

*In Celebration of the Life of  
Jean Nielsen*

*Jean Lucille Nielsen*

**PRELUDE**

Susan Martinez

Jean Lucille Nielsen lost her short battle with cancer on April 1, 2022, one day before turning 72 years old. She spent her final days surrounded by her five daughters and grandchildren.

**TRIBUTE IN PHOTOS AND SONG**

**WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Mary Saylor

Jean was born on April 2, 1950 and raised in a family of seven in the same 1600 square foot house throughout her childhood in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She was a proud stay-at-home mom during the early years of raising her daughters and then transitioned into working at the United States Postal Service to bring additional income to the family. She was bright with a strong work ethic which allowed her to work her way up the ranks to a management position for the Gilbert Post Office where she retired after 20 years of employment. She loved to sew and, in addition to making clothes and quilts for her family, she quilted and donated blankets to children needing emergency shelter. Jean relished her role as grandma; there was nothing she liked better than spending time spoiling her grandkids with sugar and attention... and then sending them back home to their parents. Jean was incredibly active in her Christian faith and church community throughout her life although when it came to music, she preferred the Beatles to hymns. Always witty and humorous, she became more willing to share her sense of humor to family, friends, and strangers alike as she got older.

**PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Isaiah 61:1-3

John 14:1-3, 27

Romans 8:31-39

Revelation 21:1-4

**HOMILY**

**PRAYER AND 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen*

Jean is predeceased by her beloved husband of 24 years, Donald Nielsen, who passed away on December 11, 2016. Jean is survived by her children and step-children, Jill (and Devin) Alexander of Gilbert, Arizona; Cheri (and Jess) Beckenhauer of Peoria, Arizona; Dawn Dickinson of Salt Lake City, Utah; Kellie (and J.) von Borstel of Gilbert, Arizona; Liz Nielsen (and Mike Tenore) of Gilbert, Arizona, and Kurt (and Beth) Nielsen of Parker, Colorado; twelve grandchildren, Kyle and Joey McLemore, Jayson von Borstel, Jack and Claire Nielsen, Ethan and Ella Beckenhauer, Owen, Lila, and Jeanie Fleishman, Conor and Emma Alexander; one great granddaughter, Rory von Borstel; brothers, Tom, Bob, and Blair Stocker, sister, Grace Casey, and yappy dog D.J.

**IN MEMORY**

Blair Stocker  
Dawn Dickinson

**HYMN**

*How Great Thou Art*

Hymn 625

**READING**

*To Those Whom I Love and Those Who Love Me*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Susan Martinez

You are invited to join us for a reception following the service  
in the Palmer Center

*A Service of Witness to the Resurrection  
Remembering the Life of  
Jean Lucille Nielsen  
April 2, 1950-April 1, 2022*

Memorial Service can be viewed later at:

[azgpc.org/jean-nielsen-memorial](https://azgpc.org/jean-nielsen-memorial)



Gilbert Presbyterian Church  
1:00 pm April 8, 2022