



PSALM 23

The Lord is my Shepherd. I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul.
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil for Thou art with me.
Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies.
Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life and
I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Bertha Darlene Johnson

WHO WAS BORN

April 4, 1935
Rural Custer County, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

October 9, 2024
Milbank, South Dakota

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday, October 13, 2024 - 2:00 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church
Reville, South Dakota

VICAR

Emelia Enquist

URN BEARER

Great-Granddaughter
Kaylee Doll Miller

HONORARY URN BEARERS

Bertha's Beloved Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

INURNMENT

Reville City Cemetery
Reville, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated.
Following the interment, please join the family for a time of
fellowship and a light luncheon in the church dining hall.

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota

JOHN 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Bertha Darlene (Doll) Johnson was born at the family cabin in the limestone area 16 miles outside of Custer, SD. She was the fifth child of seven born to Paul and Emma (Alger) Doll.

Bertha attended Alkali Country School from first to eighth grade, and graduated from Custer High School in 1953. Independent and driven, she worked hard all summer, then pinned her entire life savings inside her clothing and crossed the state at 18 to attend South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD.

During college she met James Johnson and the sweethearts were married in a blizzard over spring break during their senior year. After they graduated in 1957, the pair moved to Colorado, where Bertha taught physical education at the local high school.

Their first child, Linda, was born in 1958 and second daughter, Melanie, was born in 1961. The family moved back to South Dakota in 1962, where they began farming near Reville. Son, Mark James, was born in 1965.

Bertha was extremely involved in the church, where she served as Sunday School superintendent and teacher. She sang for many funerals and enjoyed attending Ladies' Aid. Her sister Shirley remembers days from their youth where Bertha and their mother would often be enthusiastically singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," which seemed to echo throughout the entire Black Hills.

Bertha worked side by side with Jim farming and raising Simmental cattle along with their family. The pair were married for 49 years. Following Jim's death in 2006, the family farm continued on with Bertha acting as Mark's right-hand man for 18 years, serving as head cook and transportation supervisor.

If cow chasing was an Olympic sport, she would have taken gold. She fiercely cared for her family and always put others first. "Grandma Bert" will be dearly missed by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Remaining to cherish Bertha's memory are children: Linda Richter, Melanie Schoepp (Scott), and Mark Johnson; grandchildren: James Richter, Emilie Miller, Erik Richter, Brian Richter, Brittany Schoepp-Wong, Tanner Schoepp, and Trapper Schoepp; and 12 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by siblings: Helen, Shirley, and David.

Preceding Bertha in death are husband, James; parents: Paul and Emma Doll; siblings: Mary, Ralph, and Paul; and son-in-law, Gordon.

