SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL
For
Rosemary L. Deibler
October 11, 1943 – November 1, 2026

November 9, 2026

P - Presider D – Deacon A - Assistant L - Lector **R** - Response

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PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able.

***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R: And also with you.

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

The remains are sprinkled with Holy Water as sign of new life in Baptism.

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. 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 live a new 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.

A pall is placed on the remains as a sign of our Baptismal Garment.

***GATHERING HYMN** *"Amazing Grace"* Hymn #779

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O God and Father of grace and glory, we remember before you today your servant, Rosemary. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope, until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

R: Amen.

Please be seated.

FAMILY REMEMBERANCES

FIRST READING **Lamentations 3:17-26**

L: A reading from Lamentations.

My soul is deprived of peace, I have forgotten what happiness is; I tell myself my future is lost, all that I hoped for from the LORD. The thought of my homeless poverty is wormwood and gall; Remembering it over and over leaves my soul downcast within me. But I will call this to mind, as my reason to have hope: The favors of the LORD are not exhausted, his mercies are not spent; They are renewed each morning, so great is his faithfulness. My portion is the LORD, says my soul; therefore will I hope in him. Good is the LORD to one who waits for him, to the soul that seeks him; It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the LORD.

This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 *(sung responsively)*

The Lord is my shepherd;*
I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures*
and leads me beside still waters.
He revives my soul*
and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;*
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;*
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,*
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

SECOND READING **Romans 6:3-9**

L: A reading from Romans.

Brothers and sisters: Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Through that baptism into his death we were buried with him, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might begin to live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall also be united with him in his resurrection. **6** We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be destroyed and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died has been freed from sin. However, if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, once raised from the dead, will never die again. Death no longer has power over him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able in honor of the gospel.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



D: The Lord be with you.
R: And also with you.
D: A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.
R: Glory to you, O Lord.

We make the sign of the cross with our right thumb on our forehead, lips, and heart to symbolize the gospel being present in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.

***GOSPEL READING** **John 20:11-18**

Mary Magdalene remained weeping outside the tomb. And as she wept, she bent down to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting there where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and the other at the feet. They asked her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She answered, "They have taken my Lord away, and I do not know where they have put him." As she said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have removed him, tell me where you have put him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, *"Rabbouni!"* (which means "Teacher"). Jesus then said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to my Father. But go to my brethren and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene then went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and repeated what he had said to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
R: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

HOMILY

Please stand as you are able for the Hymn of the Day.

***HYMN OF THE DAY**



***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: God the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead:

A brief silence.

A: For Rosemary, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that she may be admitted to the company of the saints. We pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

A: For our sister who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that she may be raised up on the last day. We pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

A: For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face. We pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

A: For the family and friends of our sister Rosemary, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. We pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

A: For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom. We pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

P: God, our shelter and our strength, you listen to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters, especially for Rosemary. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R: Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us.

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.

***INVITATION TO PRAYER**

P: Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Rosemary and now we come to the last farewell. There is sadness in parting, but we take comfort in the hope that one day we shall see her again and enjoy her friendship. Although this congregation will disperse in sorrow, the mercy of God will gather us together again in the joy of his kingdom. Therefore let us console one another in the faith of Jesus Christ.

***SONG OF FAREWELL**



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***FINAL COMMENDATION**

P: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Rosemary. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. 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.
R: Amen.
P: Let us go forth in peace.
R: In the name of Christ. Amen.

***HYMN** *"When Peace Like A River"* Hymn #346

Following the Hymn we process to the place of burial during the playing of the hymn, "Ive Got a Mansion".

At the place of burial:

D: I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord. Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord. "This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter." *(Psalm 118:5, 8-9, 13, 15-17, 19-20)*

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then from my flesh I shall see God. *(Job 19:25-26)*

None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. *(Romans 14:7-8)*

"I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord; "he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die." *(John 11:25-26a)*

***PRAYER**

P: Almighty God, by the death and burial of Jesus, your anointed, you have destroyed death and sanctified the graves of all your saints. Keep our sister, whose body we now lay to rest, in the company of all your saints and, at the last, raise her up to share with all your faithful people the endless joy and peace won through the glorious resurrection of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
R: Amen.

***READING** **1 Corinthians 15:51-57**

D: Lo! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable nature must put on the imperishable, and this mortal nature must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in a victory." "O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

***COMMITTAL**

P: In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to almighty God our sister, Rosemary, and we commit her body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless her and keep her. The Lord makes his face shine on her and be gracious to her. The Lord look upon her with favor and give her peace.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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

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.

***PRAYER**

P: Lord Jesus, by your death you took away the sting of death. Grant to us, your servants, so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake in your likeness; to you, the author and giver of life, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

R: Amen.

P: Rest eternal grant her, O Lord;

R: And let light perpetual shine upon her.

P: May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R: Amen.

***PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE**

D: Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

The minister, with hands outstretched, prays over the people:

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.

R: Amen.

We make the sign of the cross as God blesses us this day.

P: And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you forever.

R: Amen.

***DISMISSAL**

D: Go in the peace of Christ.

R: Thanks be to God.

Please join us in the Social Hall for a time of food and fellowship
as we share memories of Rosemary's life with one another.



Rosemary L. Deibler, 83, of Hummelstown, Dauphin County, passed away Sunday, November 1, 2026. Born October 11, 1943 in Harrisburg, she was a daughter of the late Paul E. and Norma M. (Koons) Shelahamer. She was the widow of Walter W. Deibler since July 1995 and also preceded in death by her companion Richard R. Wetzel in January 2023. Retired as an administrative assistant for the Dauphin County Public Defenders Office, she was a member of Shells Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries, and a life member of Shellsville VFW #9639 Ladies Auxiliary. Rosemary enjoyed reading, flower gardening, finding treasures at yard sales, attending bluegrass and country music festivals, and collecting Cabbage Patch Kids and Russian nesting dolls. But, most important to Rosemary was spending time with her family and friends. Surviving are her daughter Wendy K. Stevens (Paul H.) of Leesburg, Florida; sister Pauletta M. Shelahamer of Harrisburg; grandchildren Alec J. Talley and Brittni O. Derr; and great-grandchildren Parker H. Shockey and Clayton J. Shockey. A Service of Christian Burial will be held 2:30 PM Monday, November 9, 2026 at her church, 287 Shells Church Road, Grantville, preceded by a viewing beginning at 1:00 PM. Interment will be in the adjoining Shells Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Shells Evangelical Lutheran Church, 287 Shells Church Road, Grantville, PA 17028.

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