

## *If You could see where I have Gone*

If you could see where I have gone, The beauty of this place,  
And how it feels to know you're home, to see the Savior's face.  
To wake in peace and know no fear, just joy beyond compare,  
While still on earth you miss me yet, you wouldn't want me there,  
If you could see where I have gone.

If you could see where I have gone, had made the trip with me,  
You'd know I didn't go alone, the Savior came with me.  
When I awoke, He was by my side, and reached down His hand,  
Said, "Hurry now, you're going home to a grand and glorious land."  
"Don't worry over those you love, for I'm not just with you,  
And don't you know with you at home, they'll long to be here too?"  
If you could see where I have gone, and see what I've been shown,

You'd never know another tear or ever feel alone,  
You'd marvel at the care of God, His hand on every life,  
And realize He really cares, and bears with us each strife.  
And that He weeps when one is lost, his heart is filled with pain  
But Oh! The joy! When one comes home, a child at home again.  
If you could see where I have gone, could stay with me awhile,  
Could share the things that God has made, to grace eternity.  
But, no you couldn't ever leave once Heaven's joy you'd known,  
You couldn't bear to walk earth's paths once Heaven was your home.  
If you could see where I have gone.

If you could see where I have gone, you'd know we'll meet some day,  
And though I'm parted from you now, that I am just away.  
So, thank you, loved ones, thank you friends,  
For living for the Lord, for teaching me to love Him,  
To trust Him and His word.

And now that I'm at home with Him, secure in every way,  
I'm waiting here at Heaven's door, to greet you some sweet day.



*In Loving Memory*

# IN MEMORY OF

## Lela Anderson

November 28, 1928 — July 10, 2019

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

First Lutheran Church — Sioux Rapids, Iowa

### CLERGY

Pastor Tonna Parsons

### SPECIAL MUSIC

Eloise Obman — Organist

“How Great Thou Art” — Congregational Hymn (Verses 1 & 2)

Stephanie Schoening — Alto Saxophone Solo

“Moonlight Serenade” by Glenn Miller

“Tuxedo Junction” by Glenn Miller — Recessional

### READINGS

Ben Anderson, Jake Schoening

Venus Anderson– Schommer, Jason Anderson

### USHERS

Lela’s Nephews: Rich Struve and Tom Struve

### HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Jake Schoening

Rena Mulnix

Ben Anderson

Stephanie Schoening

Nathan Anderson

Venus Anderson-Schommer

The Late Adam Anderson

Janelle Woldruff

Jason Anderson

Dorie Willis

### INTERMENT

Private family burial.

Barnes Township Cemetery — Linn Grove, Iowa

Arrangements by

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## LELA ANDERSON



Lela Lavonne Struve Anderson, the daughter of Hans Henry and Emily Elizabeth (Hughes) Struve, the youngest of 4 children, was born on November 28th, 1928 in Sioux Rapids, Iowa. She was baptized in the Methodist church and was raised on a farm North of Sioux Rapids. Lela attended Cornell school, where she was active in music and was a cheerleader, she graduated in 1946. That August Lela was selected by movie star Ronald “Dutch” Reagan from a field of seven beauties, and was crowned queen of the Storm Lake Semipro baseball tournament. On September 1st, 1946 she married Doyle Brainard Anderson. Lela was confirmed to the Lutheran Church after marriage. To this union five children were born: twins David Allen and Douglas Dale, sons Duane Russell, Paul Brainard, and daughter Elaine Vivian. The majority of Lela’s life was spent on the farm she and Doyle purchased northwest of Linn Grove around 1957.

Lela was a loving Mom & Grandma, known for her delicious homemade cinnamon rolls, donuts, bread, and pies. Along with the help of her 5 children, she raised 2,000 laying hens yearly. Lela looked for reasons to be outdoors, had a large garden and would take her turn bringing the milk cows home from the pasture if she had time. Lela sewed her family’s clothes including her daughter’s wedding dress, refinished and upholstered furniture, drew and painted pictures. Music was part of Lela’s life, she played the piano, organ, ukulele, guitar, sang in the church choir, sang solo’s when requested for events, loved to dance. The whole family sang Christmas carols around the piano during the holidays, her musical ability was passed on to many family members.

Lela was a competitive person and loved every type of sport or game. She did not let her children or grandchildren just win - they had to earn it! Once she had more time later in life Lela took-up bowling and golf. Lela was known for her crocheting and tatting creations, including the angel Christmas tree top and tree decorations, all sizes/styles of doilies, baby sweaters/blankets, afghans.

Lela passed away July 10th, 2019 at St. Luke Lutheran Home in Spencer reaching the age of 90 years 7 months 12 days. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Doyle, her son Paul, her grandson Adam J. Anderson, her brothers Bob and Dick Struve, and sister Vivian (Struve) Bainbridge. Left to cherish her memory are sons: David of Storm Lake, IA, Doug & wife Darlene of Hulbert, OK, Duane & Wendy of Linn Grove, and her daughter Elaine Schoening & husband Martin of Linn Grove, IA. Nine grandchildren: Dorie Willis & husband Eric, Broken Arrow, OK, Janelle Woldruff & husband Kory, Lisbon, IA, Jason Anderson & wife Angie, Spencer, IA, Venus Anderson-Schommer & husband Michael, Omaha, NE, Stephanie Schoening & husband Matthew, Greenwood, MO, Ben Anderson & wife Amber, Milford, IA, Nathan Anderson & wife Shannon, Broken Arrow, OK, Jake Schoening & wife Kerri, Larchwood, IA, Rena Mulnix & husband Martin, Lisbon, IA. 14 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren, daughter-in-law JoAnn Anderson, brother and sisters-in-law: Dick Anderson & wife Cyndy, Janet Mills & husband John, Barbara Loving & husband Byron, Helen Holmes & husband Bob, along with many nieces, nephews, family and friends.