



**DYCK,
Anna**

Anna Dyck, missionary to Japan, has left her earthly home on July 2, 2018.

Anna began her life September 28, 1921 in Schoenhorst, Russia, but after two years, she immigrated with her family, Henry and Suzanna Dyck to Drake, Sask. Anna prepared for missionary work at Swift Current Bible School and Winnipeg Bible College. Anna

successfully completed her nurses training in Saskatoon. Following her ordination service in 1953, she began the challenge of language studies in Kobe, Japan. Based upon the medical needs of the newly established Mennonite missions, Anna began immunizing missionary children. She taught English to children and adults using the Bible as her textbook. Miyakonojo was Anna's first church. It was the first Mennonite congregation to erect a house of worship in Japan. Takajo, a 30 minute drive north, became her second new community. Through her efforts of 14 years, a small nucleus of believers became another strong independent church. Anna moved to Sadowara in September of 1979. Starting all over again, at age 58, new Sunday school classes, more English classes, distributing literature, hosting meals, and preparing sermons were part of Anna's schedule. Anna was given special permission to remain serving in Japan until she was 70. Retirement was not an option. Surrey, British Columbia was anxious for her expertise. This last church plant was supported by the Japanese churches which she had founded. Anna retired back to her roots in Drake, Sask. in spring 1998. Her older siblings welcomed her attention and care, continuing her servant heart. She maintained her independence until age 89. With the help of family and friends, in March 2013, Anna moved to an assisted living facility at Mennonite Youth Farm in Rosthern. After a fall, resulting in a hip injury, she went to Duck Lake care home for a short while. Anna then moved to Nokomis for extended care. We extend a special thank you to Beatrice and Henry Bergen, as well as the exceptional care from the Nokomis Care Centre.

Anna is survived by several nieces and nephews, friends and extended family. We have been blessed to be part of a God honouring family lineage.

Funeral services for Anna were held Thursday, July 12 at 2 p.m. at North Star Mennonite Church in Drake, Sask.

Interment took place at North Star Cemetery at 10 a.m. on Thursday.

To leave online condolences, tributes or to make a donation, please visit www.fotheringham-mcdougall.com


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