

## Lavonne Buswell Hawkins

Sept. 12, 1937 - Feb. 28, 2021

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LaVonne had three children and lived in Marengo, Carnsforth and rural Brooklyn. She wore many hats, returning to school to get her license to work as a certified nurse's aide at Brooklyn and Montezuma funeral homes, and as a cook at local truck stops. She was always available to help the neighbors on the farm.

She was most known for her cooking, canning, gardening and sewing skills, her hard-working nature, and her vivid storytelling. After losing Raymond in 1989, she devoted her time to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, never missing any of their activities. When she wasn't traveling to support her family or babysitting the young ones, you could find her researching genealogy, knitting, or riding her lawnmower. Preceded in death by her parents, her brother, her husband, and most recently her dog, Blackjack, LaVonne is survived by her sisters, Donna Thronson of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Sharon McComb of Colorado; her children, Vicky Crane and her husband, Rick, of Montezuma, Paul Hawkins and his wife, Happy, of Montezuma, Joni Schmidt and her husband, Brent, of Malcom, 13 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and many others who consider themselves in one of those groups.

Service will be March 4, at 10 a.m. at St. John's Evangelical Church in Victor. Burial will follow at Harmony Cemetery, up the road from Raymond and LaVonne's home in rural Brooklyn.

A luncheon will follow at the Deep River Community Center. Visitation will be Wednesday, March 3, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Kloster Funeral Home in Brooklyn. Donations may be made to the American Heart Association at [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org). Online condolences: [www.klosterfuneral-home.com](http://www.klosterfuneral-home.com)

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