

Leona F. Hagedorn

Leona Hagedorn, 86, was embraced by the loving arms of her Savior on Thursday, December 12 at the Arbor Care Center in O'Neill NE.

Leona was born on February 8, 1933 in Long Pine, Nebraska to Bart and Leona Mae (Thoman) Freeman, she was the 14th of 17 children. She graduated from Valentine High School. On April 18, 1953 Leona was united in marriage to Amos Hagedorn; together they would share 52 years of marriage. During that time the Lord blessed them with 5 children: Sheila, Sharon, Sheryl, Chuck and John. Throughout their marriage they would move often, but Valentine always remained their home. They enjoyed countless summers camping and fishing with their children. Some of their best memories were made in a big green army tent at Merritt Dam and Beads Dam.

Leona began her relationship with her Savior Jesus Christ in 1969. He would be her constant help as she went throughout her life. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Valentine. Her verse of comfort was Psalm 139:15 -16 "When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be."

After raising her 5 children, she went to Sioux Falls to receive her Dietary training. Following that she worked as a dietitian at Pine View Nursing Home, Cherry County Hospital and Head Start.

Leona loved children, so when she was blessed with 14 grandchildren her heart was full! Visits to grandma's house were filled with fresh baked goodies, sleep overs, practical jokes, playing games and of course going to church. Grandma loved the Lord and wished for nothing more than for her grandchildren to know Him as their Lord and Savior as well. As time passed, she became a great-grandma to 26 great-grandchildren. She loved babies and even as dementia whisked her mind away her love for little ones never faded, seeing her great grand-babies was sure to bring a smile to her face.

Those left behind to grieve her loss are her sister Helen Townsend (age 97) of Lexington NE; her children: Sharon (Kevin) Jess of North Platte, NE, Sheryl (Dean) Noteboom, of Lakeview, SD, Chuck (Julie) Hagedorn of Manhattan, KS, and John Hagedorn of Valentine, NE; her 14 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren.

Those greeting her at heaven's gates were her husband Amos and daughter Sheila.

Grandma knew what she wanted and in her handwritten wishes she requested not to have any flowers but instead to donate to the American Diabetes Association "so maybe they will find a cure for it so my grandchildren won't have to suffer with it." We would love it if you would honor her wishes and donate.



In Loving Memory Of

Leona

1933 - 2019

I Must Go, My Savior is Calling

My time on earth has come to a close,
And while I know you will miss me so -
I must go, My Savior is calling.

He and I have walked some tough roads,
He brought me through them all -
I must go, My Savior is calling.

My life was lived with ups and downs,
But He promised me I'd wear a crown -
I must go, My Savior is calling.

Amos - he awaits me there,
And Sheila with no more loads to bear -
I must go, My Savior is calling.

I will leave you with my love,
And memories so dear but -
I must go, My Savior is calling.

I will see you soon
His promises are true -
I must go, My Savior is calling.

I will wait for you there,
No more burdens to bear -
I must go, My Savior is calling.

My dears, search your hearts for what is true,
Is He alive in you?
I must go, My Savior is calling.

With one final breath,
My book comes to a close -
I must go ... My Savior is calling.

For Grandma Leona
From your granddaughter Mindi Veurink

In Celebration of the Life of **Leona F. Hagedorn**

Service

Wednesday - December 18, 2019 @ 1:30pm
First Baptist Church in Valentine, NE

Officiant

Pastor Scott McClellan

Congregational Hymns

Pianist: Misty Critchfield

'Love Lifted Me'

'Victory In Jesus'

Private Family Interment

Mount Hope Cemetery - Valentine, NE

*Following the service all are invited to remain
for a time of food and fellowship with the family*

**Holmes Funeral Home
Valentine, Nebraska**