



Gathering in Remembrance of Joan King
Sunday, September 12, 2021

First Congregational United Church of Christ
945 G Street NW, Washington, DC

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

GATHERING IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE LIFE OF JOAN KING
May 17, 1938 – August 7, 2021

GATHERING MUSIC

John Horman

WORDS OF WELCOME and LIGHTING of CANDLES

Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss

SHARING STORIES of JOAN

Peg Lorenz (read by Rev. Amanda)
Marian Drake
Susan Goodman
Ken Bauer
Marjorie Carrollo
June Helmer
Tara Thompson

A Fallen Limb

*A limb has fallen from the family tree.
I keep hearing a voice that says,
"Grieve not for me.
Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.
The good life I lived while I was strong.
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.
Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.
Continue traditions, no matter how small.
Go on with your life, don't worry about falls.
I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.
Until the day comes, we're together again.
– Author Unknown*

MUSICAL OFFERING

I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

Mindy Wilson

REMEMBERING JOAN

A Slideshow

CHARGE TO CARRY JOAN'S LIGHT

Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss

CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Sam McFerran

BLESSING

Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss

She was so many things to us - mom, grandmother, sister, cousin, aunt, friend and more. Please share here so we can paint a picture of her life together. May the memories of Joan be with us forever.

- Born in 1938 in Elkhart, Indiana, United States
- Passed away on August 7, 2021, in Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Joan, of Washington, D.C., passed away on August 7, 2021. She and her identical twin sister, June Helmer (husband Ray) who survives her, were born and raised in Elkhart County, Indiana. She was predeceased by her parents, Harvey George and Margaret Catherine (Bariger) Shearer, and her younger brother, Harvey Jr. She is survived by her children, Jeff King (wife Dawn) and Jennifer Thompson (husband Derek), and her grandchildren Dena (husband Vijay), Jeffrey and Madeline King and Tara Thompson.

Joan graduated from Indiana University and led a varied career but spent most of her working years as a legal secretary at a prominent law firm in Washington, D.C. Joan's life was rich with friendships, some decades long and others new. With her sparkling eyes and cheerful smile, she enjoyed time with friends and family visiting, cooking, playing bridge, watching the performing arts, knitting, traveling, volunteering, and serving as an active member of her church.



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Welcome to First Congregational UCC. We were founded in 1865 by abolitionists as the first racially integrated church in Washington, D.C. In 1867 our mission committee played a prominent role in the founding of Howard University. The church has been located at its present site at 10th and G Streets NW since 1868. In more recent years, the church affirmed its vision as an Open and Affirming (ONA) Church (1987), a Just Peace Church (1985), and a Multiracial/Multicultural Church (2003). Our new building, constructed according to Gold LEED standards, was dedicated in 2012.

First Church continues to follow its faith journey into the future, and to be a prophetic voice for the Spirit in the nation's capital. If you would like to know more about First Church or would like to make it your spiritual home and community, please contact churchoffice@FirstUCCDC.org or 202.628.4317.

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Associate Minister – Rev. Sam McFerran
Director of Music – Mr. John Horman
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