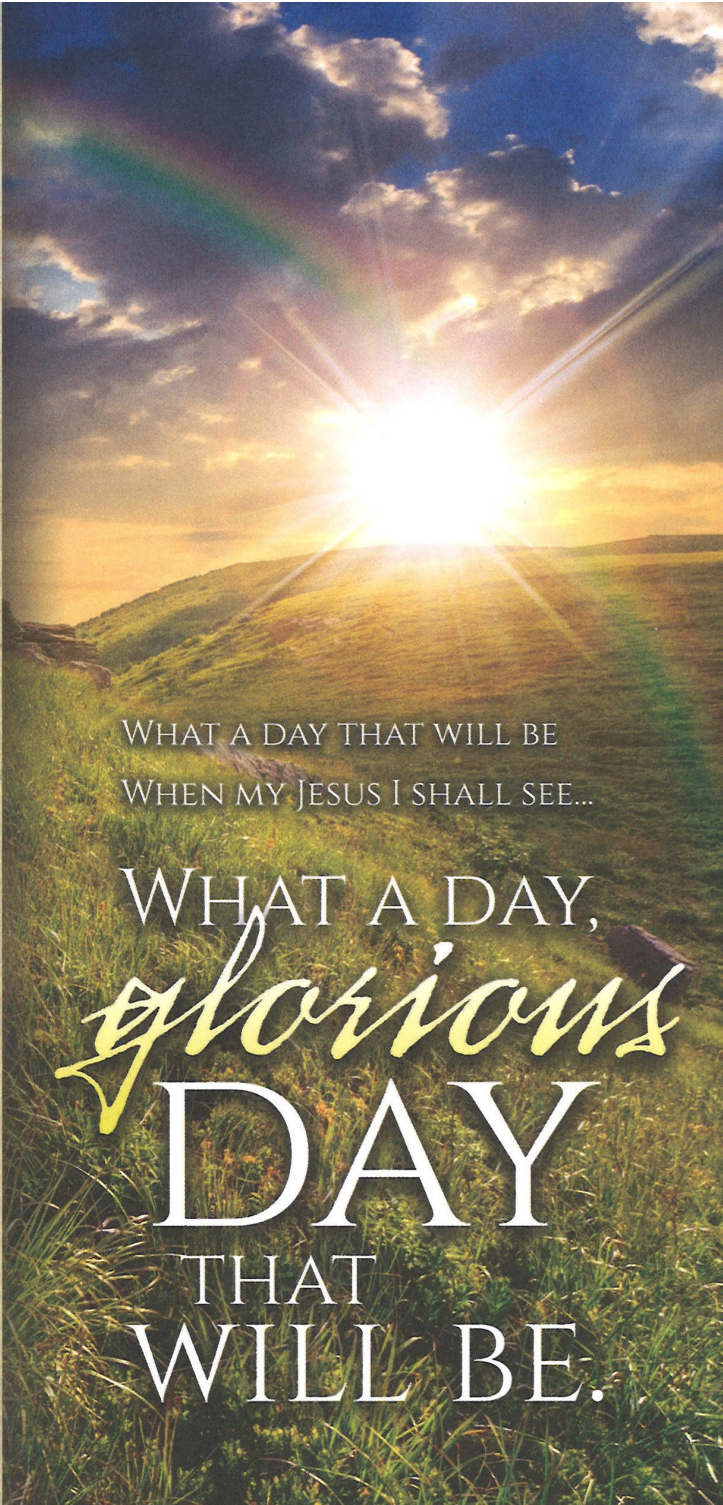


*And this is
the will of him
that sent me,
that every one
which seeth
the Son, and
believeth on
him, may have
everlasting life:
and I will raise
him up at the
last day.*

JOHN 6:40



WHAT A DAY THAT WILL BE
WHEN MY JESUS I SHALL SEE...

WHAT A DAY,
glorious
DAY
THAT
WILL BE.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE AND SALVATION

Faith Lutheran Church, Green Bay, Wisconsin

September 20, 2025, 11:00 am

Kayann Ardell Kocian

January 24, 1939 - September 11, 2025

PRESERVICE: "His Spirit Seals My Destiny" - *James Kocian*

HYMN: "Amazing Grace" LSB #744

INVOCATION

PLACING OF THE PALL

HYMN: "When Peace, like a River" LSB #763

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SCRIPTURE READINGS 1 Kings 19:9-18
Romans 8:31-39
Luke 10:25-37

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN: "Great is Thy Faithfulness" LSB #809

HOMILY: Reverend Joshua Errer

PSALM 23 (Read by congregation)

**The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.
He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN: "How Great Thou Art" LSB #801

COMMITTAL: At the conclusion of the service, please follow the family outside for a committal service.

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Kayann's family wishes to express their sincere thanks for the comfort your presence here has provided and hopes you will join them for a meal and time of sharing in the Fellowship Hall after the service.

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On September 11, 2025, Kayann Ardell Kocian was finally reunited with her son Chip as she was welcomed home to her eternal resting place in Heaven. She joins her granddaughter Sarah Marks, her parents Leonard and Ardell Pawelczyk, her brother Ronald Pawelczyk, and Richard's parents, Luella and Fred Kocian in the presence of Jesus.

Kayann was born in Oconto, WI on January 24, 1939 to Leonard and Ardell Pawelczyk. She attended grade school in Denmark and later relocated to Green Bay. Kayann graduated from East High School in 1957 and married the love of her life Richard Kocian. They recently celebrated 67 years of marriage together.

Kayann and Richard were blessed with five children- Kim (David) Wolfmeyer, Keely (Russell) Jensen, the late Richard Kocian Jr. (Chip), Kristin Weinstock, and James (Jill) Kocian. She will be remembered as a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Kayann loved the Green Bay Packers and was lucky to attend the famous Ice Bowl. She also enjoyed golfing and crafts. She was a lefty and cherished spending most of her time with her family. Kayann and Richard were fortunate to have a home in Chandler, Arizona and they spent many winters there with their friends. They also enjoyed vacationing in Destin, Florida.

Kayann lived her life in service to others, out of a deep and unwavering wellspring of love. In that overflow, she dedicated her heart to living out the words of Jesus in Luke 10:27- to love the Lord and to love our neighbors. Nearly sixty years ago when their first son Richard Kocian Jr. was born, physicians recommended institutionalizing him. Kayann and Dick instead insisted they would keep "Chip" – a nickname from 'chip off the old block'- home with them.

That one decision set the course of the Kocian family's life and legacy which lives on today in children, grandchildren, and countless others who either witnessed firsthand or have benefited from those who did. She spoke of the 35 years raising Chip as some of the most sacred in her life. She said it was an honor to offer unconditional love, and she would have done it again without hesitation.

She had a way of making people feel like part of the family immediately after meeting her. There were no conditions to receiving her loving kindness and she always spoke highly of others both publicly and privately. Kayann had a way of reminding us that we all are facing hard things and to offer grace rather than cast judgement. She was the first person we would want to talk to when good or bad things happened. We look forward to seeing her again one day while we carry on her beautiful legacy in our hearts and actions.

She will be deeply missed by her loving husband, her children, her grandchildren, her great-grandchildren and many special friends. She is survived by her husband Richard Kocian, her brother-in-law Michael Kocian, her children, her grandchildren Jennifer (Ted) Tyvol, Nick Wolfmeyer, Meghan (Tom) Bittner, Eric (Emily) Wolfmeyer, Melissa (fiancé Adam Lemerond) Jensen, Kyle Marks, Andrew (Brianna) Bridenhagen, Hannah (Beau) Le Fevre, James Zarosley, John Zarosley, Madeline (Garrett) Carlson, and Nathan Kocian, and her great-grandchildren Emily Meyer, Quinn Wolfmeyer, Levi Lemerond, Beckett Wolfmeyer, Moses Wolfmeyer, Tyson Lemerond, Jackson Bittner, Mila Wolfmeyer, Wesley Bridenhagen, Mac Bridenhagen, Brooks Carlson, and her beloved dog Daisy.

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