



Betty Johnson

October 22nd, 1938 – October 13th, 2026

Betty passed away from A fight Against Ovarian Cancer. For these Last 2 ½ years She did not let her cancer define who she was.

Betty Kulzer Johnson was Born to Mary & Joseph Kulzer of Rutland North Dakota. Upon Graduation from the Rutland School District, she moved to Fargo to become a Northwest Bell Telephone Operator. She later moved back to the Rutland Area and through her own determination she increased her skills with shorthand, typing & other office skills to take a job at Melroe Manufacturing Company in Gwinner where she worked for 34 years, and also worked a few years at the Crossroads Supper Club in Gwinner, where she moved to and started her new Life.

Gwinner was where she met her "Honey" Duane Johnson and they married. Betty & Duane have 5 children: Sandra (Arlen) Hanson of Forman; Joseph (Dawn) Johnson of Goodland, Kansas; Michael (Roxy) Johnson of Enderlin; Justin (Kristal) Johnson of Kindred; & Christopher Johnson of Bismarck. Grandchildren: Kali (Derek) Colbert, Andrew (Kendra) Hanson, Casey (Mathew) Bosse & Elida (Dale) Mehring. Amy Holman, Matthew (Marci) Johnson, Jennifer (Josh) Anderson, Shane (Aneta) Murphy, Bridget (Jeremiah) Bohn. Katelyn Johnson. Daryan Bauer, Gavin & Jameson Johnson. Parker Seelig, Madison Wald, Boden & Devon Hilsendeger. Great Grandchildren: Kyah, Jackson, & Henry Colbert, Brianna (Skyler) Rohrich; Asher & Walker Hanson; Leah, Memphis, & Brayden Bosse; Harper Mehring; Dylan, Bode, & Cooper Holman. John (Lexi) Peden & Taylor (John) Meitl as well as blessed with Great-Great Grandchildren. Betty also Treasured her Sisters- Judy (Darrel) Olson of Veblen, SD & Mary Jo (Mike) Armstrong of Chicago, IL. Many Sisters & Brothers In Law, nieces, nephews, & cousins all whom were held dear in her life.

Betty was a woman of quiet strength. She lived her life with humility, and she always was reaching out with her helping hands, loving heart, her smile, & friendship. Betty had a strong faith and loved her Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church Family and her involvement in WELCA & Altar Guild. She enjoyed volunteering for local School board elections, helping at the food pantry, & being a part of the Red Hat Club, the Friday Afternoon Coffee and the El Zagal Shrine group, especially the torsk feeds & the Shrine Circus. Betty was a great fan of Elvis Presley, & also acquired the nickname Betty Boop and lived with that for many years, and also in these last few years her discussions regarding a certain president 😊 was on her list, (maybe not always a point of enjoyment!)

Some of her favorite times were the cherished times of sharing coffee and beer on the front porch of their Home with conversations, music, laughter, yard entertainment of the various tractors moving around wondering what her "Honey" was up to next, Big & Little grandkids running around, enjoying gazebo time and all the little moments that made her life special. Betty also was a collector of newspaper/magazine clippings, pictures, of memories & stories, as well as articles that she felt would be of help to someone else to

share with, etc. If you were a family, friend, or known by Betty you were probably in the collection of memories, stories and helpful information.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, her son Joe Johnson, & her Sister Judy Olson.

Visitation will be held on Monday, October 19, 2026 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. followed by the funeral service at 10:30 a.m. at Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church in Gwinner. Burial will be at Gwinner Cemetery. Betty's service will be live streamed below.

Memorials can be given to the Roger Maris Center, The CHI Hospice Program, or the GA Lutheran Church of Gwinner. Cards can be mailed to Betty Johnson Family 8394 Hwy 32 Gwinner ND 58040.