

Remembering...

Thoreen "June" Joann Johnson was born on April 25, 1934, on the family farm near Viking, MN to Frank Theodore and Mabel (Simonson) Johnson the sixth of eight children. She attended country school outside of Viking, MN through the 8th grade. During her high school years June enjoyed singing, and she would graduate from Newfolden High School in 1952. As a young woman she took off to Chicago for three months and then to South St. Paul and worked at a restaurant and then at a Norwest Bank in the Twin Cities for three years.

The adventurous June then took off with her girlfriend Marlys to California to expand their horizons. That led to her moving to Seattle, Washington where she found a job and lived with her sister and her family. She worked at Boeing Aircraft for four years and she was building airplanes. Little in stature but June was a "Rosie the riveter." While working at Boeing she met Donald Werre, and they were married. Their journey together had them moving back to Minnesota and that is when their daughter Deb was born. June worked at a bank and took care of the family. Tragedy struck and her husband Donald drown, and she moved home to Viking, MN for a year to get her bearings. During that time, she worked for her brother. She then returned to South St. Paul, MN where she met Virgil Fankhanel and they were married on July 1, 1961. During this time along comes son Danny and daughter Kari. They lived in Cottage Grove, MN for some time until in 1970, moving to Barnesville, where she and Virgil would farm together. She also worked at the Hardware Hank in Barnesville for a short time.

Throughout her lifetime, June enjoyed many hobbies including Bowling, where she earned Top Bowler awards in Fargo and Barnesville, she also enjoyed playing shuffleboard and darts while wintering for many years in Texas before buying a winter home in Arizona, and she would win many top awards for her skills. She was a lifetime member of the VFW Auxiliary. June enjoyed shopping and she enjoyed clothes and jewelry. One of her favorite pastimes was going to the casino and she was lucky. One of her favorite companions was her cat Ole.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Virgil Fankhanel of Barnesville, three children: Debra (Todd) Trygstad of Erhard, MN, Danny (Karen) Fankhanel of Barnesville, MN, Kari Fankhanel of Moorhead, MN, seven grandchildren: Britta Trygstad (Kris Kerzman), Dana Trygstad, Shawn (Britt) Fankhanel, Jeremy Fankhanel, Valerie (Shaun) Snider, Aleise Lafayette, Kali (Justyn) Armentrout, six great grandchildren, Edith, Anton, Brooklyn, Charlotte, Wren, Vinnie, two brothers: Darrel Johnson of Cottage Grove, MN, Willis (Joyce) Johnson of Viking, MN, and many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

June was preceded in death by her parents Frank and Mabel Johnson, sisters: Oryla Ohlgen, Ardis Bartholme; and brothers: Ferl Johnson, Lavern Johnson, Ellery Johnson.

June Fankhanel, of Barnesville, MN passed away on Saturday, February 24, 2024, at River Pointe in Moorhead, MN at the age of 89 years, 9 months, and 30 days.

May Her Memory Be Blessed

*In Celebration
For The Life Of*



*Thoreen "June" Fankhanel
April 25, 1934 - February 24, 2024*

WELCOME HOME

For those I love and for those who love me,

*When I am gone, release me, Let me go,
I have so many things to see and do*

*You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears.
Be happy that we had so many years.*

*I gave you my love. You can only guess
How much you gave to me in happiness.*

*I thank you for the love you each have shown,
But now it's time I traveled on alone.*

*So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must;
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.*

*It's only for a while we must part,
So bless the memories that lie within your heart.*

*I won't be far away, for life goes on.
So if you need me call and I will come...*

*Tho you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near.
And if you listen with your heart you will hear
All of my love around you soft and clear.*

*And then when you come this way alone...
I'll greet you with a smile and say "Welcome Home".*

In Loving Memory of Thoreen "June" Fankhanel

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 2:00 PM
Dobmeier Funeral Home
Barnesville, Minnesota

OFFICIATING

Rev. John Ahola

MUSIC

Rosie Carr ~ Organist

Recorded Selections

"Kiss An Angel Good Morning" ~ Charlie Pride

"Cattle Call" ~ Darrell Johnson

"Amazing Grace" ~ Elvis Presley

Congregational Hymns

"Softly & Tenderly"

INURNMENT

(at a later date)

City Cemetery

rural Barnesville, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

On behalf of June's family, thank you for your love and support throughout her life. We appreciate your prayers and your time as her life is honored. Please join us for a time of food and fellowship following the service.

*Arrangements Entrusted to Dobmeier Funeral Home
Barnesville, Minnesota*