

at her strength during these times. Theresa would always attribute that to her faith in God through whom all things are possible.

Theresa was preceded in death by her father and several aunts and uncles. She is survived by her husband and son, her mother and brothers, and a multitude of friends and loved ones whom she touched throughout her life.

Always putting others ahead of herself, Theresa's wish is that in lieu of gifts or flowers, people donate to further breast cancer research so that other people and families fighting the same fight can find hope. Theresa had close ties to the Susan Komen Foundation and a donation in her memory is greatly appreciated.

This accompanying photo is how we all remember her – strong and full of life, with a full smile and twinkle in her eye that drew everyone to her. She will be sorely missed.



He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."

Psalm 46:10

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Online at firstprescos.org/watch

Sanctuary: 8:30 a.m.

Worship Center: 9:30 a.m.



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Service to Celebrate the Life of Theresa Irene Amblad

November 7, 1971– July 6, 2020



Thursday, August 13, 2020 • 10:30 a.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Order of Service

Prelude

Solo, *“Just a Little While Longer”*

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading – Psalm 46

Solo, *“Be Still”*

Remembering Theresa with Gratitude to God

Tom Amblad, Chaplain Derrick Riggs

Solo, *“I Can Only Imagine”*

Remembering the Resurrection

Rev. Dr. Carl F. Bosteels

Solo, *“Raise a Hallelujah”*

Prayer of Commendation

Benediction

Postlude

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Officiant: Rev. Linda Boyles
Soloist/Pianist: Rev. Matt Holtzman
Soloist: Ms. Rachel Smith
Coordinator: Mrs. Sue Hayward

Theresa Irene Amblad. Beloved wife, mother, daughter, sister, friend. A Child of God.

Theresa passed away on July 6, 2020, in her home surrounded by her husband and son, the final chapter in her 19-year battle with breast cancer.

Theresa was born November 7, 1971, in Wiesbaden, Germany, to John and Anna Murray. In her words, the family was now complete since the perfect child had been born. Her three older brothers might disagree with that assessment. Following that European assignment, her family returned to the States, settling in Moore, Oklahoma, where Theresa grew up. Throughout her school years, she was a standout athlete in track and softball, and was very involved in her church. In 1994 Theresa graduated from Oklahoma Christian University. In 1996 she met her future husband, Tom, and they were married in 1998. Immediately after the wedding, the Navy ordered them to Colorado Springs, a town they would grow to love and where their son, Tevis, was born in September 2000. Their 22 years of marriage took them to several duty stations in the U.S., and abroad to Italy and Germany. In 2019 they returned from their 13 years overseas and settled in the countryside south of Colorado Springs, their last move and likely retirement location.

Theresa variously was employed as a police officer in Dallas, Texas, as a department manager at Home Depot, a personal trainer, and while stationed overseas she worked as the Religious Education Coordinator for the Army Garrison in Stuttgart, Germany. But through all of those jobs, what she cherished most was being a mom and wife raising her two boys.

She was a woman of immense faith and spent innumerable hours volunteering in organizations that served military families where she lived, notably providing a Christian-based mentorship to younger military wives through the Protestant Women of the Chapel. Her servant heart led her to reach out to anyone and everyone afflicted with cancer to provide comfort and hope in their time of need, even when she was going through painful treatments herself. Doctors, nurses and other caretakers marveled