



Dorothy B. Johnson

December 21, 1921 - December 7, 2020

Dodgeville – Dorothy B. Johnson, age 98, of Dodgeville, passed away on Monday, December 7, 2020 at Cedar Crest Nursing Home in Janesville, WI, after a short illness.

The former Dorothy Retrum was born on December 21, 1921, in Moscow Township, Iowa County, WI to Conrad and Maude (Hamman) Retrum. She married Reuben Johnson on June 21, 1944. The couple was married for 67 years until he preceded her in death in 2011. They were members of Grace Lutheran Church and for many years they had one of the largest canning gardens in town. Dorothy also enjoyed making quilts and afghans, baking, making lefse, and watching her grandchildren when they were young. Reuben and Dorothy also volunteered at the Upland Hills Health gift shop for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents; her two children Gloria Johnson and Roland Johnson; five sisters, Anna Nelson, Lillian Milestone, Ruth Guthers, Myrtle Christianson, and Clara Hendrickson; and a brother, Lawrence Retrum.

Dorothy is survived by two grandchildren, Jordan (Thomas Perry), and Alex Johnson (Carly Cook), as well as many nieces and nephews.

A Public visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. on Saturday, December 12, 2020 at the GORGEN-McGINLEY & AYERS FUNERAL HOME in Dodgeville with proper social distancing and masks required.

A private family service will follow with burial at the East Side Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Grace Lutheran Church.

Cemetery Details

East Side Cemetery

601 E. Division Street
Dodgeville, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 12. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Gorgen-McGinley & Ayers Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy B. Johnson*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dorothy B. Johnson.*



December 11, 2020 at 08:21 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dorothy B. Johnson.*



December 10, 2020 at 05:15 PM



“ *Ed and I and our daughter, Odessa, spent many Sundays with Reuben and Dorothy when they would come to Stoughton to have dinner with Ed's parents, Ed and Ursula Johnson. We miss her sparkling smile.*

Pat Johnson - December 10, 2020 at 03:34 PM

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“ I revered Dorothy - and Reuben. I met them while student teaching at Dodgeville High School (I taught Roland) and was a good friend of Gloria. Following Gloria's passing, we stayed connected and corresponded a couple times each year, sometimes with a face-to-face visit. Dorothy was the woman who taught me to make lefse -- a call was made to her early one evening as my husband and I attempted to make it for the first time. I was in complete frustration. She laughed and talked me through the process, shared her recipe, and we laughed together every time we talked as we recalled that experience. She and Reuben were spectacular examples of Christian love -- and they shared it with everyone.

May God bless her memory -- especially for her two grandchildren, whom she adored.

She was a light for us all.

Ann Himsel Dettwiler

Ann Himsel Dettwiler - December 09, 2020 at 06:27 PM

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“ In loving memory of Dorothy B. Johnson, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Kermit Nelson - December 09, 2020 at 09:44 AM

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“ She was a great person. Always knew who you were, and ready to talk ! Great lefse maker as well !

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