

Buena H. Chilstrom (née Hamlin), beloved daughter, sister, mother, grandmother and friend, passed away August 5, 2020 as a result of complications from dementia.

Buena was born on December 11, 1945 in Hartford, Connecticut to Charles and Annette Hamlin. She was educated at the Oxford School, graduated Phi Beta Kappa and magna cum laude from Mount Holyoke College, and received a master's degree in psychology (with honors) from Montclair State University. She met her future husband Bob Chilstrom in college on a blind date arranged by their respective roommates, and the happy couple married in August 1968. Buena worked and supported Bob while he was in graduate school and law school and then worked in the home raising their children. She subsequently completed her graduate degree in 1989 and worked for more than 15 years as a school psychologist for Garwood Public Schools in Garwood, New Jersey. In retirement, Buena continued to support innovation in public education, serving on the board as well as the grants committee of The Achieve Foundation of South Orange & Maplewood. Buena and Bob were proud and longtime residents of Maplewood, New Jersey. Bob preceded her in death in 2011.

Buena was a talented knitter, an avid reader and a world traveler. She loved raspberries, coffee ice cream and dark chocolate, appreciated a good joke, enjoyed swimming in cool mountain lakes and was fond of hedgehogs and snails. She was calm, kind and caring, faced adversity with resoluteness and grace, loved detailed plans and careful organization, and was a loyal friend. Most of all, she adored her family and was generous with her love and devotion.

Buena was an active member and former board member of Morrow Memorial United Methodist Church, 600 Ridgewood Road in Maplewood, N.J., where a small memorial service will be held in the Chapel Garden on August 15, 2020. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the service will be limited to immediate family members. A further celebration of her life will be planned in the future.

Buena is survived by her mother, Annette; her children, Per Chilstrom and Mikaela Baker; their spouses, Mindy and Brian; her grandchildren, Andrew, Sibylla, Charles, Soren and Emil; and her brother, Charles Hamlin. Donations in Buena's memory may be made to Morrow Memorial Church, The Achieve Foundation of South Orange & Maplewood, or The East End Hospice – Kanas Center for Hospice Care.

MORROW
MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

A Celebration of Life

BUENA HAMLIN CHILSTROM

December 11, 1945 – August 5, 2020



Well done, good and precious child of God.

Buena H. Chilstrom
A celebration of her life

Saturday, August 15, 2020 at 11 a.m.

Prelude Dr. Holland Jancaitis

Greeting Rev. Janice Sutton Lynn, Sr. Pastor

A Word of Grace/Opening Prayer

The 23rd Psalm –The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. ³ He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Special Music *Morning Has Broken*

A Special Prayer Niece, Natalie Hamlin Scott
May I trust that I am exactly where I am meant to be. May I not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith in myself and others. May I see the gifts that I have received and pass on the love that has been given to me. May I be content with myself just the way I am. Let this knowledge settle into my being and allow my soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us.

Special Words from the People of Morrow Church

Words of Remembering

Son, Per Chilstrom
Daughter, Mikaela Baker

Hebrew Bible Lesson: Ecclesiastes 3

Cousin, John Kippax

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him.

Words of Comfort and Remembering

Rev. Janice Sutton Lynn

Special Music

Be Not Afraid

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead not into temptation but deliver us from evil for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Closing Prayer of Commendation

Benediction – The Light of God Surrounds us, The Love of God enfolds us, The Power of God protects us. The Wisdom of God guides us. Wherever I go, God is. And all is well. And so it is. Amen.

Dismissal with Blessing

*Morrow Church is grieving with you and praying for you all.
God's blessing of Shalom be upon you.*