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Ellen Cochran  
June 6, 1942 – September 29, 2020

Wednesday, December 2, 2020 | 4 p.m





## Welcome

Pastor Jack McNary, Northminster Presbyterian Church

## Video Celebration of Life

By Julie Cochran, Ellen's daughter, and Michelle Griese, Ellen's daughter-in-law

*Special thanks to Ralph Hughes and the Sacramento Master Singers for graciously sharing recordings of Ellen's performances with the Master Singers for this video.*

## Reading of the Gospel, John 14:1-7

Michelle Griese, Ellen's daughter-in-law

## Eulogy

Julie Cochran, Ellen's daughter

## Ellen's Favorite Hymns

"To God Be the Glory" *Lyrics: Fanny J. Crosby | Music: William H. Doane*

"And Can it Be That I Shall Gain" *Lyrics: Charles Wesley | Music: Thomas Campbell*

"Be Thou My Vision" Traditional Irish hymn

Heidi Van Ragenmorter, Organist

## Reading from the New Testament, 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Russ Branson, Ellen's son-in-law

## Eulogy

Caryn Cochran-Branson, Ellen's daughter

## Reading from the New Testament, Philippians 4:4-13 *Ellen's favorite chapter*

Russ Branson, Ellen's son-in-law

## Sonata for Solo Violin No. 2 in A minor, BWV 1003, Andante | J.S. Bach

Miles Cochran-Branson, Ellen's grandson playing Ellen's violin

## Message "God's Plan of Salvation"

Pastor Jack McNary

## "It is Well With my Soul" *Lyrics: Horatio G. Spafford | Music: Philip P. Bliss*

Vera Refnes, vocalist, Ellen's sister

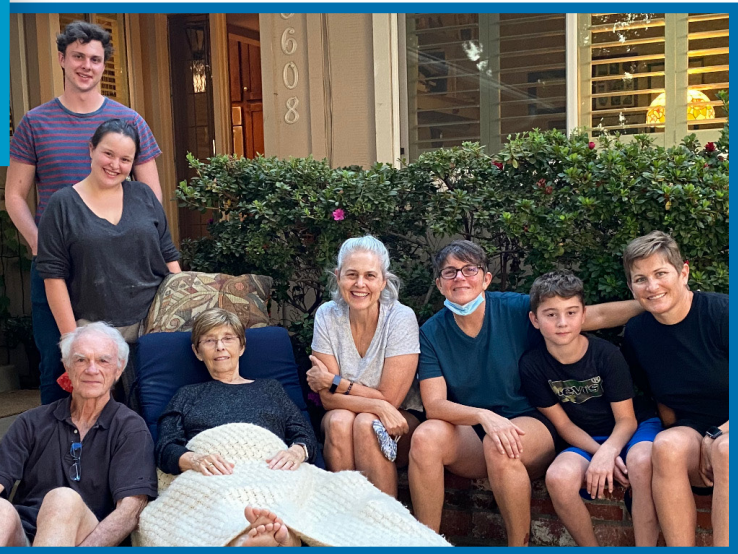
Beth Byrne, pianist, Ellen's sister

## Benediction

Pastor Jack McNary

## Postlude

Heidi Van Regenmorter, organist





**Ellen Cochran**, 78, passed away on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 in her Sacramento home, surrounded by family after a brief and courageous battle with cancer. While her physical presence will be greatly missed, her legacy is forever present in all who were blessed to know her.

Ellen Ruth Gosselink Cochran was born in Holland, Michigan. A pastor's daughter, her family moved frequently and she lived in Gray Hawk, KY; Modesto, CA; and Sacramento, CA. She graduated from El Camino High School in 1959. She graduated Central College (where she met her husband, Dick) in Pella, IA in 1963. Together, Dick and Ellen settled in Sacramento and raised two children, Caryn and Julie.

Ellen had four dominant life-long passions that really define her legacy: family, music, teaching, and her Christian faith.

Ellen's Christian faith was the centerpiece of her life. She was a charter member of Hope Community Church in Sacramento, and later a member of Northminster Presbyterian Church, where she served as an elder and director of adult education. She led a Bible study for the former members of Hope Church and was a long-time leader in Bible Study Fellowship; the love and fellowship found in both Bible studies was a true blessing to Ellen.

Violin was an integral part of Ellen's life since childhood. As a child and teen, she won many music competitions and was the concert master of every youth and school orchestra in which she took part. She was the concert master of the Camellia Symphony from 1974-1999 and was a member of the Camellia String Quartet from 1980-2020.

Ellen taught elementary and middle school orchestra for the Sacramento Unified School District's Einstein Middle School. She retired from teaching (as a middle school science teacher) in 2004. Ellen also gave private violin and piano lessons in her home for decades.

Ellen was deeply devoted to her family. No matter the role - daughter, sister, wife, aunt, mother, and grandmother – she was selfless in her loving commitment and service to others. She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Dick; her daughter Caryn, her husband Russ, and grandchildren Miles and Tyler; daughter Julie, her partner Michelle, and grandson Arie. She is preceded in death by her parents, Nicholas and Henrietta Gosselink, and her dear friends Bob and Sallie Brown.