

MUSICAL OFFERING

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"
Julie Vogel, soloist

Scripture Reading II Corinthians 5:1, 5-6, 17
Ben Jernigan

HOMILY Rev. Laura H. Jernigan

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; 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 649** *"Amazing Grace"*

***COMMENDATION** Rev. Collin Blair Adams

***BLESSING and BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

There will be a reception and visitation with the Jernigan family in the Fellowship Hall following the memorial service.



Minister: Rev. Collin Blair Adams
Accompanist: Eileen Butler

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection and Thanksgiving for the Life of **Jeanne Amis Jernigan** June 7, 1927 – May 1, 2024



June 1, 2024

1:00pm

Waverly Road Presbyterian Church 1415 Waverly Road Kingsport, TN 37664



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Jeanne Amis Jernigan

**Those who are able, please stand.*

PRELUDE "The Lark Ascending"
Ralph Vaughn Williams
Andre Previn, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

SEATING OF FAMILY

GREETING Rev. Collin Adams

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 34: 1-3, 7-8

I will bless the Lord at all times;
God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes it boast in the Lord,
The humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the Lord with me,
And let us exalt God's name together.
I sought the Lord and he answered me,
God delivered me from all my fears.
O taste and see that the Lord is good!
Happy are those who take refuge in God.

***HYMN 14** "For the Beauty of the Earth"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against
you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,*

*and by what we have left undone. We have not loved
you with our whole heart and mind and strength.*

*We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your
mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what
we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may
delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory
of your holy name. Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the
crushed in spirit. From his fullness we have all
received, grace upon grace. The love of God has been
poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has
been given to us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

MUSICAL OFFERING

"What Wondrous Love is This?"
*John Kingsley, guitar; Cameron Kingsley and
Emma Kingsley Palmer, vocals*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS and
GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCES**

Scripture Reading Ephesians 3:14-21 Will Jernigan
Remembrance John A. Jernigan

Scripture Reading Philippians 4:4-9 Jefferey A. Jernigan
Remembrance Mary Jernigan Kingsley

Scripture Reading Psalm 23 Mary Margaret King,
Wally Ferrell, Amis King
Remembrance Jefferey R. Jernigan

The family would like to thank all the thoughtful caregivers who cared for Jeanne during these last years, particularly the staff of The Blake at Kingsport and Brighter Days Home Health Care of Kingsport. We are grateful to all who made her last days much more peaceful.

A private family graveside service will take place at Oak Hill Memorial Park.

A memorial service will be held at Waverly Road Presbyterian Church on June 1st, 2024, six days short of Jeanne's 97th birthday, at 1:00pm, with a reception to follow at the church.

The family requests that contributions be made to Waverly Road Food Pantry, 1415 Waverly Rd, Kingsport, TN 37664.



Jeanne Amis Jernigan

Jeanne Amis Jernigan, beloved wife, mother, aunt, grandmother and great grandmother, passed away at her residence in Kingsport on May 1st, 2024, after a period of declining health. She was 96.

Born on June 7, 1927, in Decatur, GA to Mary Orme Amis and Everett Lynes Amis, she was the youngest of five children; she was sister to Everett O. (Buddy), Polly, and twins Bob and Betty.

In 1930, with the country in the throes of depression, the family moved to Dyersburg, Tennessee when her father took a job with Dyersburg Cotton Products, a struggling textile mill in West Tennessee.

Jeanne grew up in a large, close-knit family raised on small town values typical of her generation. The family was well known and liked and it was said that whenever someone was looking for the Amis household, that person was told to just go down Sampson Avenue and look for the house with all the kids around it. The richness of her family life during these formative years resulted in a closeness amongst the siblings that has continued through the following generations. Their father liked to call his daughters "The Three Graces."

They were all part of a welcoming home. Her parents often took on boarders who needed housing in Dyersburg, such as the pilots training at the Army Air Force training base in nearby Halls, TN during WWII. On Saturdays, the family would load up the Ford and drive 76 miles south to Memphis, spending the day shopping, eating, strolling along the Mississippi, going to a movie, or catching a music show at The Peabody Hotel. Through these experiences, and being the youngest of five siblings, Jeanne was introduced to a variety of viewpoints and cultures. This fostered in her a curiosity and open mindedness that she maintained throughout her life.

With her father in declining health, Jeanne's family again moved in 1943 to New Orleans, Louisiana, where she graduated from Sophie Wright High School in 1945. She attended Southwestern at Memphis (now Rhodes College), but after her father died unexpectedly, she returned to New Orleans where she attended Sophie Newcomb College.

It was during these years she met Robert Jernigan, a student at Tulane. They fell in love and became inseparable for life. By the time they were married in 1951, Robert was a young physician and officer in the US Navy, and his assignments took them to places like San Diego CA, Boston MA, Norfolk VA and Millington TN.

When it came time for Bob to choose a practice location and settle with his young family, he became aware of an opportunity in the growing post-war industrial town of Kingsport, TN. Jeanne remembered that they had passed through there on their trips across the state and once had car trouble there that required a stopover. She recalled the friendly people, the beautiful mountains, and the small town feel that was reminiscent of her upbringing.

So, in 1956 with a two-year-old in tow (Jeff, born in New Orleans), they moved to Kingsport where they lived for the remainder of their lives. They raised their family here, Mary born in 1957, and John in 1960. Jeanne took on the role of primary homemaker. This Mother's Day, we grieve her, but we are thankful to have had her because there was never a better Mom. She steadfastly ran the household while instilling in her children the same values and wisdom she gained from her own upbringing.

Through all the challenges of raising three children, she found a way to express herself through her many artistic talents. She inherited a love of the arts and a talent for painting and drawing that brought her much joy. Her talent graced her home and the homes of friends and family with her many beautiful paintings. Her front and back yards were always alive with gardening projects that she and Bob undertook. She also created incredible meals, fantastic themed birthday parties, contributed great costumes for school plays, celebrated all holidays in grand style, especially Christmas, and generally imbued her home with a nurturing warmth that was palpable.

The neighborhood, filled with kids, families, dogs, and incredible opportunities for exploring and imaginative play, was a great place for her children to grow up. And to come home to her house at the end of the day was always comforting.

Jeanne was also civically minded and active in the community. She always kept up with current events locally as well as beyond Kingsport, and there was never any question about where she stood on the issues of the day. Jeanne was an active member of Waverly Road Presbyterian Church where she served as an elder, was a leader and teacher in "The Shepherds", a Bible

study and congregational care group, and was a faithful volunteer at the church's Food Pantry. She was always a great source of spiritual inspiration and support for all who knew her. She was a past president and long-standing member of the Kingsport Book Club. She also served as a volunteer in various organizations through the years, including the PTA, the Band Boosters, and an after-school tutoring program with the Kingsport City Schools.

Jeanne was an active, engaged, and loving mother who never lost her intellectual curiosity. In the mid 70s, she returned to school and in 1978 received her Bachelor of Science in History with a minor in sociology from East Tennessee State University. She later went on to earn a Master's Degree in History from ETSU in 1983, and for a time taught undergraduate history at King College. After completing her formal education, she continued to study various topics on her own and maintained a passion for reading, learning, and writing, often recording family history and stories.

While these years were fulfilling for her, a special joyful period began in 1982 with the birth of her first grandchild, Mary Margaret Jernigan; she was subsequently blessed with Christopher, John Christian, Mary Emma, Cameron, Ben, Jefferey and Will, followed later by her great grandchildren Wally, Amis, and Gus. She absolutely loved being "Gran" to her grandkids and great grandkids and having them in her home where she created a wonderful atmosphere. She was legendary for "Sunshine Bags", Easter egg hunts, holiday meals and lamb cakes. Fun at Gran's house included playing under the sprinkler, sessions in her art studio, lots of reading, picnics in the yard and trips to the pool.

With her beloved husband of nearly 73 years, Robert H. Jernigan, having passed away last December, she is now survived by her children: Jefferey R. Jernigan (Carol) of Jonesborough TN, Mary Elizabeth Kingsley (Ted) of Seneca MD, John Amis Jernigan (Laura) of Decatur GA, and their families. She was blessed with eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren. While she is the last of the Amis family that grew up in Dyersburg, she is survived by her own family and the families of her four siblings, which includes her sister-in-law Lucille Hamer Amis of Minneapolis MN.

All of us who survive Mom, Aunt Jeanne, and Gran will miss her dearly. While we mourn her passing, we are happy that she is now at peace and with her family, Dad, and Chris. We are thankful for the special bonds, love and spirit created those many years ago. We will keep it in our hearts forever.