



## Virginia "Ginny" A. Johnson

January 23, 1933 - February 7, 2025

NORFOLK -- Funeral service for Virginia "Ginny" Johnson, 92, of Pierce, formerly of Pilger, will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk, with Reverend Greg Rathke officiating. A private family burial will take place at Rose Hill Cemetery, rural Albion. Visitation will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, at Stonacek Funeral Chapel. The service will be live-streamed on the Stonacek Funeral Chapel website at <https://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com/obituaries/virginia-ginny-johnson-3/#!/PhotosVideos>. Ginny passed away peacefully on Friday, February 7, 2025, at the Wakefield Health Care Center, surrounded by her loving family. Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk is handling the arrangements.

Virginia Ann Johnson was born on January 23, 1933, in a farmhouse near Loretto, Nebraska, to J.B. and Valma (Myers) Barnes. She was baptized at the Loretto United Methodist Church and later confirmed at the Albion United Methodist Church. Ginny attended District 13 Elementary School (southwest of Loretto) before her family moved to Albion. She attended Albion Jr. High School and graduated from Albion High School in 1950.

Ginny graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1954, where she was a member of Alpha Chi Omega and majored in Home Economics. After college, she taught school in Nebraska and Colorado for four years before

becoming a TWA stewardess. Ginny continued in that career until she married her childhood sweetheart, Don Johnson, on October 25, 1959, at the United Methodist Church in Albion and honeymooned in Paris.

Following their marriage, Ginny and Don lived in Indiana and Iowa while Don worked as a territory manager for Dekalb Seed. In 1962, they moved to Pilger, Nebraska where they put down roots. Don had a distinguished career at Farmers National Bank, now Midwest Bank, and Ginny was a devoted wife and mother to their children Lori, Karen and Doug.

Ginny was a dedicated member of Pilger Methodist Church for 46 years. She sang in the church choir, taught Sunday School, and was actively involved in various church committees. Ginny enjoyed playing cards, traveling, shopping, cooking, but was known to most as a passionate sports fan – particularly of Husker sports. Most of all though, she cherished spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, attending all their games, events and celebrations.

Ginny is survived by her daughters, Lori (Mike) Minert of Pender, Karen (Ryan) Rathke of Grand Island, and her son, Douglas (Stacy) Johnson of Pierce; grandchildren: Megan (Roger) Ray, Drew (Chelsea) Minert, McKenzie (Reid) Ely, Garrett (Anna) Rathke, Jenna (Andrew) Mitchell, Jordan (Whitney) Rathke, Hannah Rathke, Ashton (Trent) Spieker, Ali Johnson, Annie Johnson, and Addison Johnson; great-grandchildren: Carter and Charlie Ray, Kylar, Broxton, Liam, Madyn, MacKenna, and Maverick Ely, Gianna and Xander Minert, Carson and Maren Mitchell, Nora and Otto Rathke, Teegan Rathke, and Avie and Millie Spieker; her brother, Dick (Penny) Barnes of Lincoln; and her sister, Mary (J.V.) Nicodemus of Atlanta, GA. Ginny was preceded in death by her husband, Don Johnson; her parents, J.B. and Valma Barnes; a brother, John Barnes; a nephew, Darin Barnes; and in-laws, Jeanne and Gale Jacobsen, and Tom and Doris Johnson.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Rose Hill

Albion, NE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk  
1200 N.13th St.  
Norfolk, NE 68701  
(402) 371-7676  
info@stonacekfuneralchapel.com  
<https://stonacekfuneralchapel.com/>

## Funeral Service

FEB 12. 10:30 AM (CT)

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1200 N.13th St.  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Stonacek Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Virginia "Ginny" A. Johnson*



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**Stonacek Funeral Chapel** - February 12, 2025 at 10:33 AM

TP

“ *Condolences to the Johnson family. Your Mom was a great person and I have nothing but great memories of her from childhood being around Pilger. Always kind of generous.*

*Todd Petersen*

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**TP Todd Petersen** - February 12, 2025 at 10:16 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Virginia "Ginny" A. Johnson.*

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February 11, 2025 at 02:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Virginia "Ginny" A. Johnson.*



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February 11, 2025 at 02:15 PM



“ *Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of Virginia "Ginny" A. Johnson.*



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February 11, 2025 at 01:33 PM



“ *Midwest Bank - York purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Virginia "Ginny" A. Johnson.*



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**Midwest Bank - York** - February 11, 2025 at 11:28 AM



“ *Pat & Chad Theisen & Jill West & Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Virginia "Ginny" A. Johnson.*



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**Pat & Chad Theisen & Jill West & Family** - February 11, 2025 at 10:28 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Virginia "Ginny" A. Johnson.*



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February 11, 2025 at 09:47 AM

JM

“ *Jaye, Garec, Renee and Alec Monter purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Virginia "Ginny" A. Johnson.*



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**Jaye, Garec, Renee and Alec Monter** - February 11, 2025 at 09:40 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Virginia "Ginny" A. Johnson.*



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February 11, 2025 at 09:00 AM

TJ

“ *The O'Haras Tim, Nikki, Tenley and John purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Virginia "Ginny" A. Johnson.*



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**The O'Haras Tim, Nikki, Tenley and John** - February 11, 2025 at 08:38 AM

TJ

“ *The O'Haras Tim, Nikki, Tenley and John planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virginia "Ginny" A. Johnson.*

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**The O'Haras Tim, Nikki, Tenley and John** - February 11, 2025 at 08:38 AM

DE

“ DJ & Kathy Eihusen purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Virginia "Ginny" A. Johnson.



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**DJ & Kathy Eihusen** - February 11, 2025 at 07:46 AM

DE

“ DJ & Kathy Eihusen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virginia "Ginny" A. Johnson.

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**DJ & Kathy Eihusen** - February 11, 2025 at 07:46 AM

BK

“ Brad & Lori Koehn purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Virginia "Ginny" A. Johnson.



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**Brad & Lori Koehn** - February 11, 2025 at 05:44 AM

DS

“ Dave Lambert & Nancy Schlegelmilch purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Virginia "Ginny" A. Johnson.



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**Dave Lambert & Nancy Schlegelmilch** - February 10, 2025 at 11:59 PM

MC

“ Midwest Bank - Creighton purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Virginia "Ginny" A. Johnson.



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**Midwest Bank - Creighton** - February 10, 2025 at 07:57 PM

MC

“ Midwest Bank - Creighton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virginia "Ginny" A. Johnson.

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**Midwest Bank - Creighton** - February 10, 2025 at 07:57 PM

MH

“ Mark and Bruce Hansen purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Virginia "Ginny" A. Johnson.



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**Mark and Bruce Hansen** - February 10, 2025 at 07:34 PM

KS

“ Katie S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virginia "Ginny" A. Johnson.

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**Katie S.** - February 10, 2025 at 06:00 PM

AK

“ Ann Oertwich & Jane Kremer purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Virginia "Ginny" A. Johnson.



Ann Oertwich & Jane Kremer - February 10, 2025 at 05:45 PM

PD

“ Pender Community Hospital District purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Virginia "Ginny" A. Johnson.



Pender Community Hospital District - February 10, 2025 at 05:39 PM

TC

“ The First Light Child Advocacy Center purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Virginia "Ginny" A. Johnson.



The First Light Child Advocacy Center - February 10, 2025 at 05:08 PM

TC

“ The First Light Child Advocacy Center planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virginia "Ginny" A. Johnson.

The First Light Child Advocacy Center - February 10, 2025 at 05:08 PM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Virginia "Ginny" A. Johnson.



February 10, 2025 at 04:09 PM



“ Class of '85 purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Virginia "Ginny" A. Johnson.



**Class of '85** - February 10, 2025 at 02:39 PM



“ Stuart Johnson lit a candle in memory of Virginia "Ginny" Johnson



**Stuart Johnson** - February 10, 2025 at 01:40 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Virginia "Ginny" A. Johnson.



February 10, 2025 at 01:17 PM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Virginia "Ginny" A. Johnson.



February 10, 2025 at 12:51 PM



“ Terry, Jody and the rest of Pender rescue purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Virginia "Ginny" A. Johnson.



**Terry, Jody and the rest of Pender rescue** - February 10, 2025 at 11:28 AM



“ Your Heartland United Way Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Virginia "Ginny" A. Johnson.



**Your Heartland United Way Family** - February 10, 2025 at 10:15 AM



“ Heartland United Way Board of Directors purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Virginia "Ginny" A. Johnson.

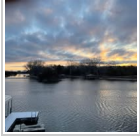


**Heartland United Way Board of Directors** - February 10, 2025 at 10:06 AM

JH

“ Our sincere condolences to the family. Sorry to hear of Ginny’s passing. Jackie Steinmark Hegarty

Jackie Hegarty - February 09, 2025 at 01:54 PM



“ Karen and family, so sorry to hear of your mother passing. I’m praying for you and your family. Hugs and Lov. Sue Pirnie

Sue Pirnie - February 09, 2025 at 01:18 PM

HD

“ Heartland United Way Agency Directors. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virginia "Ginny" A. Johnson.

Heartland United Way Agency Directors. - February 09, 2025 at 12:56 PM

HD

“ Heartland United Way Agency Directors. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Virginia "Ginny" A. Johnson.



Heartland United Way Agency Directors. - February 09, 2025 at 12:56 PM