

Maryan Johnson, 86

Sept. 20, 1929 - Sept. 17, 2016

IDA GROVE — Born September 20, 1929, in Sioux City, Maryan M. Johnson was the daughter of Walter F. and Anna Belle (Bartle) Perry. She was baptized into the Methodist faith on April 20, 1930.

Growing up in the Ida County area, Maryan attended Corwin Township #4 country school until the 8th grade. She was confirmed in her faith on April 28, 1941. Graduating from Ida Grove High School with the class of 1946, she had normal training so that she would be able to teach country school.

Teaching rural country school for three years, Maryan met her future husband at the first school she taught in when he had car trouble on the road and came to the school for assistance.

January 25, 1948, Maryan was united into marriage to Delbert R. Johnson at her parents' home in Ida Grove, which is where the couple made their home since 1965. Two children, Robin Diana and Perry Russell, were born to this union.

Active in her church family, Maryan enjoyed teaching Sunday school. An accomplished sewer, she made paraments for the church in memory of her loving parents, which she dutifully changed for forty years. With her talent in sewing, Maryan did custom sewing for 15 years. In 1981 Maryan became certified as a nurse's assistant and worked at Morningside Rehab and Care Center for 28 years. It will be fondly remembered that she loved the outdoors and spent many nights on her porch swing. Keeping busy she made many afghans & quilts for her grandchildren as well as bags for her church and still found time to crochet many gifts.

She enjoyed a good crossword puzzle, attending her grandchildren's events, but most of all Maryan treasured the time she spent with her family. Maryan passed away on Saturday, September 17, 2016 at the UnityPoint Health – St. Luke's Hospital of Sioux City.

Maryan was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Anna Belle Perry; devoted husband, Delbert Johnson; brothers-in-law Walter and Alvin Johnson; and sister-in-law, Irene Johnson. Left to cherish her memory are her loving children, Robin and Tom Grell of Ida Grove, and Perry and Donette Johnson of Piedmont, OK; seven grandchildren, Evan (Kaylee) and Nathan Grell, and Cody, Garrett, Shay, Brian, and Allie Johnson; sister-in-law, Lucille Johnson of DeLoit; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of friends.

A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, September 26, 2016 at the First United Methodist Church of Ida Grove. The Reverend Chad Lierman officiated, with committal services following at the Ida Grove Cemetery, of Ida Grove. Visitation was from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, September 25, 2016, at the Christensen – Van Houten Funeral Home of Ida Grove. Condolences may be sent online to www.christensenvanhouten.com



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