

Celebrating the Life of
Betty L. Friesen

Prelude	Judi Mittelstaedt
Welcome & Prayer	Rev. Rod Stafford
Hymn	WB 106 <i>"All Hail the Power"</i>
Sharing	Rev. Ann Weld-Martin
Special Music	Jim Wenger <i>"It's All Because of God's Amazing Grace"</i>
Sharing	Wendy Jane Friesen Joan Friesen Jan Friesen Pearce
Scripture Reading	Anna Claude Friesen Manning Taylor Friesen Pearce II Corinthians 4:12-5:8 <i>The Message</i>
Sharing	Robin Friesen Pearce Marvin Friesen
Special Music	Jim & Mary Wenger <i>"Finally Home"</i>
Message	Rod Stafford
Hymn	SJ 108 <i>"Give Thanks for Life"</i>
Benediction	Rod Stafford
Postlude	Jacob Leland Judi Mittelstaedt

We as Betty's family thank each of you for coming today and for the love and support you have shown over the past weeks. Our wife, mom, and grandma, is dearly missed.

Please join us downstairs for a time of refreshments and fellowship following the service.

Participants in Today's Celebration

Judi Mittelstaedt, friend who "plays like Betty"
Rod Stafford, pastor, Portland Mennonite Church
Ann Weld-Martin, friend, retired Methodist pastor
Jim & Mary Wenger, PMC and Small Group members

Betty's Family

Marvin Friesen, her husband of over 69 years
Jan Pearce, daughter, husband Virgil Pearce
Joan Friesen, daughter, husband Jay Nordgaard
Wendy Jane Friesen, daughter, husband Ed Manning
Robin Friesen Pearce, granddaughter, husband Jacob Leland
Taylor Pearce, grandson
Anna Claude Friesen Manning, granddaughter

The reception is lovingly provided by Portland Mennonite Church members including Betty & Marvin's Small Group.

Thank you to Aaron Tomasko for video recording today's service.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Portland Mennonite Church, 1312 SE 35th Ave., Portland, OR 97214, with designations either to the church's building fund or Mennonite Central Committee. MCC provides disaster relief, overseas mission, and works for peace and justice around the world.

Elizabeth Ann “Betty” Linscheid Friesen was born on December 29, 1928 in Los Angeles, California, to William and Elizabeth. She was the third of four with older brothers Harlan and Gordon and younger sister Marian.

Betty was musically talented and learned to play the piano and organ at an early age, frequently playing in the Mennonite church her family faithfully attended. She graduated from Fremont High School in 1946 and then enrolled at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles (BIOLA) where she met Marvin Friesen who sang in a men’s quartet with Betty as the pianist. Betty also played for the BIOLA Radio Choir, and Marvin was the student director.

Betty and Marvin were married on January 29, 1949, and following his graduation from college and seminary, they spent their lives in service to the church. Betty was a wonderful hostess and opened their home to guests for countless dinners and overnight stays. She was church organist/pianist for more than 50 years at the various churches where Marvin served as pastor—San Antonio Heights, Upland CA; First Baptist Church, Downey CA; Church of the Foothills, San Jose CA; Emerald Baptist, Eugene OR; and First Baptist Windward, Kailua HI. In retirement they filled interim positions in churches in Santa Rosa, CA; Boise, ID; Gresham, OR; and Portland, OR.

Her church and volunteer activities included:

- *Teaching toddler Sunday school classes*
- *Sacred Heart Hospital Emergency Room, Eugene*
- *Executive Committee for Church Women United, Eugene*
- *Reading tutor in Eugene and in a women’s prison, Hawaii*
- *Redwood Glen (a Christian Camp), Loma Mar CA, remodel & repair*
- *Habitat for Humanity - Family Selection Committee member, sponsored two houses*

She enjoyed a variety of crafts, sewing, and reading. She and Marvin travelled to a wide variety of places including Haiti, Israel, Palestine, Europe, Asia, New Zealand and Australia. They loved the community of friends they’ve developed over the past five years living at The Springs at Carman Oaks and being part of Portland Mennonite Church.

As Betty grew older, she became increasingly passionate about social justice and the world she would pass on to her grandchildren. She was generous in her support of causes that would make a difference.

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December 29, 1928 - March 10, 2018

**Saturday, April 21, 2018
Portland Mennonite Church**