

REMEMBERING

Charlotte Rae Croft, 79 of East Barnard, Vermont, was called home to the Lord on June 27, 2023. She was born March 27, 1944 in Robinson, Illinois, daughter of Charles F. Sisil and Neva (Mitchell) Sisil.

Charlotte grew up on a farm in Robinson, with her parents, three brothers, Leonard, Donald “Skip” and Wayne, and her horse Susie. She graduated from Robinson High School.

She met her future husband, Clarence “Bert” Croft at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland in August 1962, where Bert was serving in the US Army. Charlotte and Bert were married on June 17, 1963, while Bert was stationed at Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas. They moved to Hawk’s Hill in East Barnard, Vermont in March of 1965, where they lived until 1986 when they moved to the log house that they built in East Barnard.

Charlotte was an avid quilter, making quilts professionally, as gifts to family and friends, and to support those in need. She was a member of the Delectable Mountain Quilters Guild and always had a needle, thread, and fabric close at hand for the numerous projects she was working on.

Charlotte was also an ardent correspondent, keeping a thick address book and a book of birthdays, which she used to send numerous cards and notes to friends, family, and people she had met throughout her life.

For 25 years Charlotte and Bert were members of Silver Lake Chapel in Barnard. In 1991 they began attending the First Congregational Church in Woodstock, which they joined on Easter Sunday 1992.

Charlotte is survived by her two sons Eric (Sue), Rock City Falls, NY, and Johnathan (Sandy), Essex, VT; five grandchildren, Michael, Sheila, Andrew, Cameron, and Nathan; three great-granddaughters, Natalie, Myla, and Piper, and great-grandson Doug; three brothers Donald “Skip” Sisil (Martha) of Hardinville, IL, Leonard Sisil (Rhea) of Robinson, IL, and Wayne Sisil (Sharon) of Robinson, IL; sisters-in-law, Mary Osgood of Burlington, VT and Mary Croft of East Barnard, VT; and brothers-in-law Dick Croft (Kathy) of Chelsea, VT, and Canal Winchester, OH, and Harlie Parker (Jean) of Chelsea, VT.

Charlotte is predeceased by her parents and husband Bert.

There will be a time of refreshments and fellowship at the church following the service. The burial will be in the Ashley-Ellis Cemetery in East Barnard tomorrow, Sunday, July 30th. Parking is extremely limited so please consider car-pooling.

CELEBRATION OF GOD’S GRACE



CHARLOTTE RAE CROFT
March 27, 1944-June 27, 2023

July 29, 2023
11:00 Am

Memorial Service

“Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also *the resurrection of the dead*. For as in Adam all die, so also *in Christ shall all be made alive*.” —*First Corinthians 15:20-22*

This is a time for family and friends to gather together in celebration & remembrance.

We celebrate Charlotte’s life and legacy even as we mourn our loss in her passing.

Welcome Pastor Douglas Warren

Opening Prayer Pastor Warren

Songs #460 *Amazing Grace* Congregation

Scripture Reading *Psalm 23* Karl Huck

The Lord’s Prayer Congregation

“Our Father, Who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.”

Song #693 *Blessed Assurance* Congregation

Prayer of Thanksgiving Peter VanderHoof

Homily *Rest in Jesus* Pastor Warren
First Thessalonians 4:13-18

Song #691 *It Is Well* Congregation

Prayer & Benediction Pastor Warren

Please stay for the reception after the service.

Charlotte’s family thanks you for your support & encouragement.

Reflections

Charlotte loved Jesus and wanted everyone she knew and loved to love Him too. She shared with me as her pastor that she had several friends and family members for whom she was praying. *You may be one of those loved ones for whom she was praying.* Her greatest desire was that you would come to know the Jesus of the Bible as she did. Not through trying to be a good enough person, but through the unmerited favor God demonstrates on the cross of Jesus Christ. Please allow me to share with you *three important words* to better understand the faith that Charlotte had in Jesus as her Savior and Lord. They are repent, believe, and identify.

Repent. This means first of all to stop and to turn from all the various ways we disobey God and to start obeying Him instead. God has made Himself evident to all people even though we suppress that knowledge, but if we want to know Him as He truly is, the Bible shows us how to live through obedience to His holy calling.

Believe. Jesus calls us to stop believing that we can save ourselves or that any other thing can save us. He tells us to trust that He is the only way to God the Father. To believe *in* Christ is more than just believing that He was born; it's trusting Him to the exclusion of all else. What this baby King was born to do was to live the perfect life of obedience we fail to live and then die as the perfect sacrifice for our sins. His death on the cross paid the penalty for our rebellion and His resurrection from the dead, on Easter morning, declared that His sacrifice was accepted by God the Father. To believe in Jesus is to trust His life, death, and resurrection for our salvation to the exclusion of all else.

Identify. Jesus doesn't just save us as individuals; He saves us *into* His family. He adopts His followers as brothers and sisters. The practice of holy baptism is the historic way that the Bible requires to identify with this family of God. If you have never been baptized, then you should confirm your belief in Christ by being baptized into the membership of a Bible-believing church. If you have already been baptized, then you should profess your faith in Christ and be joined officially as a member.

If you would like to know more about this kind of personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ, please contact me, Doug Warren, and I

would love to talk with you more. *You can reach me on my cell phone at (802) 299-1623.*