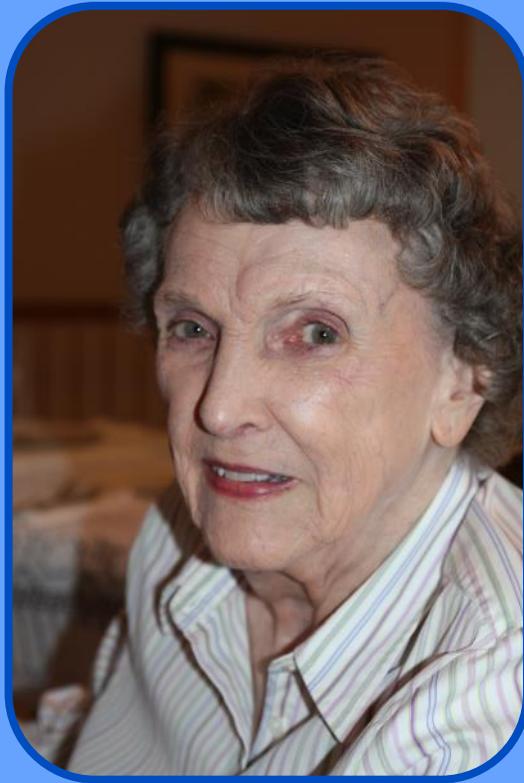


A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF
Barbara Anne Johnson

February 9, 1935 — April 20, 2021



TRANSFIGURATION LUTHERAN CHURCH
BLOOMINGTON, MINNESOTA
MAY 6, 2021

A Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving in Memory of *Barbara Anne Johnson*

May 6, 2021
10:30am

Barbara Anne (Sayler) Johnson, peacefully passed away in Bloomington, Minnesota on April 20, 2021 at the age of 86.



Born in 1935 in Hastings, Nebraska, Barb and her family lived in a variety of places following her father's work until they settled for a time in Hebron, Nebraska where Barb graduated from high school in 1952. After high school, Barb attended Immanuel School of Nursing in Omaha where, after declining the first few invitations, she met her future husband Richard Johnson on a blind date set up by mutual friends. Barb graduated from Immanuel in 1955 and she and Dick were married on June 17, 1956. In 1963, they moved with their young son Eric to St. Paul, Minnesota. Barb soon found employment as a surgical nurse at what ultimately became Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis and began a 35 year career in the surgical department. Barb was extremely proud of her work and of the hospital. She was known for her competence and her ability to work well with even the most difficult surgeons.



Barb was devoted to her family and along with Dick and the children an avid traveler. For many years, the four kids would be packed into a station wagon and the family would head west to visit friends and relatives in Nebraska and California. During that time, the family visited just about every state west of the Mississippi always looping up and down the California coast to visit Barb's father and step-mother in the Bay Area. In later years, Barb and Dick traveled, often on cruises, to many distant lands including China, India, Nepal, Caribbean islands, Russia, Egypt, Brazil, Morocco and many other places in Europe.



A lifelong Lutheran, Barb's faith was important to her as was her commitment to serving others as a nurse and as a community volunteer, most notably with Meals on Wheels where she spent years delivering meals and serving on the local board.

Preceded in death by her father Edwin, mother Eleanor and step-mother Florence, Barb was deeply loved and is survived by her husband of 64 years Richard, children Eric (Kirsten) Johnson, Rebecca (Pam Neumann) Johnson, Jennifer Johnson and Peter (Kristi) Johnson, grandchildren Berit, Noah and Signe Johnson, Summer Neumann and Kaija and Alexander Johnson and great granddaughter Jasmine Neumann.

PRELUDE

DEAREST JESUS, WE ARE HERE (J. WAYNE KERR)
LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS (PAUL MANZ)
LOVE, DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING (MICHAEL BURKHARDT)
KAREN DANIELS, ORGANIST

WELCOME/PRAYER

ENTRANCE HYMN 654

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

(FOR COVID SAFETY'S SAKE, PLEASE REMAIN SEATED AND MEDITATE ON THE WORDS SUNG BY THE SOLOIST)

The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses
with ev'ry grace endued.

Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us,
may see you face to face.

REMEMBRANCES

ERIC JOHNSON, SON

VIDEO REMEMBRANCES

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
- ² My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
- ³ He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
- ⁴ He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
- ⁵ The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
- ⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
- ⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
- ⁸ The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

READING

REVELATION 21:1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; ³ and I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them; ⁴ he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away."

⁵ And he who sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the fountain of the water of life without payment. ⁷ He who conquers shall have this heritage, and I will be his God and he shall be my son.

MESSAGE

REV. ARTHUR MURRAY

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
 who abide in his shadow for life,
 say to the Lord: "My refuge,
 my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
 bear you on the breath of dawn,
 make you to shine like the sun,
 and hold you in the palm of his hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
 and famine will bring you no fear;
 under his wings your refuge,
 his faithfulness your shield. *Refrain - All*

For to his angels he's given a command
 to guard you in all of your ways;
 upon their hands they will bear you up,
 lest you dash your foot against a stone. *Refrain - All*

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

ROB REID, SOLOIST

COMMENDATION/BLESSING

L: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Barbara. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

C: Amen.

L: Let us go forth in the Peace of Christ.

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
 And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
 And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;
 At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain

Dance then wherever you may be;
 I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
 And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
 And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,
 The holy people said it was a shame.
 They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
 And left me there on a cross to die. Refrain

They cut me down and I leapt up high;
 I am the life that-'ll never, never die;
 I'll live in you if you'll live in me:
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. Refrain
 the hour I first believed!

SENDING MUSIC

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME
 (ALBERT VON TILZER ARR. MICHAEL G. SINSHACK)
 KAREN DANIELS, ORGANIST

Interment following at Bloomington Cemetery
 Memorials preferred to TLC Foundation or Presbyterian Homes Foundation



6 *intrepid traveler*



great listener



huge Twins fan

Meals on Wheels volunteer



valued church and community

wife

mother

grandmother

proud surgical nurse



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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Organist
Soloist
Brad Nolte
Diane Lehman

Rev. Arthur Murray
Karen Daniels
Rob Reid
Livestream & video
Funeral Coordinator



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