



**Elise Dorea**  
*September 19, 1943 –*

**Birmingham**  
*February 11, 2007*

Elise led a very full life. A terrific wife and a mother to three wonderful children (and our children's friends), she was also a public school teacher, tax professional, and a volunteer for many organizations.

Elise had been very active at the Wantagh Memorial Congregational Church in New York as a member of various boards, head of the Nursery School Committee, advisor to the PF, church treasurer, Sunday school teacher and children's worship leader, choir member, and president of the Women's Fellowship. She was a volunteer driver for disabled people and a founder of the Nassau County (NY) affiliate of Habitat for Humanity.

At Norcross Presbyterian she was on session for finance, restructuring the preschool, served in Presbyterian Women, and sang alto (sometimes soprano) in our choir. You can hear her voice in one of the videos.

Elise had a great sense of humor which you can also see in the photos and videos. She had a remarkable sense of adventure. She enrolled the two of us in all available swimming and SCUBA classes. We were diving buddies. We traveled to see many of the great sights of this wonderful country.

Today we celebrate Elise's life, one full enough for three people – and we miss her. In lieu of flowers, if you wish to make an offering in her memory, please make out a check to Norcross Presbyterian Church and mark it "Tuition fund for Osim children". Or, if you wish, please make a donation to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Habitat for Humanity, to any other charity of your choice, or to the church's general memorial fund.

-Ken Birmingham, and our family

# NORCROSS Presbyterian Church



*a celebration of  
Worship &  
Witness to the  
Resurrection*

Celebration of the Life of  
**Elise Dorea Birmingham**  
19 Sept 1943 – 11 February 2007

25 March 2007  
2:00 P. M.

Prelude

*Canon in D*

Pachelbel

## Opening Sentences (Responsively)

**LEADER:** *Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,*

**PEOPLE:** **and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11.28)**

**LEADER:** *Come to praise the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. (Revelation 22.13)*

**PEOPLE:** **Jesus said, "Because I live, you also will live."  
(John 14.19)**

**PEOPLE:** **I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8.38-39)**

Hymn #451 (*The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

***Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones***

Prayer

Special Music

***Amazing Grace***

Duck Ae Karasek  
Maryann Peterson, vocalists

(Hymn #280, *The Presbyterian Hymnal*, verses 1&4)

***The Lord's Prayer*** Duck Ae Karasek, vocalist

Old Testament Readings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy 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 Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

New Testament Readings

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

*(If the Apostles' Creed is part of your faith tradition and heritage, then we invite you to join along.)*

***The Apostles' Creed***

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

**\*Hymn #469 (*The Presbyterian Hymnal*)**

***Morning Has Broken***

**\*Commendation Prayer**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Parting Music**

\*All those who are able, please stand.

Participants in the service:

Beth Bowen, Musician

Rev. Matthew M. Fry, Pastor

Duck Ae Karasek, Maryann Peterson, vocalists

Flowers were kindly provided by Marilyn Valente, dear friend of Elise.