

Florence "Velma" was born on November 7, 1925, Vida, MT to Pearle and Irene (Zumsteg) Cooper. She lived on her parents homestead till the age of 3. They then moved to Axtel, MT where she graduated from the 8th grade. The most important thing that happened was when she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at the age of 15. She graduated from Richey High School in 1946. In the fall of 1947, Velma moved to Sidney, MT where she worked at various places. In 1951, she enrolled in Prairie Bible Institute at Alberta, Canada. In 1952, Velma married Donald K. Johnson. They lived and took over his parent's farm in Sidney, they had two children, Jacqueline Pamela arrived in 1960, followed by Philip Donald in 1963.

In 1987, Velma and DK moved into Sidney. She always raised a big garden, canning and freezing many things. She kept busy teaching Sunday school and helping with many things at the First Baptist Church. For many years she ran a Christian Gift Shop called Vee Jays. Her husband, DK passed away in 2017, and Velma continued to live in Sidney.

Velma passed away on Sunday, December 12, 2021, at the age of 96, at Sidney Health Center Extended Care in Sidney, MT.

She leaves: her son, Philip (Robyn) Johnson, their children, Jesse Johnson, Katie (Jeremy) Geyer, Matthew Johnson, Daniel Johnson, Trevor Suko, and Scott (Lindsey) Suko; Jackie's children, Melissa (Greg) Kozma, Jessica Keele, Derek Deitsch, Erika Deitsch (Justin); along with 11 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by: her parents, Pearle and Irene Cooper; her husband, DK Johnson; her daughter, Jacqueline Deitsch; brother, Lloyd cooper; sister, Winona Cooper; great grandson, Noah; several aunts, uncles and cousins.







## Velma Johnson

Born to Pearle & Irene Cooper November 7, 1925~Vida, Montana

**Passed Away** 

December 12, 2021~Sidney, Montana

#### Services

10:00AM Saturday<mark>, December 18</mark>, 2021 Ebenezer Congr<mark>egational Church</mark> Sidney, <mark>Montana</mark>

### Officiating

Pastor David Meehan

#### Music

Sally Borg

Fred Barkley

### Casketbearers

Matthew Johnson Derek Deitsch Daniel John<mark>son</mark> Justin Hosa

Trevor Suko Tomas Deitsch

### Ushers

Richard Vonder Muellen

Ron Evitt

## **Final Resting Place**

Sidney Cemetery~Sidney, Montana

A luncheon will be served at the church following the burial

# I'm Spending Christmas With Jesus Christ This Year

I see the countless Christmas trees, Around the world below With tiny lights, like heaven's stars, Reflecting on the snow. The sight is so spectacular, Please wipe away that tear. For I'm spending Christmas With Jesus Christ this year. I hear the many Christmas songs That people hold so dear, But the sound of the music can't compare With the Christmas choir up here. For I have no words to tell you, The joy their voices bring. For it is beyond description To hear an angel sing. I can't tell you of the splendor, Or the peace here in this place. Can you imagine Christmas With your Savior, face to face? I'll ask Him to light your spirit As I tell Him of your love So then pray one for another As you lift your eyes above. Please let your hearts be joyful, And let your spirit sing. For I'm spending Christmas in heaven, And I'm walking with the King!