



## Lavonna Bliss

April 15, 1928 - October 10, 2021

Correne Lavonna Bliss, age 93, of Coweta, Oklahoma, formerly of Olathe, Kansas, Mount Morris, Illinois, Davis, Illinois and Anna, Illinois, passed away on Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 3:20 p.m. at her home.

Lavonna was born on April 15, 1928 in Anna, Illinois, the daughter of Lester Lee and Enola Lois (Williams) Stevens. Lavonna first married Russell Arvid Swenson and to this union three children were born. She later married John Merlin Bliss on August 21, 1989 and he survives. Lavonna worked as a school bus driver for a time, and was a homemaker. She was an excellent cook and loved baking and decorating cakes. She was a member of The Way Church of the Nazarene and faithfully attended church until her health no longer allowed her to do so. During her life, she taught Sunday School and sang in church choirs and trios. She loved flowers, gardening, cardinals and hummingbirds, but mostly she loved spending time with her family. Lavonna was a wonderful and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Survivors include her loving husband of thirty-two years, John Bliss of Coweta, Oklahoma; her son, K. Steven (G. Dale) Swenson of Lake Wales, Florida; her daughter, Rhonda (Rev. Steven) Lester of Coweta, Oklahoma; her daughter-in-law, Pam Swenson of Winterhaven, Florida; seven grandchildren, Alana (Dr. Joe) Hauter of Mackinaw, Illinois, Kaitlyn (Andrew) Sterken of Port Saint Lucie, Florida, Joshua (Marisa) Swenson of Lakeland, Florida, Matthew

Swenson of Houston, Texas, Kristin Lester of San Francisco, California, Lindsay Lester of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Drew (Hayden) Lester of Tulsa, Oklahoma; five great-grandchildren, Dade, Milli, Lyla, Sebastian and Este; and several nieces, nepehws, cousins, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, W. Bradley Swenson; and two brothers, Wallace Stevens and Norbert Stevens.

Family and close friends will gather for a graveside funeral service at Casper Cemetery, near Anna, Illinois, on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. with Reverend Steven Lester officiating.

Memorials may be made to The Way Church of the Nazarene and will be accepted at Crain Funeral Home, 135 West Vienna Street, Anna, Illinois 62906.

Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro has been entrusted with arrangements.

## Cemetery Details

### Casper Cemetery

Anna, IL

## Previous Events

### Graveside Service

OCT **16**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Casper Cemetery  
Anna, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lavonna Bliss*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Lavonna Bliss.*



October 15, 2021 at 07:33 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lavonna Bliss.*



October 15, 2021 at 06:11 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Lavonna Bliss.*



October 15, 2021 at 10:09 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lavonna Bliss.*



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October 14, 2021 at 04:03 PM



“ *our family were neighbors to Lavonna and Russ when they lived outside of Davis. The kids rode the bus together and had horse rides. I remember her and her lovely smile and just how warm she always was. Very special lady. She will be missed. Prayers to the family. Jan Geiken*

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**jan geiken** - October 13, 2021 at 07:42 PM