

*In Celebration of the Life of*

*Elizabeth Jane Walls*



*February 23, 1916 to February 2, 2005*

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
AND IN THE MEMORY OF  
ELIZABETH JANE WALLS  
1916-2005**

First Free Methodist Church

2:00 pm February 12, 2005

Prelude

David Freisen, organist

Welcome and Invocation

H. Mark Abbott, Pastor

\*Hymn # 21 "How Great Thou Art"

Scripture Readings

Bonnie Brann, Associate Pastor

Meditation

H. Mark Abbott, Pastor

Prayer

Hymn #612 "How Firm a Foundation"

Words of Memory

Bonnie Brann, Associate Pastor  
Family Members

\*Hymn #579 "It Is Well With My Soul"

Benediction

Postlude

David Freisen, organist

You are invited to a reception in the Fellowship Center, where you may greet family members.

Memorials to: First Free Methodist Church, Missions Fund, 3200 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W., Seattle WA 98119 or the Professor F. Wesley Walls and Elizabeth Walls Scholarship Endowment. ( Office of Development, SPU, 3307 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W., Seattle WA 98119.)

Elizabeth Walls was born Feb. 23, 1916 in San Antonio, Texas, in a parsonage, which her military family was renting. Her family remained there through elementary school then moved to Honolulu where her father, Major Frank I Pickering, was on duty in the Army Adjutant General's office at Fort Derussy

Following her middle schooling in Honolulu and high school in Omaha, Elizabeth was off to Central College in Kansas, where she met Wesley Walls. Both went on to Greenville College in Illinois. Elizabeth missed her family, so chose to attend her senior year at the University of Hawaii. Wesley kept the romance going by mail. His proposal of marriage was accepted by Elizabeth. Her family was unable to attend the wedding so in 1937 she traveled alone from Hawaii to Iowa by ship and train with a trunk carrying her wedding gown.

Elizabeth had a strong spirit of adventure reinforced by her parents' love of, and travels in, the mountains, forests and deserts of the American West. At age three she set off on a several hour exploration of Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, which brought out a hastily organized but successful search by neighbors and troops. During Hawaii summers she attended a girls camp on an otherwise deserted beach near Hana where some swims were taken while swimmers were unencumbered by the burdensome swim suits of the time.

Snorkel gear was invented too late for use during her youth. Not to be denied, she first tried snorkeling on the Great Barrier Reef at age 68. It was "wonderful".

She enjoyed family trips taken to the major American national parks especially when camping out along the way. With husband Wesley on military duty in World War II and in Korea, she several times packed up the family car and drove with her children to visit relatives in Southern California, visiting Yellowstone, Yosemite and other national parks along the way. Upon arrival among the large trees she would recite with passion a few lines from Evangeline beginning with "THIS is the forest primeval."

Wesley and Elizabeth moved to Seattle in 1941 and lived most of their married life on Queen Anne Hill. Her husband was a Professor and Administrator at Seattle Pacific University. She has been an active member of the Seattle First Free Methodist Church (and Cana Class) since 1941. For 25 years she was the lead librarian for the church. Her love of Christian education for children lead her to devote 6 years to the CYC program. Those children, now grown, speak of the dedication that she brought to this work. In 1999, the church awarded her the Servant Heart award.

She is survived by her husband Wesley; her children; Forrest (Vi), Burton (Ralene), Francine, and Sylvia, a brother, Gordon Pickering (Rose), a brother-in-law Justin Longenecker; five grandchildren and one great granddaughter.