

Lorraine was born and raised on Long Island, NY. Her father, Thomas Duckworth, was an engineer working for the phone company, and her mother, Dorothy McBurnie Duckworth, was a teacher. The oldest child, she had a sister, Verne, and a brother, Tom. Lorraine was an excellent student and a good pianist who often played the piano at school. She majored in Chemistry at the College of Wooster in OH., where she sang in the church choir and the Girls' Chorus. A very creative person, she wrote a musical play called "Ink Wasted" about the veterans returning to Wooster with their wives or girlfriends, forgetting about their previous girlfriends left at college writing them letters. Nobel Prize winner Arthur Compton attended the performance and at the end stood up and cheered, "author!" She met the love of her life, Cameron Lyon, when he returned to college after serving in the US Army Air Force in World War II. After graduation, Lorraine accepted a scholarship and lab assistant job to work on a Master's degree in Chemistry at Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH, while Cameron worked on his PhD in Chemistry at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL. During that time, they travelled back and forth to meet each other, became engaged in 1948, and were married at the Presbyterian Church near Lorraine's home in Mineola, NY on October 16, 1948. After earning their degrees, they both worked for DuPont in Wilmington, DE, where Lorraine helped develop an opaque product from nylon for making dresses. When their daughter Lois was born, Lorraine stayed home to care for her. Cameron took a job with the USDA in Albany, CA, and they settled first in Pleasant Hill, where son Alan was born, and later bought their home in Orinda, and had their son Bruce. Lorraine was a loving and attentive mother, caring for her children and seeing to their education, and discovered her talent and interest in education. In 1967, Lorraine took a job as a Special Education teacher at Camplindo High School. In 1977, she earned a Master's degree in Education from Cal State University Hayward. She finished her teaching career at Acalanes High School, and retired after helping a great many students to achieve their educational goals. She co-wrote a book, "Math In and Out of the Mainstream" with her colleague Betty Karplus.

Lorraine was very active in the Presbyterian Church. She served as a deacon and an elder and as a presbytery representative to the general assembly. She went out to Bangkok, Thailand to help set up a mission program for the youth of our church. She helped to write a book called "Old Soldiers Never Die, They Just Tell Tall Tales," about the military service of veterans returning to LOPC.

She loved music, and she and Cameron always sang in the church choir wherever they lived.

She was very kind and helpful, always thinking of others, and volunteered for many charities. For many years, she helped her friend Odette Hibert, a blind woman, to live independently by doing her shopping, taking her to appointments and being her advocate.

Fifteen years ago, Lorraine founded the Noteables, a choral group that brings the joy of music to others by singing at nursing homes and assisted living places.

After they retired, Lorraine and Cam enjoyed travelling to many countries all over the world, including India, where Cam grew up. They enjoyed hiking in the mountains with family and friends. In her later years, Lorraine often spoke of an overwhelming sense of awe at the beauty and wonder of nature.

Lorraine loved and was very proud of her children, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. She was a generous, compassionate, intelligent woman who was greatly loved and will be missed by all her family and friends. She will always be with us in the meadows of our hearts.

*A Celebration of the
Resurrection of Jesus Christ
and the Life of
Lorraine Lyon*



July 25, 1926 – April 16, 2017

**Celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ
and the life of
Lorraine Lyon**

May 13, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

Prelude Stewart Scharch

Special Song *Deep River* Noteables

Words of Welcome

***Call To Worship**

Pastor: God is our refuge and our strength
A very present help in trouble.

People: **Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth be
moved, And the mountains be toppled into the
depths of the sea;**

Pastor: Though its waters rage and foam,
And though the mountains tremble at its tumult

People: **The Lord of Hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our stronghold**

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn #819** *Be Still My Soul*

Scripture Readings *Psalm 23*

Special Music *You Will Never Walk Alone* Noteables

Scripture Reading

John 3:16

Meditation

Special Music *Blessed Jesus, We Are Here* Stewart Scharch
by J. S. Bach

Personal Reflections Harry Jayasingha
Alan Lyon
Bruce Lyon

Special Music *Precious Lord* Drew Woodson

Prayer of Thanksgiving


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

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Pilgrims Chorus*
Beethoven's 9th Symphony

*All are invited to a reception immediately following the service in
the Fellowship Hall. The family will be there to greet you and to
continue the celebration of Lorraine's life.*


*In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Lorraine Lyon can be
made to the Hospice Program of Kaiser - Martinez.*

*** All may stand**

Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church