

Philippians 4:5-7 (NIV)

Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Our family thanks you for being here with us today. Your loving support, kindness, and prayers have been greatly appreciated.

Graveside committal at Maplewood Cemetery following this funeral service. All are welcome to participate.

Casketbearers (Martha's grandchildren)
Hannah Penz, Zach Meinerts, Rachel Meinerts,
Lisa Albinson, Carrie Albinson,
Jack Faatz, and Allison Faatz.

Lunch (complete with Norwegian meatballs and lefse) will follow at Generations, 105 South Estey Street, Luverne, MN.

Celebrating the Life Of

Martha Solveig Meinerts

December 19, 1934 – July 10, 2024



Friday, July 26, 2024
Hartquist Funeral Home
Luverne, Minnesota

Celebration of Life

Martha Solveig Meinerts

Hartquist Funeral Home, Luverne, Minnesota

Prelude Music Jyl Dunavan

Welcome and Prayer Pastor Dean Dunavan

Hymn *How Great Thou Art* Congregation

Scripture Reading Rebecca Faatz (daughter)
Philippians 4:5-7 NIV
Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

Remembrances Marita Albinson (daughter)
Merlyn Meinerts (son)

Special Music *He the Pearly Gates Will Open*
Jyl Dunavan

Message of Hope Pastor Dean Dunavan

Hymn *Great is Thy Faithfulness* Congregation

The Lord's Prayer

Commendation and Benediction

Postlude Jyl Dunavan



Martha Solveig (Nelson) Meinerts was born on December 19, 1934 in Luverne, Minnesota to Ragnvald and Alice (Knutson) Nelson. Martha graduated from Luverne High School and then took summer classes at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. On June 4, 1960, Martha was united in marriage to Lowell Meinerts in Luverne. They made their home on a farm south of Luverne, welcoming three children. Martha was employed at Tri-State Insurance; Dr. Verlyn Johnson, DDS; General Mills; Luverne Hospital; Lakeville Target; and the Minnesota School of Beauty. She founded the family business, Riverview Kennels, and raised AKC-registered puppies for 25 years. Martha and Lowell moved to Farmington, Minnesota in September 1997, allowing them to live closer to their children

and grandchildren. Following Lowell's passing in 2000, Martha moved to Lakeville, Minnesota and for the last ten years greatly enjoyed living at The Fountains of Hosanna. On Wednesday, July 10, 2024, Martha passed away peacefully at The Fountains of Hosanna in Lakeville, Minnesota at the age of 89 years, 6 months, and 22 days.

Enjoying church activities with her family was important to Martha. She attended First Baptist Church in Luverne until moving to the Twin Cities, where she joined Berean Baptist Church in Burnsville. Martha's Norwegian heritage was a source of joy and interest throughout her life; she spoke the language into her youth. Martha was very artistic, enjoying art (drawing) and music, colorful personal presentation (beauty services for her hair and nails, red lipstick/shoes, wearing pearls), and the art of conversation.

Martha is survived by her children, Merlyn (Lisa) Meinerts of Lakeville, Marita (James) Albinson of Wayzata, Minnesota, and Rebecca (Rich) Faatz of Maple Grove, Minnesota; grandchildren, Hannah (Troy) Penz, Zachary Meinerts, Rachel Meinerts, Lisa (Heather) Albinson, Carrie (Steve) Bosmans, Jack Faatz, and Allison Faatz; great-grandchildren, Judah Penz, Emma Penz, Roger Bosmans, and Whitney Bosmans; sister, Ruth Huisman of Ellsworth, Minnesota; and many loving relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lowell Meinerts; and parents, Ragnvald and Alice Nelson. Blessed be her memory.

