



Dorothy E Johnson

September 17, 1927 - August 25, 2025

Dorothy was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, daughter, sister, and aunt. She was born in Chicago Illinois, and married her grade school sweetheart (Gordon) on November 4, 1950.

They moved from Chicago to the suburb of Northbrook, and there they raised their 4 children: Scott, Karna, Peter, and Amy. She was very active in the Winnetka Covenant Church - always with activities that involved education (ie Sunday school teacher, Vacation Bible School coordinator, Christmas program narrator, etc).

In 1973 Gordon and Dorothy relocated to Lakeland Florida, where they started the "2nd chapter of their life". They were active members in Christ United Methodist Church, and once again she was involved in the various church activities (ie Mother's day luncheons, narrator of Christmas programs, and teaching Sunday school).

Their social interactions consisted of activities with their church friends - and they regularly entertained their friends and families in their home. Both Gordon and Dorothy loved to travel, and they visited 46 states during their travels.

Dorothy loved history, so their trips were divided into 3 categories: 1) camping

with other families, 2) visiting relatives, or 3) visiting historical places of interest. Dorothy was always the "co-pilot" and navigated with a map on her lap, and even in her later years, she loved to go on car rides to see how the world was changing.

Dorothy took some accounting classes at the local night college in Chicago, and ultimately used those skills when she was responsible for the bookkeeping for the laundries that she and Gordon owned in Florida. She also owned a store in Lakeland called "The Needleworks" - which specialized in the hobbies of knitting, cross stitch, and needlepoint - and she was an accomplished enthusiast in all of those crafts in addition to sewing.

She was a lifelong learner and gracious host, and she cherished time spent with her family and friends and all of her actions demonstrated her religious beliefs. "I have one life and one chance to make it count for something.....My faith demands that I do whatever I can, wherever I am, whenever I can, for as long as I can with whatever I have to try to make a difference" (Jimmy Carter).

A celebration of her life will be held at Crystal Lake United Methodist Church on Saturday, September 20th at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to your favorite charity in her memory.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **20.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Crystal Lake United Methodist Church
2001 N. Crystal Lake Dr.
Lakeland, FL 33801

Tribute Wall



“ When I think about Dorothy, what comes to my mind is a happy, smiling woman who had lots of energy and a positive attitude. Whether organizing a church Christmas program, VBS, or a camping trip to Door County, she got things going and the rest of us benefitted. We were all blessed when the Johnson's chose to attend Winnetka Covenant Church. My prayer for the family is that each of you carry on her legacy of helping and serving others.

Jack Christensen - September 21, 2025 at 02:52 PM



“ Dan, Suzanne, Trey purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dorothy E Johnson.



Dan, Suzanne, Trey - September 18, 2025 at 09:47 PM



“ Dan, Suzanne, Trey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy E Johnson.

Dan, Suzanne, Trey - September 18, 2025 at 09:47 PM

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“ *Julie Smith, Monish Nair / HCLTech purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Dorothy E Johnson.*



Julie Smith, Monish Nair / HCLTech - September 13, 2025 at 06:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dorothy E Johnson.*



September 07, 2025 at 06:00 PM



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

September 07, 2025 at 06:00 PM

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“ *I worked with Mrs. J in Owner Services aka reservations. She was always so passionate about her job, no matter what it entailed. We thought we had it made when the department bought a folding machine to help with all those reservation forms. I remember sitting with her, sorting reservation forms, sharing stories and laughing. She shared her love of history and sparked one in me. Mrs. J was a beautiful soul and will truly be missed. My condolences to her family and loved ones. Amanda Howerton*

Amanda Howerton - September 05, 2025 at 09:35 AM

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“My sincere condolences to the family of Mrs. Johnson. I worked with Mrs. Johnson at Marriott Vacation Club in the early 90's. We all referred to her as Mrs. J, and I remember her arriving one morning in the office ready to work with hair rollers still in her hair. I said to Mrs. J - “Hot Date tonight?””. Of course, she didn't know what I was talking about until I pointed out the rollers that were left behind in her hair. I remember going to her beautiful home for a Christmas dinner that Karna had organized for the team. She was a loving and caring lady. May you rest in peace. Angela (McGee) Armstead

Angela Armstead - September 04, 2025 at 02:23 PM