



In Loving Memory of Judy K. Johnson

November 17, 1946 ~ March 31, 2026

SERVICE

Saturday, April 4, 2026 11:00 AM
Bethany Lutheran Church
Emmetsburg, Iowa

CLERGY

Rev. Peter Morlock

ORGANIST

Tim Nielsen

VOCALISTS

Rosie Argabright
Jim Stevens

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS
Anna Johnson Jayden Johnson

CASKET BEARERS

Bruce Johnson Colyn Johnson
Tyson Kruse Kenneth Curry
Roger Hilton Albert Laubenthal

INTERMENT

Evergreen Cemetery
Emmetsburg, Iowa

"She Was Home"

*She wasn't just a place to
go,*

*She was the warmth we
came to know.*

*In every meal, in every hug,
In quiet talks and gentle
love.*

*She gave her all without a
need,*

*For praise or thanks—just
hearts to feed.*

*A steady hand, a faithful
guide,*

*With endless love she
stood beside.*

*A grandma's laugh, a
mother's grace,*

*A wife whose love filled
every space.*

*And though she's gone
from what we see,*

*Her love remains—our
memory.*

Arrangements by Martin-Mattice Funeral Home
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Judy Kay Johnson, the daughter of Steven and Mabel Lucille (Salisbury) Hoben, was born on November 17, 1946, in Emmetsburg, Iowa. She graduated from Emmetsburg Catholic High School in 1964. On November 28, 1964, Judy was united in marriage to the love of her life, Victor Ernest Johnson, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Emmetsburg. Together, they built a life centered around family and hard work.

In her early years, Judy worked in several food establishments, where she built the strong work ethic she carried throughout her life. She and Vic also spent time living in Florida during their younger years—something she truly enjoyed—before returning to Emmetsburg to put down roots and begin their journey in real estate. Together, they owned and operated Johnson Realty for over forty

years. Real estate was more than a career for Judy—it was her passion, and she took great pride in her work and the relationships she built along the way.

Judy found joy in the everyday moments of life. She loved watching HGTV, old westerns, and her all-time favorite, *The Grinch*. She was always up to date on the latest news and rarely missed a thing. She also enjoyed trips to the casino and shopping outings.

Above all else, Judy's greatest pride and joy were her grandchildren. She never missed a ball game and cherished every opportunity to support and celebrate them. Whether it was taking them on vacations, gathering for birthdays, or taking part in their ongoing tradition of playful gift pranks, something she especially enjoyed with her grandson, Colyn, those moments meant everything to her.

Christmas was Judy's favorite time of year. She loved decorating her home, hosting her family, preparing a big meal, and spoiling her grandchildren with gifts. Her home was the heart of family gatherings, especially on Sunday nights—a long-standing tradition where she lovingly prepared a big meal for her family each week.

Left to cherish Judy's memory are her son, Bruce Johnson of Emmetsburg; her grandson, Colyn (Anna) Johnson of Emmetsburg; her granddaughter, Jayden Johnson and her significant other, Tyson Kruse of Emmetsburg; her beloved great-grandchildren, Callahan Joe Kruse and Lynch Victor Johnson; her brother, Russell Phelps of Palmetto, Florida; nieces and nephews; as well as many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Vic; her sister, Shirley (Simonson) Trollinger; and her brother, Robert Phelps.

Judy will be remembered for her unwavering dedication, her strong spirit, and the deep love she had for her family. Her legacy lives on in the traditions she created, the memories she made, and the countless lives she touched.

The family would like to thank you for your many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy and invite you to a time of fellowship and luncheon immediately following the service.

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