

Donna's family and dearest friends invite you to join them now for refreshments, fellowship and sharing memories and photos of Donna. Our wonderful volunteers will rearrange the chairs and put up tables in the sanctuary while you proceed to the yellow room at the end of the hall for some food and beverages, and then return to this room for the reception.

Please record your presence and write your messages to daughters Sara and Anna in the Guest Book located in the lobby.

Thank you to all who shared their gifts with us this afternoon, including:

Rev. Kate Lehman, Service Leader

Laura Lesch, Worship Associate

Dorothea Cook, Peter Winkler, Julie Doczi,

Doris Anne McMullen and Emily Learnard, Musicians

Joanne Hammer, Hospitality

Gretta Johnson Sally, Welcoming

Linda Cortese and Rich Hall, Audio and Technical Support

And all the Fellowship members and Friends who provided their help and support in so many ways

To honor and remember Donna,
the family asks that you please consider
making a donation to Save-A-Pet Animal Shelter, 608 NY-112 Port
Jefferson Station, NY 11777 or
Heifer International, 1 World Avenue, Little Rock, AR 72202

Livestream:



Donna Demian

August 8, 1944–February 3, 2026



Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at Stony Brook
380 Nicolls Road, E. Setauket, NY 11733

Celebration of Life Service

Saturday, April 25, 2026

One o'clock in the afternoon



UUFBS Mission Statement

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at Stony Brook is a religious community that seeks diversity, individual spiritual growth, and social and economic justice.

Gathering Music

Gathering Chimes

Peter Winkler, Dorothea Cook, Julie Doczi

Prelude

Doris Ann McMullen, piano

Brahms: Intermezzo in A Major, Op. 118, No. 2 (Andante teneramente)

Unison Chalice Lighting

Rev. Kate Lehman

We light this flame for all that cannot die: the love that shaped us; the stories that rise on our tongues; the courage passed from hand to hand, heart to heart, and that living light that keeps us forever connected.

Hymn: #38 Morning Has Broken

Peter Winkler & Dorothea Cook

Words of Welcome

Rev. Kate Lehman

Responsive Reading

Rev. Kate Lehman

When Death Comes (Mary Oliver)

One: When death comes like the hungry bear in autumn; when death comes and takes all the bright coins from his purse to buy me; and snaps the purse shut; when death comes; like the measles-pox; when death comes like an iceberg between the shoulder blades,

All: I want to step through the door full of curiosity, wondering: what is it going to be like, that cottage of darkness?

One: And therefore, I look upon everything as a brotherhood and a sisterhood, and I look upon time as no more than an idea, and I consider eternity as another possibility, and I think of each life as a flower, as common as a field daisy, and as singular,

All: And therefore, I look upon each name made comfortable in the mouth, ending, as all music does, toward silence, and each body a lion of courage, and something precious to the earth.

One: When it's over, I want to say: all my life I was a bride married to amazement. I was the bridegroom, taking the world in my arms.

All: When it's over, I don't want to wonder if I have made of my life something particular, and real. I don't want to find myself, sighing and frightened, or full of argument.

One: I don't want to end up simply having visited this world.

Reading: The Long Shadow

Rev. Kate Lehman

Reading: Talking to Grief (Denise Levertov)

Elaine Learnard

Reading: Where Heart and Melody Meet

Rev. Kate Lehman

Music: "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" (JS Bach)

Peter Winkler, piano
Dorothea Cook, violin

Reading: For Sara and Anna

Rev. Kate Lehman

Music: Adagio from Flute Quartet in D major K.285 (Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart)

Julie Doczi, flute

Reading: Yes...And

Rev. Kate Lehman

Music: "Farther Along" (music George Cook, Words Wm. Stevens)

Emily Learnard

Reading: The Language of Cats

Rev. Kate Lehman

Sharing by Family and Friends

Reading: Heaven (Patrick Philips)

Ann-Marie Scheidt

Extinguishing the Chalice

Rev. Kate Lehman

Hymn: #103 For All the Saints

Peter Winkler and Dorothea Cook

Invitation to the Reception

Rev. Kate Lehman