

Poem from Karen
Written with love for Mother

God sends angels to Earth unbeknownst to us all,
Meant to bless us and guide all our days,
They're placed in our lives, unsuspected at first;
For they're dressed up in all sorts of ways,

Our angel came down in the shape of our Mom,
A form she fit perfectly in,
With fine, silky hair and sparkling brown eyes,
And kissable, baby soft skin.

A beautiful Mother, both inside and out,
With a genuine, warm loving heart,
She could light up a room with her radiant smile
She was funny and so very smart.

She sacrificed much for all those that she loved,
So devoted as mother and wife,
Her generous heart is her legacy now
And the love she displayed all her life.

She was Mama and Granny, Gi-Gi, Willie and Goose
Each name she held totally dear,
The rock of our family, so loved and adored
And more precious with each passing year,

She was wise beyond measure, she taught us so much,
Our mentor and very best friend,
"Get along and be happy" were always her words,
And her wish for us right to the end,

God gave her the strength she would need in this life
Overcoming each challenge she met,
Holding on to her faith, knowing God would be near,
No matter how dim things would get,

And though God has now called her away from this Earth
Her love will remain ever strong,
Holding it near in our hearts every day,
We pray that it won't seem too long

Till we meet her in heaven when our days are done,
We'll embrace once again at God's door,
And share in the promise eternal life brings,
Together; in peace evermore.



Emanuel Church Family,

On behalf of each of us and our families, we would like to thank you all for your love and support during our Mom's illness and her passing. We appreciate all that you did to help us through this most difficult time. Mom truly appreciated all the cards, calls and prayers she received each week during her illness. She also found peace listening to the beautiful hymns that were recorded and put online. We are so very grateful that we were able to have Mom's service in our sanctuary. It was most comforting to honor her in the sacred place where we had worshipped together for so many years. Thank you to Pastor Gaye for her supportive care in ministering to Mom and for helping to make her memorial service a testament to her life and all she meant to us. Thank you to all who sent expressions of sympathy to us at Mom's passing and who made memorials to our church in her name. We feel truly blessed to be part of such a loving, wonderful church family at Emanuel.

Thank you again,

Valerie, Karen, Julie, Carla and Kristen