

"If ever
there is a tomorrow
when we're not together,
there is something
you must always
remember.



You are braver
than you believe,
stronger than you seem,
and smarter than you think.
But the most important thing is,
even if we're apart
I'll always be with you."

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 WANDA NELSON
JUNE 25, 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**

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE & CELEBRATION

SOLO "You Raise Me Up" Alex Schlueter

SCRIPTURE READINGS Ecclesiastes 3:1-15
Isaiah 49:13-16a
John 14:1-3, 25-27

WORDS OF HOPE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***HYMN** "Hymn of Promise" #474

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Officiating
Reverend Deb Mechler

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Elina Leander-Ozolins

*All who are able, please stand.

A lunch and time of fellowship will be held at the
Spencer Golf & Country Club following the
services at the church.

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