

Mom was a master gardener,
among many other traits.
She had a special way of nurturing
that only love creates.
Her love shone through her actions
and through her loving touch.
She always kept us safe and warm
and loved us all so much.
Her family, like her garden,
grew in many ways.
She was always there to guide us,
each and every day.
She brought us up to know the Lord
and walk upon His path.
Even when we strayed away,
she gave us love instead of wrath.
She taught us to be gardeners
and as the years went by,
It became evident
the garden she was growing
would surely never die.
Now God has called her home with Him,
for heaven needs gardeners too.
And when the tears start flowing,
this is all you need to do –
Just close your eyes and imagine Mom
and stop to think, "How great
it will be to meet her smiling
in front of heaven's garden gate."

OOLMAN
FUNERAL HOMES



Celebrating the Life of

*La Donna Joy
Huisman*

BORN

July 13, 1936
Orange City, Iowa

PASSED AWAY

March 15, 2022
Orange City, Iowa

AGE

85 years, 8 months, 2 days

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday; March 19, 2022; 3:00 p.m.
Calvary Christian Reformed Church
Orange City, Iowa

CLERGYMAN

The Rev. John Klompfen

ORGANIST

Marlo Van Klompenburg

SPECIAL MUSIC

“My God and I”

Rev. John Klompfen, vocalist
Janeen Klompfen, accompanist

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

“All the Way My Savior Leads Me”
“Oh That Will be Glory for Me”

CASKET BEARERS

all of her grandchildren

PRAYER SERVICE

Saturday; 2:00 p.m.
Oolman Funeral Home
Orange City, Iowa

INTERMENT

(prior to the memorial service)
West Lawn Cemetery
Orange City, Iowa

Following the memorial service, relatives and friends are invited to join the family in the church fellowship hall, on the lower level, for lunch and fellowship.

Memorials will be given to Bible League International.

LaDonna Joy was born on the family farm near Orange City, the daughter of William and Johanna (Bloemendaal) Van Klompenburg. She attended the Orange City Public School and the Orange City Christian School before graduating from the Orange City High School. She then went for two years to Northwestern Junior College in Orange City and earned her bachelor's degree from Westmar College in Le Mars.

On June 21, 1957, she married Kenneth L. Huisman at the Second Christian Reformed Church in Orange City. They made their home on a farm near Newkirk, where LaDonna enjoyed helping Ken with the farm work, especially driving the tractor. In addition to being a homemaker and helping on the farm, she taught at Western Christian High School in Hull for one year and then worked briefly at Silent Sioux in Orange City. In her later years she managed the formal wear at L&K Clothing in Orange City, while also being a Tupperware dealer for twenty years. LaDonna and Ken moved to Orange City in 2003, and LaDonna became a resident of the Prairie Ridge Care Center in February of 2021.

LaDonna was a lifelong member of the Calvary Christian Reformed Church in Orange City, where she sang in the choir from high school until 2000, and she loved to sing the Hallelujah Chorus. She also helped with the Calvinettes as a counselor, a head counselor, and an area head counselor for ten years; and participated in Coffee Break and Harmony Circle.

She enjoyed singing in the Siouland Women's Chorus and volunteering at the Orange City Area Health System and Bibles for Missions. She traveled to Mississippi with Justice For All many times over a 22 year period, and served as a member of their board. In her free time, she liked to garden and make puzzles, and in earlier years she enjoyed being a part of a local bowling league.

Her children and family were the joy of her life; she is survived by her husband of more than 64 years, Ken, of Orange City; four children, Lyle Huisman, and his wife, Julia; Deb, and her husband, Clayton Korver; all of Orange City; Brian Huisman, of Orange City, and his significant other, Shelley Shook, of Marcus; and Wayne Huisman, and his wife, Emily, of Orange City; eleven grandchildren, Ashley, and her husband, Josh Masih; Jordan Huisman, and his wife, Lindsey; Christian Korver, and his wife, Aimee; Devin De Young, and his wife, Megan; AJ Korver, and his wife, Abigail; Brandon Huisman, and his wife, Amanda; Bobby Webb, and his wife, Kendra; Angel Huisman; Taylor Deegan, and his wife, Kelsey; Jacob Huisman; and Jesse Huisman; six great-grandchildren; two brothers and their wives, Darrell and Cheri Van Klompenburg, of Phoenix, Arizona; and Marlo and Carol Van Klompenburg, of Pella; and a brother-in-law and his wife, Marvin and Helen Huisman, of Orange City.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three grandchildren, Kayden Huisman, Gavin Huisman, and Cara Elizabeth Huisman; and five of Ken's siblings, William Huisman, Etta Van Steenwyk, Gerrit Huisman, Hildred Vanden Berg, and Stanley Huisman.