

But now,
thus saith the Lord
that created thee, O Jacob,
and he that formed thee, O Israel,
Fear not: for I have redeemed thee,
I have called thee by thy name;
thou art mine.
– Isaiah 43:1

A favorite of Elsie's and her mother's confirmation verse.

Watch and pray,
that ye enter not into temptation:
the *spirit* indeed is willing,
but the flesh is weak.
Mathew 26: 41

Elsie's confirmation verse.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Elsie Johnson Tennyson

WHO WAS BORN

May 27, 1919

Cumberland, Wisconsin

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

August 7, 2019

Fargo, North Dakota

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday, August 17, 2019 - 1:00 p.m.

Mundwiler Funeral Home

Milbank, South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Rev. Dave Motta

MUSICIANS

Bobbi Jo Meyer, Pianist

Dr. Chris Sheppard, Vocalist

HONORARY URN BEARERS

Dr. Barry Fuller Larry Johnson, Jr. Dr. Thomas Johnson

Kyle Johnson Adam Price Dr. Chris Sheppard

Joshua Soelzer Timothy Soelzer

INURNMENT

Milbank City Cemetery

Milbank, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Elsie's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the inurnment, please join the family for fellowship at the Speedway Bar and Grill, 221 3rd Ave. E., Milbank, SD

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota

Elsie L. Johnson Tennyson was born on May 27, 1919, in Cumberland, WI, to Ludwig and (Jescke) Rosalie Just. She was a graduate of Cumberland High School and then the Northwestern School of Nursing in Minneapolis, MN. She worked as an industrial, hospital, and private duty nurse in Minneapolis.

On August 8, 1942, she married Dr. Edward A. Johnson; they were married for fifty-five years until his death in 1997. After living in Milbank, SD, for fifty years, Elsie moved to Fargo, ND, to be near family. On July 26, 2013, she married Rodney Tennyson; they resided at Edgewood Vista in Fargo, ND.

During her lifetime, Elsie was devoted to her family, church, and community. She was a dedicated volunteer for her children's many and varied activities as they were growing up. She was a leader in preserving local history, served as a long-standing member of the American Legion Auxiliary, and assumed an active role in the leadership of the South Dakota Medical Auxiliary. She served as Secretary of the Milbank Housing Commission which initiated the city's first housing project for the elderly. A willing volunteer, she supported wide ranging projects to further her community in a life well lived. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fargo, ND.

Elsie is survived by her husband, Rodney Tennyson; five children: Rosann Fuller of Frankfort, MI; Alan (Delain) Johnson of Sun City West, AZ; Dr. Larry (Letitia) Johnson of Jamestown, ND; Dr. Mark (Dottie) Johnson of Madison, WI; and Steven (Diane) Johnson of Fargo, ND; fourteen grandchildren; twenty-seven great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and Rodney Tennyson's five daughters: Lynette (Ron) Pederson of Fargo, ND; Anita Tennyson of Peoria, AZ; Cherie (Vern) Korgel of Peoria, AZ; Alisa Hall of Minot, ND; and Shelly Muehlenbeck of Peoria, AZ; and their families. She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Dr. Edward A. Johnson; an infant granddaughter; and a grandson who was killed in Iraq. She was the last of her siblings, all of whom preceded her in death.

Memorials to the following philanthropies are preferred: The Milbank High School Scholarship Foundation in Milbank, SD; The Elsie Johnson Tennyson Nursing Scholarship at the University of Jamestown in Jamestown, ND; Edgewood Vista Chapel of Fargo; or Hospice of the Red River Valley in Fargo, ND.

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Elsie Johnson Tennyson

May 27, 1919 - August 7, 2019