

**MEMORIAL SERVICE
of
LAVONNE THIESSEN
Bethesda Mennonite Church, Henderson, Nebraska
January 27, 2018**

**COMMITTAL SERVICE 12:15 p.m.
Bethesda Mennonite Cemetery**

Scripture Readings Pastor Andrea Wall
Psalm 92:1-8 John 14:1-3 Ephesians 5:8

“How Great Thou Art” Mike Wall

Committal Prayer and Blessing Pastor Jim Voth

CASKET BEARERS

Nicholas Heinrichs Micah Thiessen Nathan Riedel Caleb Thiessen
Jordan Heinrichs Abby Riedel Noah Thiessen Daniel Riedel
Jesse Thiessen Lilly Riedel Christopher Thiessen

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Dawson Wild Piper Heinrichs

MEMORIAL SERVICE 1:00 p.m.

Prelude Laura Steingard, Organist

Call to Worship and Prayer Pastor Andrea Wall

“Blessed Assurance” Mike Wall

Celebration of Life Jordan Heinrichs

Scripture Reading Philippians 2:6-9 Psalm 23 Pastor Andrea Wall

Meditation “The Blessing of Presence and Prayer” Pastor Jim Voth

“Faith of our Fathers” Mike Wall

Invitation to Luncheon

Benediction

Postlude

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

LaVonne Lois Thiessen was born to Felix and Viola (Gehring) Stucky on July 12, 1941 in Wichita, Kansas. She passed away Wednesday, January 24, 2018 in her home in Henderson at the age of 76.

She attended the Eden Mennonite Church in Moundridge, Kansas where she was baptized on June 9, 1957. She attended Turkey Creek School, a country school through the 8th grade. She graduated from McPherson High School in 1959 and then attended business school at Brown Mackie School of Business in Salina, Kansas in 1960. LaVonne worked for the I-W office and was the secretary in the Arvada Mennonite Church in Arvada, Colorado. After moving to Henderson, she cleaned the Bethesda Mennonite Church for many years with the help of her children and did bookkeeping. Much volunteer time was spent at the Henderson Mennonite Heritage Park.

She was married to Leland (Lee) Ray Thiessen at the Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge, Kansas on December 10, 1960. The two of them lived in Colorado for seven years prior to moving to Henderson, Nebraska. They had four children, Wade Kent, Constance (Connie) Jo, Jac Lee, and Tamara (Tammy) Kaye.

LaVonne was a longtime member of the Bethesda Mennonite Church in Henderson. She and Lee loved their travels to many ballgames, concerts and programs of their eleven grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They had a home in Lincoln and Henderson so they could take part in as many events as possible. She was a part of the Henderson Mennonite Heritage Park since the beginning in 1995. She enjoyed learning the history and genealogy of Mennonites and the development of the park and meeting all the visitors that stopped in for a tour. The grandchildren have special memories of cinnamon rolls, peppernuts and nutcrackers with their grandma.

LaVonne is survived by her husband Lee Thiessen of Henderson; son Wade (Lisa) Thiessen of Lincoln, Nebraska, daughter Constance (Joel) Heinrichs of Henderson, son Jac (Sugar) Thiessen of Omaha, Nebraska, and daughter Tamara (Glen) Riedel of Lincoln, Nebraska. Her grandchildren include: Nicholas (Taylor) Heinrichs of Henderson, Micah (Mariah) Thiessen of Pipestone, Minnesota, Nathan Riedel of Lincoln, Nebraska, Caleb Thiessen of Lincoln, Nebraska, Jordan Heinrichs of Henderson, Abby Riedel, Noah

In Loving Memory

Thiessen, and Daniel Riedel all of Lincoln, Nebraska, Jesse Thiessen of Omaha, Nebraska, Lilly Riedel of Lincoln, Nebraska, and Christopher Thiessen of Omaha, Nebraska; great-grandson Dawson Wild and great-granddaughter Piper Heinrichs both of Henderson. She is also survived by her brothers, Robert (Donna) Stucky of McPherson, Kansas and Wayne (Carole) Stucky of Topeka, Kansas. Also surviving are her sisters-in-law Lois Williams of Wichita, Kansas, and Marian Thiessen of Dexter, Missouri; and a brother-in-law Monroe (Carol) Funk of Salina, Kansas; many nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister-in-law Delma Funk, and brothers-in-law Arlie Thiessen and Larry Williams.

She will always be remembered for her love of her grandchildren and her love and devotion to the Henderson Mennonite Heritage Park.

The family wishes to thank you for your prayers and support.

MEMORIALS may be directed to Henderson Mennonite Heritage Park.

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.

LaVonne Thiessen
July 12, 1941 - January 24, 2018
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Henderson, Nebraska