



Betty Johnson

August 24, 1927 - September 13, 2009

Betty Joyce (Nelson) Johnson was born August 24th, 1927 to Gertrude and Fredrick Nelson on the family farm in Swanville, MN. She attended Swanville School and graduated valedictorian of the class of 1945. The year following high school, she attended Hamline University in St. Paul. A handsome farmhand that her father hired caught her eye, and she soon fell in love and married Irving Johnson Nov. 9, 1946.

Betty's role of mom and homemaker was her full time job for many years, raising 7 children, making their home in the Swanville area most of their lives. In 1972, Betty accepted a job with Swanville School as a para professional, which fulfilled her passion of working with children. She thoroughly enjoyed her role as teacher's aide as well as "Gramma" to kids throughout her 30 years of employment, and returned as a volunteer after her retirement in 2002.

She was a very involved member of the American Legion Auxiliary, and a charter member of Swanville Dollars for Scholars. She was also a member of Swanville Bible Church, serving as deaconess for many years. As a proud Marine wife she also volunteered with Valhalla Marine Corp League.

Her love for sports was evident. Her leisure time would find her attending a game or following one on TV or radio. She was a loyal sports fan for Swanville and Alexandria teams, and an avid fan of MN Gophers, Vikings, Twins & T-wolves as well. Family was very important to Betty, and becoming a Gramma & Great Gramma were certainly the highlights. She acquired many

“grandkids” outside the family over the years, and expressed how proud she was of her own family at every opportunity.

Betty is survived by sons Thomas, Eric (Dianne) of Little Falls, Neil (Debbie), Ned (Tammie), & Jeff of Swanville, and daughter Becky (Greg) Galligan of Alexandria; sister, Jeanette Johnson of Swanville, brother-in-law Lee Johnson of Milan, IL, 18 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, 3 nieces & 2 nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Irving; son Calvin, and granddaughter Jennie.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **16.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Swanville Bible Church
301 Berkley Avenue
Swanville, MN

Visitation

SEP **17.** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Service

SEP **17.** 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Johnson*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *To the Johnson family: So sorry for the loss of your mother. I remember her always being so active in the Swanville School, sports, and community. She will be missed.##imported-begin##Kim Mielke##imported-end##*

September 17, 2009 at 09:39 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy Eric and Dianne. Eric, my sympathy to your family also.##imported-begin##Shirley M. Ploof##imported-end##*

September 15, 2009 at 12:19 AM