



# A lasting memorial has been given to Spirit of Hope Church in memory of LaVon Alice Funck

May 10, 1936 - June 8, 2010



LaVon was born on Mother's Day in Fairfax, Minnesota. She was a graduate of Hamline/Asbury School of Nursing. She received her RN License in 1957. Her first job was at Sleepy Eye Municipal Hospital.

She married Gordon Funck in 1958, and they moved to Minneapolis and continued her nursing career in hospitals and a nursing home. She is the mother of six children and grandmother to nine. She was a foster mother to forty seven children.

LaVon and Gordy were members of GVUMC from 1963 to 1986 before moving to Illinois. LaVon was a quiet individual who always managed to get things done. She served as a leader for Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts, and on the board of directors of OURS, an adoptive parents organization. LaVon was an active member of UMW and served a term as president. She loved to cook and could usually be found in the kitchen. She cooked for groups at every church she attended. She was an extremely creative person; she found time for gardening, sewing, quilting, counted cross stitch, embroidery, and rosemallings.

She was the motivating force for adopting four Korea born children. She visited Korea three times, twice as an escort for arriving children and once to accompany 2 of the children for a return visit. When the children were in elementary school, LaVon organized and started a Korean Culture Day Camp for adoptees and siblings. Expecting 25—30 children, she was pleasantly surprised to have 104 the first year (1975). Golden Valley UMC hosted this camp for the first years. The camp is still in operation each summer at Minnehaha Academy North Campus.

LaVon remained active in the church and community. In 2005, LaVon and Gordy went on a three week medical mission trip to Africa in the countries of Tanzania and Kenya. In 2008 she was diagnosed with dementia. LaVon was a generous and determined woman with a great capacity for love, and for the woman born in Mother's Day that never changed ...

