



## Leona Lena Reyelts

March 1, 1932 - August 26, 2024

Reyelts, Leona Lena (Mortensen)

On the evening of August 26th, God sent a strong wind to raise up the soul of one of His true and faithful servants. Rainbows and lightening decorated the skies as Leona Reyelts, aged 92, died peacefully of natural causes to join her husband, Rev. Lawrence Reyelts and granddaughter Thalea in Heaven's embrace.

Born in 1932 on a farm near LeMars, IA, Leona married Larry at 19 and together served Lutheran churches, first in California, then throughout western Canada. They returned to the US in 1972 and settled in SE Minneapolis where Leona immersed herself in service at the University Lutheran Church of Hope (ULCH). As Director of Education, she organized a Sunday School which had epic Christmas pageants and Vacation bible Schools featuring costumed teachers and live animals. Later she helped coordinate funeral luncheons at ULCH and was active in their senior group, the Hope Diamonds.

Leona brought boundless energy to her volunteer work at church and in her community. She was an immaculate housekeeper, loving, kind and accepting of others, she especially loved children. She always tried her hardest and never complained.

Never seeking the limelight, Leona was the one behind the scenes who got things done. In her last months as her strength diminished and her memory faded, she would ask, "Shouldn't I be doing something?" She was a doer. During this last phase of life Leona was surrounded by loving care from the staff and residents at Lyngblomsten Care Center in St. Paul. With support from Allina Hospice Services and frequent visits from friends and family, Leona was assured that after a life full of service to others she had earned a time to rest.

Leona will be missed by her children, Steven (Barbara) of Duluth, Debra Caravitis of Victoria, BC, Dan (Donna) of Farmington, 5 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren, along with countless friends and relatives. We all "love you, a bushel and a peck".

Services will be held Friday, October 4th at ULCH, 601-13th Ave SE, Mpls 55414. Visitation at 10AM, service at 11AM, followed by luncheon. Memorials to ULCH.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

University Lutheran Church of Hope  
601 13th Aveue Southeast  
Minneapolis, MN 55414

## Memorial Service

OCT 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Toni Pendergrast lit a candle in memory of Leona Lena Reyelts*



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**toni pendergrast** - November 13, 2024 at 02:29 PM

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“ *Dave Terri Judy Ruth Susan Al Lisa Gail purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Leona Lena Reyelts.*



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**Dave Terri Judy Ruth Susan Al Lisa Gail** - September 30, 2024 at 10:24 AM

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“ *So saddened to hear of Leona's death. Such a strong woman. Always enjoyed our visits when I visited on Sundays. Loved hearing her stories and just feeling her love and kindness. She will be missed.*

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**Kris Kempf** - September 16, 2024 at 05:58 PM