

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection

Clara Vest Bailey

June 2nd, 2023

Culdee Presbyterian Church

West End, NC

Prelude

Special Music **“Sweet Beulah Land”** *Squire Parsons, Jr.*
The Peterson’s

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading

Psalm 139:1-18

Confession of Sin

Silent Prayer

We confess together: Holy God, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns. We have not always sought or done your will. We have not lived as your grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us. Apart from you, we are nothing. Only your grace can sustain us. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, help us and make us whole. Set us free from our sin, and restore to us the joy of your salvation, now and forever more. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn – In the Garden #635

Readings from Scripture

Psalm 84

John 14: 1-7, 15-21, 25-27

Ephesians 3:14-21

Psalm 23

Words of Remembrance

Ms. Teresa Martin

Rev. Connie Weaver

Special Music **“Nearer My God to Thee”** *Adams/Mason*
Vocal Point

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

For the life of Clara Bailey

For those who grieve her loss

Lord’s Prayer

ALL: 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.

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed (Inside cover of hymnal)

Hymn – To God Be the Glory - #56

Commendation & Blessing

Postlude

Today’s service is led by the Rev. Connie Weaver, pastor, and Mrs. Beverly Dunlop, choir director, of Culdee Presbyterian Church.

There will be a committal immediately following the service, in the church cemetery. You are then invited to greet the family at a reception in the church fellowship hall.

Clara’s family is grateful for your friendship and care, and for your presence at today’s service.



Clara Vest Bailey, our beloved wife, mother and grandmother (Grammy,) age 88 of West End, NC passed away at FirstHealth Hospice House on May 29, 2023. Clara was born in Moore County, NC to David Allen and Sara Madeline McKenzie Vest, the oldest of four children.

Clara met husband, Bill, in their high school years, she at West End and he at Farm Life. They married in July 1954 and they have been together ever since. Clara worked in payroll and later as secretary to several managers at JP Stevens/Gulistan Carpets of Aberdeen for 38 years. She and Bill were active

members of Culdee Presbyterian Church their entire married lives, enjoying many circle meetings, Harvest Festivals, bible schools, homecomings and holiday cantatas over the years. Clara was a wonderful homemaker and cook, using many skills passed on from her own mother, including cooking and sewing. She also enjoyed reading and shopping, hobbies she passed on to her daughter. Clara and Bill liked going for weekend trips to the beach and to the mountains in the fall, as well as on several bus tour trips with friends. Most of all though, she loved spending time with her husband, children and grandchildren. Her family's traditions of holiday meal gatherings and homemade ice cream on Sunday afternoons made some of life's best memories for all of us.

Clara is survived by her husband of sixty-eight years, William (Bill) Bailey, son, Tim Bailey of West End, daughter, Lauren Palmerton (Bill) of Winston-Salem, grandsons, Ryan Bailey (LeAnn), Jared Bailey (Melissa), Aidan Palmerton, granddaughters, Bethany Palmerton, Elise Palmerton, and great-granddaughter, Addie Bailey. She is also survived by her sister, Edith Martin, sisters-in-law, Jewell and Faye Vest, special nieces and nephews, cousins and many life-long school, church and work friends. Clara was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Tommy Vest and Jerry Vest.

Funeral service will be held Friday, June 2, 2023 at 11:00 AM at Culdee Presbyterian Church, 916 NC Hwy 73, West End NC with Rev. Connie Weaver officiating. Burial will follow at Culdee Cemetery. The family will receive friends following the burial at the church fellowship hall. Memorial contributions can be made to FirstHealth Hospice House or Seven Lakes Fire & Rescue of West End.

Online condolences may be left at: www.bolesfuneralhome.com