



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*Carolyn Ann Wilkinson*

January 28, 1930 - March 9, 2023



In lieu of flowers, the Wilkinson Family suggests  
memorial contributions be sent to  
First Presbyterian Church of Honolulu,  
45-550 Kionaole Road, Kaneohe HI 96744

Mahalo!

Monday, May 1, 2023

10AM Memorial Service

Pohai Nani · 45-090 Namoku Street

Kaneohe, HI 96744



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

*Carolyn Ann Wilkinson*

PRELUDE

Roslyn Catracchia

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Jim Wilkinson

OPENING SONG (sung by all)

**"It Is Well With My Soul"**

When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul."  
It is well with my soul,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin—O, the bliss of this glorious thought,  
My sin—not in part but the whole  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
It is well with my soul,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll.  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,  
"Even so"—it is well with my soul.  
It is well with my soul,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

SCRIPTURE READING

Judy Wilkinson

**1 Peter 1:3-6a and 9**

FAMILY SHARING OF MEMORIES

SPECIAL SONG

Leon Williams

**"The Old Rugged Cross"**

SCRIPTURE READING

Steffany Wilkinson

**2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

PASTORAL WORD

Pastor Tim Shaw

CLOSING SONG (sung by all)

**"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"**

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!

Thou our Father, Christ our Brother — All who live in love are Thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

CLOSING PRAYER/BLESSING

Pastor Tim Shaw

POSTLUDE

## *Carolyn Ann Wilkinson*

Carolyn Ann Mickelsen, only daughter of Mick and "Jack," was born in San Antonio, Texas on January 28, 1930. She joined Frank, her older brother by 7 years, to complete the family. Her father, a graduate of West Point, began as an Army Major in the Signal Corps. As families in the military often do, she relocated a lot attending six elementary schools, one middle school, and two high schools. She recalled fond memories of having lived in the Philippines between 6 and 8 years old before the move to Evanston, Illinois outside of Chicago.

In early 1942, soon after the start of WWII, Mick received orders to train in DC and soon sailed for England leaving his 11-year-old daughter and wife until his return in 1945. Along with many others during the war, Carol learned to adapt and honed skills on how to bloom even with things as they were. With her older brother in the service as well, Carol spent time alone, developing a passion for reading and starting things anew.

While living at home she entered George Washington University at nearby D.C. Campus life mainly consisted of classes and the Pi Beta Phi Sorority. Summertime presented new prospects so she worked at the Pentagon while also enjoying adventures with dear friends Claire and Miriam. When retelling stories of this era she often beamed when recalling the weekend getaways and the dances at Annapolis. In June 1952 she graduated from George Washington University as an English Literature Major - a natural choice.

Graduation presented more change, and since the young gentleman she had her eye on did not propose marriage, change she would. Uncertain of her next step, she consulted with a counselor aware of the opportunity to relocate to Hawaii with her parents. His advice, "Carolyn, it's a no brainer, go to Hawaii!" Her father, now a Colonel, was transferred to Fort Shafter in 1952, so off she went! Surprisingly, this would actually be her first time living on an Army Post.

After a grueling cross-country drive on surface roads from the East coast, the three of them boarded a Troop Ship in San Francisco arriving two weeks later in Honolulu. At the ripe old age of 22, she docked at Honolulu Harbor unaware that this is where she would live another 71 full and wonderful years!

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Shortly after arriving in the islands, she secured a job as a Customer Service Rep with Mutual Telephone. Then as destiny would have it, it was at a Christmas party that she met her husband-to-be, James Wilkinson. A dashing young man, who fell head over heels in love with this young sparkly gal. Apparently with no time to waste they began dating in December, announced their engagement in February, and were married June 27, 1953.

Their first apartment atop Pacific Heights had a marvelous view of Diamond Head with not a high-rise in sight! Soon, expecting their first child, they apprehensively chose to relocate to the "country" into a newly-built home in the watermelon patches of Kailua. It was in Kailua they built their life together and raised five children.

Mom recited many wonderful sayings that reflect her character and strengths. Patient, loving, content, loyal, and faithful, to touch on only a few. She will be so very missed by her family, her community of friends at Pohai Nani, First Presbyterian Church, and so many others she befriended over the years.

Carolyn Ann Wilkinson, 93, of Kaneohe, Oahu took her last breath on earth and first steps in Heaven on March 9, 2023. Left to celebrate her beautiful spirit and carry on her legacy are her surviving children: her son Jim Wilkinson, and wife Judy, son Michael Wilkinson and wife Steffany, daughter Karen Killian and husband Ron, daughter Gini Howard and husband Mike, and her son-in-law Bob Springer, 16 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her loving husband Jim, her precious daughter Ann Springer, and her beautiful granddaughter Kari Wilkinson.

Aloha Nui Loa and A Hui Hou, Sweet Carolyn!