



Virginia Ethel Thompson

October 14, 1925 - January 9, 2017

Virginia E. Thompson, 91-year-old resident of Upsala, MN, passed away on Monday, January 9, 2017 at Riverside Assisted Living in Royalton, MN. Funeral service will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Upsala, MN with Pastor CJ Boettcher officiating. Burial will take place in Gethsemane Lutheran Cemetery in Upsala, MN. A visitation will be held from 4-7 P.M. on Wednesday and from 9:30-10:30 A.M. on Thursday at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Upsala, MN. Arrangements are with Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN.

Virginia Ethel (Johnson) Thompson was born on October 14, 1925 in Elmdale Township, Morrison County to the late Otto and Ethel (Anderson) Johnson, Jr. She grew up in the Upsala area. Virginia was confirmed at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Upsala in 1939, where she was a lifetime member. Virginia attended Upsala area schools. She married Russell Thompson on March 27, 1943 at the Gethsemane Lutheran Church Parsonage in Upsala, MN.

Russell and Virginia lived on Russell's family farm, where they raised their two children, Wesley and Beverly. In 1976, Russell and Virginia sold the farm to their daughter and son-in-law and moved to an apartment in Little Falls, returning to Valley View Apartments in Upsala in 1979. Virginia worked at Munsingwear in Little Falls for 21 years and then at the Upsala Schools for 5

years under the Green Thumb Program. Virginia married Edmund Nelson on October 12, 1991. Following Ed's death, Virginia moved to Riverside Assisted Living in Royalton, where she resided until the time of her death. Virginia loved cooking, baking, crocheting, playing cards and most of all, spending time with her family and friends. Her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren were her true pride and joy. Virginia was also a life long member of the Upsala American Legion Auxiliary Post # 354.

Virginia is survived by her children; Wes Thompson of Sartell, MN and Bev (Rollie) Johnson of Upsala, MN; 7 grandchildren, Dawn (Joe Trettel) Janssen of Upsala, MN, Melissa (Tom) Hodge of Little Falls, MN, Rollie (Joan) Johnson, Jr., of Upsala, MN, Melanie (Sam) Waweru of Cedar Rapids, IA, Mike Thompson of Sartell, MN, Lonnie (Amanda) Thompson of Holdingford, MN and Allen Thompson of Sartell, MN; 18 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great grandchildren with one on the way in July, 2017; sister-in-law, Eleanor Johnson and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents, Otto and Ethel Johnson; husbands, Russell Thompson on July 28, 1980 and Edmond Nelson on October 5, 2014; twin sister Violet Johnson on January 24, 1926; sister, Bernice Holmen on September 9, 1962; brother, Lloyd Johnson on March 1, 2012; niece, Patty Holmen on August 24, 1962 and grandson baby boy Thompson in 1970.

Cemetery Details

Gethsemane Lutheran Cemetery

Upsala, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gethsemane Lutheran Church
155 Walnut Ave. West
Upsala, MN

Visitation

JAN 12. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Gethsemane Lutheran Church
155 Walnut Ave. West
Upsala, MN

Service

JAN 12. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Virginia Ethel Thompson*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *My condolences to the family of Virginia Thompson. Upon moving to Upsala to teach, I met this delightful and wise woman who had such an optimistic outlook on her life ahead with Ed. Whenever I did happen to cross her path, she was smiling, happy, witty. She was one of the sweetest ladies. May you all continue to share memories of what a fine person you all had the benefit of her being in the circle of your family. Lynda Tarbuck*

Lynda L Tarbuck - January 11, 2017 at 12:53 PM



“ *Dan & Carol Horsman lit a candle in memory of Virginia Ethel Thompson*



Dan & Carol Horsman - January 11, 2017 at 11:38 AM



“ *Wes and family you have our prayers and thoughts. So sorry for your loss Robert and Diane Mace*

Robert and Diane Mace - January 11, 2017 at 08:13 AM

SS

“ Steve And Brenda Smude lit a candle in memory of Virginia Ethel Thompson



Steve and Brenda Smude - January 10, 2017 at 01:04 PM

RS

“ Rosie Filmsmyer And Jim Solorz lit a candle in memory of Virginia Ethel Thompson



Rosie Filmsmyer and Jim Solorz - January 10, 2017 at 05:56 AM

JK

“ Janet Krottoschinsky lit a candle in memory of Virginia Ethel Thompson



Janet Krottoschinsky - January 09, 2017 at 08:10 PM

DH

Remembering your Mom fondly. Prayers for you Bev and your family.

debbie Hall - January 11, 2017 at 09:08 PM



So sorry for your loss, Bev and Rollie. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Bruce Nelson - January 12, 2017 at 08:09 AM