



## Two Mothers Remembered

I had two mothers – two mothers I claim,  
two different people, yet with the same name.  
Two separate women, diverse by design,  
but I loved them both because they were mine.  
The first was the mother who carried me here,  
gave birth and nurtured and launched my career.  
She was the one whose features I bear,  
complete with the facial expressions I wear.  
She gave her love, which follows me yet,  
along with examples in life that she set.  
As I got older, she somehow younger grew,  
and we'd laugh as just mothers and daughters do.  
But then came the time that her mind clouded so,  
and I sensed that the mother I knew would soon go.  
So quickly she changed and turned into the other,  
a stranger dressed in the clothes of my mother.  
Oh, she looked the same, at least at arms length,  
but now she was the child and I was her strength.  
We'd come full circle, we women three,  
my mother the first, the second and me.  
And if my own children should come to a day,  
when a new mother comes and the old goes away,  
I'd ask of them nothing that I didn't do.  
Love both of your mothers as both have loved you.

by Joann Snow Duncanson

**A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION  
OF THE LIFE OF NANCY LEWIS  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2022**

**PRELUDE**

**\*WELCOME**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: Blessed be the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the God of mercies and of consolations.

**People: God comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can  
comfort others in their sorrows with the  
consolation we ourselves have received from God.**

**\*INVOCATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Psalm 23

John 14:1-6, 25-27

Matthew 11:28-30

**\*HYMN** "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" #316

**WORDS OF HOPE**

**\*HYMN** "It is Well with My Soul" #390

**\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*HYMN** "Onward, Christian Soldiers" #449

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Officiating  
Reverend Deb Mechler

\*All who are able, please stand.

Organist/Pianist  
Elina Leander-Ozolins

A lunch and time of fellowship will be held in  
Fellowship Hall after the service.

Graveside services will be held immediately after the service,  
please stay and eat if you do not wish to go to the cemetery.  
Service at North Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

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