

Threads of Friendship Never Break

*Thank you for your laughter,
And the good times that we share,
Thanks for always listening
For trying to be fair.*

*Thank you for your comfort
When things are going bad.
Thank you for your shoulder
To cry on when I'm sad.*

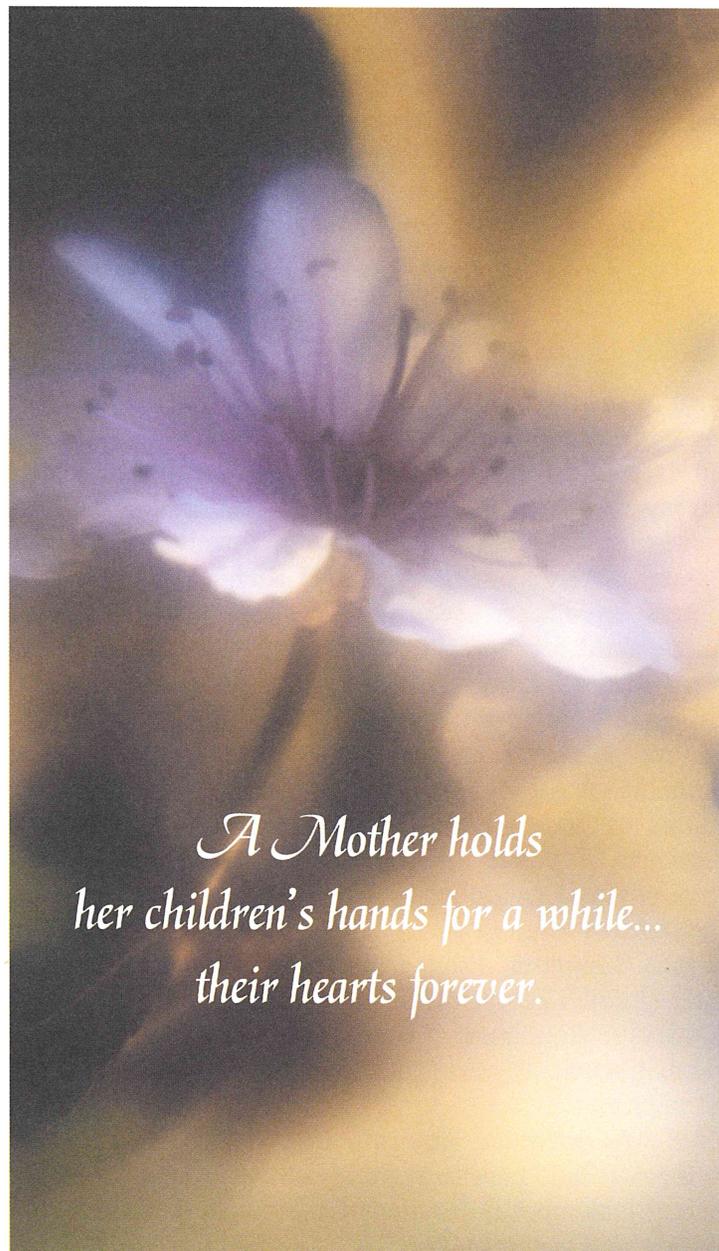
*This gift is a reminder
That all my lifetime through
I'll be forever thankful
For a
SPECIAL FRIEND
Like you.*

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*A Mother holds
her children's hands for a while...
their hearts forever.*



Leora Winona Bonnema, the daughter of Richard and Nellie (Brandt) Moeller, was born September 6, 1920, in Eagle Township near Ireton, Iowa. She grew up in rural Ireton where she attended and graduated from Ireton High School.

Leora was united in marriage to Richard J. Bonnema on February 28, 1943. They moved to a farm

north of Inwood, Iowa where they raised their 4 children. She was active in Bethlehem Lutheran's Ladies Aide, and participated in a bowling league. She enjoyed family, playing cards, and crafts that included knitting, crocheting, Swedish weaving, and cross-stich. Leora was also an active gardener. Leora and Richard enjoyed many winters in Pharr, Texas, where she was active in shuffleboard tournaments, crafts, and many card games. Leora died Monday, December 23, 2024 at Fellowship Village in Inwood at the age of 104.

Leora is survived by her children, Darrel (Pat) Bonnema of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Carol (Wayne) Hoines of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Dale (Lynette) Bonnema of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Helen (David) Short of Hayden, Idaho; 10 grandchildren, Michele (Ken) Christensen; Brenda Baatz; Paula (Chris) Halfacre; Scott (Kristi) Bonnema; Ryan Ellingson; Holly (Josh) Roark; Katie (Adam) Zimprich; Justin (Jessica) Bonnema; Mark (Ashley) Bonnema; Brad Bonnema; 16 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; and 18 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Bonnema; her parents; grandparents; daughter-in-law, Ruth (Blankespoor) Bonnema; 1 brother; 1 sister; and 4 brothers and sisters-in-law.

In Loving Memory
Leora Bonnema
September 6, 1920 ~ December 23, 2024

MEMORIAL SERVICE

3:00 PM, Friday, December 27, 2024
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Inwood, Iowa

OFFICIANT

Pastor Sue Sinclair

ACCOMPANIST

Helen Short

EULOGY

Justin Bonnema

CONGREGATIONL HYMNS

"Softly and Tenderly"

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

"How Great Thou Art"

SPECIAL MUSIC

"One Day At A Time"

Ken Christensen, soloist

PALLBEARERS

Ken Christensen ~ Chris Halfacre ~ Scott Bonnema
Ryan Ellingson ~ Josh Roark ~ Adam Zimprich
Justin Bonnema ~ Mark Bonnema ~ Brad Bonnema

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Leora's Grandchildren

INTERMENT

Richland Cemetery
Inwood, Iowa

Leora's family invites everyone to the church fellowship hall for a time of food and fellowship following the memorial service.