

LaVonne (Loving) Hoffman, age 89, of Storm Lake, Iowa died May 27, 2015 at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

LaVonne Charlotte Loving was born January 8, 1926 in Albert City, Iowa, the daughter of Joseph and Helen (Carlson) Loving.

She grew up on the family farm west of Albert City, graduating from Albert City High School in 1943. She continued her education at Drake University for her freshman year. In 1944, LaVonne moved to Chicago, Illinois to attend school at the Chicago Music Conservatory College, and received her Bachelor of Music Degree in Piano in 1950.

On December 23, 1950, LaVonne was united in marriage to Charles Keith Hoffman in Chicago. Together they were blessed with three children: Diane, Douglas, and Theodore. LaVonne relocated to Iowa in 1970 following a divorce.

Once arriving in Albert City, LaVonne enrolled in classes at Buena Vista College. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Music and graduated in 1973 with Magna Cum Laude Honors.

LaVonne was a dedicated elementary music teacher for the Storm Lake Public Schools for many years. She retired from teaching in 1989, but then took an adjunct instructor position at Buena Vista University until 2006.

Music was a lifelong passion of LaVonne's. She was a choir director at Albert City Covenant Church from 1970—1973. She was an accomplished pianist, piano teacher, soloist, voice coach, and also performed at many funerals, school functions, and other events in the community. LaVonne also enjoyed traveling overseas with the Buena Vista Choir. LaVonne was an avid reader and student of history, and enjoyed traveling to Sweden, Russia, England, and other countries.

LaVonne was currently a member of the St. John Lutheran Church in Storm Lake.

Most of all, LaVonne was a dedicated mother. She enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Those left to cherish her memory include her children: Diane (Paul) Van Drunen of Tyler, Minnesota; Doug (Gretchen) Hoffman of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Ted Hoffman of Storm Lake, Iowa; grandchildren: Hudson Van Drunen of Tyler, Minnesota; Derek Hoffman of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Nathan Van Drunen of Tyler, Minnesota; Paige Hoffman of Sioux Falls; brother, Byron (Barbara) Loving of Storm Lake, Iowa; sister, Adelaide Bersbach of College Park, Maryland; sister-in-law, Paulette Loving of Albert City, Iowa; many nieces and nephews; extended family and friends.

LaVonne was preceded in death by her parents; infant brother, Ronald; brother, Lael Loving; and brother-in-law, James Bersbach.



In Loving Memory



LaVonne Loving Hoffman

1926 — 2015

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside still waters.
He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me
in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me;
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
—Psalm 23



We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. You are invited to join us for refreshments and a time of fellowship at the church immediately following the service.

— **The Family of LaVonne Hoffman**

IN MEMORY OF

LaVonne C. Loving Hoffman

January 8, 1926 — May 27, 2015

FUNERAL SERVICE

Monday, June 1, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

St. John Lutheran Church

Storm Lake, Iowa

CLERGY

Reverend Bruce Lesemann

ORGANIST

Suzanne Winterhof

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"He Is Risen"

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

"Amazing Grace"

CASKET BEARERS

Dan Loving, Hudson Van Drunen, Nathan Van Drunen

Derek Hoffman, Gustin Loving, Tristan Loving

INTERMENT

Fairfield Township Cemetery

Albert City, Iowa

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