

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I would like to thank everyone that has reached out to me during this very difficult time. Your prayers, phone calls, meals, texts, emails, cards, flowers, etc. are a testament to how much Myra was loved and has greatly comforted me.

Myra joined Willow Creek during the Son City days in Park Ridge, IL

From the beginning, Myra found places to serve where she could. She brought and served refreshments after each service and embroidered the Son City shirts Bill and others wore on stage. When Willow moved to South Barrington, she became a small group leader, Promiseland K-1 teacher, Promiseland clean-up crew member, leader in Willow on Wheels, organized housing for Leadership summit for pastors from around the world, volunteered at a Camp Paradise work week, Compassion and Justice and worked at the Willow Creek Association planning and writing for the Global Leadership Summits. Myra loved Willow, and would regularly watch the Sunday service from her home in CA.

Myra loved volunteering at Saddleback.

She used her writing and teaching skills to write articles for the back of the bulletin, coordinated the team of volunteers and taught classes to help others improve their writing skills, led a group that wrote study questions after the weekly message for small groups to use to grow deeper in their understanding, worked on the History of the Women's Ministry for the archival project, transcribed sermons, led both a small group in her home and an online small group of people around the world, and as a community leader helped other women lead their small groups. Myra also taught classes at Saddleback on the history, future, faith and membership (class 101), spiritual maturity (class 201), how to discover and use your spiritual gifts (class 301) and how to serve others in mission trips locally and around the world (class 401).

Myra also had a heart for hurting people and joined the HIV & Aids ministry to bring love and compassion to those in need, volunteered in the Women's ministry by mentoring women one-on-one in their daily struggles and walk with Christ, was a table leader for Thursday morning Bible Study, helped with membership and baptism. She also helped with research for sermons, transcription, communion and Good Summarian' Readers teams.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

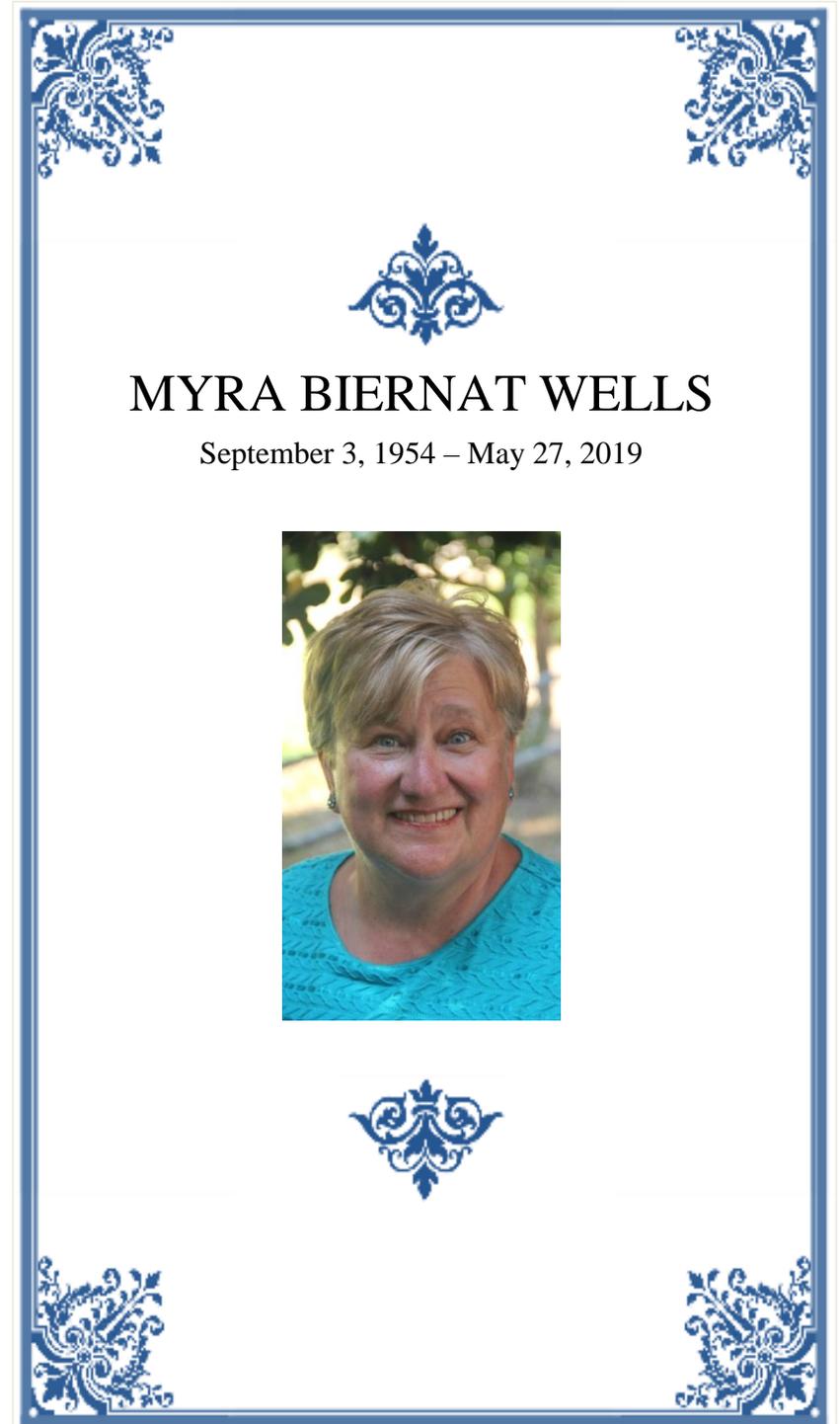
Sunday, July 14th

5:00pm

Willow Creek Community Church

Barrington, IL

Pastor Tom Jensen - Officiating



Obituary

Myra Wells, age 64, died at her home in Mission Viejo, California, on Monday, May 27, 2019. The cause was a sudden heart attack while sleeping.

Born on September 3, 1954 in Chicago, Illinois, she lived in the Chicago suburbs before moving to Southern California. Myra earned a MA in International Marketing from University of TX at Dallas, MBA in International Business from Webster University, MFA in music from Northwestern and a BA from University of Illinois.

Survivors include her husband Richard, sister Paula (Jim) Balija and brother Martin (Theresa) Biernat.

Myra's outlook on life could be summed up by *For God loved everyone so much that He endured torment, ridicule and death that we would be able to have a relationship with Him* - John 3:16 (paraphrase)

"You have never looked eyes with someone that doesn't matter to God" - Bill Hybels

Myra was passionate about mentoring individuals in their walk with Christ. Whether through her writings, small groups or individual one-on-one meetings, her desire was to help people reconcile relationships and grow in Christ's likeness. She especially had a heart for encouraging women to be all that God created them to be.

Interested in reading stories from Myra's blog?
Visit www.myrawells.com

Order of Service

Processional.....Thanksgiving - George Winston

Welcome and Prayer.....Pastor Tom Jensen

Slide show/Song.....Household of Faith - Steve Green

Obituary: Read Silently

Remarks

Jeff Wells

Richard Wells

open mic

Message of Hope.....Pastor Tom Jensen

Song.....Amazing Grace - Darlene Zschech

Recessional.....Thanksgiving Melody

Reception below the Chapel in Room 100 immediately following the service. Please join us for food and fellowship.

Myra loved Chicago pizza, which she couldn't get in California. Every time we came to Illinois, we would have Giordano's, Lou Malnati's or Rosati's. Sometimes all three! Please join us for Rosati's thin crust pizza in room 100.