



## Lucille M. Johnson

December 4, 2012

Johnson, Lucille Marjorie (Hanson) 94 years, transcended this life on December 4, 2012. Lucille is survived by her cherished husband of 73 years, Ellsworth L. Johnson. The devotion between Lucille and Ellsworth provided a strong foundation for their 6 children. Their only son, Robert Ellsworth Johnson preceded Lucille in death. Their 5 daughters who survive Lucille are: Beverly Anderson and Nancy Johnson of Roberts, Wisconsin, Joan (John) Berthiaume of Minneapolis, MN, Barbara (Gene) Mace of Eden Prairie, MN, and Jennifer (John) McLaughlin of Minnetonka, MN. Additional survivors include 12 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, 1 brother, Arden Hanson, of Crosby, ND; Bob's widow, Mary Johnson; and many nieces and nephews. Lucille was born at home on January 12, 1918, in Twin Butte Township, in northwestern North Dakota. She was the 5th of 7 children and the only daughter born to Minnie Marie and Emil Hanson who had been true pioneer homesteaders in 1909. Lucille graduated from high school in Ambrose, North Dakota, in 1936. Shortly thereafter "dust bowl" conditions forced the Hanson family to leave their home to stay with Emil's family in Nelson, MN. Lucille was working in the nearby town of Osakis, when she landed the female lead role of "Lark" in the Methodist Church play, "Once in a Blue Moon." That was how she met Ellsworth, who was from Osakis, and who had the male lead role of "Clark." They were married on May 11, 1939, in Villard, MN. Lucille and Ellsworth began their life together in North Dakota, where their oldest daughter Beverly was born in Ambrose, and their son Robert was born in

Bismarck. After WWII, they moved their young family to Richfield, MN, where they purchased their first house on Ellsworth's GI Bill and where they lived when their daughters Joan, Barbara, Nancy and Jennifer were born. By 1972, Lucille and Ellsworth settled into their final home in Edina, where they have enjoyed their family and their life together over the last 40 years. Lucille centered her life around her husband and family. Every child, grandchild, and great-grandchild had their own special place in her tender loving heart. For several years Lucille volunteered at Rembrandt Senior Living. She also liked to write poems. She appreciated the beauty of nature, especially fascinated by the little birds and the graceful deer outside her windows. She was a member of Mount Olivet Lutheran Church where she was a contributor to their outreach program. Visitation 8:30 AM Monday, service 10 AM, with burial immediately following at Lakewood Cemetery, 3600 Hennepin Av S. Washburn- McReavy Edina Chapel, 952-920-3996

# Cemetery Details

## Lakewood Cemetery

3600 Hennepin Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55408

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 10. 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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## Service

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