

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING

for the life of

Paulette Kay Martin Korns

April 4, 1947 – April 7, 2023

St. John's Lutheran Church - Alexandria, Virginia

Friday in the Second Week of Easter

April 21, 2023 – 10:30 a.m.



Pre-Service Music

"Like a River in My Soul"

(Tim Osiek)

Brass Quartet

Welcome

Opening Rite

P In the Name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P In Holy Baptism, Paulette was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all her sin. St. Paul says: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?"

C We were buried therefore with him by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

(Romans 6:3-5)

P Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Processional Hymn

"I Am the Bread of Life" (WOV 702)

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
 3 "Un - less you eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
 5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that

A C#m

come to me shall not . . . hun - ger, and who be
 flesh for the life of the world, and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man and
 I am the life. If you be
 you are the Christ, the

D E

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat of this bread, you shall . . live for
 drink of his blood, and drink of his
 lieve in me, e - ven . . though you
 Son of God, who has

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me un - less the . . . Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er, you shall . . . live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, you shall . . . live for - ev - er."
 come in - to the world.

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Refrain

A E A D E

“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

A D A E A

and I will raise you up on the last day.”

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I AM THE BREAD
 irregular

Opening Sentences

P Through Holy Baptism, our gracious God forgives sin and creates new life. In Baptism, we are reborn to a new life where we know God as the loving, forgiving Father that He is. While we live, this new life is nourished by God's Word and the Sacraments. As we grow in God's grace, our faith becomes more mature. Understanding and wisdom are coupled together with compassion and servanthood. God's people become more Christ-like.

The hope and joy which we have in Christ does not end at the grave. God's loving purposes for his people are not destroyed by death. Rather, death becomes the gateway to eternal life with God in heaven. The grave for God's people is not the end, but the beginning which brings about God's ultimate purpose for his people. Today, we are gathered here to remember and to celebrate the life given to our sister, Paulette, who now lives with Christ in heaven. We grieve, and yet we hope. We are sad, yet we are able to celebrate and give thanks for the hope of the resurrection. Our faith in Christ reminds us that no matter how painful death may be, it is ultimately victory, not defeat. Because Christ lives, Paulette lives. This is our faith, our hope, and our joy.

Prayer

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray:

O God of grace and mercy, we give you thanks for your loving-kindness shown to Paulette and to all your servants who, having finished their course of faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C **Amen.**

A Life Remembered

Michael Korn
Peter Korn
Paul Korn
Michael Hill

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸ He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

☐ This is the Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody *(read responsively)*

Psalm 23

☐ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

☑ **He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

☐ He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

☑ **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.**

☐ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

☑ **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.**

Hymn

"The First Song of Isaiah"

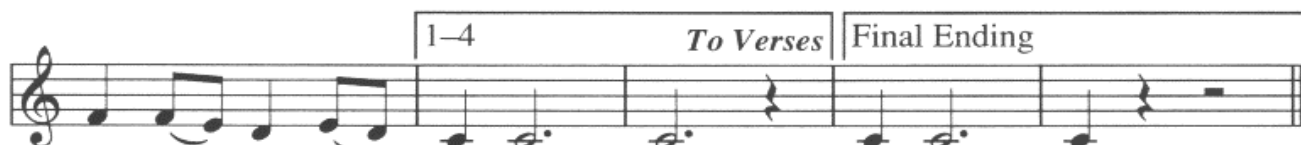
Refrain (Repeated at end)



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in Him and not be a -



fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de-fense, and



He will be my Sa - vior, Sa - vior.

Verses



1. There - fore you shall draw wa - ter with re - joic - ing



from the springs of sal - va - tion. And on that day you shall say, give



thanks to the Lord and call up - on his name;



2. Make his deeds known a-mong the peo - ples; see that they re-mem-ber that his



name is ex - alt - ed. Sing the prais-es of the Lord, for He has done great

To Refrain

things, and this is known in all the world.

3. Cry a - loud in - hab - i - tants of Zi - on,

ring out your joy, for the great one in the

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midst of you is the Ho - ly One of Is - rael.

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Epistle Reading

Revelation 21:1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷ The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Holy Gospel

John 14:1-7

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

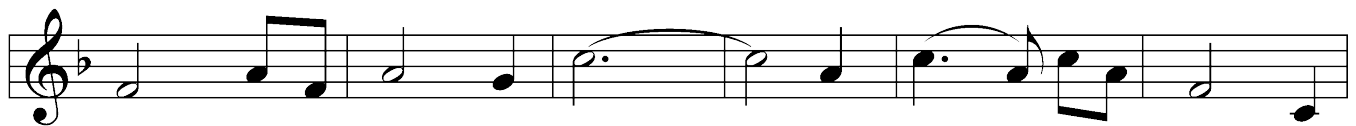
G Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn

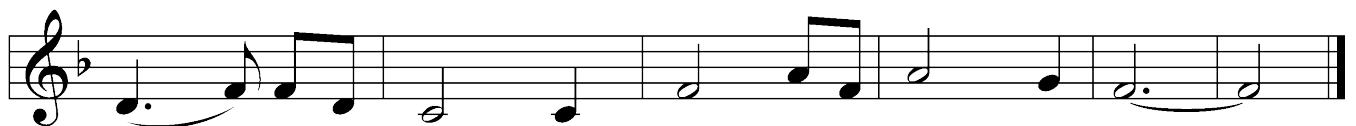
"Amazing Grace" (LSB 744)



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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Homily

Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

P God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **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 into hell. 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.

Prayers of the People *(please kneel or be seated)*

P Trusting in the promise of eternal life given to us in Christ's death and resurrection, we come before our Lord in prayer:

P O God the Father in heaven,

C **have mercy on us.**

P O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

C **have mercy on us.**

P O God the Holy Spirit,

C **have mercy on us and grant us your peace.**

P Lord Jesus Christ, dying, you destroyed our death; rising, you restored our life. We give you thanks and praise for the hope of the resurrection and the life to come which we have in you. Give us your comfort in our need. Lord, in your mercy;

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Loving Father, give your gracious presence and your saving peace to Paulette's family: her sons and their spouses: Michael and Katherine; Peter and Michael; and Paul; to her grandsons, Jackson and Andrew; together with all her family and friends. Surround them with your love and comfort them with your strength to meet the days ahead knowing that you are with them always, even to the end of the world. Lord, in your mercy;

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Merciful God, you sent your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give you thanks because by his death Jesus destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Lord, in your mercy;

C **Hear our prayer.**

P O God, the generations rise and pass away before you. You are the strength of those who labor, and the rest of the blessed dead. We rejoice in the company of your saints. We remember all who have lived in faith, all who have peacefully died, and especially those most dear to us who now rest in you. Give us, we pray, our portion with those who have trusted in you and have lived out your gracious will in their lives. To your name, with the Church on earth, and the Church in heaven, we give all honor and glory, now and forever. Lord, in your mercy;

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Gracious God, hear our prayers and receive them for the sake of the crucified and risen One, our Savior Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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 and ever. Amen.**

“How Great Thou Art”

(LSB 801)



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

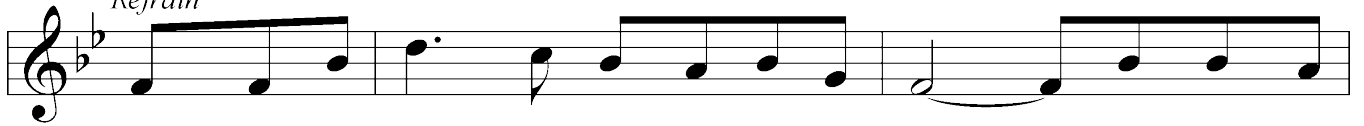


all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion And there pro - claim: “My God, how great Thou art!”

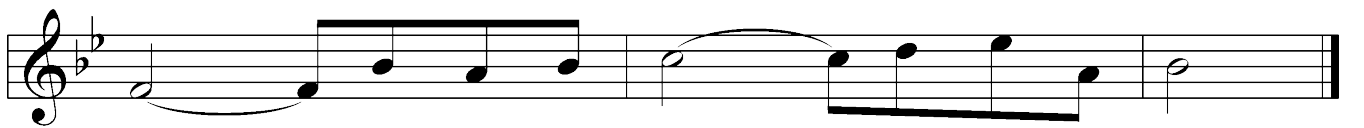
Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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Please stand

Commendation

P Into your hands, merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Paulette. In the sure and certain hope of our resurrection in Christ, we trust that you acknowledge a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming, and receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

G Amen.

Benediction

P The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. The blessing of Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you always.

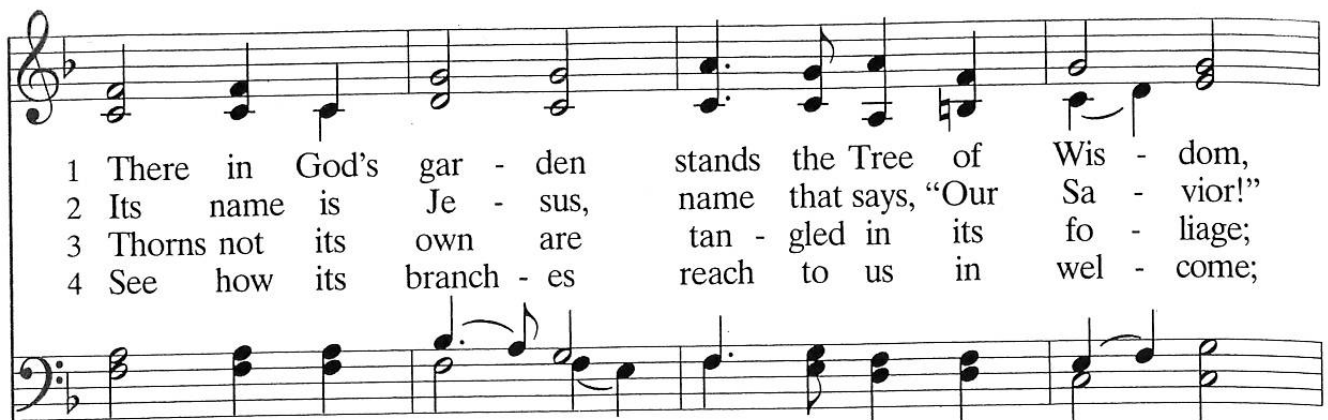
G Amen.

P Let us go forth in peace.

G In the Name of Christ.

Recessional Hymn

"There in God's Garden" (WOV 668)



1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sa - vior!"
3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - fering;
our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!"

Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
 see where the ten - drils of our hu - man
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your

pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
 self - hood feed on its life blood.
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending,
 this my resurrection;
 into your hands, Lord,
 I commit my spirit.
 This have I searched for;
 now I can possess it.
 This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,
 "Thanks to Christ whose Passion
 offers in mercy
 healing, strength, and pardon.
 Peoples and nations,
 take it, take it freely!"
 Amen! My Master!

Postlude

"Ariosto from Cantata 156" (J.S. Bach)
 Brass Quartet



Following the service, you are cordially invited to a reception
in the Fellowship Hall at St. John's.

You are also invited to an evening reception at the Korn's family home
4pm – 6pm
2416 King Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22301

Interment will take place at a later date at
Ivy Hill Cemetery
2823 King Street
-
Alexandria, Virginia 22302

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to:
St. John's Lutheran Church
5952 Franconia Road
Alexandria, Virginia 22310

*Please indicate that your memorial is in memory of
Paulette Korn's.*

Serving This Day:

Officiant/Preacher	Rev. John S. Meehan
Organist	David Leahey
Greeters	Christy Hoins Jan Swicord
Ushers	Brian Hoins Barbara Pate
Readers	Michael Hill Katherine Wray
AV Team	Greg Auld Greer Putnam
Brass Quartet	Willie Clark, tuba Margaret McGillivray, horn Todd Stubbs, trombone Ginger Turner, trumpet



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Paulette K.M. Korn



Paulette Kay Martin Korn of Alexandria, VA, was born on Good Friday, April 4, 1947, and passed away from complications from cancer, surrounded by her family, on Good Friday, April 7, 2023.

Paulette was born to Paul and Norma Martin and was raised on her family's wheat farm in Wilbur, WA. This rooting on the farm would form the attributes for which she was most loved: passion for and commitment to family, adaptability, a love of adventure, and the patience to see good things grow even if it takes a lifetime to realize.

Family was the center of Paulette's world her entire life. She cherished the small-town world her parents created for her and for her brothers, and early on became the nurturer and planner that became her hallmark. From helping to "drive truck" during Harvest to working alongside her mom to make sure all the hungry farmers – and anyone else! – had something to eat at a moment's notice, she wanted to participate in everything around her. She immersed herself in everything the town of 1,100 had to offer. In addition to the life on the farm, she played high school basketball, was the editor of her school yearbook, cherished her 4-H activities and blue-ribbon accomplishments and relished time spent with an extended family of aunts, uncles and cousins who lived nearby. The example her parents provided would form the mother she would become herself. Wilbur remained a heart center throughout her life, and she maintained lifelong friendships and connections there until her last days.

Paulette attended Washington State University, where she earned a degree in Business Administration. Her gift of organizing – a passion that never faded! – continued in her role as "dorm sponsor" in her residence hall, where she

orchestrated activities for her classmates. She continued her work on the yearbook and served as assistant editor her senior year.

After college, Paulette moved to Washington, DC to work for the CIA, where she was preparing to achieve a dream of being placed on the Norway desk, honoring her heritage, but concluded the social expectations of embassy life were not for her. She transported her ability to manage complexity to Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering law firm where, as a legal secretary, she was assigned to and met her future husband, John.

Paulette and John married in 1974 and settled in Alexandria, VA, where she harvested the lessons of her own childhood in raising their three sons. She devoted herself to her family with a joy and a determination to make their childhoods as magical as hers. She volunteered as a Cub Scout den mother, was involved in the PTA, led school fundraisers, served as their number one fan at countless sporting events and provided a home where they could explore all the potential they had for their own lives. The Korn's' house was open to any and all of their friends and remains to this day a place that many beyond her family consider a place of memories and love.

While being present to all with which her boys were involved, she concurrently harnessed her talents as a gifted seamstress – a trait passed on from her mother – to both her boys' lives and the major life moments of many others. She sewed numerous original Halloween costumes, many of which would see a second life with her own grandchildren. She started her own personal business designing and making wedding dresses, working out of her home. She was a perfectionist. Her family still remembers the days and nights she once spent hand-sewing thousands of beads onto a client's wedding dress (using glue was beneath her standards). One of the last wedding dresses she made was for her daughter-in-law, Katherine.

Paulette was a devout Lutheran and brought her belief in volunteering to her faith communities, especially Messiah Lutheran Church and St. John's Lutheran Church. These sanctuaries are adorned with her banners, altar cloths and several other creations. She was a pillar of council leadership, altar care and craft groups that made church life more beautiful.

Paulette and her family joined St. John's in 1991; all three sons grew up attending Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and were confirmed here.

She called on her organizational skills in a later career in meeting planning for national associations and met great friends while working at her local Hallmark store. She spent countless hours volunteering. Beyond her church volunteer work, she brought her love of helping others to Alexandria Hospital, Georgetown Day School, Silverado Alexandria Memory Care Community, and Washington-Reagan National Airport.

Alongside her commitment to others, Paulette had a passion for adventure. She loved taking vacations domestically and internationally with her family, and her fearlessness knew no bounds. In her last international trip, at 75, she was the first to jump off the mountain in Austria to go paragliding; an apt metaphor for a woman who viewed each day as a chance for joy and new possibilities.

She was a lifelong learner who found great meaning in the later part of her life at Chautauqua Institution in western New York state. She immersed herself in special studies classes, morning worship, lectures and concerts, and found a whole new community on which she made a profound impact.

Paulette served her family and friends in big and small ways. After raising her own sons, Paulette helped to raise her grandsons. She spent countless hours caring for them, playing their sports with them in the yard and cheering them on from the sidelines. She adored her time with them, whether serving as their cheerleader or hosting overnights at her house.

Paulette is survived by the love of her life, her husband of 48 years, John Hamilton Korns; her sons Michael (Katherine Wray), Peter (Michael Hill) and Paul; and grandsons Jackson and Andrew. She is also survived by her brothers, Larry and Randy Martin, two nephews, and numerous cousins.