

Grace's Story

Grace (Danielson) was born on April 22, 1927, in Westbrook, Minnesota. When she was 4, her family moved to Bend, Oregon. She spent the rest of her school years in Bend and Portland before moving to San Francisco.

She did coursework at Westmont College before enrolling in Fully Seminary for a training program. It was there that she met Sam Pittman, a student from Missouri who shared her passion for missions. They were married in Portland, Oregon on April 2, 1953.

In 1956, with their 6-month-old daughter Janet in tow, they boarded a ship for Pakistan, arriving 6 weeks later. They would serve in Pakistan as missionaries for the next 17 years. Their second daughter, Joann, was born there.

In addition to supporting Sam as he trained pastors, Grace played the role of mom to her daughters, driving them and their friends to and from school and to weekend outings at the beach. She also had a wonderful ministry among expat wives and local Pakistan women.

They moved to Roseville in 1973. Sam began a teaching career at the University of Northwestern-St. Paul and Grace began work as Office Manager for the World Venture regional office, where she served as a liaison between missionaries and churches. There are dozens serving all over the world today because of her encouragement and cheerleading.

Grace loved opening her home to everyone, wrote a book about hospitality, disciplined many and was an accomplished pianist. She loved traveling, especially road trips. In her 96 years of life, she took drives across Pakistan and Afghanistan, Europe, the U.S. and Canada, and even a road trip in China. She loved her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren passionately. Most of all, she loved Jesus, and devoted her life to pointing people to Christ.

Grace passed away on August 14, 2023.



Celebrating the Life of

Grace Pittman

April 22, 1927–August 14, 2023

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Philippians 1:21

(sketch by Al Dobra)



**A Service of Thanksgiving & Worship
for the life of
*Grace Pittman***

August 26, 2023
The North Church, Mounds View, Minnesota

Participants

Suzanne Preston	Grace's Niece
Bruce Stevenson	Grace's Nephew
Jeff Wachter	Grace's Son-In-Law
Steven Lee	Pastor, The North Church
Carole Block	Grace's Niece
Alissa Wachter	Grace's Granddaughter
Heidi Ash	Grace's Granddaughter
Kari Khalil	Grace's Granddaughter
Janet Wachter	Grace's Daughter
Joann Pittman	Grace's Daughter
Bob Highley	Pastor, Lake Phalen Community Church (Grace's home church)

Grace's family wishes to offer a special word of gratitude to her Lifespark Home Health and Home Hospice Care teams: Nicci, Katie, Kelly, Dave, Dave, Danielle, Michelle, and Donretha, as well as her companion and hospice caregivers Cherie and Barb. Thanks for the loving care you gave her for the past year.

Memorials should be made out to World Venture (memo: Global Missions Fund)

Prelude Suzanne Preston, Bruce Stevenson, Jeff Wachter

Welcome and Prayer Pastor Steven Lee

Congregational Hymn
To God Be The Glory

Scripture Reading: Carole Block
I Corinthians 15:51-58
Hebrews 10:22-24

Grace's Life Story Jeff Wachter

Tributes Alissa Wachter
Heidi Ash
Kari Khalil
Joann Pittman

Piano Solo Janet Wachter
In the Sweet By and By

Message Pastor Bob Highley

Hymn Sing
When We All Get to Heaven
When Morning Gilds the Skies
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
It Is Well with My Soul
For All the Saints

Benediction Pastor Steven Lee