

Ruth Johnson passed away peacefully on January 26, 2023, at West Florida Hospital in Pensacola, FL, with family at her side.

Ruth was 95 years old and born on August 28, 1927, on the family farm near Sykeston, ND, where the family had recently moved from southern Illinois to go into farming. Her parents were James and Marie (Parkhill) Watson.

She attended the Hebron Consolidated Country School in Hawksnest Township and graduated from Carrington High School in 1945. She graduated from NDSU in 1949 with a Bachelor's Degree in Home Economics. She later taught in Devils Lake, Carrington Elementary School, and Carrington High School.

On June 17, 1951, Ruth married Dr. Keith D. Beck who was a dental student at Northwestern University School of Dentistry in Chicago, IL. Upon graduating, Keith and Ruth moved to Carrington, ND, where he established his dental practice.

Their three children: Kathy, Tom, and John, grew up in Carrington surrounded by family and friends. Keith died after a short illness on July 22, 1966, leaving a widow with three young children. She did a remarkable job, and we are forever grateful for her strength and love.

On July 10, 1972, Ruth married Magnus (Mike) Johnson, and they enjoyed traveling, staying active in the community, and spending time with family. They were long time Trinity Lutheran Church members, sang in the choir, and could be counted on to be in church every Sunday.

Ruth became an expert quilter. She enjoyed gardening, sewing and embroidery projects, and problem-solving. She loved the mental challenge of doing daily crossword puzzles. She was a good listener to her friends and family, and had a very kind heart.

After Mike died in 2014, Ruth moved to Rochester, MN, in 2015 to be close to her daughter Kathy. She wasn't done traveling though. In 2019 she moved to Pensacola, Florida to be close to her son Tom and his wife Jackie. She enjoyed the sunny Florida winters.

Ruth is survived by her three children Kathy (John) Rueter of Rochester, MN, Tom (Jackie) Beck of Milton, FL, and Dr. John (Brenda) Beck of Minneapolis, MN; Her grandchildren are Chris (Krisi) Beck, Tim Beck, Carl (Lisa) Bommersbach, Erik Bommersbach, Michelle (Shawn) Fagan, Robert Rueter, Haley, Shannon, and Rachel Beck. Her great-grandchildren are Cora, Avery, and Cade Bommersbach, Lucas and Jonas Fagan. Her many nieces and nephews were very special to her.

Ruth is preceded in death by her parents, her sisters Alice (Jim) Schwab, Mary (John) Halvorson, Betty Mae (Joe) Holzer, and Dorothy Folkert, her brothers James (Betty Jane) Watson, Kenneth (Frieda) Watson, and Charles (Mary Ann) Watson.

Any memorials may be directed to Trinity Lutheran Church in Carrington, ND.

Celebrating

THE LIFE OF



Ruth Johnson

AUGUST 28, 1927 – JANUARY 26, 2023

I'll Remember You...

*in the colors of a sunset,
in the comfort of my dreams,
in the memory of a song.*

*In the pages of a scrapbook
filled with pictures of your life,
in the joy of thinking back
to a time from long ago.*

*In the places we discovered,
in the moments that we shared,
in the laughter that still
dances in my heart.*

*In the legacy of love
you left for those who follow,
and the stories that were
only yours to tell.*

*And always -
more than anything,
I'll remember you
in your love
that still lives
within my heart.*

~Kimberly Rinehart

Celebrating The Life Of *Florence Ruth Johnson*

August 28, 1927 – rural Sykeston, ND
January 26, 2023 – Pensacola, FL

VISITATION

Thursday, February 2, 2023
5:00PM – 7:00PM
Evans Funeral Home, Carrington

PRAYER SERVICE

Thursday, February 2, 2023
7:00PM
Evans Funeral Home, Carrington

FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, February 3, 2023
10:30AM
Trinity Lutheran Church, Carrington

OFFICIATING

Pastor Paul Cross

SPECIAL MUSIC

Clara Edwardson ~ Organist

Congregational Hymns

Beautiful Savior #838

I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry #732

On Eagle's Wings #787

When Peace Like A River #785

Great Is Thy Faithfulness #733

PALLBEARERS

Chris Beck ~ Tim Beck
Carl Bommersbach ~ Erik Bommersbach

BURIAL

Carrington Cemetery, Carrington

Arrangements by
Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND
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