



## LaVonne Coulter

January 5, 1929 - March 1, 2019

LaVonne Elaine Coulter, 90, was born January 5, 1929 at the family farm northeast of Stratford, IA. She passed away peacefully with family by her side at the Taylor House Hospice in Des Moines, IA on March 1, 2019 due to complications of cancer. LaVonne was the daughter of Julius and Agnes (Bergman) Johnson.

LaVonne attended Crane Country School for a short time before the family moved into their longtime Stratford home. She graduated from Stratford High School in 1946. She was active in school; playing on the basketball team, singing in the chorus, and playing clarinet in the band. After graduation, she moved to Des Moines with her sister Naomi and worked as a secretary at a finance company. She then moved to Mesa, AZ with a group of young Stratford friends and worked as a bank teller. When a job opportunity as an office manager opened at the Stratford Elevator, she accepted the position and moved home to be closer to family.

On September 18, 1949, LaVonne was united in marriage to Dean Coulter in the garden of her parents' home. The couple farmed northeast of Stratford where they raised their four children. LaVonne was a busy farm wife who canned "everything she could get her hands on" and volunteered for various activities at her children's school.

LaVonne was an active member at the First Baptist Church over the years; where she played the piano, directed the choir, sang in the women's trio, and provided many special numbers for the congregation.

Athens Woods Estates is where LaVonne enjoyed the last year of her life. She continued to stay involved in the community and social activities. Volunteering at the Stratford Care Center calling bingo, and playing dominoes weekly with friends were things she always looked forward to.

LaVonne was a giving and loving wife, mother, and grandmother who cherished her family and friends. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

LaVonne is survived by her children: Kathryn Coulter of Cedar Rapids, IA, Carol Coulter of Altoona, IA, and Jim Coulter and his wife Becky of Centralia, MO; her grandchildren: Tania Coulter of Chicago, IL, Mic Coulter of Columbia, MO, and Andy Coulter and his wife Ashley of Monument, CO; brother, Ron Johnson of Coos Bay, OR; nieces, nephews, other relatives, and many friends. Her parents, her husband Dean, her son Bill, and her sister Naomi preceded her in death.

Visitation with the family present to greet friends will be from 10:00 am until 11:00 am Saturday, March 9, 2019 at the First Baptist Church in Stratford. Funeral services will be held immediately after at 11:00 am. Interment will be at Oakwood Cemetery, Stratford, IA. Memorials are suggested to the First Baptist Church in Stratford. Online condolences may be left at <http://www.schroederfuneral.com>.

# Cemetery

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## Oakwood Cemetery

Stratford, IA,

# Events

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**MAR 9** **Visitation with family** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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First Baptist Church-Stratford

1400 Highway 175 E, Stratford, IA, US, 50249

**MAR 9** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ LaVonne and I became forever friends in 1945. I moved to Nebr. in 1946 and then to many states during my marriage. We always kept in touch. We visited Stratford sometime and had great visit with she and Dean. Always heard about her family. I came back after my husband's death in 2003 and we had such a great visit. I did know she was living at the retirement home--but was shocked to know she passed. I got a Christmas card from her last Christmas. She was a special friend. I know her family was always there for her and she loved time she had with all of you. She is so well again in Heaven and I will see her there some day. Carol Killion in Texas.

Carol Killion - March 09, 2019 at 08:17 PM

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“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of LaVonne Coulter.



March 08, 2019 at 09:01 AM

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“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of LaVonne Coulter.



March 07, 2019 at 10:15 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of LaVonne Coulter.



March 07, 2019 at 08:37 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of LaVonne Coulter.



March 06, 2019 at 06:32 PM

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“ I was fortunate enough to have met Ms Coulter and what an inspiration she was. Even though she had her physical problems I never heard her say one thing negative thing. God got another angel. Bless her and her family

**Coleman Lloyd** - March 05, 2019 at 10:11 PM

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“ I always enjoyed visiting with LaVonne when I delivered congregate meals and she was on site to eat before she moved to Athens Woods. I always told her what a pretty complexion she had. I can still visualize watching her walk into the meals with her walker. I did see her occasionally when I volunteered at Athens Woods. I am so happy that I attended her 90th birthday party. She was a sweetie and I'll miss seeing her.

God bless, LaVonne!

Cheryl Haman

**Cheryl Haman** - March 04, 2019 at 03:44 PM

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“ Cindy Tharlebois purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of LaVonne Coulter.



**Cindy Tharlebois** - March 04, 2019 at 02:06 PM

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“ Dear Kathy, Carol, Jim & family, I'm saddened hearing of your mom's passing and extend my deepest sympathies. I have wonderful memories of your mom. Most from church family activities but also from Bergman Reunions. I always thought of your mom as the Energizer Bunny in our church. She was always serving others either through her listening ear, teaching, singing, playing the piano or helping serve refreshments at events. Including my bridal shower! Her presence anywhere always added a glow to the atmosphere. Her attire always included her million dollar smile. A great loss by all who knew her but what a sparkle she's added to heaven. May you find comfort knowing she's united with her Jesus and her beloved family members & friends. She was a special one & I'll always love and cherish my memories of her.  
Ann (Wahman) Berven

**Ann (Wahman) Berven** - March 04, 2019 at 12:03 PM



“ I have similar memories as Ann does of LaVonne...and she was a special friend to my mom.

**Carolyn Genschmer** - March 04, 2019 at 09:20 PM