

## *IF YOU NEED TO WEEP*

*When I die if you need to weep  
Cry for your brother or sister  
Walking the streets beside you  
And when you need me put your arms around anyone  
And give them what you need to give to me.*

*I want to leave you something  
Something better than words or sounds.*

*Look for me in the people I've known or loved  
And if you cannot give me away  
At least let me live in your eyes and not on your mind.*

*You can love me most by letting hands touch hands  
By letting bodies touch bodies  
And by letting go of children that need to be free.*

*Love doesn't die, people do  
So when all that is left of me is love  
Give me away.*

*-Anonymous*

*A private interment at Eastlawn Cemetery will be held at another time.*

*Memorial contributions may be designated for  
the Larry & Donna Martin Nursing Scholarship at  
Hesston College, PO Box 3000 Hesston, KS 67062  
Bethesda Home, PO Box 37 Goessel, KS 67053  
and Good Shepherd Hospice Foundation,  
301 N Main St, Suite 300 Newton, KS 67114*



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*Prelude* *Ken Rodgers, pianist*

*Words of Greeting and Prayer* *Pastor Jess Engle*

*Scripture* *Isaiah 40:31*

*Song* *In the Morning When I Rise (v. 1 & 4)* *VT\* 499*

*Special Music* *Nothing is Lost on the Breath of God\*\**

*Sharing Donna's story* *Holden Brubaker*

*Recording* *Going Home* *David Phelps*

*Scripture* *Isaiah 43:1b*

*Reflections* *Pastor Kay Schroeder*

*Song* *Shall We Gather at the River* *VT\* 667*

*Benediction Prayer*

*Recessional recording* *I'll fly away* *Praise & Harmony*

*Postlude*

*\*Voices Together hymnal*

*\*\* Mixed Quartet: Kay Schroeder, Molly Simmering, Ron Garber,  
Ken Rodgers*

*Sound: Phil Hoffman*

*Camera: Aaron Miller*

*Powerpoint: Sue Stuckey*

## *Obituary*

Donna M. Bontrager Martin of Hesston, KS died February 2, 2024, after an 11-month journey with cancer. Donna was born on May 22, 1939, to Jerry J. and Edna Bontrager, the youngest of four children. She grew up on their family farm near Yoder, KS. Donna attended Haven High School for two years, graduated from Hesston Academy and attended Hesston College for one year. At the Academy, she met the love of her life, Larry Martin, and married in December 1957. They farmed together in Minot, ND for 38 years and raised three children.

Donna was active in her church, singing duets with Larry and served as Sunday School superintendent. Donna worked with Stonecroft Ministries for 20 years, as area representative and shared her faith story at Christian Women's Club events in the North Central region and several Canadian provinces.

In 1987, intrigued by the art of trapunto, Donna created greeting cards and then framed art. From a fun hobby emerged a thriving business, Memories by Donna. After she and Larry moved to Hesston, KS in 1995, Larry framed her art and they traveled together to many craft shows in the U.S. Donna loved her family, friends, flowers, decorating and sharing her peanut brittle. Donna's bright light and laughter will be deeply missed.

Donna is survived by daughter Torrie Martin, grandson Holden Brubaker and partner Alisha Alomia, Lancaster, PA; son Kendall Martin and daughter-in-law Deborah (Maust) Martin, Dousman, WI; son Kirby and daughter-in-law Darcie (Messerli) Martin, Hesston, KS, grandson Chase and wife Jordan Martin, great granddaughter, Isabelle, Ft. Worth, TX, and grandson Brock Martin, Topeka, KS. Donna is survived by her sister Grace Hershberger, Goshen, IN, sister Lola Faye and brother-in-law Bob Yoder, Wellman, IA, sister-in-law Carol Bontrager, Hutchinson, KS and many beloved nieces and nephews. Donna was predeceased by her parents, husband Larry, an infant brother Glen, brother Ray Bontrager, Hutchinson, KS, as well as brothers-in-law John Hershberger and Lowell Erb.

Donna is also survived by sisters-in-law Gladene Bontrager and Dorothy Zook, Hesston, KS, brother-in-law Delvin Martin, Glendale, AZ, brother-in-law Kermit Martin and sister-in-law Patricia Martin, Fresno, CA. Donna is predeceased by brothers-in-law Roy Martin, Glade Martin, and Marlin Bontrager, sisters-in-law Alice Martin and Margaret Martin and nephews Chad Martin and Troy Martin.