

*"...for I am sure that because Christ lives
we shall live also.... death is not the final word!
And nothing...not one thing...shall be able to
separate us from the love which is ours in
Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8*

Almighty God
source of all mercy
and giver of comfort:
Be with us as we mourn.

At times like this,
we often do not know what to say,
we often do not know
what or how to pray.

Comfort us,
and help us to commend our beloved...
to your merciful and loving care.

In the name of the Father,
Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

Remember:

the many gifts of life

the gift of community

the hospitality of Augustana

*the journey of grief **for you***

your fears - the wonder - disbelief - your need for others/your need for solitude
anger - bargaining - guilt - depression - acceptance – hope

*the journey of grief **for your family and friends***

their fears - the wonder - disbelief - their need to comfort you! - the varieties of grief
anger - bargaining - guilt - depression - acceptance - hope

in the days ahead:

accept help - keep lists - be patient with yourself and others - and... healthy living

**Walking together through these days of grief...
and remembering...
and celebration...**

-today :

-planning the schedule for walking together through these days

-decisions regarding arrangements

-decisions with the pastor about the funeral service

(readings, participants, music, worship bulletin)

-finalize details about the meal

-visitation day

-visitation at Skinner Funeral Home

(first: a family time...then: the community gathers)

-finalize details about the meal following the funeral

-funeral day

-funeral service at Augustana

(continued visitation - gathering - worship)

-burial follows immediately

-meal at Augustana

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