

# RENEWAL MINISTRIES of Colorado Springs

## Adult Funeral Service

Thursday June 25, 2006

(Names and date are fictitious)

Officiating, Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

We are gathered here today to honor \_\_\_\_\_ Mary \_\_\_\_\_. Mary, age 84, went home to be with Jesus, her Lord, at 2:00 PM on Thursday June 25, 2006 She had been living at the Care Center of Colorado Springs, where she was wonderfully taken care of and loved by everyone who worked there and by Hospice.

Mary was born in Thomasville, Iowa, March 1, 1921, the first of three daughters to Phillip and Mary Smithelson, who are deceased. She was married August 14, 1941 to Daniel Colby who is deceased.

She is survived by three brothers: Mathew, Dave and Ted Lastname, two daughters, Felicia Lastname of City, State and Martha Lastname of Sue Falls, State

She had and loved eight grandchildren: \_\_\_\_\_ Names and location \_\_\_\_\_ and eight great-grandchildren.

- Testimonies from family members \_\_\_\_\_
- Poem title read by Linda Lastname
- Song title sung by Fred Lastname

While attending the Church of \_\_\_\_\_ Mary accepted Christ Jesus as her personal savior in 1956. Because of her new found faith and trust she could say with absolute assurance, “*Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation*” (Psalm 118:14).

Though frustrated with her inability to speak clearly due to a series of strokes, suffering with pulmonary fibrosis, and congestive heart failure, Mary continued to live her life with an eternal perspective. I believe that the following verses genuinely express her feelings.

*So we don't look at the troubles we can see right now; rather, we look forward to what we have not yet seen. For the troubles we see will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever. <sup>5:1</sup>For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down—when we die and leave these bodies—we will have a home in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands. <sup>2</sup>We grow weary in our present bodies, and we long for the day when we will put on our heavenly bodies like new clothing. <sup>3</sup>For we will not be spirits without bodies, but we will put on new heavenly bodies. <sup>4</sup>Our dying bodies make us groan and sigh, but it's not that we want to die and have no bodies at all. We want to slip into our new bodies so that these dying bodies will be swallowed up by everlasting life. <sup>5</sup>God himself has prepared us for this, and as a guarantee he has given us his Holy Spirit. <sup>6</sup>So we are always confident, even though we know that as long as we live in these bodies we are not at home with the Lord. <sup>7</sup>That is why we live by believing and not by seeing. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So our aim is to please him always, whether we are here in this body or away from this body.” (2 Corinthians 4:18, 5:1-9 The New Living translation)*

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Mary's favorite scripture was Psalm 23 specifically in the King James version, "*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.<sup>2</sup> He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.<sup>3</sup> He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.<sup>4</sup> 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.<sup>5</sup> Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.*"

2 Tim. 4:7 *I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.*

"Onward Christian Soldiers" sung by Mark Lastname

"I Have Won" sung by Kathy Lastname

Closing Prayer

On behalf of Marrys family I want to thank you for coming today. You are cordially invited to join the family at Ted Smiths home, 2478 Stonewood.

Driving instructions: Go north on Sims street, turn right onto E. Swallow, turn left onto Stonewood.

For additional information call 111-1111