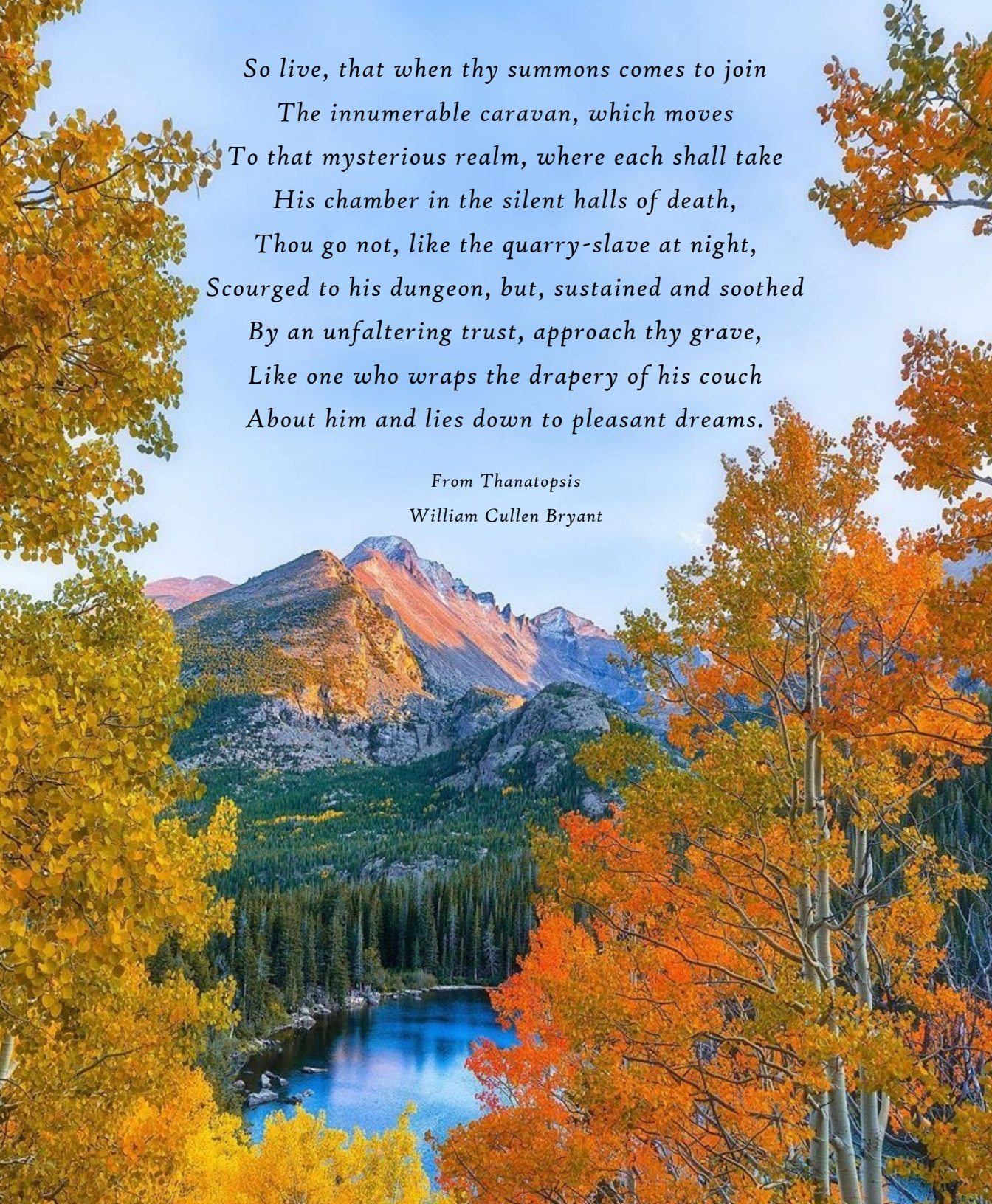


# *A Celebration of Life*

**Janet Kay Staats**

June 4, 1943 ~ September 10, 2022



A scenic landscape featuring a vibrant blue lake in the foreground, surrounded by a dense forest of evergreen trees. In the background, rugged mountains with rocky peaks and patches of autumn-colored foliage rise against a clear sky. The scene is framed by large, bright yellow and orange autumn leaves in the foreground, creating a sense of being in a forest during peak fall season.

*So live, that when thy summons comes to join  
The innumerable caravan, which moves  
To that mysterious realm, where each shall take  
His chamber in the silent halls of death,  
Thou go not, like the quarry-slave at night,  
Scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and soothed  
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave,  
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch  
About him and lies down to pleasant dreams.*

*From Thanatopsis  
William Cullen Bryant*

# A Celebration of Life

## Janet Kay Staats

October 22, 2022

PRELUDE

Cheryl Saborsky

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Amazing Grace*

Performed By: Bradley & Van Staats

WORDS OF GRACE | OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Lin Cheek

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

*In the Garden*

United Methodist Hymnal #314

READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 23

Charlotte (Charley) Staats

SPECIAL READING

*If I be the First of us to Die*

By: Nicholas Evans  
Read By: Angela Osborne

MUSICAL SOLO

*Hallelujah*

By: Leonard Cohen  
Performed By: Larry Meerdink

READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 100

Anastacia Osborne  
Leo Staats

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

*It Is Well with My Soul*

United Methodist Hymnal #377

SPECIAL READING

*Time is Too Slow*

By: Henry Van Dyke  
Read By: Beau Staats

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 13:4-13

Lennon Staats  
Aubs Staats

EULOGY

A Life Well Lived

Cynthia Staats

WITNESS OF LOVE & FRIENDSHIP

FAMILY MEMORIES IN PICTURES

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

*Nearer, My God, to Thee*

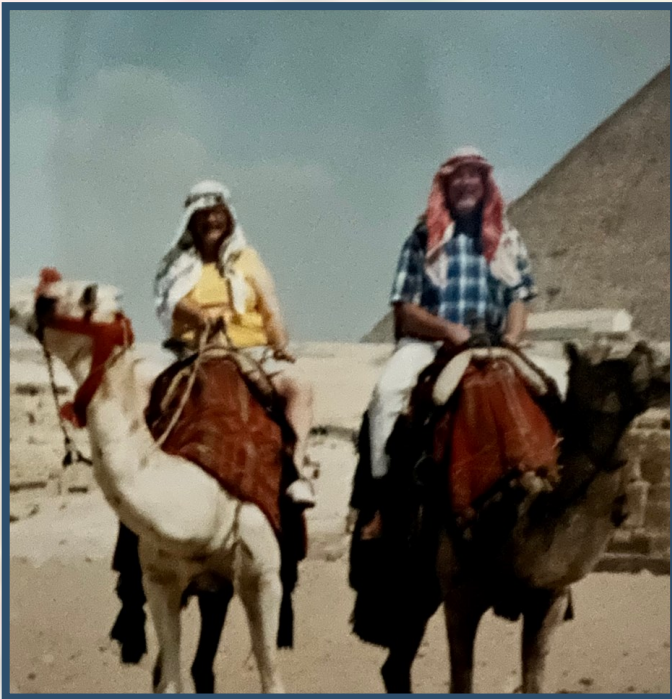
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BENEDICTION

Rev. Lin Cheek

POSTLUDE

Cheryl Saborsky



*We are grateful for your presence here today*



Janet K. Staats, 79, of Highlands Ranch, CO, passed away peacefully on September 10, 2022 from Parkinson's.

Janet was born on June 4, 1943 to Herbert G. Schlechter and Mae Irene Kerr in Denver, CO. After Janet graduated from Borah High School '61 in Boise, Idaho, she went on to earn her bachelor's degree from Willamette University '65 and received her master's from the University of Northern Colorado in 1991.

After graduating with a degree in sociology, she started her career with the Girl Scouts of Colorado. An accomplished musician she performed professionally with four symphony orchestras and taught piano for many years. After receiving her master's degree, she provided nearly 20 years of dedicated service as a teacher in the Cherry Creek school district, specializing in special education.

In 1963, Janet met Willard Staats in Denver taking a college summer school course. They married in March of 1966 and went on to have four children and seven grandchildren. Janet and Willard shared a love of adventure and traveling, having visited more than 60 countries worldwide as well as the majority of the continental United States together. Janet was both a talented artist and musician, playing more than 10 instruments including piano, bassoon, saxophone and accordion. Always active in her local church, she served as an organist, accompanist and children's choir director throughout the years. She also enjoyed fellowship through several of the social organizations at Hope United Methodist Church. Janet loved reading,

painting, needlepoint, knitting and sewing. Her numerous handmade quilts will be loved by generations to come.

She was predeceased by her parents Herbert and Mae Schlechter.

She is survived by her loving husband Willard Staats, four children, Cynthia Staats, Pasadena, CA, Bradley Staats (Lacey) Littleton, CO, David Staats, Los Gatos, CA, Angela Osborne (Nathan) Centennial, CO and seven grandchildren, Aubs, Charlotte, Van, Anastacia, Beau, Leo and Lennon.





The family requests that in lieu of flowers  
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