



The Mother

*God loaned her to us for a while,
We loved her wit, her cheery smile,
Her wise advice, her faith in God,
Desire to try new paths untrod.
Love for her family-strong-deep
Within her heart she placed to keep,
Always ready to do her part
To heal a bruise, uplift a heart.
And when her span of years grew dim,
God called her Home, to be with Him.
In Glory Land, she and dad wait
'Til we walk through the Pearly Gate.
And there will be no parting there
Within that Home, so bright and fair.
A place of love and joy and peace-
God's to direct - man's sweet release.*

In Loving Memory of

Mary G. Johnson

December 3, 1951 ~ September 20, 2024

Visitation

Hickey Funeral Chapel

Chamberlain, SD

5:00 ~ 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 25, 2024

Funeral Service

Water Of Life Assembly of God

Chamberlain, SD

11:00 a.m., Thursday, September 26, 2024

Officiating

Pastor Mike Bartz

Music

Lachelle Olivier

Interment At A Later Date

Everyone is invited for lunch & fellowship
in the church hall following the funeral services.

Arrangements By: Hickey Funeral Home, Chamberlain, SD

Mary Glenda "McCormick" Johnson, born on December 3, 1951, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Peggy Lenell "Thomas" McCormick and Jack Hugh McCormick, passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones. She attended school in Shreveport, Louisiana, where she enjoyed a childhood filled with music, dancing, and watching movies with her parents.

In her early adulthood, Mary moved to Dallas, Texas, where she married Paul David Ottmo in 1978. Together, they had a son, Jon Ottmo, before later divorcing. In 1988, Mary met Dari Johnson at a singles gathering at a local Four Square Church in Dallas. They were married in 1989, and Mary, Dari, and Jon moved to Chamberlain, South Dakota, where they later welcomed two more children, Josiah and Faith.

Mary worked as a waitress before finding her passion cooking meals at the local Senior Center. She retired after 15 years of service at the age of 62. Known for her love of food and her gift for making others feel loved and happy, Mary was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. Her warm hugs, joyful spirit, and love for her dogs and cats endeared her to all who knew her.

Described as strong, brave, loving, and genuine, Mary also had a sassy and sweet side. Above all, she was a follower of Jesus, with a tender heart and compassion that left a lasting impression on everyone she encountered.

Preceded in death by her mother Peggy, her sister Barbara, and her mother-in-law Elna Johnson (whom she considered a best friend), Mary is survived by her beloved husband Dari, her children Jon and Kayla Ottmo, Faith Johnson and Trent Hayes, and Josiah Johnson. She was a proud grandmother to six grandchildren: Michael, Chloe, Allison, Roran, Dax, and Orion. Mary is also survived by her sisters Janis Culver and Peggy Sue Choate of Louisiana.

Mary's kind and loving spirit will be missed by all who knew her. She left a legacy of love, strength, and faith that will continue to inspire her family and friends.

Mary passed away on September 20, 2024 at Sanford Medical Center in Chamberlain.



Going Home