



## Miriam Zaske

May 5, 1918 - November 25, 2010

Miriam Zaske was born to John and Ella (Anderson) Johnson on May 5, 1918 in Compton Township, Otter Tail County, MN. She passed away on November 25, 2010, at the age of 92, at St. Williams Living Center in Parkers Prairie. Miriam Johnson was united in marriage with Erwin Zaske on June 15, 1939, at the Evangelical Church in Deer Creek. She was a homemaker involved in a weekly Bible study group, Royal Neighbors of America, Garden Club, United Methodist Women, along with being an active member of the United Methodist Church, playing the church organ and piano for over 60 years! She used her free time to play piano and organ, work crossword puzzles, share coffee & donuts with friends, and enjoying her black squirrels. Miriam's grandchildren and great-grandchildren were all so very special to her. She was proud of all their accomplishments and thrilled to have great-grandsons playing the piano. She never wanted to miss a family gathering, and she will be dearly missed. Miriam was preceded in death by her husband Erwin on March 6, 1979; her parents John and Ella; brothers Kenneth, Herbert, Melvin, Robert, and Lloyd Johnson. She is survived by her daughters Virginia (Jim) Hestekind of Circle Pines, Margaret (Arlan) Andresen of Parkers Prairie, Darla (Don) Melz of Grand Rapids, and Arlys (Russ) Andrews of Wadena; seven grandchildren & ten great-grandchildren; sisters Anna Winship of Lubbock, TX, and Doris Annetti of Salem, WI; sisters-in-law Marlene Johnson of Duluth, Edna Johnson of Moorhead, and Jean Johnson of Ottertail. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on November 30, 2010, at the Salem United Methodist

Church in Deer Creek, with Pastor Mark Bateson officiating. Honorary pallbearers were Miriam's granddaughters and great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were Scott Melz, Chad Invie, Mark Andresen, Tim Andresen, Brian Stiedl, Mike Hestekind, and Steve Van de Walker. Interment was in Oak Hill Cemetery in rural Deer Creek.

# Tribute Wall

LH

“ *Mariam was a very special person to me I will always remember going out to farmand having Sun. dinners, especially chasing chickens to get one for dinner. Mariam always had a smile on her face and giggle . Our sympathy to all of you in your loss I know she will be dearly missed by family and friends. Love, Linda & Harv*

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**Linda Harvey** - November 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ *Miriam Zaske Family,  
May God bless you in your grieving over Miriam's death. Aunt Miriam is and will always be an exceptionally special person in my heart. From the time I was young to the time my daughter was able to be blessed in her presence, Miriam's happiness and shining light was contagious. I could see from the special relationship that she had with Melvin that the love for family was eternal. She always made me feel special and important. I will miss Miriam and her memories will always be lasting. God Bless.*

*Love,*

*Dane Johnson  
Diane Byrnes-Johnson*

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**Dane Johnson** - November 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *Our condolences on the passing of Aunt Miriam. She was a tremendously warm and inviting person. As a kid, we really enjoyed visiting her on the farm.*

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**Jim & Sue Johnson** - November 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Our condolences on the passing of Aunt Miriam. She had a warm spirit and it was always enjoyable to see her smiling face at family gatherings.

*We enjoyed sharing walleyes with her in years past caught on nearby East Leaf Lake when we owned a cabin.*

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**Steve and Dianne Johnson** - November 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Sorry to hear of your Mothers passing. May the Lord comfort you during this time!

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**Joe Hinkle/Hinkle Realty** - November 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ You will be greatly missed by all. We love you dearly!

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**Dawn VandeWalker** - November 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ You could always look forward to a warm smile and hug from Miriam and I just know Grandpa and the rest of her family met her with the same warm smiles and hugs! She will be missed.

*Love Wayne, Brenda and Dylan Bruner*

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**Brenda Bruner** - November 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KI

“ Thank you for being my bed partner and for giving us money for Christmas every year.

*Rose are Red  
Violets are Blue  
I love you  
and we miss you!!*

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**Kylee Invie** - November 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GI

“ You inspired me to play the piano so Thank You. I love You.

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**Grant Invie** - November 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KI

“ Grandma -

*You blessed our family for so many years with your loving smile, your beautiful music and your kind words. Your faith has been an inspiration to me throughout my life. I will miss you so much!! May you find an endless supply of doughnuts and a wonderful organ in heaven.*

*Love - Kristie*

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**Kristie Invie** - November 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM