

*R*uth Leora Johnson, age 96, of Linn Grove, Iowa, passed away on Saturday, January 12, 2008 at the home of her daughter and son-in-law in Iowa City, where she lived and had been cared for by her family for the past 28 months.

Ruth Leora Anderson, the daughter of Ed and Laura Mae (Christeson) Andersen, was born January 3, 1912 at her parents' home north of Alta in Scott Township, Buena Vista County, Iowa. She attended Highview Consolidated School and graduated in 1929. She attended Buena Vista College for two years. She taught at Highview for 2 ½ years.

On May 9, 1934, she married Delbert Johnson of Albert City, Iowa at her parents' home. They were blessed with one daughter, Nancy. The couple established their first home in Rembrandt, Iowa and later moved to a farm near Linn Grove, where they spent the majority of their married life. After Del's death on Oct. 6, 1967, Ruth moved into Storm Lake, Iowa, where she lived until 1998 when she moved near her family in Iowa City. She lived at Ecumenical Towers and had many friends there. During October 2005, she became unable to live by herself and was cared for by her daughter and son-in-law at their home until her death.

Ruth was baptized and joined the Elk Baptist Church north of Alta. Later, she transferred membership to Riverside Presbyterian Church in Linn Grove. She was active in Sunday School and Ladies Aid. Ruth was a homemaker who enjoyed sewing and cooking. In the community, she was a 4-H Leader and belonged to various ladies' clubs. She loved the many long phone calls she received every Sunday evening from her niece, Norma Zeeb.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Del; her parents, Ed and Laura Anderson; her twin sisters, Mavis Pederson and husband, Russell and Maesel Sweet and husband, Karl; her brother, Nathan "Bups" Anderson and wife, Eloise.

She is survived by her daughter, Nancy Macek and husband, Keith, of Iowa City; granddaughters: Cindy Miller and husband, Rob, and their children Ainsley and Peyton of Wellman, Iowa; Julie Miller and husband, Larry, and their children Zac, Mitchell, Alex and Brandon of Kansas City, Missouri; and Vicki Botkins and husband Brad of Olathe, Kansas; many nieces, nephews and friends.



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A Special Life



Ruth Leora Johnson

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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 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 forever.**

—Psalm 23



We 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 church immediately following the service.

 *Ruth's Family*

IN MEMORY OF

Ruth Leora Johnson

January 3, 1912 — January 12, 2008



FUNERAL SERVICE

*Tuesday, January 15, 2008 at 10:30 a.m.
Riverside Presbyterian Church — Linn Grove, Iowa*

CLERGY

Reverend Russell Westbrook

ORGANIST

Cheryl Anderson

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"Oh Worship The King"

"My Jesus I Love Thee"

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

CASKET BEARERS

*Bob Meredith, Jon Robinson, Jay Nehring
Tim Nehring, Bernard Nelson, Richard Nelson*

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Rich Robinson, Ed Anderson, Bruce Nehring

INTERMENT

*Barnes Township Cemetery
Linn Grove, Iowa*



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