



Gwenyth Diane Field

Interment

July 25 | 11:00 AM
Linwood Cemetery
190 Boston Post By-Pass
Weston, MA 02493

JULY 7, 1959 - JUNE 9, 2022

When Great Trees Fall

Maya Angelou

When great trees fall,
rocks on distant hills shudder,
lions hunker down
in tall grasses,
and even elephant
slumber after safety.

When great trees fall
in forests,
small things recoil into silence,
their senses
eroded beyond fear.

When great souls die,
the air around us becomes
light, rare, sterile.
We breathe, briefly.
Our eyes, briefly,
see with
a hurtful clarity.
Our memory, suddenly sharpened,
examines,
gnaws on kind words
unsaid,
promised walks
never taken.

Great souls die and
our reality, bound to
them, takes leave of us.
Our souls,
dependent upon their
nurture,
now shrink, wizened.

Our minds, formed
and informed by their
radiance, fall away.
We are not so much maddened
as reduced to the unutterable ignorance
of dark, cold
caves.

And when great souls die,
after a period peace blooms,
slowly and always
irregularly. Spaces fill
with a kind of
soothing electric vibration.
Our senses, restored, never
to be the same, whisper to us.
They existed. They existed.
We can be. Be and be
better. For they existed.

“Believe in God; believe that he is, and that he created all things, both heaven and in earth; believe that he has all wisdom, and all power, both in heaven and in earth: believe that man doth not comprehend all the things which the Lord can comprehend.”

Mosiah 4:9

Service

Saturday, July 23, 2022 – 1:00 p.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
6219 Villa Street Alexandria VA 22310

PRESIDING

Bishop Brennan Handfield
(or Stake Presidency Member)

CONDUCTING

Bishop Brennan Handfield

MUSIC

Opening Hymn | # 136 *“I Know My Redeemer Lives”*

Opening Prayer | *Bond Handfield (Primary Child)*

Speaker | Andrea Elwyn

A Letter From Todd Payne | Read by Sophie Wolanin

Speaker | Justin McCune

Speaker | Blake H Field II

Primary Song | *Primary Children “I Love to See the Temple”*

OPEN SHARING OF STORIES OR REMARKS

Musical Number | *Church Youths “You are Loved”*

Closing Remarks | Bishop Brennan Handfield

Closing Hymn | #2 *“The Spirit of God”*

Closing Prayer | *A McCune Family Member*

RECEPTION

Light Refreshments and Appetizers supplied by
Relief Society members.