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Helen Maxine Johnson



Helen Johnson, 91, of Ankeny, passed away July 4, 2024, at Mill Pond Care Center.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at Resurrection Lutheran Church (914 NW Ash Dr., Ankeny) with visitation from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. She will be laid to rest at Iowa Veterans Cemetery at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 11, 2024.

Helen was born on April 15, 1933, in Mountain Lake, MN, to Edwin and Leona (Willard) Johnson. Helen grew up on a farm outside of Mountain Lake and graduated from Mountain

Lake High School in 1951.

In 1953 Helen married the love of her life, Joe Johnson, and the couple had three children. Helen and Joe raised their family in Grinnell, Iowa, and moved to Ankeny, Iowa, forty years ago.

Helen was an active member of Beta Sigma Phi for over 50 years, she was always very active in her church and community. Helen impacted so many lives through her selflessness. She was always first in line to help those in need: providing meals, knitting hats, and making blankets and quilts for people she would never meet. Giving her time and resources came naturally to her.

Helen enjoyed working in the garden, knitting, sewing, quilting and was an avid reader. She also played cards; 500 was her favorite game. She loved her family unconditionally and was very proud of each and

every one of them!

Helen is survived by her three children, Joe, Jr. (Karen), Steve (Brenda), and Brenda (David) Reedy; six grandchildren, Travis (Erika), Shana (Ben), Bethany, Amanda, Andrew (Melissa), and Jordan (Caitlyn); 12 great-grandchildren, Alli, Mackenzie, Alex, Halle, Kole, Peyton, Cade, Jase, Lakynn, Jack, Callen Ky, Creede, and one on the way; nieces and nephews; along with other family and friends. Helen was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Esther Olds; her husband; and one grandson, Clayton Johnson.

Memorials may be sent in her name to Resurrection Lutheran

Church Ankeny, Iowa.

Condolences may be expressed online at www. MemorialServicesOflowa.com