

Arlene Elna Johnson died May 15, 2025 under Sanford Hospice House care. Arlene was surrounded by the love of her Lord and her family and friends.

Arlene was born in Barrett, MN on May 18, 1932 to Emil and Emma (Oakstrom) Johnson (Swedish Johnson). She grew up on the family farm, went to Barrett country school for grades one through eight and graduated from high school in Morris, MN in 1950.

Arlene moved to Fargo, ND, after graduation and worked as a billing clerk for SuperValu warehouse and then Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND. On a trip back to Barrett for a 29th of June Celebration, she reconnected with a country schoolmate, Odell Johnson (Norwegian Johnson) and a great love blossomed. In 1954, Odell graduated from Concordia College in May, Arlene and Odell married in June and they started the Jacobson Rug Cleaning business. Odell did the cleaning and Arlene was the office manager. They had this business until 1965.

Arlene and Odell were all about church, family and service to others. They were active members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fargo for about 55 years and still attended services there until their deaths. Arlene volunteered with F-M Heart Health Program, Bethany Homes, taught Sunday School and was a BLC Women's board member. Arlene was a homemaker, mother to five children, grandmother to 10 and great grandmother to 6. Baking and caring were her favorite "jobs".

Arlene and Odell enjoyed camping trips when their children were young, bus and train tour trips after their retirement and a memorable Alaskan cruise with their son, Dr Mark Johnson, and his family.

Arlene moved to One Oak Place, after Odell's death. She made many wonderful friends and memories here.

Arlene was preceded in death by her parents, Emil and Emma; her brother, Gordon; her infant sister, Margaret; her beloved husband, Odell; and son, Mark and her son-in-law Robert.

Arlene is survived, loved and missed by her daughters, Marge, Sylvia (Kory), (Mary), Nancy (Todd) and Jennifer (Andrew); grands and great grands, Melissa (Steven), Trent, Kjersti (Isaac), Britta (Nathan), Kara, Travis (Kristina), Sarah (Salvatore), Joshua, Nathan, Emily (Christopher) and Elsie, Myra, Barrett, Tessa, Aurora and Olivia.

In Loving
Memory



Arlene Elna Johnson

May 18, 1932 - May 15, 2025

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

~ John 14:1-6



Remembering

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Funeral Service

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 - 2:00 PM
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Fargo, North Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Lexy Steinle

Congregational Hymns

Judy Coughlin - Organist
Jackie Walsh - Soloist

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus" #742
"I Was There To Hear Your Borne Cry" #732
"Amazing Grace" #779

Special Music

"In The Garden"

Pallbearers

Arlene's Grandchildren

Burial

Sunset Memorial Gardens
Fargo, North Dakota

All are invited to a reception following the service.