

Audrey Evangeline Johnson was born on February 12, 1923, on a farmstead near Wausa, Nebraska, the youngest child of Frank G. and Edith V. Johnson. She attended country schools in Knox County, NE with her two older sisters and older brother. She then graduated from Bloomfield High School in 1941. After graduation, Audrey worked for the Superintendent of Bloomfield Public School. Her family then moved to Wausa and she worked as a grocery clerk for several stores. She also worked for an insurance lawyer in Wausa.

She would meet her future husband Harold Strom and they would be married on June 25, 1943, in San Antonio, TX. To this union four children would be born: Patricia, Merlin, Dave, and Deanna. When Harold came home from the service they started out their married life in Omaha, NE where they would take up farming. Harold would work for the Williams Brothers Pipeline in Omaha, then his job changed and he was transferred to West Fargo, ND. They would live near Sabin, MN for two years, before purchasing a farm near Rollag in 1955. They would live and farm there for over 40 years. After Harold's death in 1996, Audrey would move to Leonhardt Manor in Barnesville where she lived for 20 years. For the past three years, she has been a resident of ValleyCare and Rehab in Barnesville.

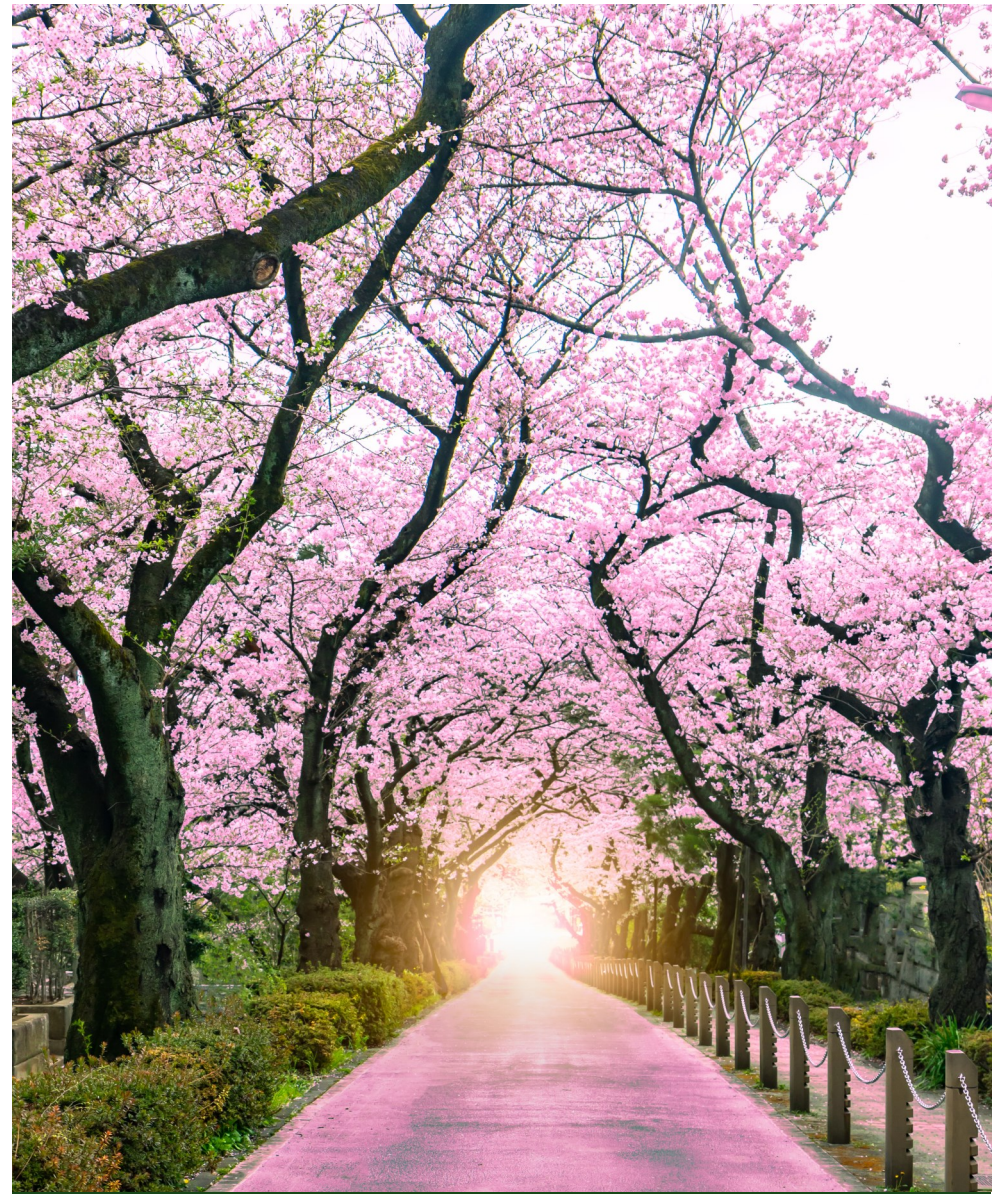
Audrey would do the farm work and Harold would help when not working on the pipeline. She was a hard worker who wasn't afraid of hard work. Audrey was active and held several offices in the Rollag Lutheran Church and the ladies circles. She was also one of the first adult leaders for Tansem Tigers 4-H Club. She was also a member of the Rollag Homemakers group, the American Legion Auxiliary and a lifetime member of the VFW Auxiliary.

Audrey enjoyed cooking, canning, gardening and visiting with friends and relatives. She also enjoyed taking trips and fishing with Harold. She enjoyed dancing, playing cards, and bingo with friends. Her greatest joy was spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. In her later years of life, she contracted macular degeneration which limited her vision, but not her enthusiasm for life.

She is survived by four children: Patricia (Jim) Paulson of Pelican Rapids, MN, Merlin (Pat) Strom of Barnesville, MN, Dave (Mary) Strom of Dent, MN, and Deanna (Kent) Shackelford of Harwood, ND; eight grandchildren: Rebecca, Jamie, Mike, Sandy, Melanie, Judy, Tara, and Dillon; 16 great grandchildren; several nieces, nephews; and a sister in law, Alice Strom of Bloomfield, NE.

She was preceded in death by her husband Harold, her parents, Frank and Edith Johnson; and siblings, Gladys Johnson, Roswell Johnson, and Judith Strom.

Audrey Strom passed away on Sunday, March 8, 2026 at ValleyCare and Rehab in Barnesville, MN at the age of 103 years old.



Celebrating the Life of
Audrey Evangeline
Strom
February 12, 1923 ~ March 8, 2026



To Those I Love and Those Who Love Me

When I am gone, release me, let me go.
I have so many things to see and do.
You must not tie yourself to me with tears,
Be thankful for our many beautiful years.

I gave you my love. You can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you have shown,
But now it is time I traveled on alone.

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part,
So bless the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on.
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near,
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear

All of my love around you soft and clear.
And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and say,
"Welcome home."

Funeral Services

Friday, March 13, 2026 ~ 11:00 am

Rollag Lutheran Church, Rollag, Minnesota

Officiating ~ Rev. Keith Zeh

Organist ~ Pam Aakre

Scripture Reader ~ Tessa Sundberg

Congregational Hymns

"How Great Thou Art" ∅ "In the Garden"

Special Music

Rollag Gospel Trio

John Schenck John Seitz Jerry Riddle

"I'll Fly Away" ∅ "Here I Am Lord"

Honorary Pallbearers

All of Audrey's Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

Pallbearers

Jamie Strom Mike Strom Jay Dollison

Dillon Shackelford Sean Simpson Jeremy Guest

Final Resting Place

Rollag Lutheran Cemetery, Rollag, Minnesota

