

A CELEBRATION *of*  
THE LIFE AND RESURRECTION *of*  
**LESLIE ANDERSEN**

DECEMBER 24, 1952 – JUNE 29, 2023



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**JULY 8, 2023    2:00PM    FUNERAL RITE II**

**ST. BARNABAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
22W415 BUTTERFIELD RD. | GLEN ELLYN, IL

## OBITUARY

Leslie Andersen, age 70, of Woodridge, IL, passed away on June 29, 2023, at Lutheran General Hospital while surrounded by her adoring family. Leslie was born in Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, daughter of Sylvia Newman and George Howard. She was incredibly loquacious and an accomplished student. She was a proud and active alumna of Girls High in Philadelphia (Class of 1970) and Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts (Class of 1974). Leslie graduated from Smith with majors in African American studies and Religion. She received her Master's of Education in counseling from the University of Massachusetts Amherst soon after leaving Smith.

Leslie married Gary Davis in 1974 and welcomed their son, Jeffrey, in January of 1981. They resided in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Illinois. Leslie later moved to Iowa, married David Andersen in 1988, then they moved to the Chicagoland area settling in Downers Grove for over 20 years. David and Leslie welcomed their daughter, Juliana, in November of 1991.

Leslie's professional career was focused on helping and guiding others through their careers. Her roles included working as a career counselor at the University of Iowa, Assistant Director of the Career Development Office at the Illinois Institute of Technology, and concluded her career at University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy where she worked as Associate Director of the Career Development Office. She was instrumental in supporting thousands of students to secure employment and develop their career paths, and she stayed in touch with many of them throughout the years. She was an exceptional advisor and proud of her positive impact on those she served.

Leslie was an active member of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church and regarded herself as a "cradle Episcopalian". She supported many organizations, her most notable being Smith College, NPR, PBS, ASPCA, and the Morton Arboretum. She was an advocate for diversity, inclusion, and equal rights and worked tirelessly to help those in need. Leslie was worldly and traveled frequently.

Leslie is survived by her two children, Jeffrey (Tracy) Davis and Juliana (Dara) Lipowski, along with her three siblings, George, Angelique, and Gabrielle Howard. Leslie was a self-proclaimed "cat lady" and a loyal and valued member of the Smithies Who Love Cats Facebook group. She is survived by her cat, Kali.

Leslie is predeceased by her father George Howard (2005), mother Sylvia Howard (2012), brother Gregory Howard (2014), and husband David Andersen (2018).

Leslie was a deeply compassionate, strong, selfless, and charitable woman. She saw life as being full of opportunities and saw the best in everyone. Leslie became fast friends with every person and every cat she met. She has friends all over the globe and has touched countless lives; she will be truly missed.

PRELUDE

Cathy Kuna, *cello* Richard Shields, *guitar*

GATHERING SONG – *Love Divine, All Love's Excelling*

1. Love di - vine, — all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
 2. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
 3. Fi - nish then — thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us — thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 life — re - ceive; sud - den - ly — re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let — us be; let us see — thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us — with  
 serve thee as — thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till — we cast — our

thy — sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in — thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

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## ☐ SEATING of THE FAMILY

*Please stand as you are able for the procession of the family, while the following anthem is said.*

### **Entrance Anthem**      *Said by the Celebrant*

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.  
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,  
even though he die.  
And everyone who has life,  
and has committed himself to me in faith,  
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives  
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.  
After my awaking, he will raise me up;  
and in my body I shall see God.  
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him  
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself,  
and none becomes his own master when he dies.  
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,  
and if we die, we die in the Lord.  
So, then, whether we live or die,  
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on  
are those who die in the Lord!  
So it is, says the Spirit,  
for they rest from their labors.

## ☐ OPENING ACCLAMATIONS

*Celebrant:*      The Lord be with you.

*People:*          **And with your spirit.**

*The People remain standing.*

*Silence may be kept; after which the Celebrant says the following Collect:*

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our sister Leslie. We thank you for giving her to us, her family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People*          **Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated for the readings.*

## ☐ LITURGY *of* THE WORD

### ☐ THE LESSONS

Old Testament Lesson | LAMENTATIONS 3:22-26, 31-33

*Read by Emmitt George*

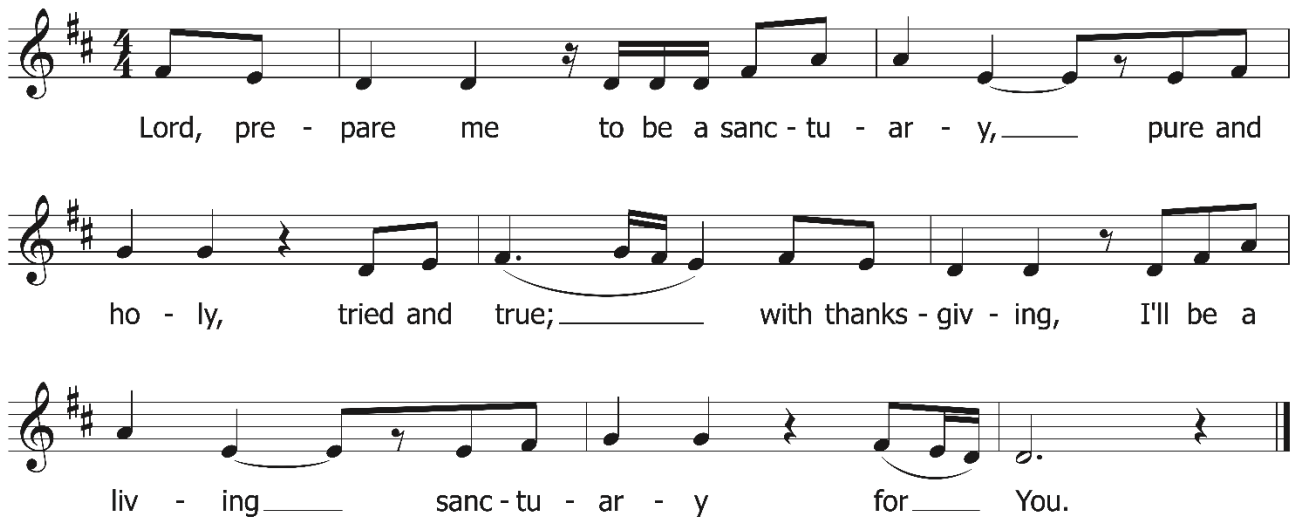
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”

The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

### ☐ SONG *Sanctuary*



Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and  
ho - ly, tried and true; with thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a  
liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for You.

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New Testament Lesson | 2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-5:9

*Read by Shari Kjetland*

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For our slight, momentary affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen, for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that, if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be further clothed with our heavenly dwelling, for surely when we have been clothed in it we will not be found naked. For while we are in this tent, we groan under our burden because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. The one who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a down payment.

So we are always confident, even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to be pleasing to him.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

The Psalm | PSALM 23 – *spoken; congregation will recite together*

1. **The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.**
2. **He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.**
3. **He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**
4. **Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**
5. **Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**
6. **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

*The congregation stands for the Gospel.*

The Gospel | JOHN 6:37-40

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

“Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away, for I have come down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day.”

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The congregation is seated.*

## ❶ EULOGY *Jeff Davis and Juliana Lipowski*

## ● THE CREED

*The people stand as able.*

*Celebrant:* In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say:

*Celebrant and People*

**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 forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## ● THE PRAYERS *of* THE PEOPLE

*The people kneeling or standing as they are able.*

*Deacon:* For our sister Leslie, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, “I am Resurrection and I am Life”

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Leslie, and dry the tears of those who weep.

*People:* **Hear us, Lord.**

*Reader:* You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

*People:* **Hear us, Lord.**

*Reader:* You raised the dead to life; give to our sister Leslie eternal life.

*People:* **Hear us, Lord.**

*Reader:* You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister Leslie to the joys of heaven.

*People:* **Hear us, Lord.**

*Reader:* Our sister Leslie was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give her fellowship with all your saints.

*People:* **Hear us, Lord.**

*Reader:* Leslie was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant her a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

*People:* **Hear us, Lord.**

*Reader:* Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our sister Leslie; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant:* Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister Leslie, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that his death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages.

*People:* **Amen.**

## ☐ THE PEACE

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

## ☐ THE OFFERTORY

VOCAL SOLO *Cathy Kuna*

“The Wind Beneath My Wings” L. Henley/J. Silbar

### **A Note about the Offering**

In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family requests a donation to the "Leslie Andersen '74 Scholarship Fund" at her alma mater, Smith College. This fund was created to provide a scholarship opportunity for students in need.

You may make a one-time donation or a recurring pledge online at [www.smith.edu//giving](http://www.smith.edu//giving) or you may mail a check to:

Smith College Gift Accounting  
33 Elm Street  
Northampton, MA 01063

\*\*\*Please specify in the **donation special instructions** that this gift is for the "Leslie Andersen '74 Scholarship Fund" to ensure it is correctly attributed to this fund.\*\*\*





*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People:*       **We remember his death**  
  **We proclaim his resurrection,**  
  **We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Barnabas, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

*Celebrant*       By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Tibetan

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,



1. Fa - ther God \_\_\_ in \_\_\_ heav - en, \_\_\_ May your name be  
 2. As your will is done in heav - en, \_\_\_ May your will be  
 3. Grant for - give-ness for our tres - pass-es, \_\_\_ As we par - don  
 4. Yours the king-dom pow'r and glo - ry, \_\_\_ Now and ev - er



hal - low - ed, Lord; \_\_\_ May \_\_\_ your heav - en - ly \_\_\_  
 done \_\_\_ on \_\_\_ earth; \_\_\_ Give to \_\_\_ us our dail - y  
 oth - ers wrongs to us; \_\_\_ Lead us \_\_\_ not in - to temp -  
 more, \_\_\_ A - - men! \_\_\_ Yours the \_\_\_ king - dom, pow'r and



king - dom come, May your heav'n - ly king - dom come.  
 bread, O Lord, \_\_\_ As each day you give \_\_\_ to \_\_\_ us.  
 ta - tion, Lord, \_\_\_ From the e - vil one, de - liv - er us.  
 glo - ry, Lord, \_\_\_ Now and ev - er more, \_\_\_ A - men!

Tibetan melody, composer unknown.

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All the baptized are welcome to receive holy communion.*

## COMMUNION

Communion Music – *With Beauty Before Me I Walk*



With beaut - y be-fore me I walk, With beaut - y be-hind me I walk,



With beaut-y a-bove me and un - der my feet, With beaut-y a-round me I walk.

With mercy... With justice... With love... With peace...

Words: adapted from a Native American prayer Music: Catherine J. Kuna, 2023

## ☐ THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Together:* **Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## ☐ THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*Celebrant:* The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Closing Music** – *Amazing Grace*

Instrumental – Cathy Kuna, *cello*    Richard Shields, *guitar*

*There will be a reception immediately  
following the service until 4:30pm.  
Please join the family and remember Leslie.*

### Worship Leaders

*Celebrant:* the Rev. Tim O’Leary

*Deacon:* the Rev. Mark Ramirez

*Ushers:* Jay Baum and Ramon Ortiz

*Readers:* Emmet George and Shari Kjetland