Sigrid Gisela Renate Just (+11/7/2016)

Sigrid Gisela Renate JUST (née Walther) was born on Nov. 24, 1928, in Beuthen, Upper Silesia, Germany, and died on Nov. 7, 2016, one week after suffering a major stroke. She was the only child of Karl and Charlotte Walther. Her father died in 1933, when Sigrid was only five years old. At the end of World War II, she and her mother moved to Berlin. Raised as a Lutheran, she converted to Catholicism in her teens and joined the Sisters of the Divine Savior (Salvatorians) for two years, where she was given the name Sr. Constancia.

Sigrid then studied Mathematics at the Free University of (West) Berlin, where she met a young physicist, Dr. Kurt Just. They married in 1953 and had three sons while still in Berlin. In Sept. 1961, shortly after the Berlin Wall was built, the Just family immigrated to the United States. They settled in Tucson, AZ, since Kurt had accepted a position as Professor of Physics at the University of Arizona, where he taught for almost 40 years.

There was a clear division of labor in the Just household: while Kurt worked at the UofA and provided the family income, Sigrid took care of the house and raised the boys. She was also very active in volunteer work in church, school, and various civic groups for many years: with PTA, swim teams, the American Red Cross, and the Boy Scouts of America. She served as choir member and organist at several Catholic parishes. She was an avid reader, swimmer, email writer, and a versatile craftsperson, showing great creativity in sewing, knitting, calligraphy, candle making, and many other arts and crafts.

Although she never visited Germany again after the death of her own mother in 1978, Sigrid loved to drive all over Arizona and visit friends and family throughout the USA in her VW Bus/Camper. Due to decreasing mobility and despite double knee-replacement surgery, Sigrid had to move to the Desert Villita Assisted Living home in 2009, where she received very attentive and loving care from the wonderful staff for the past seven years.

Sigrid is predeceased by Kurt, her husband of almost 63 years (RIP 6/19/16), and is survived by three adult sons: Stefan (wife Rebecca), of Beaumont, CA; Klemens, of Berlin, Germany; and Felix, of Anaheim, CA; as well as two married grandsons and two great-granddaughters.

Like her husband, Sigrid chose to have her body donated to science. Interment of her cremains will be in a private ceremony at a later time. The family requests that donations in Sigrid's memory be made to Catholic Relief Services.

Funeral Mass for Sigrid Just

(Nov. 24, 1928 - Nov. 7, 2016)



St. Cyril of Alexandria Catholic Church, Tucson, Arizona 10:00 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016

Introductory Rites

Gathering Song:Joyful, Joyful, We Adore TheeUC# 679 (tune: Hymn to Joy)Sign of the Cross & Liturgical GreetingWelcomePenitential Rite:Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

"The Lord God will destroy death forever"

Responsorial Psalm: "Shepherd Me, O God" (Ps 23) UC#661 (Marty Haugen)

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1

"What is seen is transitory; what is unseen is eternal."

Gospel Acclamation: Celtic Alleluia(Christopher Walker)"I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever."

Gospel: John 12:23-26

"If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest."

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Response: ...God of Life and of the Living, Hear Our Prayer



Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation of the Gifts & Preparation of the Altar	
Offertory Song: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus	UC#288 (tune: Stuttgart)
Eucharistic Prayer	
Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Renewal	(Curtis Stephan)
Lord's Prayer	
Exchange of Peace	
Breaking of the Bread: Lamb of God	(Curtis Stephan)
Communion Song: Eye Has Not Seen	UC#672 (Marty Haugen)
Post-Communion Prayer	

Concluding Rites

Eulogies	
Final Commendation	
Song of Farewell: Take, Lord, Receive	(John Foley, SJ)
Blessing and Dismissal	
Closing Song: O God, Our Help in Ages Past	UC#731 (tune: St. Anne)

SPECIAL THANKS to the LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Presider & Homilist:	Rev. Felix Just, SJ
Lectors:	Stefan Just & Edna Walton
Intercessions:	Gail Gresser
Gift Bearers:	Klemens Just & Stefan Just
Eulogists:	Kevin Clinch & Brian Kelly
Musicians:	Frank & Renée Cassidy & Karen Brady
Reception:	Margaret Lordon & Chris' Catering

All are invited to a reception in Dougherty Hall after the Mass.