

Dolores Mary *Nelson* Johnson

March 18, 1927 – May 28, 2011

Dolores Mary Johnson, 84, passed away on Saturday, May 28, 2011, at Southridge Health Care Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Dolores Mary Nelson was born on March 18, 1927, in Flandreau, South Dakota, to Alvin and Lillian (Smith) Nelson. She attended the South Dakota School for the Deaf in Sioux Falls, graduating in 1947. During her high school years, she enjoyed dancing and spending time with the boys.



On November 28, 1949, Dolores married Harris H. Johnson in Huron, South Dakota. They made their home in Gregory, where Dolores raised their three sons. The couple moved to Sioux Falls in 1983. Harris passed away on August 19, 1991.

Dolores was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Sioux Falls. She enjoyed hand quilting, embroidery, and playing cards with her Deaf friends. She was especially remembered for giving loving hugs to everyone she met. A loving daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, cousin, and friend, she will be dearly missed.

Grateful for having shared her life were her three sons, Mark B. Johnson and his wife, LaDonna, of Sioux Falls, Terry Johnson of Colorado, and Dennis Johnson of North Carolina; four grandchildren, Orrin, Ingrid, Eric, and Curtis; her brother, Robert Smith, and his wife, Trish, of Sioux Falls; and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Funeral services were held June 6, 2011, at George Boom Funeral Home in Sioux Falls, with Pastor Matthew Nix of Trinity Lutheran Church for the Deaf officiating. Special music included "Amazing Grace" and "Psalm 23." The South Dakota Deaf Senior Citizens served as honorary pallbearers.

Following the funeral service, relatives and friends gathered with the family for lunch and fellowship at Trinity Lutheran Church for the Deaf. Graveside services were held June 7, 2011, at I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Gregory, South Dakota, where Dolores was laid to rest.