

**August 13, 2021, 3:00 pm**  
**Philadelphia Church, Watrous, SK**

**Edna Thiessen**  
**July 22, 1926 - August 6, 2021**

Prelude  
Greetings, Scripture and Prayer  
Hymn: "All the Way my Saviour Leads Me"  
Eulogy: Harvey Thiessen  
Hymn: "Lasst mich gehn" (Let me Go)  
Tribute by Phyllis Thiessen  
Tribute by John Thiessen  
Special Music: Quartet  
Pictorial Presentation  
Meditation  
Hymn: "It is Well with my Soul"  
Closing Prayer  
Recessional Hymn: "We'll Understand it Better By and By"

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*We would greatly appreciate continued respect of the present-life circumstances, which is why we will just be listening to the hymns today instead of singing along.*

*Interment will follow in the Cemetery. All are welcome to stay and visit outside while enjoying some treats and drinks.*

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<b>Officiating</b>	Rod Dick
<b>Pianist</b>	Ruth Kornelsen
<b>Quartet</b>	Ruben Bushman, Wayne Dick, Les Toews, Fred Toman
<b>Ushers</b>	Ken Bushman, Norman Schroeder, Doug Thomas, Phil Willms
<b>Pall Bearers</b>	Harvey Thiessen, Bernie Thiessen, John Thiessen, David Thiessen, Garry Thiessen, Edmond Drachenberg
<b>Guest Register</b>	Holly Dick, Barbara Elder
<b>Memorial Table</b>	Ike and Linda Pankratz
<b>Pictorial Presentation</b>	Marilyn Thiessen and Chelsea Thiessen

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Edna was born July 22, 1926 to David and Augusta Schroeder in the village of Secymin, which was on the banks of the Weichsel – Neidering River, tributary of the Vistula River not too far from Warsaw. There she had a happy childhood growing up on a small farm helping her dad with all kinds of animals and a small orchard. She especially liked the orchard, and going with her dad to sell the fruit in Warsaw. She had 2 brothers – Robert and Edmund, and one sister Emma.

Then the war broke out. First they were invaded by Germany, and then at the end of the war they were occupied by Russia. She saw a lot of people getting killed and a lot of starvation and hunger.

With the help of some people working for MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) through the American Red Cross, she was able to escape to Western Germany which was now held by the Western allies.

She came by boat to Halifax N.S., Canada and then by train to Drake, Sask. She was taken in by her Aunt Lydia & Uncle Edmund Schroeder.

She lived there until she married Henry Thiessen from Watrous, Sask. There they had a small farm and raised all kinds of animals and grew grain and hay. Eventually they set up a dairy.

They had five sons. Harvey (Marilyn), Bernie (Phyllis), John (Vicki), Dave (Patti), Garry (Ruth), and 12 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Family was extremely important to her. She loved to have our families get together, and enjoyed cooking for everyone.

Going to church was very important to her. Faith in God and Jesus, and reading the bible was always a part of her life. She was sometimes uncomfortable in large gatherings, but was amazing in small groups or on a one-on-one basis. She was a shining example of a fine Christian and a life well lived. She will be missed especially by family, but also by many, many friends both here and in different parts of the world.

## We'll Understand It Better By And By

*By and by when the morning comes  
When the saints of God are gathered home  
We will tell the story how we've overcome  
For we'll understand it better by and by*

Trials dark on ev'ry hand  
And we cannot understand  
All the ways that God would lead us  
To that blessed promised land  
But He guides us with His eye  
And we'll follow till we die  
For we'll understand it better by and by

Temptations hidden snares  
Often take us unawares  
And our hearts are made to bleed  
For some tho'tless word or deed  
And we wonder why the test  
When we try to do our best  
But we'll understand it better by and by

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*The music chosen today were all requested by our Mom. The German song was commonly sung in Poland at most funerals and Mom insisted it be played at hers. Mom always appreciated so very much all music by the Quartet and we are grateful that they could share their gift of music for her and with us today. When Mom still lived in her home, Friday night was very special. She and Margaret Rutherford would faithfully watch Gather Homecoming together. She continued to watch when she went to the lodge. That is why she chose the Recessional Hymn: "We'll Understand it Better By and By".*

## *A Celebration of the life of Edna Thiessen*

*1926-2021*



*Romans 12:12*

*Be joyful in hope,*

*patient in affliction,*

*faithful in prayer.*