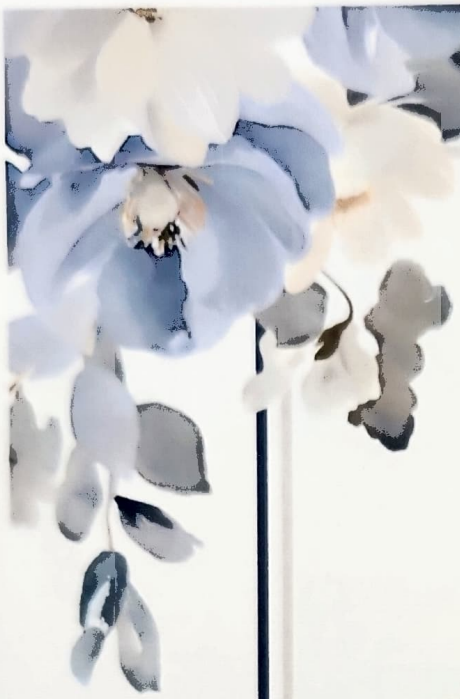
Celebrating

THE LIFE OF

Leona Klassen



Teach me your way, Lord,
that I may walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart,
that I may fear your name.
Psalm 86:11

The steadfast love of the Lord
never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is his faithfulness.
The Lord is my portion, says my soul,
therefore I will hope in him.
Lamentations 3:22-24

I pray that you,
being rooted and established in love,
may have power,
together with all God's people, to grasp
how wide and long and high and deep
is the love of Christ,
and to know this love that surpasses knowledge
that you may be filled to the measure
of all the fullness of God.
Ephesians 3:17-19

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

WORSHIP SONG

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TRIBUTES

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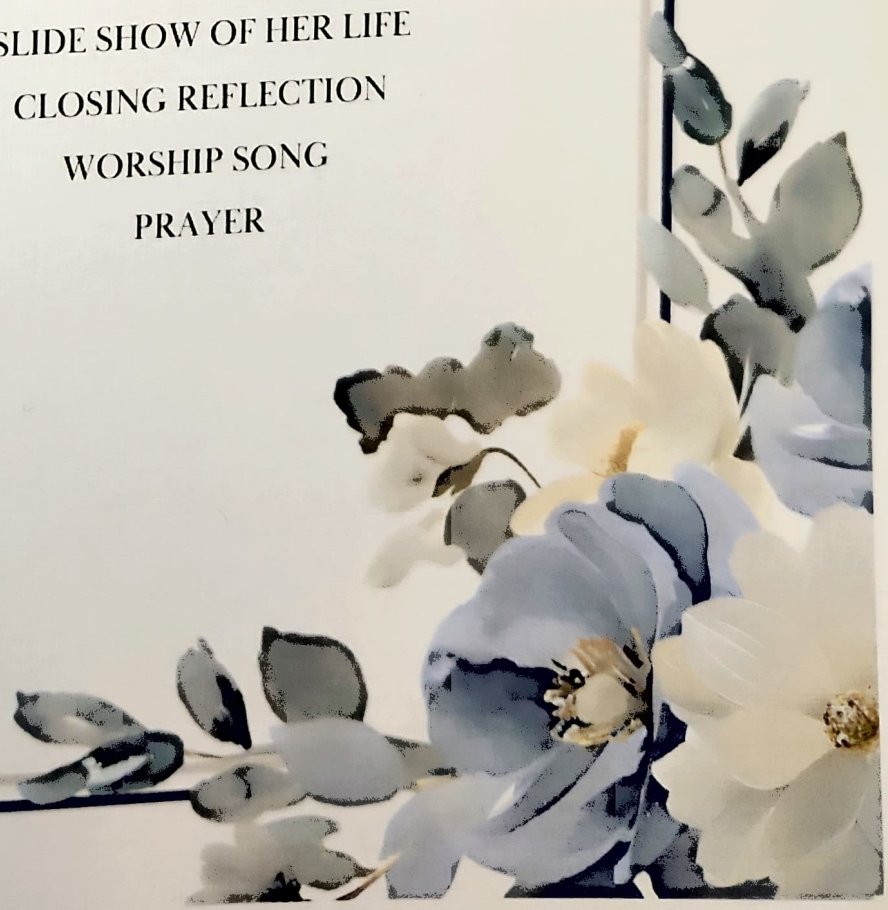
SLIDE SHOW OF HER LIFE

CLOSING REFLECTION

WORSHIP SONG

PRAYER



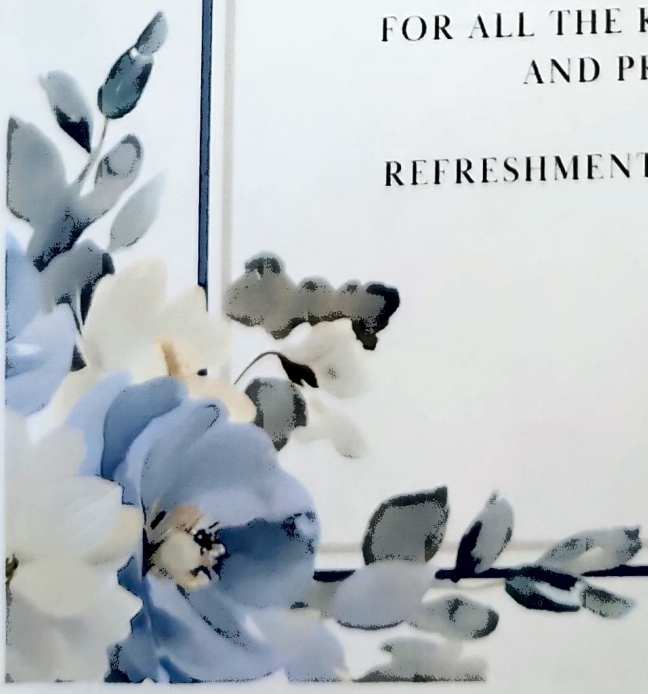
WE'LL REMEMBER HER
AS A WOMAN OF FAITH AND COURAGE,
A LOVING MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER,
GREAT GRANDMOTHER
SISTER, AUNT AND FRIEND.

THERE AREN'T ENOUGH WORDS
TO CONVEY THE IMPACT
OF HER LIFE AND HER PRAYERS
ON OUR LIVES.

SHE WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN,
ALWAYS REMEMBERED, ALWAYS LOVED,
FOREVER MISSED.

THANK YOU
FOR BEING HERE TODAY,
FOR ALL THE KIND MESSAGES
AND PRAYERS .

REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW.



IN LOVING MEMORY of LEONA KLASSEN

Leona Klassen passed peacefully from this world into the continuing presence of her Lord and Saviour on March 25, 2026, at the age of 96. Her lifelong faith and how she walked it out in ordinary life, had a profound impact on her family and those who knew her. During the past 8 years, Leona lived at Tabor Court Assisted Living in Abbotsford, and she often commented on how thankful she was to live there.

Leona was born on September 7, 1929, in Carmel SK, to William and Mary Wiens. She was the third of 7 children. The family moved to the Fraser Valley when Leona was still quite young, and she grew up working on their dairy farm.

In 1949, she married John Klassen from Matsqui. John and Leona had one son and four daughters. Early in their marriage, they began a life of fulltime pastoral ministry in churches in Oliver, Black Creek, Hepburn, and the Clearbrook MB Church. Throughout those years, Leona was involved in many aspects of church life wherever she saw a need. Her warm hospitality was greatly appreciated, and over the years she and John hosted many, many people in their home. Many of those meals included food that she had grown in her own garden.

Leona's journals during that busy time include many notes about God's sustaining love, presence, and help. After John passed away in 2009, Leona continued to attend and serve in her church for as long as she could.

Leona often commented on the beauty she enjoyed in the world around her, and she especially loved flowers and arranging them. There was always at least one vase of fresh flowers in her home, and often she had grown them herself. In midlife she began to paint beautiful landscapes. Her artistic talent and joy in noticing beauty is also evident in quite a few family members.

Even with busy lives, Leona and John still found time to take their family on picnics by a lake or the ocean, going on camping trips or visiting with relatives. As their own family grew, Leona and John enjoyed visiting with them in their own homes, and Leona's playful nature often emerged when

she was with the younger generations. Many memories have been shared that have brought laughter mixed with the tears of missing her.

Leona had an extra special place in her heart for all her grandchildren and greatgrandchildren. Each one knew they were always loved and welcomed. They looked forward to their grandma's homemade cinnamon buns and treats, playing mini golf, other games, and going for ice-cream.

Leona and John had a lifelong love for each other and all their family. They prayed daily for them, speaking each person's name. After John passed away, Leona continued that commitment, including her last night in the hospital when she again mentioned each one in her prayer before falling asleep. She will be lovingly remembered by:

Loreen (daughter) & Rick Hall; Kevin & Steph, Audrey, Claire Hall; Bronwyn Hall

Les (son) & Val Klassen; James & Coralea, Layla, Owen Klassen; Jennifer & Joel, Breanna, Jackson Penner

Joyce (daughter) & Al Boldt; Mike & Leah, Hazel, Frances, Louise Boldt; Jon & Leah, Madeline, Julia, Sophie Boldt

Carolyn (daughter) & James Klassen; Chris & Kathy, Kadence, Hunter, Annelise, Lena Klassen; Stephanie & Tim, Mason, Mikayla Friesen; Greg & Daniella, Madison, Parker, Oaklynn Klassen; Anthony & Janelle, Caprice, Rhea, Nora Klassen

Sharon (daughter) & Randy Baerg; Aaron & Alicia, Lucy Baerg; Connor & Sara, Naia, Alina Baerg; Kyle & Sophia Baerg

Leona is also survived by two sisters, Rita Klassen, Ruth Martens, several in-laws; Betty Klassen, Nancy Klassen, Lil Klassen, John Kroeker, and a large extended family

Leona will always be remembered as a woman of faith and courage, always loved, and forever missed.

GOODNESS OF GOD

I love You Lord, Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus
All my life You have been faithful, All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice You have led me through the fire
In darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a father I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Bridge
Your goodness is running after, It's running after me
Your goodness is running after, It's running after me
With my life laid down I'm surrendered now, I give You everything
Your goodness is running after, It's running after me

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning, new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hands hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own great presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace
The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face toward you
And give you peace

Amen, amen, amen ... Amen, amen, amen

May His favor be upon you and a thousand generations
And your family and your children and their children, and their children
May His presence go before you and behind you, and beside you
All around you, and within you, He is with you, He is with you
In the morning, in the evening In your coming, and your going
In your weeping, and rejoicing He is for you, He is for you
He is for you, He is for you He is for you, He is for you (x2)

Amen, amen, amen ... Amen, amen, amen