



Leona A Friesenborg

November 19, 1927 - June 10, 2022

Leona A. Friesenborg, 95, passed away on Friday, June 10, 2022. She was born on January 19, 1927, in Gothenburg, NE, to John W. and Rosa T. Block.

She and Gaylan Friesenborg began their courtship at Gothenburg High School at the age of 15. After graduation, Leona worked at the local bank while Gaylan served in the Army and, upon his return, they were married at her parents' home on May 18, 1947. For 20 years, they worked together managing the family business, Friesenborg & Son, until deciding to step out in faith and enter church work.

While Gaylan served as a church business administrator in Bartlesville, OK, and Dayton, OH, Leona volunteered in various capacities at church while raising their two children. Leona and Gaylan then co-managed a retirement home in Santa Fe, NM, before retiring to Estes Park, CO, for 19 years followed by Cape Girardeau, MO, for the past 14 years.

During retirement, Leona and Gaylan traveled the world serving together at missions in San Francisco, CA, Florence, AZ, and Merida, Yucatan, Mexico; and volunteered at the headquarters of the Presbyterian Church USA in Louisville, KY. They also enjoyed leading mission trips and work camps to many locations around the world. Wherever they went, they shared a special love of music, Leona playing the piano and often accompanying Gaylan in

their younger years.

The greatest joy of her life was her family. She has one son, Terry (Dee) Friesenborg of Kettering, OH, and one daughter, Trudy (Terry) Lee of Cape Girardeau. She was much loved by her grandchildren: Aaron (Jen) Friesenborg, Molly Friesenborg (Nic Subtirelu), Cody (Gordon) Friesenborg Lee, Erik (Nicole) Lee, and Bryndon Lee (Chris Scudder); and seven great-grandchildren: Heather, Samantha, Ana, Briana, Eliot, Maggie, and Zoe.

She was predeceased by her husband and love of her life, Gaylan Friesenborg. Her family rejoices that they are together again and will gather to celebrate her life at a future date.

To carry on their legacy, the family requests that memorial gifts be sent to either Southeast Missouri University Foundation, One University Plaza MS7300, Cape Girardeau, MO, 63701, to be added to the Gaylan and Leona Friesenborg Endowed Scholarship, or to Donaldina Cameron House, 920 Sacramento Street, San Francisco, CA, 94108, to further its work in Chinatown.

Arrangements are being handled by Ford and Sons Funeral Home, Mt. Auburn.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Trudy and Family,*

It's hard to lose a mother at any age. But just as she once held you lovingly and secure, so now is God holding her in the circle of His arms. What a comfort!

It is our prayer that God will give you strength for each new day and that the many happy memories that you shared will bring happiness and peace.

God's love and ours,

Harold and Jeanine

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“ *Trudy, Terry and families, Dave and I were saddened to hear of the passing of your mom.*

*We have such fond memories of working with Gaylan and Leona in Dayton, Ohio. As newly married, we so appreciated them taking us under their wing and being our surrogate mom and dad while in Ohio. We are so thankful for them being in our lives. What a wonderful legacy they have left on this earth. Rejoice knowing they are together again and with their Savior Jesus. Blessings to you all.
David and Donna Clymer*

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