

In Celebration of the Life of
Mary “Mimi” Hoffmann Marks

November 3, 1947 – March 25, 2023



Towson Unitarian Universalist Church
1710 Dulaney Valley Rd
Lutherville, MD 21093
April 29, 2023

Order of Service



PRELUDE *Raindrop Prelude (Op. 28 No. 15)*

Frédéric Chopin

OPENING WORDS Rev. Clare L. Petersberger

CHALICE LIGHTING

lighted by Anna Claire & Gracie Edhegard,
delivered by Sophia & Stephanie Marks

(read responsively)

We gather in love's spirit

to honor the life of Mary "Mimi" Hoffmann Marks.

**WE FORM HERE A COMMUNITY OF THANKSGIVING
EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN SHARING LIFE
WITH HER.**

*Though the flame of Mimi's life has been extinguished, her
life touched us and shaped our lives, those of her children
and her grandchildren and continues to shine in our
memories.*

**WE GIVE THANKS THAT MIMI ENTERED OUR LIVES,
BLESSED OUR DAYS, AND LIVES EVEN NOW IN OUR
HEARTS.**

REFLECTIONS ON LOSS AND LIFE

Angela Marks

READING - *When Great Trees Fall*

Maya Angelou

READING

excerpt from *Be Kind*

Michael Blumenthal

delivered by Robin Hoffmann

SONG

Morning Has Broken

Cat Stevens

Deborah "Spice" Kleinmann, guitar and vocals

Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the world

Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven
Like the first dewfall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light, Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day

Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the world

REMEMBERING MIMI

Angela Coghlan

Adam Marks

REMEMBERING MIMI IN PHOTOGRAPHS AND SONG

Lovely Day by Bill Withers

REMEMBERING MIMI

David Chapin

Happy Brooks

REMEMBERING MIMI

(You are invited to share a memory of Mimi. Those in the building are invited to come up to the podium to speak. Those on Zoom are invited to press the raise hand icon or message in the chat that you would like to speak.)

PRAYER

On The Death Of The Beloved

John O'Donohue

CLOSING WORDS

Hands Touching Hands

by Rev. Matt Alspaugh

delivered by Rev. Clare Petersberger

POSTLUDE ***Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini, Op. 43***

Sergei Rachmaninoff



Thank you!

Mimi's family thanks you for all of your love and care. You are invited to a reception in the foyer to continue to share memories and to celebrate Mimi's life.


Obituary

Mary "Mimi" Hoffmann Marks, 75, of Cockeysville, MD, passed away peacefully and surrounded by love on March 25, 2023.

Mimi, the youngest of four children, was born November 3, 1947, in Newark, NJ to William and Mary Angela Hoffmann. She spent her school-aged years in South Orange, NJ before her family moved to Chester, VT. She graduated high school from Convent of the Sacred Heart Eden Hall in 1965 and went on to receive a BA in English from Newton College in 1969 and an MA in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESOL) from Notre Dame of Maryland University in 2005.

After graduating college, Mimi spent a year in New York City before marrying and starting a family in Fredericksburg, VA. She and her young family spent many of their early years moving about Colorado before settling in Baltimore, MD in 1984. At that time, Mimi joined the Towson Unitarian Universalist Church (TUUC) which became the cornerstone of her social and spiritual life for nearly 40 years. She was a dedicated member, serving in countless volunteer positions including a term as Board President and leader of numerous groups and initiatives impacting the church and community beyond.

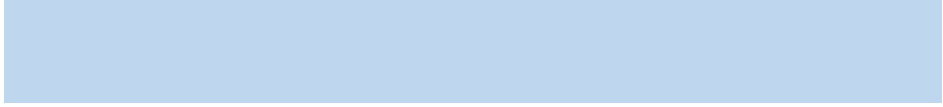
Mimi spent most of her career working at McCormick & Co. as a travel manager before making a late career shift



to pursue teaching English as a second language, which she did with tremendous devotion and in various capacities, including roles with Carroll County Public Schools and Community College of Baltimore County. This vocation was a natural fit for Mimi as it combined her love of language with her strong desire to help others. Mimi went above and beyond in supporting her students inside and outside the classroom; she was viewed as a teacher, mentor, advocate and later, friend, by many.

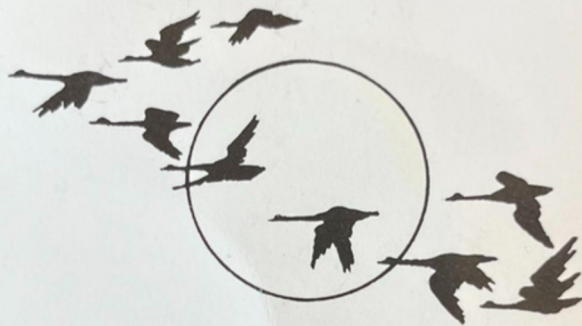
Mimi was an avid reader, known to always have a book in tow (including as a spectator at sporting events), and a beautiful writer with a rich inner world. She was a deep thinker and approached life and her relationships with curiosity and generosity of spirit. She was also a lot of fun - she was witty, had an easy laugh and didn't hesitate to let her silly side through. She radiated warmth and kindness and was a bright light to all who knew her. She was beloved and will be greatly missed.

Mimi is survived by her loving children, Adam Marks (Stacie) and Angela Marks (Michael Bruce); grandchildren, Sophia, Stephanie, Anna Claire, and Gracie; sister and brother-in-law, Angela and Paul Coghlan and sisters-in-law, Robin Hoffmann and Barbara Hoffmann; a niece and seven nephews; former husband, Edward Marks; countless number of adoring friends; and companion, David Chapin. She is pre-deceased by her



parents as well as her two brothers, William Hoffman and Robert Hoffmann.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mimi's memory to the International Rescue Committee in Baltimore, MD, <https://www.rescue.org/united-states/baltimore-md> or Earl's Place at Cornerstone Community Housing, <https://cchbaltimore.org/>.



All shall be well, and
all shall be well, and
all manner of thing
shall be well.

Julian of Norwich