



## Mary Elizabeth Thiessen

December 23, 1927 - January 16, 2014

Mary Elizabeth Thiessen, age 86, a resident of Hutchinson, Kansas and formerly of Greenville, Ohio passed away Thursday, January 16, 2014 at the Mennonite Friendship Communities in South Hutchinson. She was born on December 23, 1927 in Moline, Kansas the daughter of Andrew Frank and Minnie (Horning) Bruner. Mary was a graduate of Moline High School.

On September 4, 1947, Mary was united in marriage to Leo Henry Thiessen in Moline. Mary and Leo were married 52 years and spent most of their married life in Greenville, Ohio, where they raised their three children. Later in life Mary went back to school and got her LPN degree so she could continue her passion to care for others. Mary was a member of the Evangelical United Methodist Church in Greenville, Ohio. She enjoyed golf and helping out at church functions. Mary was loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend to those who knew her.

Mary is survived by two daughters Patty Haugsness of Hutchinson, Kansas and Kimberly Thiessen and her husband Colin Franklin of Blue Springs, Missouri, one brother George Bruner and his wife Darlene of El Dorado, Kansas, grandchildren, Shawn Seelbrede and his wife Kristen of Lake Winnebago, Missouri; Addison Franklin, Sydney Franklin and Caleb Franklin all of Blue Springs, Missouri, great grandchildren Amelia Seelbrede and Mitchell Seelbrede both of Lake Winnebago, Missouri and caregiver Diana

Duryee of Hutchinson, Kansas. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Leo, her daughter Linda Seelbrede, brother Frank Bruner and sister Bettie Hornbuckle.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at Countryside Funeral Home with Pastor Robin Haines officiating. Visitation will be held Monday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be at the Moline Cemetery. Family suggests contributions be made to the Mary Thiessen Memorial Fund to honor those caregivers who provided loving and compassionate care for Mary and may be sent to the funeral home. Online condolence may be left for the family at [www.countrysidefh.com](http://www.countrysidefh.com). Arrangements are under the direction of Countryside Funeral Home in Howard, Kansas.

# Cemetery Details

## Moline City Cemetery

Moline, KS

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 20. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Howard  
206 E. Washington  
P.O. Box 1233  
Howard, KS 67349  
(620) 374-2381

## Service

JAN 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

SY

“ Sorry to hear about your mother. Mary was such a huge part of EUM Church women's ministry. She was also a good friend of my mother-in-law Wilma (McKibben) Rhoades. She had such a quiet spirit and a beautiful smile. I will always have good em\\memories of her. Keeping you on my prayers. Sylvia McKibben, Greenville, OH

Sylvia - January 23, 2014 at 08:30 AM

AN

“ Patty - so sorry to read about the death of your mother. My thought are with you. I lost my mom in October so I feel you pain. Hope the comfort of others will ease your pain. Angie in Greenville.

Angie - January 22, 2014 at 10:36 AM

AS

“ Patty - I was sorry to read about the death of your mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I lost my mom in October so I know what you are feeling. I hope knowing thoughts and prayers are with you will help comfort you. Angie in Greenville, Ohio

Angie Skiles - January 22, 2014 at 08:44 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth Thiessen.



January 19, 2014 at 04:06 PM

SP

“ *Patty,*

*I'm so sorry to read of your Mother's passing. Your devotion and care will live long in my mind. Will miss our Wednesday evening chats. Sondra Popp*

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**Sondra Popp** - January 19, 2014 at 12:33 PM

VB

“ *To the Thiessen Family, So sorry for your loss. In the Bible Jesus talk about a hope for the future [REV 21:4]. again Sorry for Mary she will be Missed.*

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**Vincent Berry** - January 19, 2014 at 11:52 AM

KI

“ *1 file added to the album Leo and Mary*



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**Kim** - January 18, 2014 at 02:30 PM

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“ *1 file added to the album Mary and grandkids*



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**Kim** - January 18, 2014 at 02:26 PM

DP

“ I have wonderful memories of going to Ohio to visit Aunt Mary , Uncle Leo and my cousins. I will always remember Aunt Mary as a kind gentle soul who was always smiling and laughing. God Bless you Patty and Kim as you grieve the loss of your Mother, know that she is smiling and laughing in heaven and is at peace.  
*Debbie Howard Pond*

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**Debbie Pond** - January 18, 2014 at 09:55 AM

OP

“ Many fond memories of our cousins Leo & Mary when they would visit Florida with our Dad, Walter Horning, each year on their way to vacation in south Florida. Mary, always a quiet, soft-spoken and kind lady. *Olive H. Pollak & Priscilla H. Leffler, Florida*

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**Olive Horning Pollak** - January 17, 2014 at 06:13 PM