

Maxine Adele (Neilson) Johnson was born on March 10, 1919 in Hetland, SD, to Max and Caroline (Wickander) Neilson. She graduated from Hetland High School and attended General Beadle State College in Madison, SD, where she earned a Teaching Certificate. Maxine taught school for approximately five years.

On December 15, 1946, Maxine married Alexander "Alex" O. Johnson in St. Paul, MN. They farmed in the Lake Preston area and then De Smet, SD before moving to Platte, SD in 1958 where they owned and operated Johnson Bakery until Alex's retirement due to health issues in 1977. Maxine then worked as Office Manager for Dr. Mills in Platte until she retired.

Maxine was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church where her love of music led to many opportunities to lead and sing in the choir. She was widely known for her passion and talent for baking, especially designing and creating wedding cakes. Maxine touched many in her community, as well as friends and relatives through this unique gift. She also enjoyed sewing and quilting.

Maxine was an avid reader, particularly of scripture and books of faith. She wrote many commentaries on her readings and her thoughts. One wasn't in her presence for long before her love and her faith in her Savior, Jesus Christ, was clearly evident and contagious.

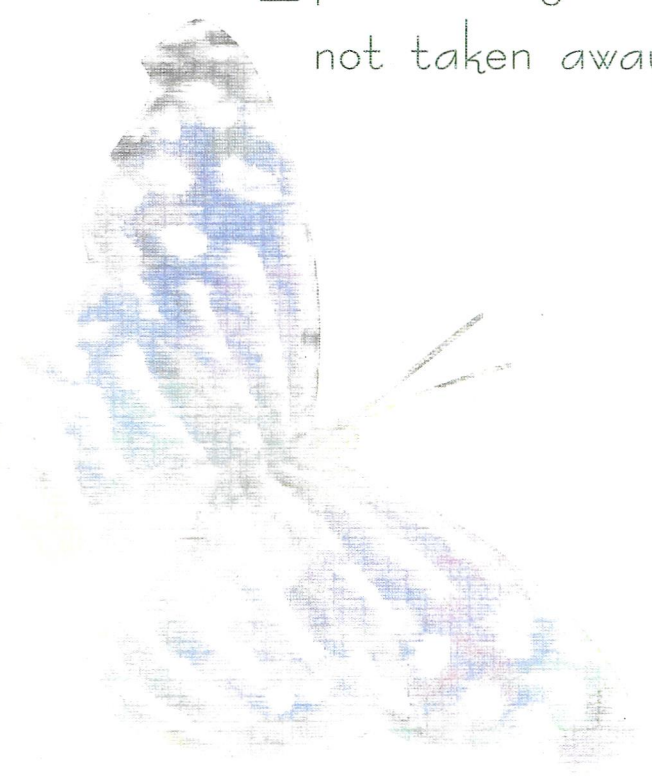
Maxine Adele Johnson, 98, of Platte, SD passed away Friday, April 21, 2017 at Platte Care Center Avera.

Grateful for having shared in Maxine's life: her daughter, Judi Johnson of Costa Mesa, CA; two grandsons: Jonathan and Christopher Johnson; a great granddaughter, Elise Johnson all of Sioux City, IA; a brother, Mayo Neilson of Hot Springs, SD; along with many nieces and nephews.

Maxine was preceded in death by her husband, Alex (2003); her son, Kebbin (2001); her parents, Max and Caroline Neilson; a sister, Helen and husband, Dr. Robert Westaby; and a sister-in-law, Marj Neilson.

In *lieu* of flowers, memorials in Maxine's honor may be directed to: Trinity Lutheran Church, PO Box 472, Platte, SD or Platte Care Center Avera, PO Box 200, Platte, SD 57369.

Life is changed...  
not taken away.





## Footprints in the sand

One night I had a dream. I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and across the skies flashed scenes from my life. In each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand. One was mine, and one was the Lord's. When the last scene of my life appeared before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand and, to my surprise, I noticed that many times along the path of my life there was only one set of footprints. And I noticed that it was at the lowest and saddest times in my life. I asked the Lord about it:

"Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way. But I notice that during the most troublesome times in my life there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why you left my side when I needed you most." The Lord said: "My precious child, I never left you during your time of trial. Where you see only one set of footprints, I was carrying you."

# IN LOVING MEMORY OF Maxine Adele Johnson

March 10, 1919 - April 21, 2017

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

Tuesday, April 25, 2017 2:00 P.M.

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Platte, South Dakota

## OFFICIATING

Pastor Daniel Daum

## MUSICAL SELECTIONS

"How Great Thou Art" "In the Garden"

"Blessed Assurance"

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Organist, Maylou Stanforth

## INURNMENT

North Preston Lutheran Cemetery  
Lake Preston, South Dakota



*Mount Funeral Home is honored  
to be assisting the Johnson family.*