

**Memorial Service for**  
**JUDITH MOOREHEAD BROWN**  
*April 2, 1935 - June 14, 2025*



**Friday, August 1, 2025 / 10:30 am**

St. John United Church  
10431 Twin Rivers Road, Columbia MD 21044

Judy was born in Muncie, Indiana on April 2, 1935 to Edward and Dorothy Moorehead. She graduated high school at Marion High School in Marion, Indiana, graduating with honors. This was followed by attendance at Radcliffe College of Harvard University, graduating in 1957.

Following graduation, she came to Maryland and found employment with the National Security Agency. During the orientation classes she met Tenney Brown and within eight months they married. Following Tenney's service in the U.S. Army and return to NSA, they bought a house, and Judy became a full-time wife and mother with the arrival of Stephanie in 1962 and Edward in 1965.

In 1967, the family moved to Columbia where Judy and Tenney joined St. John United Church. Judy later became the SJU United Church secretary. Following many happy years in Columbia, Tenney was transferred to Yakima Research Station, in Washington State for a four-year tour. When they returned to the local area in 1987, they moved to the stone house in West Friendship and both retired.

When the State of Maryland decided to take the stone house for expansion of Route 32, Judy and Tenney moved to Charlestown Retirement Community in 2006. Judy was active in the community: working at the Treasure Sale and at the Treasure Sale Ladies Boutique, serving with ELLIC (Enjoy Lifelong Learning in Charlestown), and working with other community groups.

Tenney died in 2018, Judy leaves behind a loving and grateful family: brother Stephen & Phyllis Moorehead; children Stephanie & Mark Rauen and Edward & Erica Brown; grandchildren Amanda & Scotty Brown, Jason & Michele Rauen, Kari Brown and Ava Brown; and great-grandson Gavin Brown.



*The family asks that you make memorial donations to **St. John United Church**.  
You may write a check, use the QR code above or donate online at: [www.sjuned.org](http://www.sjuned.org)*

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**WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME**

*\* please stand*

INTROIT

“Hymn of Promise”

Karen Randall  
(soloist)

ENTRANCE AND SEATING OF FAMILY

GREETING

Rev. Hyiwot Teshome

\* HYMN

“For All The Saints”

PH #526

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest

***(Refrain)***

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;  
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light

***(Refrain)***

Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win with them the victor’s crown of gold

***(Refrain)***

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong

***(Refrain)***

From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

***(Refrain)***

FAMILY WITNESS

Edward Brown

\* HYMN

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

PH #315

***Refrain:***

***Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.  
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.***

Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke,  
Out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.  
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,  
Till I asked my Lord if all was mine.

***(Refrain)***

Jordan river, chilly and cold,  
It chills the body but not the soul.  
There is but one train upon this track;  
It runs to heaven and then right back.

***(Refrain)***

PSALM 100

Stephanie Rauen

PERSONAL REMEMBRANCES

Stephanie Rauen  
Rev. Mary Ka Kanahan

ANTHEM

“Precious Jesus”  
(J. Althouse)

Karen Randall  
(soloist)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 23

\* GOSPEL LESSON

1 Corinthians 13

HOMILY

Rev. Hyiwot Teshome

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Hyiwot Teshome

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(in unison)*

Congregation

*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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.*

\* HYMN

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

PH #404

Precious Lord, take my hand,  
Lead me on, let me stand;  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night,  
Lead me on to the light.  
Take my hand, precious Lord;  
Lead me home.

When my way grows drear,  
Precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call;  
Hold my hand lest I fall.  
Take my hand, precious Lord;  
Lead me home.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE *(please allow the family to exit first)*

Patricia Hammer  
Accompanist

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**The family invites you to join them for refreshments in Room 10 immediately following the service.**

Make [Memorial Gifts](#) in Judy Brown's name to St. John United Church.



Use the "Memorial Gifts" link above, or this QR code, to donate through GIVELIFY. Choose the "In Memory or In Honor Of" envelope; **include Judy Brown's name in memo section.**

Or you can mail a check to the church (address is below).



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*To the living, I am gone,  
To the sorrowful, I will never return,  
To the angry, I was cheated,  
But to the happy, I am at peace,  
And to the faithful, I have never left.  
I cannot speak, but I can listen.  
I cannot be seen, but I can be heard.  
So, as you stand upon a shore gazing at a beautiful sea,  
As you look upon a flower and admire its simplicity,  
Remember me.  
Remember me in your heart:  
Your thoughts, and your memories,  
Of the times we loved,  
The times we cried,  
The times we fought,  
The times we laughed.  
For if you always think of me, I will never have gone.*

*~ Margaret Mead*



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