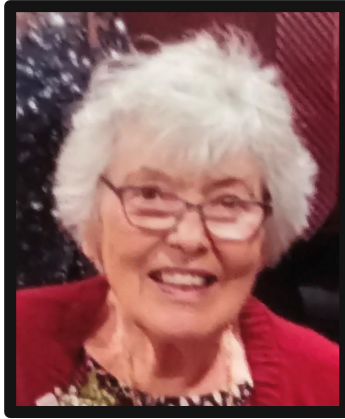


Remembering the Life....

LaVonne Fernette was born on May 14, 1936, near Audubon, MN, the daughter of Oscar and Clara (Bergstad) Sjule, who joyfully baptized her into the Christian faith. As a young girl, her family moved to a farm outside Bottineau, ND. There she and her siblings helped with farm chores and attended a one room schoolhouse. Her family worshiped at Inherred Lutheran Church in the Turtle mountains where she was confirmed in her faith after making a personal commitment to Christ. As a freshman she left home to attend Hillcrest Lutheran Academy in Fergus Falls where she graduated in 1954 and went on to further her education at the Lutheran Brethren Bible School. LaVonne earned her bachelor's degree in music education on May 10, 1987, from the University of North Dakota.



In 1956, she married Roy Berent Johnson in Bottineau, ND. The couple felt a strong calling into the ministry and after her husband graduated from seminary they accepted their first call to Malta, MT. They spent a few years between ministry locations in the Fargo/Moorhead area and attended Triumph Lutheran Church in Moorhead, MN. In 1976 they went on to serve again in Sidney, MT. Their ministry took them to many locations including Dickinson, ND, Fertile, MN, Ortonville, MN, Wichita Falls, TX, Ortle and Webster, SD, Roseau, MN and Northome, MN where together they faithfully served many churches.

At age 50 LaVonne completed a life goal of finishing college and received high academic honors for her studies. She then became a music teacher working at various High Schools throughout the following years. LaVonne directed worship and praise groups at the church, lead youth groups, Sunday School and enjoyed playing organ & piano during church services. She served in Women's Missionary Fellowship (WMF) where she was a keynote speaker and enjoyed attending Red Hats. LaVonne ran a successful Interior Design Business for over 30 years and won many sales awards. She overcame her battle with lymphoma and continued to be active into her later years, gardening, kayaking, cross country skiing, and fishing. The couple built their retirement home on White Swan Lake together and spent many wonderful years with family hosting fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations. She cherished these years with her husband, children and grandchildren.

On Friday, April 21, 2023, LaVonne passed away at her home in Fergus Falls, Minnesota at the age of eighty-six years.

She is survived by her husband, Roy Johnson of Fergus Falls; children, Rhonda (David) Freeh of Lake Park, MN, Robert (Karla) Johnson of Cottage Grove, MN, Richard (Barb) Johnson of Branson, MO, Ryan (Heather) Johnson of Casselton, ND and Robyn (Aeric) Larson of Spring Lake Park, MN; brothers, Gerald Sjule and Leland Sjule; 14 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren along with numerous relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Oscar and Clara Sjule; sisters, Marilyn Hunter and Bev Warwick and niece, Melody.

Blessed be the Memory of Lavonne Johnson

Celebrating the Life of



LaVonne Johnson

May 14, 1936 - April 21, 2023



In Loving Memory Of
LaVonne Johnson
 May 14, 1936 - April 21, 2023

Funeral Service
 Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 11:00 AM
 Bethel Lutheran Church
 Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Prelude..... Bonnie Monson
 Hymn..... "How Great Thou Art"
 Welcome, Scripture & Prayer..... Pastor Ed Monson
 23 Psalm Ryan Johnson
 Tribute to LaVonne Robyn Larson
 Hymn..... "Nearer My God to Thee"
 Reflections..... Pastor John Kilde
 Reflections..... Robb Johnson
 Special Music Christina Freeh
 "I Come to the Garden Alone"
 Message (1 Peter 1:3-7)..... Pastor Roger Viksness
 Closing, Announcements & Benediction Pastor Ed Monson
 Hymn..... "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"
 Postlude Bonnie Monson

Pallbearers

LaVonne's Grandchildren
 Atley (Rose) ~ Reese ~ Noah ~ John (Emily)
 Geoff (Siri) ~ Rick (Son) ~ Aeris (Son-in-law) ~ Mira

Pallbearers Honorary

Christianna ~ Danielle (Jack) ~ Natalie ~ Joe (Anna)
 Jamie (Sam) ~ Jesse (Allie) ~ Amanda (Nelson) ~ Ariana

Interment

Audubon Cemetery
 Audubon, Minnesota

Appreciation

LaVonne's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
 Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated.
 Please join family and friends for lunch and fellowship
 following the service.

Arrangements by

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The LORD is my *Shepherd;*
 I shall not want.

He maketh me
 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 & mercy shall follow me
 all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house
 of the LORD *forever.*
 - Psalm 23