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ANNA HAYFORD IS WITH THE LORD.

Early in the morning on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 Anna Hayford peacefully stepped into the presence of the Lord while her husband, Jack Hayford, sat by her side.

Nearly a year ago, as Anna was diagnosed with stage four pancreatic cancer, the family began seeking the Lord for His direction for treatment. Believing and contending for healing, while pursuing the best of medical care, Anna has lived this last year without pain, and in peace that her future—her eternity—was fully in the Lord’s hands. Today the family stands at peace that her healing was accomplished through the shed blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, as He took hold of Anna’s hand and ushered her into eternity.

“God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.” Revelation 21:4

Pastor Jack, along with each of their four children are grateful for God’s grace during this time, and today they are rejoicing over her peaceful and victorious home going.

Anna Marie Smith was born on March 31, 1933 in North Platte, Nebraska, and went to be with Jesus on March 8, 2017 from her home in Granada Hills, California. She was 83. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Pastor Jack Hayford, and her four children Rebecca Bauer, Jack III, Mark, and Christa Andersen, along with 11 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and four more on the way.

Anna Hayford, who was a licensed Foursquare minister, served alongside her husband, Jack Hayford, as pastors for 60 years. They pastored at The Church On The Way in Van Nuys, California for 31 years, watching the Lord grow that congregation to a membership of 10,000 people. Anna, who is a strong woman in her faith, was gracious and hospitable, and loved and admired by everyone. Often referred to as a gentle strength alongside her husband, she was a formidable leader in her own right with a ministry that touched the lives of thousands.

A viewing is available on Thursday, March 16 from 5–9pm at Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills located at 6300 Forest Lawn Drive, Los Angeles, California 90068.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, March 18 at 1pm at The Church On The Way in The Living Room, located at 14300 Sherman Way, Van Nuys, California 91405.

We are all, family and friends alike, grateful to God for the time He has allowed us to enjoy the wonderful gift of Anna Hayford. Living under the sovereign timing of God allows us to experience His unfathomable mercy and enjoy the rich rewards of His immeasurable grace. Anna’s life verse brings comfort to all during this time.

The Lord is good,
A stronghold in the day of trouble;
And He knows those who trust in Him.
Nahum 1:7

Anna Hayford will be greatly missed on this side of eternity.