



Janice Arlene Johnson

September 20, 1938 - June 7, 2025

Janice Arlene Johnson, 86, of Beach, North Dakota, passed away on June 7, 2025, at the Hilltop Home of Comfort in Killdeer, ND.

Jan was born on September 20, 1938, to W. Lawrence and Clara Kirkpatrick in rural Sentinel Butte, North Dakota. She was raised and educated in Sentinel Butte, where her strong values and enduring work ethic were rooted. On October 5, 1956, Jan married the love of her life, James “Jim” Johnson, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sentinel Butte. Together they built a life centered on love, faith, and family, raising four children: Doug, Arlene, Kirk, and Jacki. Jan took great pride in being a devoted wife, mother, and later, grandmother and great-grandmother.

A true ranch wife, Jan dedicated herself to both her family and the land. She taught herself to cook and became an exceptional seamstress—skills she passed along with love. She had a deep passion for gardening and canning, famously preserving around 150 quarts of pickles in just the past few years. Her home was often filled with the inviting aroma of her cooking and baking—her caramel rolls, in particular, were exceptional.

Jan also found joy in square dancing, sewing, and was an active member of both the Homemakers Club and the Ladies Aid at Trinity Lutheran Church. Music held a special place in her heart, especially the songs of Charley Pride, whom she and Jim enjoyed seeing live on many occasions.

In June 2024, Jan moved to the Hilltop Home of Comfort. She quickly became an active and beloved member of the community there. Whether it was bingo

—around which all visits were scheduled—or church services, Jan participated with enthusiasm and grace. She never missed an activity and always made those around her feel welcome and cherished.

Janice is survived by her four children: Doug (Judy) Johnson of Sentinel Butte, ND; Arlene (Gene) Schmeling of Beach, ND; Kirk (Melissa) Johnson of Mandan, ND; and Jacki (Scott) Musgrave of Bingham, NE. She is also survived by her sister, Arlys Kirkpatrick of Beach, ND; ten grandchildren: Marie (Nathan), Marcie (Austin), Rory (Emily), Cody, Patrick, Samantha, Justin, Chelsea (Frank), Wyatt, and Zane; and eleven great-grandchildren: Abriella, Adaline, Nash, Jett, Gwen, Gus, Thad, Halen, Haley, Owen, and Connor.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Jim, her parents W. Lawrence and Clara, two sisters, one brother, and her great-grandson Agustav.

Janice's warmth, strength, and joyful spirit will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew her.

Silha Funeral Home of Beach has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **12**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Beach, North Dakota
125 4th Avenue Southwest
P.O. Box 488
Beach, ND 58621
(701) 872-3232
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Funeral Service

JUN **13**. 10:00 AM (MT)

United Community Church
335 N Central Ave.
Beach, ND 58621

Interment

JUN **13** (MT)

Sentinel Butte Cemetery
Sentinel Butte, ND 58654

Tribute Wall

SL

“ To the Johnson family, It was an honor to be with you, your relatives and friends as you gave your farewell to Jan! I knew her from our teenage years. I am most impressed at the many ways she shared her life with all of you! That is what makes family and community life giving! May God welcome her to everlasting joy and love as she joins her loving husband, Jim. Sincerely, Sister Susan Lardy

Sr. Susan Lardy - June 15, 2025 at 10:45 PM



“ 3 files added to the album LifeTributes



Silha Funeral Home - June 12, 2025 at 04:23 PM

LO

“ Thinking about you Doug, Judy and family 🙏

LoriFanning - June 12, 2025 at 11:01 AM

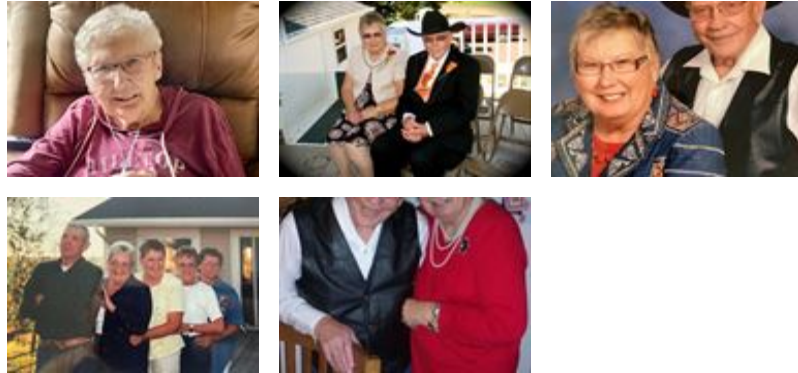
JO

“ To all the cousins I'm so sorry for your mom's passing , we all have good memories of gatherings for many years , tes ,Donna, Carol and now Jan can all be together and I'm sure ant Clara is reuniting ,my prayers, thoughts and concerns of you all , Jan was a great gardener and a great cook , my mom I'm sure has greeted her also , arlys I'm thinking of you also , God bless, Jack osterhout ,los ang,ca

Jack osterhout - June 11, 2025 at 06:18 PM



“ 36 files added to the album Life Tributes



Silha Funeral Home - June 11, 2025 at 03:46 PM



“ Don & Connie purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Janice Arlene Johnson.



Don & Connie - June 11, 2025 at 02:49 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janice Arlene Johnson.



June 11, 2025 at 11:15 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Janice Arlene Johnson.

June 11, 2025 at 11:15 AM

KC

“ Kelly Bruns&your friends at West Central purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Janice Arlene Johnson.



Kelly Bruns&your friends at West Central - June 10, 2025 at 03:37 PM

KC

“ Kelly Bruns&your friends at West Central planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janice Arlene Johnson.

Kelly Bruns&your friends at West Central - June 10, 2025 at 03:37 PM

GP

“ GSL Crew...Past and Present purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Janice Arlene Johnson.



GSL Crew...Past and Present - June 10, 2025 at 10:31 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Janice Arlene Johnson.



June 10, 2025 at 08:31 AM

ME

“ *Mark and Dawn Egan lit a candle in memory of Janice Johnson*



Mark and Dawn Egan - June 10, 2025 at 04:59 AM

NF

“ *Niece Terry Lynn and family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Janice Arlene Johnson.*



Niece Terry Lynn and family - June 09, 2025 at 10:28 PM

ML

“ *My prayers to all of the family May She Rest in Peace*

maurice lardy - June 09, 2025 at 08:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Janice Arlene Johnson.*



June 09, 2025 at 01:06 PM

TC

“ *Many prayers to you all, I loved being your Mom's caregiver. She will be greatly missed by all.* ”



Tiffany Conaway - June 09, 2025 at 11:10 AM

RC

“ *Roger & Paula Clemens lit a candle in memory of Janice Johnson* ”



Roger & Paula Clemens - June 09, 2025 at 10:27 AM