Barbara (Dawson) Johnson

January 4, 1935 – March 30, 2011



Barbara Johnson passed away on Wednesday, March 30, 2011 at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls. She resided in Sioux Falls and was 76 years old at the time of her death

Johnson lived with her family in Colton, Dell Rapids, then to a farm northwest of Sioux Falls in 1947. She attended Dell rapids Public School and graduated from the South Dakota School for the Deaf (SDSD) in 1954. During her high school years at SDSD, Johnson was a cheerleader for the boys' basketball team. She also was known to sign the National Anthem before the start of the game.

Johnson attended and graduated from Nettleton Commerical College. She worked for the former Fantle's Department Store in Sioux Falls for 16 years, then for the South Dakota Crop and Livestock Reporting Service for five years.

On Sept, 13, 1958 she was united in marriage with Eugene A. Johnson at Crooks, S.D. The couple farmed in the Crooks area until 1970, at a time when they moved to Sioux Falls. Johnson then worked for J.D. Evans Equipment Co. in 1988 as a bookkeeper. She retired from there after 14 years of service.

She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church and the Norse Glee Club Auxiliary.

Grateful for having shared her life are her husband, Eugene A Johnson of Sioux Falls, SD; one brother, Clayton Dawson of rural Sioux Falls, SD; one sister, Marcella Severtson of Sioux Falls, SD; and a niece, Judy Benitez of Amarillo, TX.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, Willis and Wilma Dawson,; a brother, Myron Dawson; her niece, Diane Tordoff; and her nephew, Scott Dawson.

Funeral services were held for Johnson on Saturday, April 2 at 3 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church. She was laid to rest in Benton Lutheran Cemetery, rural Crooks. Visitation with the family was held on Friday, April 1 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Upon the family's request, memorials were directed to the American Cancer Society, or Communication for the Deaf.

