

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Violetta Fern Johnson

Formerly of Richfield passed away April 9, 2008, into the arms of her Savior at the age of 105 years.

Preceded in death by her husband Oscar of 65 years, four brothers Clifford, Kenneth, Woodrow, Wallace Johnson, son-in-law Bob Johnson.

Survived by daughters Arlene (Larry) Montan, Dolores Johnson. Six grandchildren Gayle Johnson, Kathy (Greg) Johnson, Mark Johnson, Michele Montan, Cheri (John) Paulson, Larry Montan, Jr. Five great-grandchildren, nieces and nephew, and extended family.

Violetta was born on December 14, 1902, at home, in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Mary and Martin Johnson. Her mother was born in Denmark and her father was born in Norway. She was the older sister to four brothers Clifford, Kenneth, Woodrow and Wallace, who are deceased.

Violetta grew up in south Minneapolis where she attended Irving School. One of her first jobs was at the Leader Department Store and playing piano sheet music at Kresge's Music Department. Her working career took her to the fabric departments at Powers Department Store and ultimately to Donaldson's Department Store (Southdale). Over the years she collected enough fabrics and patterns to start her own store!!

Violetta met her husband, Oscar Johnson, through mutual friends. She and Oscar were married in 1922 – they had 65 years together before Oscar passed away in September 1987. Violetta and Oscar have two daughters, Arlene and Dolores. She and Oscar built their home in Richfield in 1950, where Violetta continued to live after Oscar's death, until November 1999 when she move to Heritage Rembrandt in Edina.

In addition to her daughters and their husbands, Violetta has been blessed with 6 grandchildren, including two grandsons-in-law and 5 great-grandchildren.

Our memories include her family dinners, her chicken & dumpling "soup-kitchen" suppers, her home-made bread, watching her sit at the sewing machine creating clothes for her two daughters and eventually her granddaughters, and we must not forget the countless afghans she crocheted for her family.

Our most cherished memory of our mother is her devotion to the Lord and the joy she received in attending Minneapolis Gospel Tabernacle (now Christ's Church).

Special thank you to Rembrandt Assisted Living (Heritage of Edina), Fairview Hospice, and Dr. George Morrison for their kind caring support.

Funeral service 11 AM Monday, April 14, 2008 at Albin Chapel
6855 Rowland Road, Eden Prairie, with visitation 1 hour prior to service.

Private interment:
Sunset Memorial Park, Minneapolis, Minnesota

In lieu of flowers,
Memorials Preferred To: Fairview Hospice OR Christ Church International



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