Pall Bearers

Seth Pullen
Benjamin Hutton
Wesley Hutton
Vali Ciobanu
Roy Hutton
Tyler Hutton

Children

Nancy Jo Pullen (David)
Jeremy Hutton (Lisa)
Tim Hutton (Sue)
Rod Hutton (Carolyn)
Willard Hutton (Donna)
Becky Hutton

Grandchildren

Seth Pullen
Esther Kibbe (Theron)
Elizabeth Ciobanu (Vali)
Sarah Pullen
Rachel Pullen

Jonathan Hutton
Benjamin Hutton
Grace McNair (Jay)
Tim Hutton

Danielle Hutton
Mikayla Hutton
Kim Hutton
Faith Hutton
Aaron Hutton
Chandler Hutton
James Hutton
Eugene Hutton

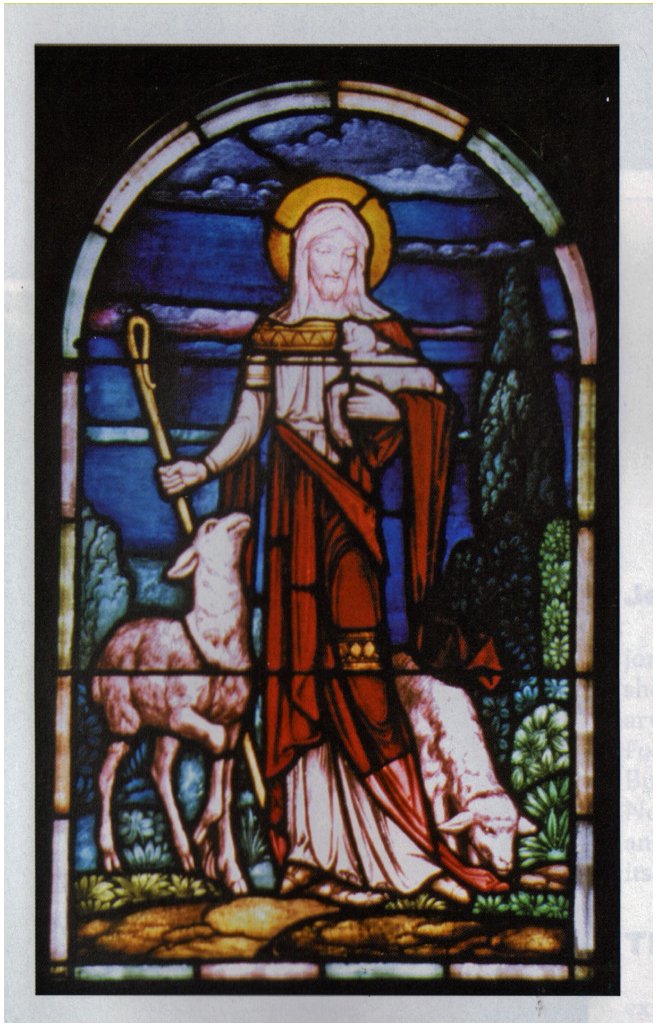
Heather Elliott (Tim)
Alastair Hutton
Andrew Hutton

Olivia Hutton
Roy Hutton
Wesley Hutton
Rosie Hutton

Tyler Hutton (Kelly)
Brooke Marshall (Jordan)

Great Grandson

Knox McNair



Celebrating the Life of

Ruth Fancher Hutton

February 10, 1922—February 14, 2014

Houghton Wesleyan Church
Houghton, New York
February 22, 2014
2:00 P.M.

Going Home

Words are by William Arms Fisher and Ken Bible
Set to the music of Dvorak's 9th Symphony, third movement

Going home, going home,
I'm just going home.
Quiet-like, slip away-
I'll be going home.
It's not far, just close by;
Jesus is the Door;
Work all done, laid aside,
Fear and grief no more.
Friends are there, waiting now.
He is waiting, too.
See His smile! See His hand!
He will lead me through.

Morning Star lights the way;
Restless dream all done;
Shadows gone, break of day,
Life has just begun.
Every tear wiped away.
Pain and sickness gone;
Wide awake there with Him!
Peace goes on and on!
Going home, going home,
I'll be going home.
See the Light! See the Sun!
I'm just going home.

Prelude *It is Well with My Soul* — Jane Allen, organ

Announcement / Greeting

Opening Prayer

Hymn 270 ***Jesus Thy Blood and Righteousness***

Words of Remembrance / Scripture Reading Ephesians 2: 1-10
Larry and Vesta Mullen

Poem *At Evening* — Jack Leax

Song *How Great Thou Art* — Bill John Newbrough, piano

Family Remembrances
Seth Pullen / Becky Hutton

Hymn 228 ***Not What These Hands Have Done***

Congregational Words of Remembrance

Scripture Reading 1 Timothy 1: 15-17 (*The Message*)

Homily — Pastor Wes Oden

Hymn 59 ***O God, Our Help in Ages Past***

Benediction

Doxology

Recessional *Going Home* — Andrew Hutton, bagpipes

Postlude — Jane Allen

The family invites you to join them for a meal in the church Community Room following the service.

AT EVENING

One labor completed,

The joy of sacrifice—
a life given to perfecting work—
shines like sunlight at evening.

Faithful still,
promised to new work ahead,

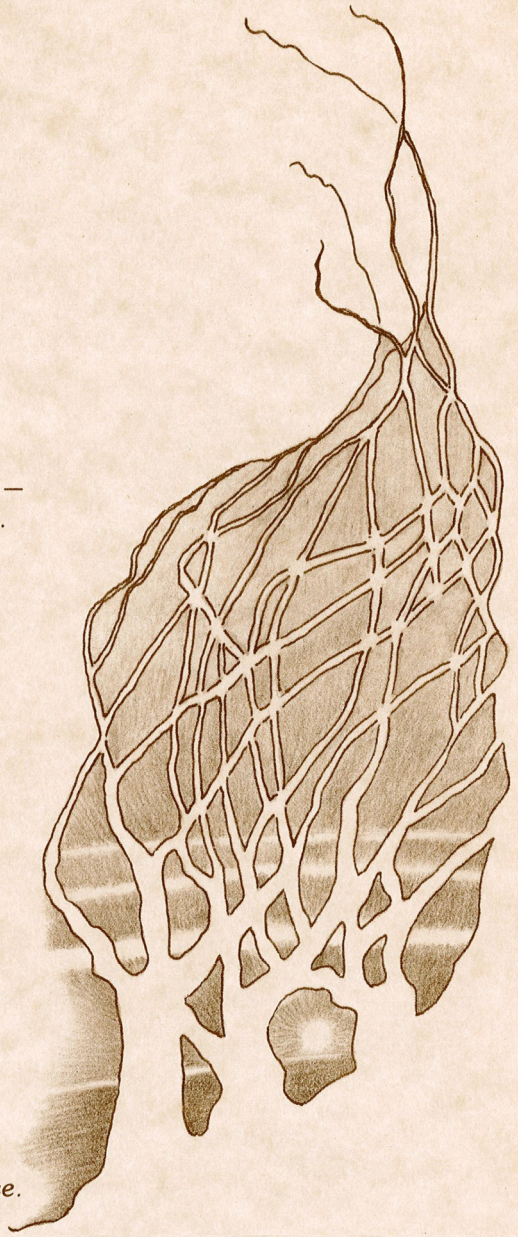
The darkness opens,
reveals a universe of suns
dancing in the sky.

We find delight.

Our feet on the earth.
our hearts in the heavens,
our grace has been
to step in time.

We learn the end
is good.

The light whirling in the dark
is the light of dancers joined,
found lost in a pattern of praise.



Fifty copies of this poem were printed for the retirement party of Ruth Hutton, Houghton College, April 9, 1988. Poem by John Leax. Drawing and design by Roselyn Danner.

Ruth Fancher Hutton, 92, died Feb. 14, 2014, at Olean General Hospital in Olean after a short illness.

She was born Feb. 10, 1922, in the parlor of the family home in Houghton. She was the daughter of H. LeRoy Fancher and Isabella Stebbins Fancher and attended local schools, graduating from Houghton Academy in 1939 and from Houghton College in 1943.
She taught English and math for two years in Bliss, N.Y., and spent a year teaching at a children's home in Hazard, Ky., before earning a master's degree in Christian education in 1947 at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Ill. She then moved to Vermont to work as an itinerant Bible teacher in the public schools with New England Fellowship.

At one farm where she stayed on weekends she became acquainted with a young man, Lindol Hutton. Although she declined his first proposal of marriage, in the end she agreed to marry him.

Ruth had no idea that saying yes to a Vermont farmer would bring her back to her hometown to raise six children with him and teach at Houghton College, where her father and Fancher aunts and uncles before her had served. As she often reminded us, God gives us not what we think we want, but what He knows we need.

The couple were married on Aug. 5, 1950, in Houghton and spent their first three years of married life living on his farm in West Barnet, Vt., before moving to Houghton so Lindol could attend Houghton College.

While raising their six children, Ruth taught English part time at Houghton Academy, then taught at Houghton College from 1962 to 1988, retiring as associate professor of English. She also earned a master's degree in speech communication from SUNY Brockport in 1977.

She was "Mrs. Hutton" to years of college students and a mentoring mother to a special few, and in retirement she was "Grandma Ruth" to Houghton Church Valley Preschoolers. She also started the Genesee Valley Habitat for Humanity, and wrote a weekly column, From the Rocking Chair, for the Wellsville Daily Reporter. Ruth and Lindol were members of the Houghton Wesleyan Church and Gideons International.

Among her many interests and passions were sewing, flower gardening, wallpapering, furniture refinishing, reading, travel – especially to visit grandchildren – and sharing the love of Christ with all her family and friends. Ruth would be the first to tell you that the most important yes she ever said was to receive Jesus Christ as her Savior in a children's service led by her Aunt Marietta Fancher in the old Houghton Church building.

In addition to her husband of 63 years, the family includes four sons, Jeremy (Lisa) Hutton of Lincolnton, Ga., Timothy (Sue) Hutton of Brantford, Ont., Roderic (Carolyn) Hutton of Madbury, N.H., and Willard (Donna) Hutton of Holland, Mass.; two daughters, Nancy Jo (David) Pullen of Houghton and Rebecca Hutton of Houghton; 26 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and a foster daughter, Kelly Turner-Irland, of Daytona Beach, Fla. Ruth was predeceased by two brothers, Charles Fancher and Rocky (Betty) Fancher, and a sister, Esther (Douglas) Lister., and a grandchild, Gloria Hutton. She is survived by two sisters, Margaret (Fred) Serley of Haverhill, Mass., and Joanna Fancher of Tempe, Ariz.; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Wellspring Ministries, 5993 County Road 16, Belfast, NY 14711; Houghton Academy; or Houghton Wesleyan Church food pantry.