



## Dolores M. Johnson

January 30, 1926 - February 9, 2019

A Funeral Service for Dolores was held on Friday, February 15, 2019, at 10:30 a.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bruning, Nebraska with Pastor Stuart Sell presiding.

Organist, Janice Fintel, accompanied the congregation as they sang "I Know That My Redeemer Lives", "Jesus Loves Me", "When Peace, Like A River" and "Blessed Assurance". Soloist, Calen Johnson, sang "How Great Thou Art" as a tribute to his grandmother during the funeral service.

Casket Bearers included Ben Johnson, Yancy Dittmer, Dillon Dittmer, William Rathje, Weston Rathje, Tony Johnson, Shawn Johnson, Calen Johnson, Jared Rathje and Brett Sander.

Graveside Services were held following the funeral service at the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Bruning, Nebraska.

Memorials were directed to Trinity Lutheran Church and/or Bruning Alumni Association.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

Dolores Marie Johnson was born January 30, 1926 in Bruning, NE to Henry and Ella (Wilhelms) Norder. She died February 9, 2019 at Heritage Crossings in Geneva, NE of natural causes.

Dolores grew up on a farm north of Bruning which had been "Prairie Star" the original Bruning post office. "Lorsey" as many knew her preferred to be outdoors and later told stories about her life on the farm including playing in the cow tank with her siblings.

A lifetime member of Trinity Lutheran Church, she was baptized February 21, 1926 and confirmed March 17, 1940. She was active in Bible study, Women's Circle, and serving in the church. She graduated from Bruning High School in 1943. Dolores and her sisters sang together from an early age, learning how to harmonize from their mother. Music was

the center of many family events. She often spent time living with and helping Uncle Walter and Aunt Ollie Hofrichter on their farm south of Bruning, and later worked at their drug store.

On September 15, 1956, she was united in marriage to Gaylord Newell Johnson. Together they raised four children. Their Bruning home was an inviting place for countless family members and friends.

Dolores was a fun-loving and positive person. Her life was not always easy but she never complained. She greeted everyone with a smile and a warm and caring heart. Her quick wit was amusing and her giggles were contagious. She had a special twinkle in her eye for her grandchildren. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother — teaching her family by example the importance of compassion, sharing, caring, and hard work. She lived a full and beautiful life.

She had many hobbies including sketching, painting, gardening & canning, sewing, crochet, fishing with Gaylord, shopping, baking and cooking, and doing crossword puzzles in ink. She spent many hours patiently teaching her children and grandchildren these interests.

Dolores was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Gaylord Johnson and her parents, Henry and Ella Norder. Also preceding her in death were sisters Gloria (Mrs. Homer Bumgarner), Gwendolyn (Mrs. Don Lawson), Shirley (Mrs. Don Braun); brother Larry Norder; and son-in-law Gary Dittmer.

She is survived by son Terry Johnson and wife Sue of Lincoln, daughter Kay Rathje and husband Rick of Roseland, daughter Debby Sylvester and Gary Tucker of Denver, son J. Kelly Johnson and wife Deb of Yankton, brother Bob Norder and wife Nila Jean of Scandia, KS, brother-in-law Don Braun of Carleton, sister-in-law Verienne Hulse of Emporia, KS; brother-in-law Paul Raines and wife Maxine of Garden City, MO; 14 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren: Julie Kuntze & husband Darin, children Ella & Ian; Jill Koegel & husband Eric, children Bradyn & Delaney; Ben Johnson & son Jacob; Yancy Dittmer & wife Melissa, children Garrett & Addison; William Rathje & wife Megan, children Makenna, Macy, & Wyatt; Dillon Dittmer & wife Cassandra, children Teagan & Brooks; Weston Rathje & wife Rachel, children Isabel & Lana; Jared Rathje and fiancé Jessie Owens; Amy Peck & husband Brian, children Jarod, Mason, & Dillon; Tony Johnson & wife Susan; Brett Sander & wife Angie, children Alex & Avery; Brandi Petrik & husband Nick, children Addison & Auden; Shawn Johnson & wife Mindy; Calen Johnson & wife Jessica; children Leeland & Oakleigh.



# Cemetery Details

## Trinity Lutheran Cemetery

Bruning, NE 68322

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 14. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home  
242 N 10th Street  
Geneva, NE 68361  
(402) 759-3617  
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

## Family Present for Visitation

FEB 14. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home  
242 N 10th Street  
Geneva, NE 68361  
(402) 759-3617  
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

FEB 15. 10:30 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
300 E Main Street  
Bruning, NE 68322

# Tribute Wall



“ 25 files added to the album *Flower Arrangements*



**Farmer & Son Funeral Home** - February 15, 2019 at 04:11 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Dolores M. Johnson.



February 14, 2019 at 09:39 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



**Kelly and Deb** - February 12, 2019 at 09:35 AM



“ *Marge Bedlan* sent a virtual gift in memory of Dolores M. Johnson



**Marge Bedlan** - February 11, 2019 at 05:02 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dolores M. Johnson.*



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February 11, 2019 at 03:29 PM