



Delila "Dee" Loven

August 28, 1920 - June 17, 2011

Dee was born Delila Rue Johnson on August 28, 1920, at a farmhouse in Clarissa, Minnesota to Louis and Ora (Sarff) Johnson. Dee grew up the youngest of four siblings and attended school in Clarissa, graduating with the class of 1937. After graduation she worked as a waitress and cashier in a restaurant in Brainerd, Minnesota. In 1941, at the invitation of her brothers, Dee moved to Seattle, Washington to work as a book keeper at the Seattle Ship Yards. She also worked as a manager of the Nifty Café in downtown Seattle. On May 2, 1943, Dee married Raymond K. Loven on the First Congregational Church in Seattle. Because of the abundance of jobs during the war, Ray and Dee rented a large home, and invited many of their friends and relatives from Minnesota to come and live with them. In 1945 they moved back to Swanville where Dee and Ray owned and operated Loven's Service and raised their two children. In their earlier years, Ray and Dee enjoyed traveling throughout the country and camping in their camping box. Dee was the ultimate sports fan and loved watching the Minnesota Twins, Vikings, and Timber wolves. She also looked forward to playing cards with her "card club", bowling and an occasional trip to the casino. But her ultimate love in life was being around her family and friends. She relished the time that she spent with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Delila is survived by her husband of 69 years, Ray Loven of Swanville, MN; son, Royal (Sandee) Loven of Swanville, MN; daughter, Amber Brown of Swanville, MN; grandchildren; Kyle (Kari) Loven of Rogers, MN, Jay (HeidiJo) Loven, of

Swanville, MN, Michelle (Doug) Dahlberg of Little Falls, MN, Stephanie (Rob) Fritz of St. Louis Park, MN and Matthew (Anne) Brown of Plymouth, MN; 13 great-grandchildren. Dee was preceded in death by her parents, Louis and Ora Johnson; brothers, Laurel and Stan Johnson; sister, Joyce Umland. Pallbearers will be Kyle Loven, Jay Loven, Doug Dahlberg, Rob Fritz, Carter Loven and Kameran Loven. Honorary Pallbearer will be Matthew Brown.

Previous Events

Visitation

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

Swanville Bible Church
301 Berkley Avenue
Swanville, MN

Visitation

JUN 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Service

JUN 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Delila "Dee" Loven



Lemieur Funeral Homes - June 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Delila "Dee" Loven

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ I'm really into it, tahkns for this great stuff!##imported-begin##Mickey##imported-end##

August 28, 2011 at 02:18 AM



“ Dear Ray, Amber, Royal and all of Dee's family, I want to express our sympathy at the passing of your wife, mom, grandma, and friend. It is always hard to say goodbye but we are praying that memories and the love of God will sustain you. Blessed be her memory. With love and sympathy, Barry & Joey Fritz##imported-begin##Joey Fritz##imported-end##

June 21, 2011 at 11:52 PM



“ Aunt Dee, I will miss you very much. You had such a great sense of humor and such a wonderful laugh.

I'm so glad I got to spend a little time with you a couple summers ago. I'll cherish that time and the memory.

Love, Lita###imported-begin##Lita Johnson###imported-end##

June 20, 2011 at 03:38 PM



“ Our deepest Sympathy goes out to the Loven family. Dee was always such a pretty and sweet Lady..I am so sorry I didn't get to spend more time with her and Ray{he is such a kick}..

The Loven and Lekberg families go way back.My Dad,Carl Lekberg was in Seattle and worked at the Shipyards at the same time Dee did..She will certainly be missed by so many..Our thoughts are certainly with all of you..God Bless..

Jim and Carol{Lekberg} Larson###imported-begin##Jim and Carol{Lekberg} Larson###imported-end##

June 20, 2011 at 10:29 AM