
Final Reading: Penny Hauffe

Beyond the Rainbow
~cg 1995

As much as I loved the life we had and all the times we played,
I was so very tired and knew my time on earth would fade.
I saw a wondrous image then of a place that's trouble free-
Where all of us can meet again to spend eternity.

I saw the most beautiful Rainbow, and on the other side
were meadows rich and beautiful- lush and green and wide!
And running through the meadows as far as the eye could see
were animals of every sort as healthy as could be!
My own tired, failing body was fresh and healed and new.
And I wanted to go run with them, but I had something left to do.

I needed to reach out to you, to tell you I'm alright-
that this place is truly wonderful; then a bright Glow pierced the night.
'Twas the Glow of many candles shining bright and strong and bold.
And I knew then that it held your love in its brilliant shades of gold.

For although we may not be together in the way we used to be,
we are still connected by a cord no eye can see.
So, whenever you need to find me, we're never far apart-
If you look beyond the Rainbow and listen with your heart.

Legend of the Rainbow Bridge DVD Montage:

~courtesy of Eternal Companions Pet Memorial Centre
<http://www.eteralcompanions.ca/rainbow/php>

Farewell: Rev. Bonnie J. Berger

My beloved friend, I have sent you on a journey to a land
free from pain- not because I did not love you, but because
I loved you too much to force you to stay. Blessed are
they that mourn, for they will be comforted. Love, light,
and healing to all! Amen

Special thanks to all who helped make this ceremony possible!

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*The 5th Annual Pet
Remembrance Candle
Lighting Ceremony*



*In remembrance of our pets- that their
warm, soft light may glow forever in our
hearts...*

Saint James Episcopal Church

6:00pm

Friday, March 5, 2010

Program of Events: **A Journey of Love, Celebration, and Friendship**

Welcome: Dr. Krisi Erwin

This ceremony was started by the Nikki Hospice Foundation for Pets in 2004. It is their goal that people all over the world will pause together to celebrate the lives of our beloved pets every year on March 5. This is the second year that members of our community have participated in this event. Thank you all for attending and we hope that tonight's program will provide healing and inspiration as we all grieve for and celebrate the lives of our companions who have gone on before us!

First Reading: Penny Hauffe

I'm Still Here

~Author unknown

Friend, please don't mourn for me-
I'm still here, though you don't see.
I'm right by your side each night and day
and within your heart I long to stay.

My body is gone but I'm always near.
I'm everything you feel, see, or hear.
My spirit is free, but I'll never depart
as long as you keep me alive in your heart.

I'll never wander out of your sight-
I'm the brightest star on a summer night.
I'll never be beyond your reach-
I'm the warm moist sand when you're at the beach.

I'm the colorful leaves when fall comes around
and the pure white snow that blankets the ground.
I'm the beautiful flowers of which you're so fond,
the clear cool water in a quiet pond.

I'm the first bright blossom you'll see in the spring,
the first warm raindrop that April will bring.
I'm the first ray of light when the sun starts to shine,
and you'll see that the face in the moon is mine.

First Reading (cont.):

When you start thinking there's no one to love you,
you can talk to me through the Lord above you.
I'll whisper my answer through the leaves on the trees,
and you'll feel my presence in the soft summer breeze.

I'm the hot salty tears that flow when you weep
and the beautiful dreams that come while you sleep.
I'm the smile you see on a baby's face.
Just look for me, friend-I'm everywhere!

Meditation: "Remember Me" by the Canadian Tenors

The human-animal bond is very rich and deep. In fact, it is why we are all here tonight. We have all been touched and our lives enriched by special animal friends. We hope that the music and words of this song, the images you see, and the quotes you read will help you to reflect on how important all of our pet family members are.

Words and Inspiration: The Reverend Bonnie J. Berger

The Candle Light Ceremony and the 2010 Roll of Honor:
***When lighting your candle, hold the lit candle upright
and tilt only the unlit candle!!!**

Introduction: Rev. Bonnie J. Berger

The candles being lit tonight
cast a soft and welcome flame.
And draw our loved ones to the light,
as we call to them by name.
Imagine spirits taking flight-
For a moment, our souls entwine.
Say not "Goodnight-"
but in some brighter time
bid them all-
"Good morning!"

Reading of the Roll of Honor: Dr. Bill Tyrrell

*Music during this time is composed and
performed by Gary Breads of Round Hill, Va.
