

## GOD'S GARDEN

God looked around His garden  
And He found an empty place.  
And then He looked down upon the earth,  
And saw your tired face.

He put His arms around you,  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful  
He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering,  
He knew you were in pain,  
He knew that you would never  
Get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough,  
And the hills were hard to climb,  
So He closed your weary eyelids,  
And whispered, "Peace be thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you.  
But you didn't go alone,  
For part of us went with you,  
The day God called you home.

*In Loving Memory of*

**LuEtta Toews**

**February 7, 1929 ~ January 10, 2022**



### **Acknowledgements**

The family would like to express their appreciation and gratitude for all the words of encouragement, cards, and expressions of sympathy received from family and friends.

LuEtta Wiebe Toews was born on February 7, 1929, to Nick and Helena Wiebe at home in Lehigh, Kansas. On January 10, 2022, shortly before her 93rd birthday, the angels carried her Home.

On the confession of her faith, she was baptized on May 17, 1942, by Min. John Becker into the Church of God in Christ, Mennonite, at Hillsboro, Kansas. She had a quiet trusting faith and was an example to us, expressing concern for her children and grandchildren.

LuEtta was one of four girls and had a happy childhood on the family farm. After 8 years in a one room country school, she became interested in a nursing career. She worked at the Mercy and Hillsboro Hospital until she married our dad, Levi Toews, on October 25, 1953.

Their first winter together was spent in a logging camp near Contour, Manitoba. They lived in the Greenland area until 1965, when they relocated to a farm along the Birch River near Elma, Manitoba, where they raised their family of nine.

Mom was known for her green thumb, having a large vegetable garden, many beautiful flowers, a well-kept yard, and an abundance of houseplants. She enjoyed sewing doll clothes as a young girl, developing skills she used throughout her life, clothing her family, and meticulously patching countless pairs of jeans. After her family was grown, Mom put this same talent and care into exquisitely pieced quilts that are treasured by all who received them. Attendance and involvement in the Sewing Circle was always important to her.

Upon retirement, Mom and Dad built a new home just south of Elma. In 2002, they volunteered their time as house parents at a CPS unit in Montreal, Quebec. Mom always valued the connection with their unit boys.

Following Dad's death in 2006, Mom stoically faced life alone. She moved into the Maplewood Manor Suites in the fall of 2016. Because of her declining health, she spent her last four months in full care. We as a family would like to express our deepest gratitude to all the caregivers who made a difference in Mom's life.

Left with precious memories are her children: Shirley Penner, Gilbert and LaVonne, all of Whitemouth, Manitoba; Rod and Marilyn, Elma, Manitoba; Barb and Dewey Penner, Faunsdale, Alabama; John and Ramona, Ken and Deanna, Ron and Irma, Kim Penner, all of Elma; Henry and Cindy, Albertville, Alabama; 47 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Caroline Toews Penner, Steinbach, Manitoba; and her nieces and nephews. Welcoming her on the other side: her beloved husband, Levi Toews; cherished daughter, Helena Penner; son-in-law, Earl Penner; her parents, three sisters, and two brothers-in-law.

## In Loving Memory of

# LuEtta (Wiebe) Toews

February 7, 1929 ~ January 10, 2022

### Funeral Service

Friday, January 14, 2022

10:30 am

Whitemouth Church of God in Christ Mennonite  
Elma, Manitoba

### Officiating Clergy

Minister Ed Friesen

Minister Kendall Friesen

### Pallbearers

Patrick Penner                      Riley Toews

Tyler Toews                         Trenton Penner

Andrew Toews                     DaVon Toews

Marcel Toews                      Jonathan Penner

Tristan Toews

### Interment

Whitemouth Church of God in Christ Cemetery  
Elma, Manitoba