



*A Celebration of Life*

*Linda Belle Riegel*

March 26, 1942 ~ February 13, 2022



A photograph of a woman and a young child sitting on a large, reddish-brown rock in a mountainous landscape. The woman, on the right, has short brown hair and is wearing a dark blue jacket over a red shirt and dark pants. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. The child, on the left, has blonde hair and is wearing a blue jacket and dark pants, looking down. The background features a dense forest of evergreen trees in the middle ground, and large, rugged mountains with patches of snow in the distance. The overall lighting is warm, suggesting a late afternoon or early morning setting.

*We are grateful for your presence here today.*

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February 19, 2022

PRELUDE

Cheryl Saborsky

WORDS OF GRACE | OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Lin Cheek

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

*It Is Well with My Soul*

United Methodist Hymnal #377

CALL & RESPONSE

Psalm 23

One: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**Many: He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;**

One: He leadeth me beside the still waters;

**Many: He restoreth my soul.**

One: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

**Many: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

One: I will fear no evil;

**Many: For thou art with me;**

One: Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

**Many: Thou preparest a table before me**

One: In the presence of mine enemies;

**Many: Thou anointest my head with oil;**

One: My cup runneth over.

**Many: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me**

One: All the days of my life,

**Many: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**All: Amen.**

MUSICAL SOLO

*How Great Thou Art*

Performed By: Larry Meerdink & Cheryl Saborsky

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 14:1-4, 18-19, 25-27

Read By: Debbie Paul

EULOGY

Greg Riegel

WITNESS OF LOVE & FRIENDSHIP

PASTORAL PRAYER | THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Lin Cheek

**ALL:** 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

*I'll Fly Away*

The Faith We Sing #2282

BENEDICTION

Rev. Lin Cheek

POSTLUDE

Cheryl Saborsky







*Greg, Jon, and family would like to express their gratitude to Linda's friend and caregiver, Sheri Britton. Sheri came into Linda's life at a time that she needed both companionship and care to help her live independently. As Linda's health declined over the last year, Sheri became instrumental in helping to keep Linda comfortable and advocating for her needs. We are blessed to have had her in our life, and grateful she was with Linda up to the very end.*



Linda Belle Riegel, 79, of Denver, passed away February 13, 2022.

She was born March 26, 1942 in Denver, CO, the daughter of Willis A. and Nancy M. (Hill) Freeburg.

She played the violin, and graduated from South High School in 1960. She attended CSU in Fort Collins, CO and received a Secretarial Certificate in 1962.

On October 2, 1966, she married Wayne Riegel at Grant Avenue United Methodist in Denver. They were married for 50 years before his passing.

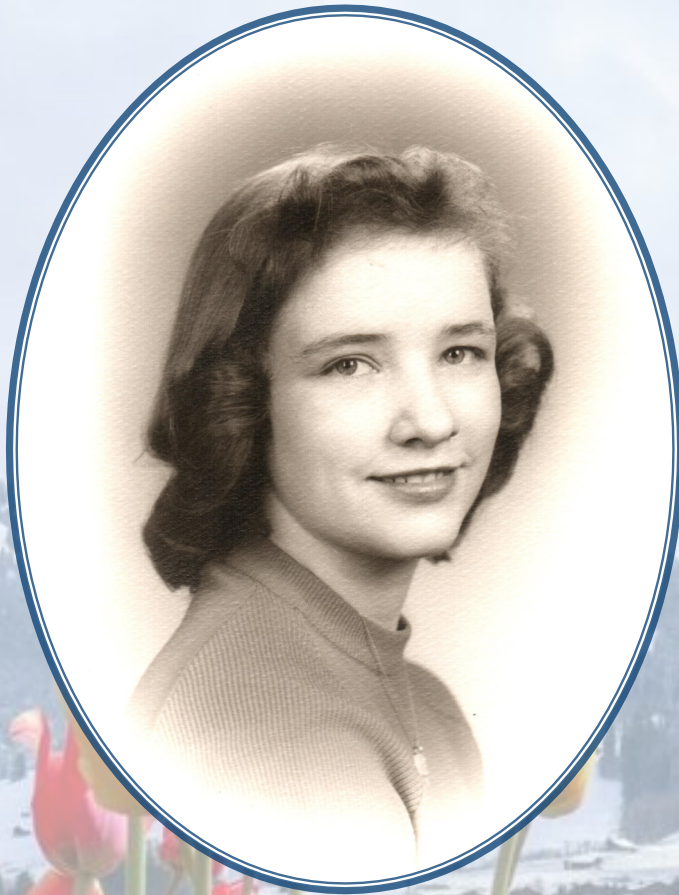
Linda worked in the Human Resources department at the Denver Mint in the 1960's and early 70's and was a bookkeeper with Olive Keefer Bookkeeping service from 1983 - 2008.

Linda enjoyed games, and was particularly fond of slot machines and Bingo, both of which she picked up from her mother Madge. Over the years she had various hobbies (ceramics, needlepoint, etc.), and stayed involved with her sorority, Beta Sigma Phi. She enjoyed music by John Denver, Neil Diamond, and Bill and Gloria Gaither, along with musical theater. She was fond of dogs, enjoyed road trips, and loved spending time with friends and family. Her favorite place to go was the Maroon Bells in Aspen. She loved going out to lunch with her friends and trying new places to eat. Her favorite pastime was shopping for Christmas presents - famously asking for lists from family members in August. Above all, she was a loving mother, grandmother, wife, daughter, cousin, and friend. She was forever devoted to the care of her son, Bill.

Linda is survived by three sons, William Riegel, Gregory (Candy) Riegel, and Jonathan (Jennifer) Riegel; five grandchildren, Ryan Riegel, Luke Riegel, Thomas Riegel, Alice Riegel, and Leah Riegel; brother-in-law Robert (Maris) Riegel, and many cousins and extended family.

She is preceded in death by Father, Willis A. Freeburg; Mother Nancy M. Freeburg; husband Wayne Riegel; and two brothers in law, Norman and Clyde Riegel.





The family requests that in lieu of flowers  
donations may be made in Linda's memory to:

**RoundUp Fellowship**  
3443 South Galena Street, Ste. 310  
Denver, CO 80231  
[rup.org/donate/](http://rup.org/donate/)

*Thank you*



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