

Alberta was born near Elgin, Nebraska to Albert and Hazel (Smith) Honeywell: descendants of Nebraska's historic homesteading families. Alberta graduated from Neligh-Oakdale High School and attended Grace College of the Bible, Bethel College, and Wayne State. Immediately upon graduation, she officially commenced her calling as an unforgettable educator in the Antelope County country school system. From the beginning, Alberta attracted friends and students alike with her ability to talk, laugh, and enjoy life.

After months of letter-writing between Rev David Dunn, she moved to Omaha to teach and ultimately marry David in 1959. This union brought three children; Doreen, David, and Denise. Alberta continued her educational training and teaching throughout all grades over the years. As mother, teacher, and pastor's wife, Alberta followed her husband in ministry to Omaha Heights, NE; Holdrege, NE; Belmond, IA; Brewster/Taylor, NE, Sargent, NE and then Westerville, NE. In Nebraska the Dunn family began welcoming foster children, and they became part of the family.

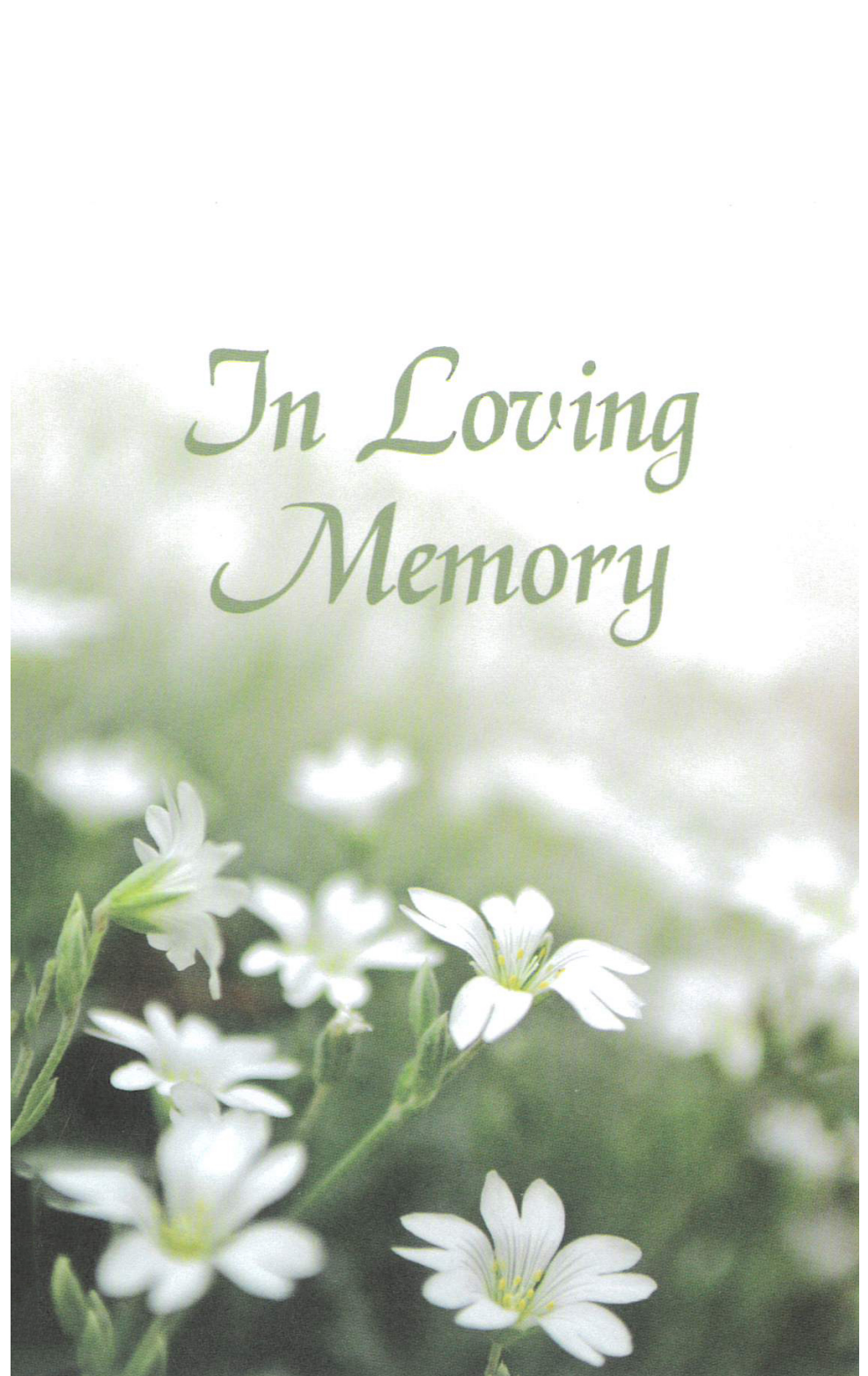
After Rev Dunn's passing, Alberta married Lawrence Porter in 1989. Lawrence had 5 adult children from his first marriage. Alberta and Lawrence continued to care for foster children. All the while, Alberta continued to work as a teacher around the Bartlett area. After a few years they joined Lawrence's sister, Sophia Porter, in the Turkana Desert of Kenya. Later they relocated to Kampala, the capitol city of Uganda. The couple impacted schools teaching and maintaining the property. They found their particular niche as they took in African orphaned children during those 14 years. Today those adult Africans still consider Alberta and Lawrence their parents.

Alberta exuded an amazing gift for music. Throughout her lifetime, she sang harmony with many, taught her children and others to play the piano, and accompanied her family at church and home. Almost every night her children would go off to sleep to the sounds of a beautiful piano recital. At 82 Alberta retired from teaching children. The remaining years she dedicated to Lawrence, her parrot, and her cat. During these last years, Alberta also enjoyed talking, laughing, and walking, especially walking with her granddaughter as they hunted for coins and other treasures left behind by others.

Alberta Porter was preceded in death by her parents Albert and Hazel Honeywell, her sister, Inez Hamill, and her first husband, David Dunn. She was also preceded by Lawrence's three oldest children: Ernest "Skip" Porter, Dwight Porter, and Kim Wagner.

She is survived by her husband Lawrence Porter; her children Dr Doreen Dunn, David (Jan) Dunn, and Denise "Harmony" Hennes-Dunn; Lawrence's two youngest children, Galen Porter and Janelle Porter; foster children Yvette Dunn, Richard Buxton, Rodney Buxton, Dodie Fieldgrove; and African children Samson Lowapa, Samuel Ekiru, Timothy Ekidor, Grace Asimit, Rachel Akol, Mary Nachuch, Sarah Ibongon, Deborah Apua Porter; grandchildren DJ Hennes, Daniel Hennes, Abby Jeneē Dunn, Trenton Dunn, Wyatt Dunn.

# *In Loving Memory*



Death is nothing at all.  
I have only slipped away into the next room.  
I am I, and you are you.  
Whatever we were to each other, that we still are.  
Call me by my old familiar name,  
speak to me in the easy way which you always used.  
Put no difference in your tone,  
wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.  
Laugh as we always laughed  
at the little jokes we enjoyed together.  
Pray, smile, think of me, pray for me.  
Let my name be ever the household word  
that it always was, let it be spoken without effect,  
without the trace of a shadow on it.  
Life means all that I ever meant.  
It is the same as it ever was; there is unbroken continuity.  
Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?  
I am waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near,  
just round the corner. All is well.

~ Henry Scott Holland

*We deeply appreciate the tribute accorded to our loved one by your presence here today. We would be pleased if you could join us back at the church for lunch and fellowship following the committal service.*

*~ Alberta's family*

*In Memory of*  
***Alberta Elizabeth Porter***

*Neligh, Nebraska*

***Date of Birth***

*November 10, 1935*  
*Elgin, Nebraska*

***Date of Death***

*May 28, 2024*  
*Burwell, Nebraska*

***Funeral Service***

*10:30 a.m. Monday, June 3, 2024*  
*Calvary Bible Church ~ Neligh, Nebraska*  
*Pastor Peter Sample ~ Officiating*  
*Ardith Carr ~ Pianist*

***Pallbearers***

*DJ Hennes Daniel David Hennes*  
*Jerry Hamill Brian Hamill Richard Buxton*  
*Gerald Honeywell Gene Cone*

***Honorary Pallbearers***

*Arnie Hamill Stan Andreason*

***Interment***

*Laurel Hill Cemetery*  
*Neligh, Nebraska*

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