

Ruth Winnifred Johnson was born on February 12, 1924, in Willmar, Minnesota, the daughter of Archie and Ellen Victoria (Halberg) Oslund. She grew up with her sister, Eloise on the family farm South of Atwater near Lake Elizabeth. Ruth attended grade school at District #38 and graduated from Atwater High School in 1942.

Ruth met Russell Martin Johnson while in school before the start of WW II. They were united in marriage while Russell was home on leave on July 3, 1945. Russell was reassigned to a Naval facility in Washington, D.C., and Ruth traveled with him. Following Russell's discharge in September of 1945, they returned to Atwater and made their home on Lake Carrie. Russell became a plumber and Ruth became a homemaker and mother of two boys, Gaylan and Gale.

Ruth was a soft-spoken woman who raised her family with great loving care. When Russell became diagnosed with Alzheimer's, she soldiered on and did her best to keep him at home and the family together. Ruth was a resourceful and spirited woman who was deeply devoted to family.

Ruth passed away on Wednesday morning, January 19, at Bethesda Grand Nursing Home in Willmar at the age of 97.

She is survived by her two sons, Gaylan Johnson of Chicago, Illinois and Gale Johnson of Willmar; two grandchildren, Matthew and Emily and one great granddaughter, Elisa, besides other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Russell in 2001, and four siblings, Milton, Harriet, Mildred and Eloise.

## *Celebrating the Life of*



*Ruth W. Johnson*

*1924 - 2022*

## *Twenty-Third Psalm*

*The Lord is my Shepherd: I shall not want..*

*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:*

*He leadeth me beside the still waters...*

*He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths*

*of righteousness for His name's sake...*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of*

*the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:*

*for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff,*

*they comfort me. Thou preparest a table*

*before me in the presence of mine*

*enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil;*

*my cup runneth over...*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me*

*all the days of my life: and I will dwell in*

In Loving Memory Of

*Ruth W. Johnson*

February 12, 1924

Willmar, Minnesota

January 19, 2022

Willmar, Minnesota

### **Celebration of Life**

Thursday, January 27, 2022 - 11:00 a.m.

United Methodist Church

Willmar, Minnesota

### **Officiating**

Pastor Jo Anne Taylor

Pastor Matthew Johnson

### **Music**

Pianist: Lori Somerville

Congregational Hymns:

*"Morning Has Broken"* - #145

*"On Eagle's Wings"* - #143

*"Be Thou My Vision"* - #451

### **Casketbearers**

Family Members & Friends

### **Interment**

Union Cemetery

Atwater, Minnesota