



Scotch Church



July 2020



PARSON -TO- PERSON

"For freedom Christ has set us free" (Galatians 5:1).

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights-that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." (From The Declaration of Independence, adopted in Philadelphia on July 4th, 1776)

Three thousand years before Thomas Jefferson drafted the Declaration of Independence, the Hebrew people suffered under bondage in Egypt. They yearned for freedom. God sent a man named Moses who demanded of Pharaoh, "Let my people go!" When Pharaoh refused, God delivered.

A thousand years later, the people were again oppressed, both by the tyranny of the Roman Empire and by the powers and principalities of the world, and God sent a man named Jesus. He announced in his inaugural sermon that he had been anointed by the Holy Spirit "to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives. . .to let the oppressed go free."

Freedom. Freedom is an idea that originates in the very heart of God. In the beginning, when God created humankind, God could have made us puppet-like, so that whenever God wanted us to do something, God would just pull a string and we would do it. What kind of relationship would that be? God created us, women and men, with the capacity and the responsibility to act as free moral agents. The desire for freedom is not simply a function of the human spirit. Its source is nothing less than the free will of the Living God.

To be free really means to be liberated from the prison of "me, myself, and I". To be free is to be free **FOR** responsibility, not **FROM** responsibility. I think of how Christ Jesus who had everything in the world going for himself-power, status, safety; how he chose, freely chose to empty himself and take on the form of a servant for the sake of the world. Now that is freedom.

I think of how God made us as one human family, forever bound to one another in God's heart and mind from the very beginning so that we are by nature inclined toward one another. The need of the other is really our own need. The suffering of the other is, in a real sense, our own suffering.

Learned Hand was one of our country's most outstanding jurists. He once asked himself, "What is the spirit of liberty?" In answer, he wrote these eloquent words:

"The spirit of liberty is the spirit which seeks to understand the minds of other men and women. . .it weighs their interests alongside its own, it remembers that not even a sparrow falls to earth unheeded. . .the spirit of liberty is the spirit of Him who, 2,000 years ago, taught humanity a lesson it has never learned but has never quite forgotten: that there may be a kingdom where the least shall be heard and considered side by side with the greatest."

My friends, may our pledge of allegiance be this day to that kind of kingdom on earth, as it is in heaven.

Abiding in peace and freedom,
Pastor Rich



Grace Jennette Walker Hargrave

Grace HargraveOur prayers, condolences and love are extended to Jim Hargrave and family on the death of Grace. Her obituary can be found on northcountrynews.com in its entirety, but I also include it here.

Grace Jennette Walker Hargrave joined the other stars in heaven on Thursday, June 25, 2020. After her passing her family witnessed shooting stars guiding her to heaven.

On January 1, 1935, Grace Jennette Walker Hargrave was born at the family home in Madrid to her parents Lloyd and Mary Fields Walker. Her birth at 3:50 p.m., attended by Dr. Dunlop, earned her membership in the First Baby of the Month Club. She was baptized at the Scotch Presbyterian Church that June by Rev. George Harland. This was the beginning of her faith journey and link with this church community.

The matriarch of the Hargrave family, her life was spent in a 65 year partnership with her husband, James. They grew up in the Chipman area and began dating, their first date to a circus in Potsdam. They usually saw each other on Saturdays and Sundays at the church. On one of the hottest days of the year, James and Grace were married on June 18, 1955 at the Scotch Presbyterian Church. Their love inspired many and Grace stayed with James so they were able to celebrate their 65th anniversary on June 18th. She ended her life by saying good night to her beloved husband before slipping away from us to heaven.

Grace shared many memories with her family about growing up and school. Grace graduated from Madrid Central. After high school, she considered becoming a nurse after visiting her grandfather in the hospital. A teacher felt she had an aptitude for business and encouraged her to explore that option and she attended the Ogdensburg Business School before beginning her career at Credall Equipment in Potsdam as a bookkeeper. This experience would help her when she became part of the operation at Brandy View Farms after her marriage. At the farm she expanded well beyond her bookkeeping tasks by milking cows, feeding calves, driving the tractor, baler and wagon and the 18' cattle trailer. All of that while taking care of meals for the family and hired hands, keeping house, keeping a large garden and preserving the produce.

Her driving skills were especially helpful when she helped the kids show their cattle at the St. Lawrence County and Hammond Fairs. She drove the show string to and from each fair. Additionally, she would make the hour drive to the fair early in the morning with food for the cattle and children, along with clean clothes, spend the day at the fair with them all before heading home late to prepare for the next day and start all over again. Her dedication to ensuring her children were able to experience these and

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**You are invited to an outdoor worship
service at the home of
Stephen & Mary Lou McKnight
Sunday, July 19
Sunday, August 16**

We will have two outdoor worship opportunities,
thanks to a generous invitation from Stephen and
Mary Lou McKnight to gather at their home on the banks of the
Grasse River, at 7:00 pm.



You will need to bring your own lawn chair and face mask.
We will maintain proper social distancing.



Please join us on Sunday evening(s) July 19 and
August 16 at 7:00 pm at the McKnight home
(Address: 4990 County Route 14, Madrid, NY)



Chicken Barbecue 2020

**Plans are being discussed
for the Scotch Church's
September 12, 2020
Annual Chicken Barbecue**

**More information will be
forthcoming**

JULY CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY "July" BIRTHDAY to...

12.... Brent Patterson
20.... Jean Grayson
27.... Hailey Quintavalle
27.... Holly Billings
27.... Claire Billings
27.... Mallory Fisher
30.... Nancy Avery



HAPPY "JULY" ANNIVERSARY to...

4.... Craig & Mallory Fisher
12.... David and Lou Anne King

Please call or email your dates to me to be added to the calendar so that we can recognize your family's special days. Or if you have a family member you'd like included.....

~ Mindy Fisher 315-323-2642
Or email me at melindaf70@gmail.com

PRAYERS.....address included for cards or notes.

Jim Hargrave, 24 Walker Road, Madrid, NY 13660

All those who are suffering from Covid-19 or suffering the effects of this pandemic, whether it be medical or employment related.

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other opportunities on and off the farm were appreciated and enriching to their lives. Her example of hard work and helping to make sure her family had what they needed, whether support at the fair, getting through college, learning to cook and sew, traveling and so much more enriched them greatly.

Grace was very involved in her community instilling a strong sense of giving back to her children. Growing up and through her marriage, the Scotch Presbyterian Church of Chipman was the foundation of her life. She served as a Sunday School teacher, Elder, General Treasurer and as a substitute organist. Grace was involved in Presbytery of Northern New York and took great pleasure in working with the Ministries in the North Country (MINC) that provides so many services to north country residents.

Grace was the organizational leader for the Drifters 4-H Club that provided opportunities for all children in the Chipman area. She was also involved with Cooperative Extension and Farm Bureau and the Gideon Auxiliary.

Grace and Jim donated the Walker House, where she grew up, to the Madrid Museum. She also supported other historical museums such as the St. Lawrence Power and Equipment Museum and St. Lawrence County Historical Association. Jim and Grace considered themselves to be fortunate to have taken many traveling adventures during their life together. Some locations included Hawaii, Florida, the Caribbean, Alaska, Western National Parks, Ireland and Ohio and Mississippi River boat cruises. They also participated in Skirts & Flirts, a local western square dance club, where Grace made their matching outfits for the dances.

Grace enjoyed sewing for her children, creating family memories every Christmas and Easter where the Hargrave children and Grace had matching outfits to attend church in. Grace was also known for her cross-stitch pieces given to many for birth and wedding gifts.

Grace was predeceased by a brother, George, in 1997. She was predeceased by her parents, and step-mother, Laura Walker; also by Irene "Auntie" Walker, who held a special place in her family's heart.

Grace and Jim were blessed by six children: Kenny and his wife, Georgia, of Ogdensburg; Leslie and his wife, Irene of Heuvelton; Janet Emmett and her husband Doug, who live in Ramsey, New Jersey; Greg and his wife, Linda of Madrid; Ruth and her husband, David of Fort Edward; and Lisa and her husband, Chris of Cary, North Carolina. Grandchildren include Jesse Josephson, Paul Josephson, Sara Roberts, Chelsea Hargrave, Jesse Hargrave, Robert Emmett, Jennifer Emmet, Alexis Hargrave, Emily Kendall, Micaela Hargrave, Anna Shippee, Hillary Getty, Abraham Shippee, Ty Landi and Rachel Landi. Great-grandchildren include Lillian and Owen Roberts and Beau Kendall. Also left behind was her Maid of Honor, Mary Jane Thompson who has been a special friend throughout Grace's life. Other special people in Grace's life were her sister-in-law, Sharon Walker; along with several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Due to current conditions, the family will be having a Celebration of Grace's life at a future date at the Scotch Presbyterian Church, followed by committal at the Old Scotch Cemetery.

If you would like to honor Grace's life and legacy, she requested donations be made to the Scotch Presbyterian Church, at 35 County Route 33, Madrid, NY 13660. Arrangements were under the care and direction of the Phillips Memorial Home, Madrid. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.PhillipsMemorial.com.

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATE

- Kayson is the son of Travis and Natalie McKnight
- Grandson of Steve and Mary Lou McKnight
- Favorite Subject: "Lunch Because I am always so hungry!"
- Kayson is a Boy Scout. He plays soccer, t-ball, basketball and figure skates. Kayson loves to be outside with his farm toys—playing "farm" all day long. He especially LOVES when he can go with Daddy and play real farm.
- I want to be a police officer, and a farmer when I am off duty."

CONGRATULATIONS KAYSON McKNIGHT, 2020 Kindergarten graduate!!



Kayson McKnight



Devin Pastras

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE...

- ◆ Devin is the son of Debbie and Pete Pastras
- ◆ Grandson of Roger and Mary Jane Thompson
- ◆ Graduating from Northern Valley Regional High School, Old Tappan, New Jersey
- ◆ Played baseball and soccer
- ◆ Devin will be attending the University of Rhode Island for Communications and Film

CONGRATULATIONS Devin Pastras, 2020 high school graduate!!



Hailey Quintavalle

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE....

- ♦ Hailey Quintavalle is the daughter of Dawn Quintavalle and Hercules and Melissa Quintavalle
- ♦ Graduated Summa Cum Laude with an Advanced Regents diploma
- ♦ Hailey was Class President; Editor of the MWCS Yearbook; played flute in the band; a member of Key Club, National Honor Society and the History Club.
- ♦ Aside from being ranked 2nd in her Senior Class, Hailey is the best farm girl, big sister and friend ever!!
- ♦ Voted Most Likely "to Brighten Your Day!"
- ♦ Hailey will attend St. Lawrence University, Canton, this Fall.

CONGRATULATIONS Hailey Quintavalle, 2020 high school graduate!!



Katlyn Dominy

MASTERS DEGREE GRAD

- ♦ Katlyn is the daughter of Jeff and Cheryl Carr-Dominy
- ♦ Granddaughter of Doris Carr
- ♦ Masters Degree from SUNY Plattsburgh
- ♦ Dual certification in Special Education and Childhood Education, Birth–Age 2 and Grades 1-6
- ♦ Member of Kappa Delta Pi—the International Honor Society for Education majors
- ♦ Katlyn has accepted an Elementary teaching position at Saranac Lake Central School District. She will be teaching Fourth grade at Bloomingdale Elementary School.
- ♦ Katlyn has been appreciative of the support, care packages and Subway gift cards from the Church throughout her college career.

CONGRATULATIONS Katlyn Dominy, 2020 Masters graduate!!



Pete Wikoff

Doctoral Graduate of Temple Medical School

- ◇ **Pete is the son of Laurie and Ed Wikoff**
- ◇ **Grandson of Roger and Mary Jane Thompson**
- ◇ **Graduating from the Temple Medical School, and starting his Residency in Internal Medicine at Madigan Army Medical Center as a Captain in the United States Army.**

CONGRATULATIONS Pete Wikoff, 2020 Medical School graduate!! And thank you for your service to our Country in the United States Army!



Sara King Bull

MASTERS GRADUATE

- ◆ **Sara King Bull is the daughter of Lou Anne and David King**
- ◆ **Granddaughter of Barbara Fisher**
- ◆ **Master of Science in Human Resource Management from SUNY Stony Brook**
- ◆ **Sara is employed with Giroux's Poultry Farm, Inc.**
- ◆ **Sara and her husband, Matthew, are expecting their third child shortly, a sister for Simon and Isaac. Congratulations!**

CONGRATULATIONS Sara King Bull, 2020 Masters graduate!!