

Karin

I didn't know you'd named your kids  
when 52 years ago we met.  
But knew we both liked children.

I didn't know your courage full  
though watched you lose a second sister  
and then trust the Lord when we lost Matthew.

I didn't know that your habit of remembering  
birthdays and anniversaries would become  
the cherishing of our neighbors' names.

I didn't know the command of words  
that saw mistakes, would develop into  
powerful persuasion by speech and pen.

You are a treasure house and a treasure.