



Geraldine Marie Johnson

April 8, 1928 - September 26, 2024

Geraldine Marie (Pearson) Johnson passed away peacefully on September 26th at the age of 96 at Johanna Shores in Arden Hills, Minnesota. Gerry was preceded in death by her devoted husband and best friend, David William Johnson, just months earlier; mother, Rosella Marie (Nordquist) Pearson; father, Carl Edwin Pearson; and beloved grandson, Jonathan William Schafer. She is survived by her three children Wendy Voss (Dave), Bruce Johnson (Kay), and Janet Hathaway (Geoff); 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; and her sister Marcia Fuglestad.

Gerry was born on April 8, 1928 in St. Paul. She lived at home through her college years at Hamline University, with the exception of one special summer when she worked at Glacier National Park in Montana and met the love of her life, Dave Johnson. Gerry and Dave were married in June of 1952, spending time in Akron, Ohio and Des Moines, Iowa before settling in Salinas, California where they raised their family.

After moving back to Minnesota in 1980, Gerry and Dave easily settled into their new community, just blocks away from Gerry's sister Marcia and close to many dear childhood friends. They were active members at Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church for many years and participated in many activities at the American Swedish Institute.

Gerry was devoted to her family and was the heart of the home. She was extraordinarily patient and wise, always gentle and kind, and was full of fun. She loved to keep busy and had numerous interests. Cooking was a favorite pastime and she enjoyed experimenting with new trends. She was also an artist, and loved painting pictures of places dear to her heart. She used her flower arranging skills during her years on the church alter guild.

She was an avid reader and loved learning new things. She enjoyed keeping up with modern technology and was often the first one in the family to have the latest tech device. Her entrepreneurial streak was put into practice when she and Marcia started a business selling kitchen gadgets at the Minnesota State Fair. The entire family, including grandchildren, was involved in this venture for over 30 years.

Gerry and Dave delighted in their little cabin in Northern Minnesota. Traveling was also a big part of their lives, and they had an opportunity to see many new places across the country and the world, often on trips visiting children and grandchildren.

Most of all, Gerry loved her family, and she was a very big part of her children's and grandchildren's lives. We will dearly miss our mother and grandmother, and are incredibly grateful for all the years we had with her.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 3:00pm, Monday, October 28, in the Fellowship Hall room at Johanna Shores, 3200 Lake Johanna Blvd, Arden Hills, followed by a light reception.

Cemetery Details

Union Cemetery (Maplewood)

5105 East Minnehaha Parkway
Maplewood, MN 55119

Tribute Wall

MC

“ *Cling to the promise of resurrection for Gerry. Blessed be the memory of this child of God who lived and worked among us. - Mt Carmel Lutheran Church*



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