



Mary Patricia Johnson

October 14, 1921 - February 9, 2019

Mary Patricia [Pat] Johnson

Aged 97, of Minneapolis, passed away peacefully, almost certainly laughing, on February 9, 2019 in New Hope, Minnesota. The loving daughter of the late John A. "Archie" and Ruth [Baxter] Peterson, Pat was born in Minneapolis on October 14, 1921. She was the beloved wife of the late Aldor Johnson, and the devoted mother of the late Robert Johnson and Richard Johnson.

A graduate of North HS, Pat was an outstanding athlete, winning the Minnesota State Championship three straight years in swimming and diving. She was also a talented artist, but rather than pursue that gift and attend art school, she chose to marry and raise a family. She proved to be the most devoted and caring mother any two sons could ever hope for. Her family and her friends were her first priority in her life, and it was from them she experienced the greatest joy.

A legendary bowler and patient fisherman in her prime, everyone who knew Pat will remember her for the energy and enthusiasm she brought to her every endeavor. There was almost nothing she would not try, and she usually would succeed. She was the Nozzle man in the Brooklyn Center Fire Department Water Ball Fights, and rarely found herself on the losing end. Later, when past her prime, she gravitated toward indoor sports, where she found trying to win

giant pots in Bingo [usually with her son Bob in tow], or testing her finely honed skill at the slot machines to be especially exciting. Well, you can't win them all. Self-deprecating to a fault, she saw the humor in situations that occurred in her everyday life that might have proved embarrassing to most of us. There were so many good times. Thank you for your laughter and wonderful sense of humor, mom, and for absolutely always being there for us. We love you and will miss you. And we know how you are feeling right now; as always, "with your fingers."

Pat is survived and will be greatly missed by her son Richard and his wife Deni of Duxbury, MA, her daughter-in-law Rita Johnson of Crystal; her grandchildren Kristin Coppola and husband Joseph of Duxbury, MA, Richard Johnson II and wife Kerry of Norwell, MA, Keith Johnson of Whitman, MA, Braden Johnson and wife Marifel of Hollywood, FL; Jaclyn Tharp of Andover, Kevin Johnson of Crystal, and Nichole Smith and husband Eric of Morris, IL; her great grandchildren, Daniel, Nicholas, and Anthony Coppola, Katherine and Ryan Johnson, Natasha and Braden Johnson, Kjerstin and Morgan Tharp, and Drew, Ava and Ethan Smith; her favorite nieces, Connie Brockway and husband David of Edina, Peggy Halvorson and husband Jay of Edina, Marcia Tidmore of Centerville, LA and Mary Carrier and husband Calvin of Patterson, LA; and her brother-in-law, Robert Howard of Edina and Naples, FL. She was predeceased by her much loved siblings Cecile Peterson, Marcia Howard and Lois Anderson.

A Memorial service will be held at 2PM on Saturday, February 16, 2019 with visitation one hour prior, at Elim Lutheran Church, 3978 West Broadway Ave, Robbinsdale.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **16**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Elim Lutheran Church
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Church Service

FEB **16**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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