



## Lorna Johnson

August 29, 1927 - April 17, 2020

Lorna J. Johnson, 92, of Fergus Falls, died Friday, April 17, at the Ashby Living Center.

She was born Aug. 29, 1927, in Frazee, to Loyal and Olga (Fick) Fairbanks. Lorna's family, including her siblings -- Gladys, Elaine, Norman and Lois -- lived in the Vergas-Frazee area until 1935, when they moved to Fergus Falls. She graduated from Fergus Falls High School in 1945.

On Aug. 3, 1947, she married Warren S. Johnson in Fergus Falls. The Johnson family owned and operated Johnson Furniture until selling it in 1975. Lorna worked as a legal secretary for a time before and after her marriage, and later worked with Warren in the furniture store. She was a woman of grace, strength and kindness who deeply valued family. She enjoyed regular games of bridge with friends, league bowling (including a trip to Cuba for a tournament shortly before the country was closed to Americans) and travel to destinations including Alaska, Mexico, Europe, the Middle East, Southeast Asia and New Zealand. She enjoyed knitting and weaving, and was a voracious reader. She also learned to fly, and became the first woman in Fergus Falls to be licensed as a pilot.

Lorna was preceded in death by the love of her life, her husband Warren in 2015. She was also preceded in death by her siblings Gladys, Elaine and Norman. She is survived by her daughters Lynn (Robert) Drechsel, of Madison, Wis., Sandra (Kim) Davis, of Alexandria, Jackie (Steve Blacker) Johnson, of Boulder, Colo., and Geri Johnson, of Fergus Falls; five grandchildren, Megan (Neil Tomson) Drechsel, of Wallingford, Penn., Sarah Drechsel, of Saint Paul, Hannah (Gurjeet) Singh, of Thornton, Colo., Benjamin Blacker of Boulder, Colo., and Sam Thieme, of Dunn Center, N.D.; one great-grandchild, Willa Drechsel Tomson, of Wallingford, Penn.; and her sister, Lois Hunt, of Sun City, Ariz.

The family will hold a private ceremony, and burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery. The Olson Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

The family also wishes to express its deepest thanks and appreciation to all of the staff at

the Ashby Living Center for the care and kindness Lorna received there, and suggests that memorials be directed to the Living Center.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.olsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.olsonfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery

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## **Oak Grove Cemetery**

1509 East Mount Faith

Fergus Falls, MN,

# Comments

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“ To Lorna's family:

Please accept our most sincere sympathy for your loss of Lorna. She was a lovely person.

Harley and Carma Oylo

**Mark R Oylo** - April 21 at 03:47 PM

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“ Lorna was one of the first fiber artists I met when I was learning how to spin. She and Warren had a lovely flock of sheep and not only supplied me with some scrumptious wool but also let Bob and me "help" with shearing. Those are precious memories!! Once or twice when she and Warren were traveling in the southwest, they gathered a bunch of raw cotton that had blown off of trucks, bringing a grocery bag full for me to play with. She always had such a calming and loving presence, with a gracious hospitality. It was a real blessing to have known her.

**Gail Johnson** - April 20 at 02:08 PM

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“ Sorry for your loss, thinking of your family at this time

**sarah and rick bugbee** - April 20 at 12:18 AM

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“ Jenna Thompson lit a candle in memory of Lorna Johnson



**Jenna Thompson** - April 19 at 10:38 AM

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“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



**Sandy Davis** - April 19 at 09:10 AM

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“ Lorna had a warm personality and together with her husband, Warren, made for a loving couple. They raised a wonderful family with four daughters, extending to sons-in-law and grandchildren. They so very much enjoyed their home at Swan Lake and loved the outdoors, exemplified by camping trips to various parts of the United States. Lorna leaves a lasting legacy.

**Thomas L Hintgen** - April 18 at 11:50 AM

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“ Angie Sedler / Ron Mithum lit a candle in memory of Lorna Johnson



**Angie sedler / ron mithum** - April 17 at 09:36 PM

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“ Brenda Boese lit a candle in memory of Lorna Johnson



**Brenda Boese** - April 17 at 06:29 PM

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“ Phil & Lori Kugler lit a candle in memory of Lorna Johnson



Phil & Lori Kugler - April 17 at 05:43 PM

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“ Bryan And Vicki Severson lit a candle in memory of Lorna Johnson



Bryan and Vicki Severson - April 17 at 04:02 PM



“ A woman filled with kindness, grace, and love who was so very proud of her family. How blessed we are to have known her.

**Bryan & Vicki Severson** - April 17 at 04:04 PM



“ To The family, Very sorry for your loss,God Bless you All.  
Paul Gauro

**Paul Gauro** - September 02 at 07:53 AM

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“ Deb & Scott Nelson lit a candle in memory of Lorna Johnson



Deb & Scott Nelson - April 17 at 03:40 PM