



Delores Lucille Johnson

December 5, 1932 - September 18, 2020

Delores Lucille Johnson died peacefully at her home in Golden Valley, Minnesota, at 87, on September 18, 2020.

She was born December 5, 1932, in Lien Township Barrett, MN. She was the fifth in the family of thirteen children. She graduated from Barrett High School in 1951, from Methodist-Kahler School of Nursing in 1955, College of Saint Francis, Bachelor of Science in 1979, and obtained her Master of Arts from the College of St. Thomas in 1982.

Nursing was her true calling. Delores was proud of her career which spanned over 50 years. She started with caring for children at the University of Minnesota at the Heart Hospital when open-heart surgery was in its infancy. She was the Head Nurse at Swedish Hospital and an IV Nurse in Clearwater, FL. The last eighteen years of her nursing career was as the head Nursing Manager of Orthopedics at Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park, MN. Some called her "Sarge," showing that she ran a tight ship. She was well-loved and respected by all.

Delores had an incredible zest for life and traveled extensively. Not wanting to always be in the passenger seat, Delores obtained her pilot's license and soared the skies piloting her plane. She was a world traveler with trips to South Africa, Zimbabwe, Israel, India, and South Asia. She loved filling her

scrapbooks with memories of her exciting travels and inspired others to see the world with her photographs – one even shows her riding an ostrich.

Delores was the envy of the neighborhood with beautifully planted and impeccably tended gardens at her home in Golden Valley, MN (many featured in garden magazines and television shows). Her love of the outdoors and gardening will live on at “The David and Delores Johnson Waterfall” donated to the Linnaeus Arboretum at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN.

Delores was preceded in death by her parents Clarence and Elsie Rosin, her brothers Orvin, Kenneth, Leonard, and husbands Henry Petrie and David Johnson, and her beloved dogs Opie and Hans. She is survived by her brothers and sisters, Virgil, Ellerd (Jan), Gary, Donald, and sisters Lois Fagerberg, Marilyn (Paul) Gatz, Marlys Swetman, Eunice Wiebolt, Kathryn (Bill) Schmiege, and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials preferred to the Johnson Waterfall Garden at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN.

Celebration of Life will be held at 11AM on Friday, September 25th at Cross View Lutheran Church, 6645 McCauley Trail, Edina.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **25**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Cross View Lutheran Church
6645 McCauley Trail W
Edina, MN 55439

Tribute Wall



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Delores Lucille Johnson.* ”



September 23, 2020 at 10:30 AM