



## Margaret Johnson

September 14, 1920 - March 19, 2023

Laura Margaret Johnson, 102, of Cedar Falls, passed away on March 19, 2023, at her home in Windridge, Western Home Communities.

Margaret was born at home on September 14, 1920, in Duluth, Minnesota to Ole and Laura Ottersen. After graduating from high school, Margaret worked at Coolerator Company in Duluth and then served her country as a marine in WWII. She married Gustave "Gus" A Johnson on June 14, 1947, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Duluth, Minnesota. Shortly after marriage, they moved to Davenport, Iowa and then on to Cedar Rapids, Iowa where she spent most of her life.

Primarily, Margaret was a homemaker and devoted wife and mother although she did work for Cryovac in Cedar Rapids for several years. She enjoyed her family, bridge, dancing, golf, baking, cooking and entertaining, reading, knitting, and quilting. She volunteered with St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids where she also knitted over 10,000 baby caps for newborns. She was a member of Nazareth Lutheran Church. Her body has been donated to the University of Iowa College of Medicine.

She is survived by her daughter Laura (John) Petersen of Cedar Falls, IA; son Robert (Pamela) Johnson of Omaha, NE; and son William Ralph Johnson of Auburn KS, seven grandchildren, twenty-one great-grandchildren and two

great-great grandchildren. She is also survived by a sister-in-law, Betty Johnson of Duluth MN and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gus and her seven siblings.

A memorial service will be held at Nazareth Lutheran Church on Friday, April 14th, 11:00AM with a lunch reception to follow.

Memorials may be made to Kits & Quilts at Nazareth Lutheran Church (7401 University Ave., Cedar Falls, Iowa, 50613), or NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) of Black Hawk County (212 Dale St., Waterloo, Iowa, 50703).

A special thank you to her care team from Cedar Valley Hospice.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR **14**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Nazareth Evangelical Lutheran Church  
7401 University Ave  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613-5025  
(319) 266-7589

# Tribute Wall

SH

“ *Sharon and Brad H. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Margaret Johnson.*



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**Sharon and Brad H.** - April 13, 2023 at 12:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Margaret Johnson.*



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April 12, 2023 at 04:22 PM

EJ

“ *Dear Laura, Bob, Ralph and families,  
All my warm sympathy in the loss of your wonderful mother. Over 50 years ago, 1968, I, as a youth from Sweden, met Margaret for the first time. Since then she has been a very faithful friend together with her husband Gus as long as he lived. I thank our living Christ for all the caring, happiness, hospitality, interest and love she has shown me and my family. She had the special gift of embracing everyone into her warm chest. May she rest in the peaceful loving arms of Jesus Christ in eternity.  
Much love from Elisabet and family in Sweden*

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**Elisabet Johansson** - April 02, 2023 at 02:42 PM

TM

“ *The Meldrums purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Margaret Johnson.*



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**The Meldrums** - April 01, 2023 at 12:01 PM

GA

“ *Margaret was a Dear Dear loving friend of mine for many many long years. We used to phone call or write letters to each other. Margaret has been in my prayers every day for many years. I am just one year younger than she.*

*Blessings to her family and peace be with you*

*Genevieve Anderson*

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**Genevieve Anderson** - March 28, 2023 at 12:36 PM

NH

“ *Laura, my sympathy on the death of your mom. Blessings and love, Noreen.*

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**Noreen Hermansen** - March 26, 2023 at 12:37 PM

JT

“ *Sorry to hear but what a wonderful long life she lived. I remember so many fun times and great food on our Thanksgivings in CR. I know you folks were there for my Mom when we lost our Dad. They were always caring and supportive to us. Sending you love at this time.*

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**joanne carlson toft** - March 25, 2023 at 09:05 AM

LA

“ *To Laura, Bob, and William,*

*So sorry for your loss. Great lady and great family. Remember all the Thanksgiving get together around the end of October. Great friendship and great memories.*

*Larry Anderson  
Davenport iowa*

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**Larry Anderson** - March 25, 2023 at 07:54 AM