



Rose Johnson

August 4, 1911 - February 14, 2010

Rose Anna Gerlach Johnson, 98 year old resident of Upsala, MN passed away Sunday, February 14, 2010 at the Lutheran Care Center in Little Falls, MN. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 24, 2010 at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Upsala, MN. A private burial service will be held at a later date. Friends may call from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. on Saturday, April 24, 2010 at the church. Funeral arrangements are through the Shelley Funeral Chapel serving Upsala, MN.

Rose was born on August 4, 1911 in Chokio, MN to the late Martin and Mary Stein. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chokio, MN. Rose attended and graduated from Chokio High School. She was united in marriage to Harold Gerlach on May 15, 1934 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chokio, MN. The couple moved to Upsala, MN in the fall of 1940. Harold passed away June 26, 1941. Rose was an active and devoted member of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Upsala, MN. She was very active in teaching Bible school, Sunday school, and a member of the Ladies Aide. Rose was united in marriage to Victor Johnson on July 25, 1952 at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Upsala, MN. She worked as a cook for many years at Camp Lebanon Bible Camp in Upsala, MN. Her greatest joy in life was raising and caring for her five children. She also enjoyed and dearly loved her many grandchildren, great-grand children and great-great grandchildren. Rose will be remembered as a prayer warrior by her family and close friends.

She faithfully prayed for them and they often gave her prayer requests. Rose will be missed dearly by her family but they are happy for her that she went peacefully to be with her Savior Jesus.

Rose is survived by her son, John (Marilyn) Gerlach of Upsala, MN; daughters, Marianne Johnson of Upsala, MN, June McCoy of Little Falls, MN, Joyce (Glen) Swanson of Upsala, MN, and Marlys (John) Atkinson of Upsala, MN; step-son, Harvey (June) Johnson of Manassas, VA; sisters, Mary Lempka of Alexandria, MN, and Helen Tarnowski of Forsyth, MO; 12 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, 4 great great-grandchildren, and several step-grandchildren. Rose is preceded in death by, husbands, Harold Gerlach and Victor Johnson; sons-in-law, Harold McCoy and Harold Johnson; grandchildren, Terry Johnson, Bradley Johnson, Baby Boy Johnson, and Kirstin Johnson; step-son, Dewey Johnson; 4 brothers and 2 sisters.

Tribute Wall



“ *Rose Johnson*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Rose was one of the finest Christian saints that ever walked on earth and she will be missed by my entire family. She was a very special lady indeed. Her family was so fortunate to be blessed with Rose as their mother, as she was the finest! She is now in Heaven with all her friends and family, including my mother Grace..Praise God!##imported-begin##Beverly Tepley##imported-end##*

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“ *We were saddened by the news of the passing of yet another great lady. She was one of the gentlest people I've known. she was always soft spoken and dearly loved by all the people around her. I don't think I ever remember her getting upset....although I think there probably was a time or two. Know that our hearts go out to you in your loss of your Mom and know we will keep you all in our prayers during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Gin and Kenny Rupp##imported-end##*

February 22, 2010 at 11:36 PM



“ *We were saddened to hear of Aunt Rose passing. It is a blessing to know she is now in heaven with her loved ones. I know they welcomed her with open arms. Our love to all at this difficult time. Love Rick and Bobbie##imported-begin##Bobbie Rost##imported-end##*

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“ *No matter what age it's not easy losing a wonderful mom.
You're in my thoughts & prayers.
Love,
Janet*###imported-begin##Janet Albrecht###imported-end##

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“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Grandma Rose was the greatest.
Even though we were not related, she always treated me like a
granddaughter. I will remember her always and miss her very much.
Your families are in my thoughts and prayers. Peace to all of you.
Love, Dawn, Rodney, Russell, Kailee and Logan*###imported-
begin##Dawn Janssen###imported-end##

February 15, 2010 at 10:42 AM