



## Carolyn Jeanette Johnson

December 21, 1934 - December 16, 2024

Johnson, Carolyn J. Age 89 of Coon Rapids, passed away December 16, 2024. Preceded in death by husband Daniel, infant son Daniel Jr., granddaughter Elizabeth, and her sister. Survived by children Erick (Cindy), Brenda (Terry) McCready, David (Michele), 4 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, special niece Jonelle (Rick) Welle, and many loving relatives and friends. Memorials preferred. Private interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Memorial service 11AM Monday, December 30th with visitation 1 hour prior, all at: [www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com) Coon Rapids Chapel 763-767-1000 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.

From her children:

Mom passed away peacefully on December 16, 2024 at J.A. Wedum Hospice in Brooklyn Park, 5 days shy of her 90th birthday. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Dan; infant son Daniel, Jr; granddaughter Elizabeth and sister Marilyn. She is survived by son Erick (Cindy); daughter Brenda (Terry) McCready; son David (Michele); Granddaughter Danielle (Scott) Knutson and children Elliot, Carolina and Theo; Granddaughter Lauren (Micah) McLellan and children Tirzah, Eliana, Isla and Judah; Grandson Andrew (Jean) and children Sofie, Grace and Cal; Grandson Alex (Kristen) and daughter Paisley and Niece Jonelle (Rick) Welle as well as other cousins/relatives and special friends who

shared in her life at Realife Cooperative

Mom was born in St. Paul, Minnesota on December 21, 1934 to Melvin and Evelyn Lindquist. At the outbreak of WWII Grandpa got a job working on Navy warships in Duluth and relocated the family to Superior, Wisconsin. After the war ended, the family moved to South Minneapolis where Mom's parents owned and operated Lindquist Grocery, a neighborhood grocery store.

Mom graduated in 1952 from Holy Angels Academy, then an all girl's high school. After graduation she continued to work at the family grocery store.

Mom and Dad were married on April 18, 1953 until Dad's passing on November 6, 2018. They had four children, Daniel Jr., Erick, Brenda and David. They raised their family and lived in Robbinsdale until 1986 when they moved to Brooklyn Park. In 2002, they moved to their retirement home in Realife Cooperative in Coon Rapids.

Mom and Dad loved to travel to Las Vegas in the spring and Reno in the fall. For many years, while Dad was away deer hunting, she and Brenda would take a Mother/Daughter trip to someplace warm where they might also find a slot machine or two.

Mom was a devoted wife and mother. She was beyond ecstatic when her grandchildren were born which then led to her becoming GG (Great Grandma) to 11. She spent her early retirement years watching her grandkids, going to their activities and taking care of Dad. Later in life her time was taken up with playing cards with her friends at Realife, finishing blankets for The Linus Project, knitting/crocheting blankets, hats booties, tennis shoes, outfits, stuffed animals, play food or any other projec

we kids/grandkids could find for her to create. While life provided her with some tough emotional and physical challenges, she didn't allow them to make her bitter but remained kind and generous.

And...we will miss her every day. Love you Mom!

Special thanks to Kathy, Mom's Allina PCA, as well as the nurses PCA's and other staff and volunteers at Wedum for their kindness in caring for Mom over the last month of her life.

Memorials preferred to The Gary Sinise Foundation, Tunnels to Towers or The Salvation Army

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Coon Rapids Chapel  
1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

## Chapel Service

DEC **30**. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *In the two years of living at Realife, we were blessed by being across the hall from Carolyn. I will miss ducking over to take a dish of something and spending time visiting. As long as she was able, Emil pushed her in the wheel chair up to the game room on Friday nights to play 5-Straight. She and I were usually partners and boasted of some good winning streaks.*

*It was such a surprise to learn that she had a relative in Emil's small home town "up north". Who would have guessed?*

*We will remember her for the good friend she became. We will miss our conversations and her quick wit.*

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**Lynda Lorenz** - December 28, 2024 at 11:20 AM