Degree specializing in premature infants, first practicing at Silver Cross Hospital. She returned to nursing after her children were in their middle and high school years. Lola went from the youngest preemies to working with the elderly at a nursing home in Auburn. Caring for all ages, she completed her nursing career at a private general practice here in Kent.

While in nursing school, Lola started dating Bill, her brother Lewie's best friend. Married on August 24, 1956, they were devoted to each other for over 66 years. She refers to getting married to Bill as the "happiest moment in my life".

Lola took great joy in raising her four children and playing grandmother to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a mom all her kids' friends called "mom" or at least wish was their mom.

As a dedicated church member Lola participated and led multiple Bible studies and Sunday school classes. She was very involved in activities with her children including Girl and Cub Scouts, PTA, and numerous church activities.

She resided in Kent for the last 49 years, and her family continues to grow in the surrounding areas and beyond. After Bill's passing in 2022, she moved to Cogir Assisted Living where she made even more wonderful friends.

Throughout her life, Lola was an inspiration to so many people and her smile was infectious. She had a way of making people know that she "saw them" and that they were special and loved and that she was there for them. To know Lola was to love Lola. Her favorite phrase was "I give God all the thanks, praise, honor and glory".

Lola is predeceased by her husband, Bill, her sister Ruth and her eldest daughter, Nancie Sue Brooks. She is survived by her brother Lewie (Lou) Stanersen; son Tom (Sandi) Swinford; daughter Cindi (Mike) Bentz; and daughter Diane (Mike) Norman; eleven grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren (with more on the way).

Donations in memory of Lola can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.