

*M*arjorie A. Johanson, age 86, of Marathon, Iowa, died on Sunday, December 14, 2008 at Pleasant View Nursing Home in Albert City, Iowa.

Marjorie A. Erickson, the daughter of Joseph Frank and Elsie Marie (Gummow) Erickson, was born at Galva, Iowa, on October 10, 1922.



Marge's early years were spent in the Galva and Schaller, Iowa areas. Following her mother's death and her father becoming ill, Marge made her home with her aunt and uncle, Singne and Harry Couch, in Marathon. She received her education in Marathon, graduating from Marathon High School in 1941. During World War II, Marge worked in the Peterson Store and wrote the "At Random" column for the Marathon Republic newspaper.

In 1949, Marge was united in marriage to Harry Johanson at Jackson, Minnesota. The couple was blessed with two children, Lynn Steven and Susan Diane. Following their marriage, Harry and Marge began farming south of Marathon. Marge also had worked as a teller at Citizens First National Bank in Marathon for many years.

Marge was a long-time member of Grace Lutheran Church in Marathon, where she shared her musical talents by singing in the church choir for many years. She enjoyed antiques, cooking, taking part in community activities and spending time with her family. Marge will be remembered as being a very kind and generous person who was loved and appreciated by everyone who knew her.

Those who will always cherish memories of Marge include her children: Lynn and Joyce Johanson of Macomb, Illinois and Susan and Greg Allen of Lincoln, Nebraska; her three grandchildren: Aaron and Amanda Johanson of Macomb, Illinois; Erikka Johanson of Miami, Florida; and Trevor Johanson of Edwardsville, Illinois; two great-grandchildren, Janissa Rockstadt and Klara Johanson; her sister, Colleen Hart of Spencer, Iowa; many nieces and nephews, and her many friends.

Marge was preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Elsie; her husband, Harry, on September 26, 1997; two sisters, Frances and Nancy; and one brother, Allen.

Memorials in Marge's honor may be directed to the Marathon Community Center or the Grace Lutheran Church in Marathon.



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Marjorie A. Johanson

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The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

—23 Psalm



*W*e wish to express our gratitude for the kindness evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. Please join us for lunch and a time of fellowship and sharing at the Marathon Community Center immediately following the interment.

 *Marjorie's Family*

IN MEMORY OF

Marjorie A. Johanson

October 10, 1922 — December 14, 2008



FUNERAL SERVICE

Wednesday, December 17, 2008 at 10:30 a.m.

Grace Lutheran Church

Marathon, Iowa

CLERGY

Reverend Tammy Anderson

ORGANIST

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CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

"Amazing Grace"

"How Great Thou Art"

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

CASKET BEARERS

Ron Anderson, Phil Dukes, Aaron Johanson

Chuck Erickson, Greg Allen, Ray Hart

INTERMENT

Poland Township Cemetery — Marathon, Iowa



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