

Virginia Rae Johnson age 93 of Madison passed away on September 28, 2021, at Oakwood Village University Woods in Madison. She was born on: April 18, 1928, in the town of Preston, Trempealeau County, Wisconsin, the daughter of Otto and Hattie Marie (Indahl) Kroener. She married: Alton C. Johnson on August 15, 1959, at Trinity Lutheran Church in La Crosse.

Virginia graduated from Blair High School. She received her BS, MS, and PhD from UW Madison. Prior to receiving her PhD in 1960, she completed a Dietetic Internship at Ancker Hospital St. Paul, Minnesota, was a Dietitian at Kahler Hospital, Rochester, Minnesota, was Head Dietitian at Colonial Hospital, Rochester, Minnesota, was a Teaching Assistant, Institution Management, in the School of Home Economics, UW-Madison, and received the Mead Johnson Award for Advanced Graduate Education in Dietetics in 1958. After completing her PhD, Virginia taught at UW-Madison and MATC, developed new courses in foodservice administration, served on many committees, and was awarded Emeritus status at UW-Madison in her retirement. In addition to teaching, she was a Consultant Dietitian at Oakwood and at Ingleside Nursing Home, Mount Horeb. From 1975-78 she was a Research Associate at Faye McBeath Institute of Aging and Adult Life, UW-Madison.

Virginia was actively involved in Midvale Community Lutheran Church for many years. She volunteered with Care Team Ministry both before and for years after moving to Oakwood, coordinating volunteer drivers for those who needed rides. She volunteered, assisting, many groups in many ways using her food service and dietetics expertise including being on the Food Service Committee at Oakwood. She enjoyed reading and liked watching birds, especially cardinals.

Virginia is survived by her sons Vance Johnson of Jefferson, Brian (Betsy) Johnson of Moscow Idaho; Grandchildren Erica, Mark, Cora, and Heidi Johnson; close grandniece Emmy; many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alton; sisters Mae Beth Sherman, Lucille Breyer, Dorothy Stensven; and special niece Donna Wheeler.

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In Loving Memory



Virginia R. Johnson

April 18, 1928 ~ September 28, 2021

"The Cardinal"

by Pam Waters Carson

*The Cardinal sits upon the branch.
He does not know which way to glance.
He only knows that God above
Is looking down in deepest love.
I look to you dear God above
And pray for your redeeming love,
To guide me through my nights and days,
And flight my fleeting fears away!*

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Date of Birth

April 18, 1928

Town of Preston

Trempealeau County, WI

Date of Death

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Madison, Wisconsin

Funeral Service

Saturday, October 23, 2021, 12:00 PM

Resurrection Chapel

Oakwood Village University Woods

Madison, Wisconsin

Officiating

Reverend Katya Ouchakof

Interment

Sunset Memory Gardens

Madison, Wisconsin