

**MEMORIAL SERVICE
OF
GERALDINE RUTH PETERS**
Bethesda Mennonite Church
Henderson, Nebraska
Wednesday, November 8, 2023

COMMITTAL SERVICE 9:45 a.m.
Bethesda Mennonite Church Cemetery

Scripture Reading Pastor Chelsea Vaught
I Corinthians 15:51-57; John 3:16-17; John 14:1-6; II Timothy 4:7-8

“In the Rifting Rock I’m Resting” Carrie Smith, Merrily Bailey, Kim Woodring

Committal Prayer & Family Blessing Pastor Seth Miller

Casket Bearers		
Keaton Friesen	Charlie Wesche	Brian Janzen
Ryan Tonniges	Nate Doremus	Tim Hiebner

MEMORIAL SERVICE 10:30 a.m.

Prelude Marilyn Kroeker, Pianist

Call to Worship & Prayer Pastor Chelsea Vaught

“My Life Flows On” Carrie Smith, Merrily Bailey, Kim Woodring

Celebration of Life Megan Wesche

Family Reflections Keaton Friesen

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:18-25, 37-39 Pastor Seth Miller

Message Pastor Seth Miller

“He Leadeth Me” HWB 599

Invitation to Lunch Pastor Chelsea Vaught

Benediction

Pastor Chelsea Vaught

Postlude

Marilyn Kroeker

MEMORIALS may be directed to Mennonite Central Committee or Legacy Square Care Center.

THE FAMILY IS GRATEFUL for the love and support demonstrated by your presence today and invites you to a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall following the Memorial Service.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Geraldine Ruth Peters, age 91 of Henderson, Nebraska, died on Thursday, November 2, 2023, at Henderson. She was born on February 7, 1932, to Henry J. and Bertha N. (Kroeker) Janzen on a farm southwest of Henderson. Geraldine accepted Christ as her Savior as a second grader. She was baptized, upon confession of her faith, on June 5, 1949, by Rev. Arnold Nickel at Bethesda Mennonite Church in Henderson.

Geraldine graduated from Lushton High School in 1949 and was both the Valedictorian and Salutatorian of her class. She took a year to help at home before attending Kearney State Teachers College. Following that training, she obtained a position teaching at District #20 for one year. After a second summer at Kearney, Geraldine taught for a year at District #31.

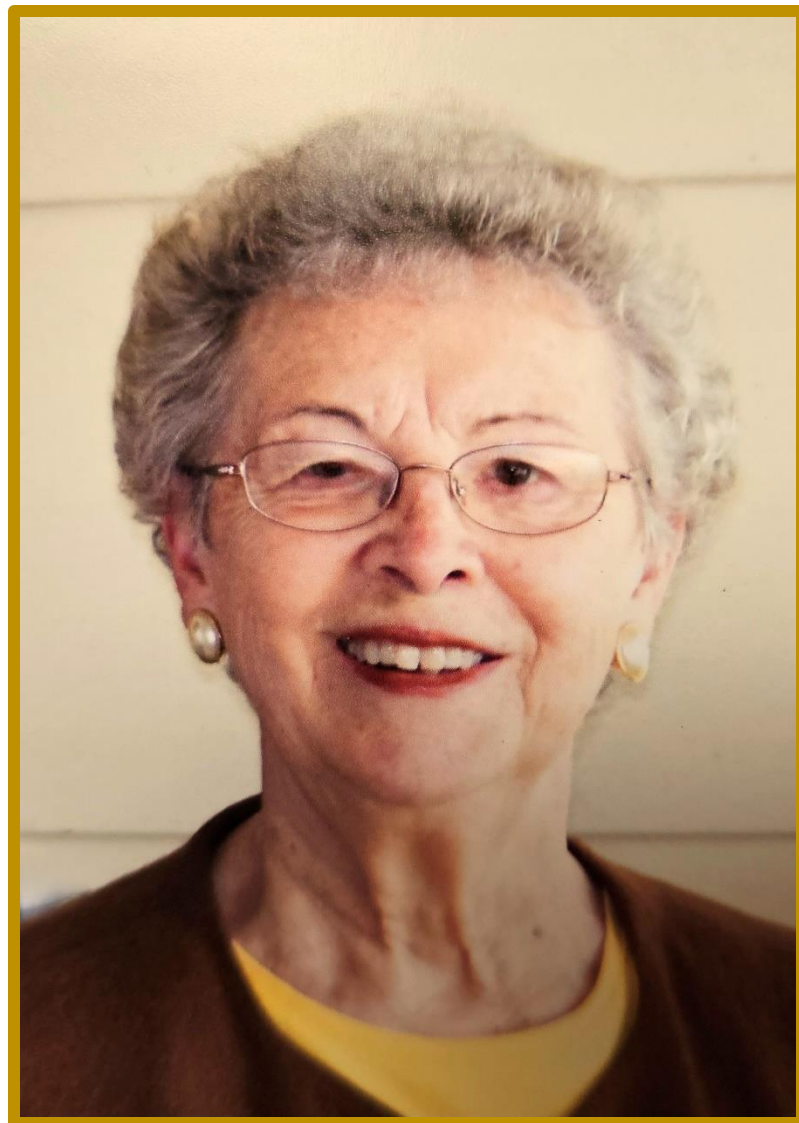
On June 6, 1952, Geraldine was united in marriage to LeRoy E. Peters at Bethesda Mennonite Church. Following their wedding, they served two years of alternative service with Mennonite Central Committee in Akron, Pennsylvania, where Geraldine worked as a secretary. It was there that they met many lifelong friends and solidified their faith. After returning to Nebraska, Geraldine supported her husband as he started farming. LeRoy and Geraldine had two daughters, Deann Fay, and Jeanette Rae. She attended their school, community, and church activities, willing to help when needed. Geraldine also kept busy sewing, canning, and managing a flock of laying hens. She had a creative side and enjoyed painting, crocheting, and various crafts. After becoming empty-nesters, Geraldine worked as a dental assistant and bank teller. Geraldine was a longtime member of Bethesda Mennonite Church, where she was active in children’s, women’s, and mission ministries.

She is survived by her husband LeRoy of Henderson; daughter Jeanette (James) Friesen of Henderson; grandchildren: Ryan Tonniges of Kearney, Nebraska, Megan (Charlie) Wesche of Lincoln, Nebraska, Keaton (Megan) Friesen of Grand Island, Nebraska, and Amy (Nathan) Doremus of Benedict, Nebraska; great-grandchildren: Cameron, Braden, and Corinne Wesche, Karsyn and Cooper Friesen, and Eli, Finley, and Beckett Doremus. She is also survived by siblings Roine Peters, Wanda (Don) Goertzen, Marlyce Hiebner, and Donna (Jim) Buller; brothers-in-law Don (LaVonne) Mendel and Ardean Franz; sisters-in-law Darlene Janzen and Sheila Goering; many nieces, nephews, and other family members.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Deann Tonniges, parents, parents-in-law William W., and Anna Peters; siblings: Arvid Janzen, Janice Mendel, Betty Franz, and Melvin Janzen; and brothers-in-law Ron Hiebner, Dale Friesen, and Robert Yost.



Original Artwork by Geraldine Peters



In Loving Memory
Geraldine Ruth Peters
February 7, 1932 - November 2, 2023
Bethesda Mennonite Church
Henderson, Nebraska