



## Vonda A. Lemon

July 27, 1928 - January 17, 2026

ADRIAN- Vonda A. Lemon, age 97 of Adrian, passed away on January 17, 2026, at Charlotte Stephenson Manor under the care of Hospice of Lenawee. Born on July 27, 1928, in Eaton Rapids, MI, she was the middle child of Homer and Amber (Hall) Eckard.

Vonda graduated from Eaton Rapids High School and went on to attend Michigan State University, where she obtained her bachelor's degree in education in 1950. Later, Vonda received her master's in education from Siena Heights College.

On August 19, 1950, Vonda married D. Jack Lemon in her hometown of Eaton Rapids. Together they had 4 children, which brought a good share of excitement and activity into the family home. They enjoyed over 65 years of marriage before Jack's passing on March 19, 2016.

Vonda's career in the educational field had her working as a teacher at Drager Middle School for many years. She embraced the opportunity to work with students and truly made a difference in their young lives. Vonda was a longtime member of the Adrian First United Methodist Church and was a part of their sewing group. She was very active in her community and was involved with the Adrian Garden Club, Monday Literary Club, PEO, and the Bixby Hospital Auxiliary.

Vonda is survived by her children, James (Nancy) Lemon, Linda LaRocque, Juna (Mark) Casper and son-in-law, Dave Reynolds; 9 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren with one on the way in February; and 2 great-great-grandsons.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, Jack; daughter, Jackie Reynolds, brother, Robert Eckard and sister in infancy, Amelia Eckard.

A memorial service for Vonda will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at the Adrian First United Methodist Church with a gathering being held at the church one hour prior to the start of services.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Adrian First United Methodist Church or Hospice of Lenawee.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

APR **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church  
1245 West Maple Ave  
Adrian, MI 49221

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## Memorial Service

APR **25**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SG

“ Vonda and Jack Lemon and their four children became our family when we bought their home on Williams Street in Adrian in 1972. They became such good friends and we have always lived in the same area of Adrian. We have enjoyed Church together and Vonda helped me join PEO with her and a wonderful group of women. Vonda and Jack were so loving, giving and helpful. She was an excellent teacher for many years and Jack was available for assistance in so many ways. They were a special couple who lived a wonderful life together. They are loved and missed.

*Sally and Norm Glasser*

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**Sally J. Glasser** - January 28 at 03:28 PM

MK

“ I have many fond memories of working with Vonda at Bixby. We always had a lot of fun and laughs when we worked a volunteer shift together. She left volunteer work before I did and was missed. Prayers to her family 💕💕

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**Maggie Keevan** - January 25 at 09:30 AM

KM

“ What a great lady...She always had that beautiful smile and a kind word...Thank you for sharing her with us...Condolences to the family...

*Kevin Renee (Carter) Mosher*

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**Kevin Renee Mosher** - January 23 at 01:35 PM

TF

“ My deepest sympathies and condolences to the Lemon family and friends. I remember Mrs. Lemon from Adrian Junior High School. Thank God she was there for us. We were truly blessed to have the teachers there that we did. God bless the Lemon family. 🙏

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**Tony Flippo** - January 22 at 01:41 PM

MS

“ Vonda Lemon was one of my very favorite teachers! Under her teaching, I really enjoyed math! She was a true friend to my mom, Jan Stone, and they spent many happy hours quilting, chatting and laughing. Vonda's sense of humor stayed strong throughout her life! I am very sorry for your loss; she was a special person!!

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**Mikie Rion aka Michelle Stone** - January 21 at 05:05 PM

JB

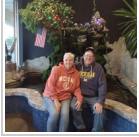
“ Vonda was a sweet and beautiful lady who also had a lot of spunk and personality. She used to sit behind my mother in church every Sunday until my mom's passing. then, she moved to the other side. I was able to see Vonda just last August when one of my students and I played at our violins at Charlotte Stephenson home. Rest in peace, Vonda. From J Bowers

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**Jillienne Bowers** - January 20 at 11:01 PM

DD

“ It's a Joy and a Blessing to have known Vonda. She will truly be missed.

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**Daniel & Amy DeLine** - January 20 at 08:36 PM



“ I loved vonda. She had a bright smile for me. I would take serving stuff back and seek her out for a hug. She would take my hands and tell me they were cold and she would warm them. She will be missed.

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**Dawn Stark** - January 20 at 05:13 PM

PP

*Fonda was a dear friend for many years until the miles separated us. We were in church groups together and then a bridge group and often got together for many fun activities. We love them both so much. She was intelligent, gentle, and fun to be around.*

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**Peggy Philbrook** - January 21 at 04:59 PM

CM

“ I got to know Vonda through Sunday School at Adrian UMC and then realized she was also a neighbor (just a block over from me.) I admired her sass and pragmatism and it became a highlight of the week if I would run into her working in her yard while I went on a walk. We connected over our mutual love of gardening and church. She was one in a million.



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**Christy Mesaros-Winckles** - January 20 at 11:44 AM

LB

“ Vonda was a light in my life. I thought of her as my second Mom. She always spoke her mind and set me straight!! Always had a smile and a hug. I worked w/her at Drager Middle School where I was the secretary to the Principal. She and Bess Means always had something going and both had such positive attitudes and a sense of humor that was second to none. Luana Bixler

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**Luana Bixler** - January 20 at 11:35 AM



*Vonda was my neighbor and friend for 30 years. She was a joy.*

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**Sylvia Stoner** - January 20 at 04:32 PM