

# *In Loving Memory*

## **Hymn 408**

from *Hymns Old & New*

No reputation, with Jesus I go,  
Willingly, cheerfully, my life to sow.  
Sow to the spirit, in faith lay it down;  
Strive for the mastery, hope for the  
crown.

No reputation, if Jesus had none;  
Why should I murmur, the suffering  
shun?  
Why from the cross should I seek for  
release?  
I must diminish for Him to increase.

No reputation, but with Him I crave  
Glory immortal, beyond the dark grave,  
Honour and glory which never can fade;  
Scorners are silent, there's none to  
upbraid.

No reputation and unrecognized,  
Misunderstood, and by worldlings  
despised,  
God understands me — this thought will  
suffice;  
Bearing the cross, I should ever rejoice.

## **Hymn 257**

from *Hymns Old & New*

My Father, hear this earnest plea  
I lift to heaven above:  
O help me so to yield to Thee  
That in me there may ever be  
:: The spirit of a child. ::

Within this life of mine fulfil  
Thy purpose all divine;  
Beneath Thy hand, O keep me still,  
Submitting gladly to Thy will,  
:: Obedient as a child. ::

Yet, yielding up my all, I see  
'Tis but Thine own I yield,  
For every gift has come from Thee;  
So may I ever thankful be  
:: And humble as a child. ::

Then guide me, gracious Father,  
guide  
Until this life is o'er;  
Enfold me closer to Thy side,  
And let me ever there abide,  
:: Eternally Thy child. ::



*Merna Irene Knudson*

October 10, 1933 - August 4, 2022

Merna Irene Knudson was born October 10, 1933, at Eden Manitoba to Harold and Viola Knudson. She passed away August 4, 2022, at the North Island Hospital, Courtenay, British Columbia.

Merna finished her schooling in Neepawa, Manitoba, and became a telephone operator until following the call of the gospel in 1956.

In her early teens Merna committed her life to God. Some time later she heard the call to the work of the gospel, and dedicated her remaining years to the preaching of the gospel. This commitment took her to Hong Kong in 1962, where she spent nearly 20 years.

Later she spent a number of years in Sweden and Finland, as well as time in Canada, continuing with the same work of spreading the gospel message.

In 2007 she returned to Canada with failing health, and since has been residing in first Saskatchewan and later in British Columbia.

Merna was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers Orville Knudson and Alvin Knudson, and her sisters Orla Stutt and Leona Wilson. She is survived by her brother, Eldon Knudson, sisters Arlene MacDonald, Leila Cassie and Linnea Abrams, and sister-in-law Ruth Knudson.

Funeral services will be on August 16, with the graveside service at 12:00 p.m. and a memorial service in the funeral home at 1:00 p.m.

The family has greatly appreciated the care and love shown by all who stood by Merna in her last days, including the staff at the hospital, where she received very good care.

## Graveside Service

Tuesday, August 16, 2022 — 12:00 p.m.  
Courtenay Civic Cemetery

## Memorial Service

Tuesday, August 16, 2022 — 1:00 p.m.  
Comox Valley Funeral Home  
1101 Ryan Road,  
Courtenay, British Columbia

## Officiants

Merlin Affleck  
Michael Hasset  
Sharon Dorey  
David Jury  
Louise Carlson  
Steven Sorenson

## Pianist

Adrienne Banting

## Pallbearers

Phil Robinson	Mark Cheng
Dale Campbell	David Jury
Steven Sorenson	Ken Grieve

Reception following the service in the "Garden Room" of the funeral home.

## Hymn #412

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When life is ended  
and I must travel  
Through death's dark chambers,  
I need not fear:  
If I have Jesus to guard  
and guide me,  
I walk securely with One so dear.

Though dark the valley  
that lies before me,  
A light far brighter  
than noonday sun  
Shines o'er my pathway,  
and hope eternal  
I see in Jesus; earth's day is done.

I look to Jesus, bright Star  
to guide me;  
'Twas Jesus vanquished  
death and the grave;  
'Twas Jesus only bore  
my transgression,  
For Jesus only my soul could save.

O, glorious Dawning,  
blest resurrection!  
When I with Jesus  
come forth again.  
I shall adore Him,  
my wondrous Saviour;  
He freed my soul from  
sin's curse and stain.

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*Comox Valley Funeral Home and Crematorium  
1101 Ryan Road, Courtenay, British Columbia*