

Summer Night Sky at Kewanenah

*There was nothing to separate us from the stars.
It was as though a giant bubble had burst,
Clearing the air to infinity.*

*They were all there:
Too many to see the Northern Cross clearly –
Which of those bright orbs was the Northern Star?
The Big Dipper played hide and seek through the tops
of pines.*

*We saw falling stars (or trash from Earth shots?)
And crossing under it all –
A bright satellite (our puny contribution)
Soon out of sight.
Were those Northern Lights? or sheet lightning.*

*Drunk with the night – we gazed and gazed –
Till overcome with shyness or discomfort at
All such richness freely given,
Asking nothing in return.*

Rachel Siegfried, July, 1976

In memory



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Introductory Music *Maggie Siegfried & Rosemarie Lester*

Welcome and Opening Words *Rev. Ralph Tyksinski*

Chalice Lighting *Maggie Siegfried*

Music "Simple Gifts" / "Pachelbel's Canon" *Prairie Choir*
arr. Donald Moore

Eulogy "A Life Lived Beautifully" *Rev. Ralph Tyksinski*

A Musical Memory of Rachel
Bob Park recording "Careless Love" *Rachel Siegfried*

Poem "Mama, Where Are You?" *by John Siegfried*

Tapestry of Rachel's life
Young Wife and Mother *Maggie Siegfried & Jean Darling*
Music "Red River Valley"

Feminist/ Activist *Pat Poses*
Music "The Voting Song" *The Raging Grannies*
Reading Albert Camus *John Siegfried*

Wonder Woman *Maggie Siegfried & Metje Butler*

Rachel's Hospitality *Pat Watkins & Rosemary Dorney*
Play Readers at Prairie

Reading "Dover Beach," Matthew Arnold *David Siegfried*

Remembrances and Tributes

Flower Communion *Rev. Ralph Tyksinski*
You are invited to offer a flower and receive a flower...

Music "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place" *Prairie Choir*
from "Requiem" by Johannes Brahms

Closing Words *Rev. Ralph Tyksinski*

A Final Word from Rachel
"Night Sky at Kewanenah" *Jean Darling*

Closing Song "Amazing Grace" *Congregation*

Many grateful thanks from Rachel's children – Margaret, Jean, John and David – to all who have helped with today's celebration:

- *Rachel's friends who helped plan the service:* Rosemary Dorney, Pat Watkins, Metje Butler, Barb Park, Doleta Chapru, and of course, Rachel herself, whose own words guided us
- *Prairie folks who handled the hospitality:* Linda Sheehy, Al Nettleton, Rosemarie Lester, Ruth Calden, Anne Urbanski
- *The Prairie Choir,* Barb Park, Choir Director, and Doleta Chapru, Accompanist
- *All those who participated in the program...*
- *All those who traveled and took time to be with us today to remember Rachel.*

... and our care and sorrow for those dear friends Mom had asked to help who were not able – Jack Jallings – and those who had passed on before her – Tim Fast and Betty Jallings.