

**A Service of Witness to the Resurrection**  
**Amanda Darlene Frye Valitutto**  
**February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Culdee Presbyterian Church**  
**West End, North Carolina**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship & Opening Prayer**

**Hymn**                                    **“God of Our Fathers”**                                    **#809**

**Confession of Sin**

*Silently, then...*

*And now praying together...*

**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**

**Readings from Scripture**

**Special Music**                                    **“Perfect Plan”**                                    **by Sammy Frye**  
  Sammy Frye & Bruce Frye

**Words of Remembrance**

*Rev. Linn Fisher*

*Rev. Connie Weaver*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession**

*For the life of Darlene Valitutto*

*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.

**Special Music**            **“Heaven’s So Much Sweeter Now, to Me”**  
  Sammy Frye & Bruce Frye        by Sammy Frye

**Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Hymn**    **“To God Be the Glory”**    **#56**

**Commendation & Blessing**

**Recession of the Ashes**

**Postlude**

*Today’s service is led by the Rev. Linn Fisher, family friend and chaplain in the U.S. Air Force; and by the Rev. Connie Weaver, pastor of Culdee Church. Our musicians are Mary Jo Upchurch and Phyllis Alexander.*

You are invited to greet the family at a visitation reception immediately following the service, in the church fellowship hall. Darlene’s ashes will be interred at a later date.

*The family thanks you for your care and prayers for Darlene, and for your presence here, today.*



**Amanda Darlene Frye Valitutto,**

64, passed from this life unto the loving arms of her Lord on January 24, 2023. Darlene was born to Charles M. and Pearl Smith Frye in Pinehurst on November 1, 1958. Darlene was a graduate of Pinecrest High School in 1977. She graduated from Sandhills Community College in 1979 receiving her degree in Practical Nursing. She took her State

National Boards in 1979 and started working at Moore Regional Hospital on March 5, 1979. Darlene continued her education at Sandhills Community College receiving an Associate of Arts Degree in Nursing in 1984 and she continued her education at UNC Pembroke receiving her Bachelor of Science Degree in nursing in 1999. Because Darlene was a lifelong learner she earned her Master's Degree in Nursing from Regis University in 2005 with a GPA of 3.897, all the while working a full time job 40 hours a week.

In 1989 Darlene was recognized as the first nurse at Moore Regional Hospital to become a Certified Medical Surgical Nurse within the hospital by the American Nurses Credentialing Center. In 1994 she began working in the rehabilitation center and in 1996 she took and passed her certification to become a registered rehabilitation nurse at Moore Regional. A 1997 article written by Darlene was published and earned 3rd place in writing by the American Rehabilitation Nurses Association. Over the years, Darlene taught nursing clinicals part time at both Richmond Community College and Montgomery Community College. She was a member of the Alpha Chi Honor Society at UNC Pembroke, and the Sigma Theta Tau Nurses National Honor Society holding various positions. A lifelong member of Culdee Presbyterian Church, Darlene served as Chair of her Circle and Missions, as well as being moderator for the Presbyterian Women. She served as an Elder from 2022 until her death.

In her 64 years, she touched the lives of countless numbers of people who were her patients, their families, her coworkers and her family. She loved crafting, knitting, crocheting, the Pittsburg Steelers and the beach.

Darlene is survived by her husband, Edmund Valitutto, her mother Pearl Smith Frye, and one uncle, Earl Smith of Kannapolis, NC. Darlene loved her two legged cousins, her four legged children Prissy, Georgie and Bentley, and her lifelong friend and colleague, Jerry Caddell.

In lieu of flowers the family requests monetary donations be made to Pearl S. Frye, C/O First Citizens Bank, 105 Avimore Drive Pinehurst, NC 28374.

*If roses grow in Heaven, Lord please pick a bunch for me.  
Place them in my daughter's arms, and tell her they're from me.  
Tell her I love and miss her, and when she turns to smile,  
Place a kiss upon her cheek, and hold her for a while.  
Because remembering her is easy, I do it every day,  
But there's an ache within my heart that will never go away.*

*By Dolores Garcia*

