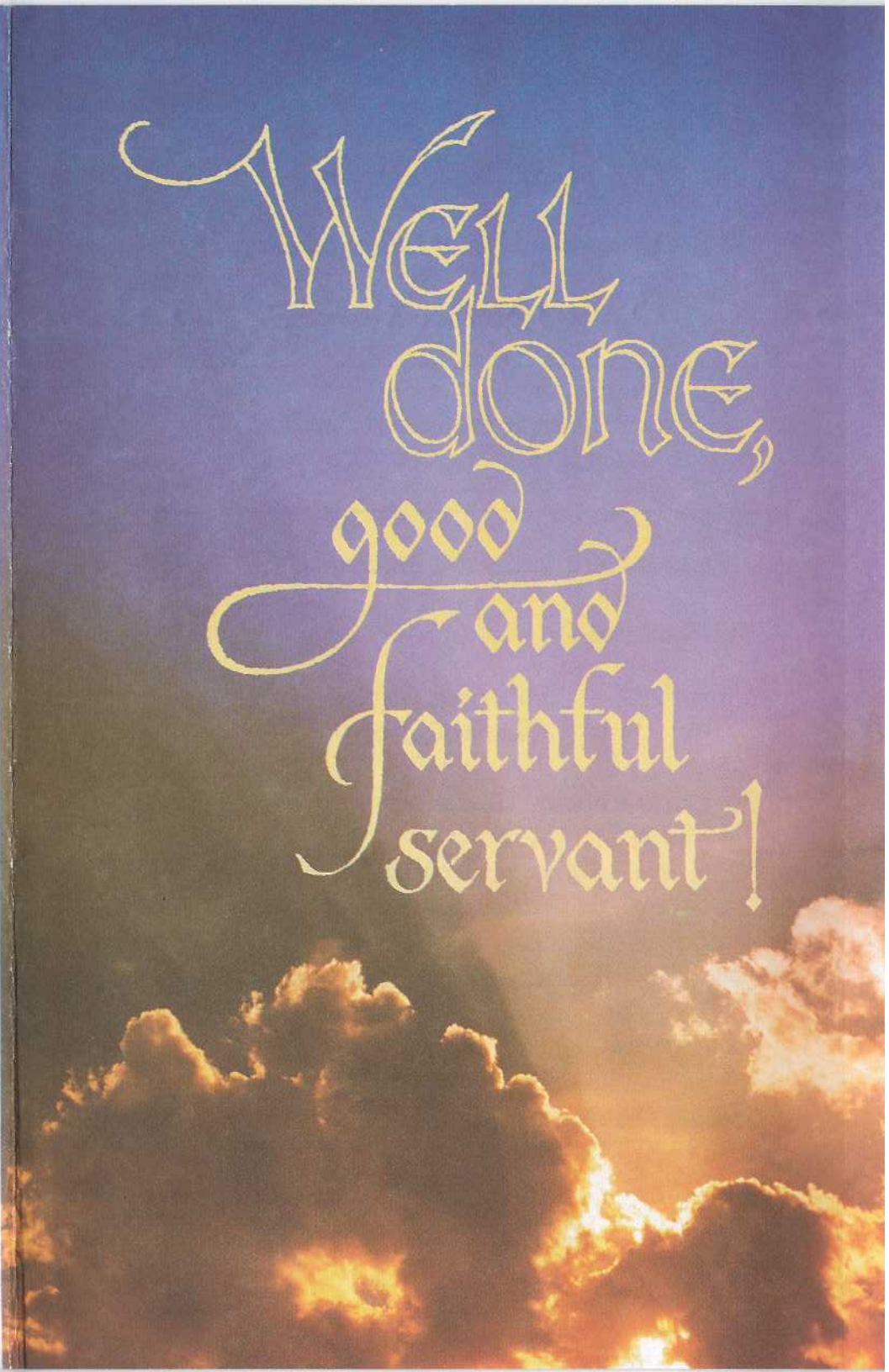


Lillian (Lil) Mary Biggs
April 26, 1912 – June 6, 2000

Lil was born in Toronto – the 2nd youngest in a family of 5 boys and 5 girls. Her parents, Maggie and William, immigrated to Canada from Scotland with 7 children and her maternal grandmother on May 29, 1910. Her parents, through hard work and determination, became the proprietors of 5 Dry Good stores in Toronto. Lil and her 2 younger brothers Bill and Jimmy were looked after by her grandmother Watson, who died when Lil was 9, creating a void in her life. Lil lived through 2 World Wars and a Depression. She listened to letters of her 2 oldest brothers George and Gilbert, who fought in the First World War. She, along with her family, suffered the death of her brother Bill when he was 21. The Gardner Clan were devoted to their church and Christian ideals. There was always room at their table and in their home to help others new to Canada or down on their luck. Lil worked as a salesclerk at Simpson's for many years and when her parents could no longer manage their one remaining store. She returned to assist them. There was a very strong bond in the family. Her older siblings helped with the care of younger ones and she, in turn, helped with the care of nieces and nephews making her a special auntie. She was great fun and could find humour in most situations.

She fell in love and married Reg in 1944. The 35½ years of marriage they shared was filled with love. They had 2 children, Mary Lou and Bruce. They devoted their lives to their church, family, and all who came in touch with them. Reg died in 1981. Lil moved ahead and adjusted to 19 years as a widow. She invited her sister, Annie, to live with her and they shared many years of companionship. She was very proud of her children's accomplishments and her 4 grandchildren, Jennifer, John, Nicole and Daniel. Like her heart, her doors were never locked and even at the end she was extending help to others.

Thank you for the gifts you gave us.



Well
done,
good
and
faithful
servant!

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Celebration of the life of Lillian (Lil) Mary Biggs

- A Witness to the Resurrection -

*Oakridge Presbyterian Church
Sunday June 11, 2000 - 2.00 p.m.*

"Death has been swallowed up in victory" (1 Cor. 15: 54)

The Organ Prelude

*Hymn #299 "Holy, Holy, Holy"
(The Family Enters)*

The Call to Worship: (Based on John 14)

Min: Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Peo: In God's house there are many dwelling places.

Min: Jesus Christ goes to prepare a place for us.

Peo: He will come and take us to be with Him.

Prayer of Approach

*Scripture Lessons: Psalm 23 - Nicole Biggs
Ecclesiastes 3 vs. 1-8 Daniel Biggs*

Matthew 11: 28-30 Daniel Biggs

Prayer of Confession

Eulogy: Mary Lou McRae

Poem: Jennifer Mockler

Hymn #149 "Away in a manger" (Lil's favourite hymn)

Sermon: Rev. Dr. Terry Ingram

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer (debtors)

Intimations

Hymn #27 "As the deer"

Commendation and Benediction

*The Organ Postlude - "Oh, what a beautiful morning"
(One of Lil's favourites)*

*Minister: Rev. Dr. Terry Ingram
Organist: Donna Dickson*

Following the service, everyone is invited to join the family downstairs in the church hall, where a light luncheon will be provided by the W.A. of the Church.