

Elva M. Yoder, 98, passed away Saturday, December 9, at Greencroft Healthcare. She was born May 26, 1925 in North Lima, Ohio to William Ray and Emma (Horst) Yoder. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by three sisters, Verna Irene Yoder, Ruth Eva Yoder and Elsie Viola Yoder; a brother, Robert Henry Yoder; and a cousin, Sara VonGunten. Elva was a 1943 graduate of North Lima Schools. In 1948 she began attending "Winter Bible School", a six-week Bible course, in Canton, Ohio. She would attend each winter for five years. This led her to work for Mennonite Publishing House, Scottdale, PA primarily working with the "Gospel Herald" publication. After 42 years of service, Elva retired and moved to the Greencroft Community in Goshen in 1994. At Greencroft she remained active, completing over 9000 hours of volunteer work. She enjoyed participating in activities, made many dear friends, both residents and staff alike. She was known for her kindness and dry sense of humor.

Memorials can be given to North Goshen Mennonite Church, 501 N. 8th St., Goshen, IN 46528, or Mennonite Mission Network, PO Box 370, Elkhart, IN 46515-0370.



**Elva M. Yoder**  
**Memorial Service**

May 26, 1925— December 9, 2023

North Goshen Mennonite Church  
December 21, 2023



**Memorial Service  
For  
Elva M. Yoder**



Prelude: Shirley King

Welcome: Nick King

Hymn: In the Rifting Rock I'm Resting VT 619

Obituary and Story of Elva's Life: Doug VonGunten

Scripture: Psalm 139:1-18, 23,24  
Amy VonGunten Clemens

Psalm 46:10, Isaiah 41:10  
Jerry Wittrig

Reading: "Above the Trembling Elements" (vs 1,2,6)  
Amy VonGunten Clemens

Remembrances/"Elvaisms": Ruth Ann Wittrig  
Lola Jenkins  
Erma Yoder  
Emma Helmuth

Message: Nick King

Hymns: When Peace Like a River VT 617

Lift Your Glad Voices VT 340

Benediction: Nick King

Postlude: Shirley King

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Burial at Violet Cemetery in Goshen immediately following the service. Following the burial, family and friends are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a meal.

Pastor: Nick King

Song Leader: Todd Helmuth

Pallbearers: Terry Peck

Todd Helmuth

Doug VonGunten

Jack VonGunten

Garrett VonGunten

Molly VonGunten

