



Donna M. Johnson

January 24, 1938 - December 20, 2024

Donna Mae (Pantzke) Johnson, devoted wife, loving mother, grandma, great-grandma, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully on December 20, 2024 at the age of 86. A funeral service will be held on Friday, December 27, 2024, at Bethel Lutheran Church in Little Falls, MN, at 11:00 A.M., with Pastor Carl Larson officiating. Visitation will be from 9:00-11:00 A.M., at Bethel Lutheran Church in Little Falls on Friday, December 27. Burial will be in Oakland Cemetery in Little Falls. Caring for Donna and her family is the LeMieur Funeral Home in Little Falls.

Donna grew up in Culdrum Township and Little Falls, MN. She loved to tell stories of visiting all her favorite childhood cousins, neighbors, and friends and then “catching Hap’s eye” when she biked by his home just up the road from her. Donna graduated from Little Falls High School in 1956. She attended a teacher's training school, taught in a country schoolhouse for a year and then worked at Crestliner.

On May 10, 1958, Donna married Harold “Hap” Johnson. Their marriage of 66 years was filled with extraordinary love and care for one another. Together, they ran a business in Little Falls until 1993. They loved traveling around the world, fishing, and pontooning with friends and family on Lake Alexander. Donna would say that as long as Hap was by her side, she would go anywhere. She truly loved him with her whole heart. Donna also loved to sing

and had a song for everything. She was actively involved at Bethel Lutheran Church for the majority of her life. She had a servant's heart, singing in the choir, helping with Sunday school, and all events there. For her family, Donna was an excellent cook and loved to be a hostess. She was always asking if she could get you something. Donna had a deep love for her family and friends. She was a wonderful role model of what a wife, mom, and grandma could be.

Left to cherish her memory are her loving husband, Harold (Hap), of 66 years; children, Jill Johnson (Steve Karnopp), Bradley (Sheryl) Johnson, Kit (Patrick) Girtz, and Robert (Christina) Johnson; 7 grandchildren, Nils (Larissa) Johnson, Aaron (Kayla) Johnson, Lauren (Justin) Berns, Matthew (Claire) Girtz, Carly (Dylan) Sende, Camilla and Anika Johnson, and five great-grandchildren, Jay and Gunner Johnson, Milena Girtz, Cecilia and Hazel Berns; her sister, Yvonne Kalahar, and sister-in-law, Marion Pantzke.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edwin and Alice Pantzke; and siblings, Edwin "Sonny" (Norma) Pantzke, Wallace "Wally" Pantzke, Margie (Phillip) Backowski, and Lynn Kalahar (brother-in-law).

Donna will be remembered as a generous, kind woman of faith who loved her family and friends. She was dearly loved and will be greatly missed by many.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Cemetery

14820 138TH ST
Little Falls, MN 56345

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethel Lutheran Church - Little Falls
901 West Broadway
Little Falls, MN

Funeral Service

DEC 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethel Lutheran Church - Little Falls
901 West Broadway
Little Falls, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Donna M. Johnson*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - December 26, 2024 at 04:47 PM

LW

Kit, our deepest sympathies to you and all of your family for the loss of your Beautiful mother! 🙏

Lynn Wenzel - December 29, 2024 at 01:34 AM



Dear Hap and Family. My sincere condolences on the loss of my beloved cousin Donna. I have loved her since I was a young girl and loved her all these years. She was a beautiful woman that brought happiness to everyone that knew her. She will truly be missed! May God's blessings be with you and your family during this most difficult time. With my Love, Cousin Carol (Perry) Miarka

Carol Perry-Field Miarka - January 03, 2025 at 08:07 PM

CM

“ *Claudette Moran lit a candle in memory of Donna M. Johnson*



Claudette Moran - December 27, 2024 at 02:15 AM

TC

“ Terri Sowden Christensen purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Donna M. Johnson.



Terri Sowden Christensen - December 26, 2024 at 02:14 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Life Tributes



Lemieux Funeral Homes - December 26, 2024 at 01:58 PM

TC

Kit's parents took me in when I needed a place to stay. I will forever be grateful for their unconditional kindness 💜🕶️

Terri Sowden Christensen - December 27, 2024 at 01:45 AM



“ 98 files added to the album Life Tributes



Lemieux Funeral Homes - December 26, 2024 at 11:44 AM

WR

“ Hap and family. Oh the fun memories of Donna. She was a wonderful person. Always giving of herself to help others. She had a great sense of humor, and always had that little twinkle in her eyes. Hap and Donna are great examples of a true marriage. They always stood by each other, and raised a wonderful family. God Bless you all!

Wendy Rutz - December 25, 2024 at 10:11 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donna M. Johnson.

December 24, 2024 at 08:38 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna M. Johnson.



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BC

“ Our Deepest Condolences Dear Friends, The Crowder Family



Brian-Paul K Crowder - December 24, 2024 at 01:32 AM

SG

“ Shirley Gessell lit a candle in memory of Donna M. Johnson



Shirley Gessell - December 23, 2024 at 11:10 PM

KH

“ Hap and family we are sorry for your loss. Donna was special with a twinkle in her eye.. she will be missed.



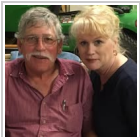
Karen Haaland - December 23, 2024 at 10:30 PM

JK

“ Judi Kosbau lit a candle in memory of Donna M. Johnson



Judi Kosbau - December 23, 2024 at 06:09 PM



“ Judy Berger lit a candle in memory of Donna M. Johnson



Judy Berger - December 23, 2024 at 09:29 AM