



Ragnhild Johnson

October 6, 1911 - August 18, 2004

Ragnihild K. Johnson was born on October 6, 1911 near Cando, North Dakota at the home of her parents Knute and Annie Fosaaen. On January 30, 1931, Ragna was united in marriage with Samuel F. Johnson at Bisbee, North Dakota. Together they continued to live and farm near Cando in Towner County until they moved to Wykeham Township outside of Eagle Bend in March of 1938. They worked various farms before they sold and moved into Eagle Bend in March of 1952. In 1982, they sold their home and moved into the Eagle Heights Apartments. While Sam worked at the creamery and later the Eagle Bend Produce Company, Ragna worked at Wally's Caf , the telephone company, C&G Variety and later Weibye's Department Store. In addition to her various employment, she was active with the Kitchen Klatter Band, her church's Ladies Aide and was a member of the Degree of Honor. She was also a 4-H leader. Ragna's free time was spent enjoying flowers and birds, attending church and playing in the Kitchen Klatter Band, fishing and most of all spending time with her family and friends. Sam passed away on March 1, 1983 and Ragna continued to reside at the Eagle Heights Apartments until her health required her to move into the Central Todd County Care Center in Clarissa in July of 1997. She passed away at the care center on Wednesday, August 18, 2004 at the age of 92 years and 10 months. Ragna was preceded in death by her husband Sam; parents Knute and Annie Fosaaen; brothers Alvin Fosaaen, Art Fosaaen and Erling Fosaaen; sisters-in-law Marjorie Fosaaen and Veora Fosaaen; and granddaughter Bonnie Willie.

She is survived by her sons Duane (Susan) of Fox Island, Washington and Ronald (Mary) of Blaine, Minnesota; daughter Marlene (David) Willie of Sawyer, Minnesota; 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law Delores Fosaaen of Jacksonville, Florida and Minnie Fosaaen of Cando; and her friends, nieces and nephews. Funeral services were at the Faith Lutheran Church in Eagle Bend with Reverend Cordell Strug and Reverend Mary Carol Strug presiding. Pallbearers are grandsons Randy Willie, Gary Willie, Scott Willie, Dana Johnson, Kyle Johnson and Jay Pajouja. Interment is in the Hope Cemetery in Wykeham Township.

Tribute Wall

JD

“ Duane, Ronald and Marlene
My thoughts will be with you as you bury your mother. I have very fond memories of your mother when she visited Cando and also when we went to Eagle Bend. She was a kind and gentle person.
Sincerely,
Julie and Patrick Dougherty

Julie Fosaaen Dougherty - August 18, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Ragnhild was loved by many, many people - family & friends. She was greatly respected by all who knew her. She was always busy doing what ever needed to be done to make anyone who visited her to feel welcome in her home. My children & I will miss her more than we can express. We kept in touch often by phone with news of our familys. Just think, she was the oldest member of 5 living generations of her family.

Dolores Woods Fosaaen & Family - August 18, 2004 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ My Grandmother possessed a great capacity to love her family and friends--a lovely, exquisite human being. She was Godly, kind and good, full of laughter and gave the most tremendous hugs. What a wonderful privilege it is to call her "My Grandma".

Peggy Kessel - August 18, 2004 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ I always looked forward to my visits with Aunt Ragna. She was a kind, loving, happy human being. Whenever I think of her I smile. She will be deeply missed.

Sheila Fosaaen Garber - August 18, 2004 at 12:00 AM