Doris Johnson was born on the family farm in Nordag Township, south of Watford City on September 29, 1921, the daughter of John A. and Maria (Bjelkevig) Hagen. She was raised on the family farm and first attended the Randall school and graduated from Watford City High School in 1940.

Doris was united in marriage to Dallas Johnson at Fairview, MT on December 18, 1941. To this union two children, Duane and Darlene were born. The family first made their home on the Stutrud ranch, south of Watford City for a time, and then moved into Watford City where they raised their children and later moved to the Nygaard farm before settling in Watford City permanently. Doris always enjoyed working as she did on the farm and worked out of the house at several locations in Watford City, City Cleaners, Piggly Wiggly Grocery Store, The Clothes Basket, Hanna Insurance, the 4 Eyes Motel and eventually the Watford City Senior Center were places of employment that kept Doris well connected with the people of Watford City. She retired at the age of 85.

She was a member of Spring Creek Lutheran Church, Ladies Aide, Homemakers, quilting guild, and she enjoyed knitting, crochet and playing word find games.

She is survived by her son, Duane, of Watford City, ND, daughter, Darlene (Ross) Birney, of Bismarck, ND, grandchildren; Nathan Sivertson and his children Derrick, Cody, Sadie and Natasha, Jodi (John) Wick and their children, Cameron, Justin and Allisa, step-grandsons, Jason Sivertson and friend Toni Defoe and their children, Tyler, Colton and Tadan, Eric Birney and Dana (Lavonne) Birney, step granddaughter, Dana (Wade) Wold and their child, Kira and one sister Mildred Gifstad, of Watford City, ND.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Dallas, one sister, Della Johnson and two brothers; Manual and Orville.
In Memory Of
Doris A. Johnson

Date And Place Of Birth
September 29, 1921
Norstog Township, McKenzie County, North Dakota

Date And Place Of Death
August 12, 2009
Watford City, North Dakota

Funeral Service
11:00 am, Monday, August 17, 2009
First Lutheran Church
Watford City, North Dakota

Clergy
Pastoral Assistant Rob Favorite

Musician
Duane Sanford

Casketbearers
Terry Sherven  Kelly Olson  Kurt Hovet
Al Berg  Darwin Johnson  Donald Hagen

Honorary Casketbearers
Her Homemaker’s Club

Interment
Spring Creek Cemetery
Watford City, North Dakota

When I Must Leave You

I must leave you
for a little while
Please do not grieve
and shed wild tears.
And hug your sorrow to you
through the years,
But start out bravely
with a gallant smile-
For my sake and in my name
live on and do all things the same,
Feed not your loneliness
on empty days,
But fill each waking hour
in useful ways,
Reach out your hand
in comfort and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you
and hold you near;
And never, never
be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you
in the sky!

Helen Steiner Rice

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