



## Rita Delores Johnson

April 19, 1927 - June 3, 2026

Rita Delores Johnson

(née Kelly)

Age 99, of Wilmington, IL, formerly of Braidwood, IL, passed away Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet, IL. Born April 19, 1927, in Schubert, NE, Rita was the daughter of Francis and Anna (née Reinke) Kelly.

On September 5, 1949, Rita married Albert Olaf Johnson. Together they shared more than 50 years of marriage, building a life rooted in faith, family, and devotion to one another until Albert's passing on June 2, 2000.

Rita dedicated 25 years of her life to caring for others as a Registered Nurse. She spent most of her nursing career at St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet, IL, where she lovingly cared for newborns in the nursery.

Her faith was an important part of her life. Rita was a devoted member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Braidwood and later attended St. Rose Catholic Church in Wilmington. She was a Third Order Carmelite and remained active in her church throughout the years.

Rita was a simple woman who found joy in caring for her family and helping others. She loved sewing, especially making quilts, and took great pride in creating her daughter's wedding dress. Independent, hardworking, and kind, Rita's gentle presence, quiet strength, and unwavering love will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Survivors include her son, Paul Johnson of Bloomington, IN; daughters,

Christine (James) Annis of Braidwood and Kathleen Breen of Braidwood; grandchildren, Eric Johnson, Jill Teasley, Leah Johnson, Robert Annis, Lori (Joseph) Mack, Patrick (Leila) Breen, Elizabeth (Eric Mikkelsen) Breen, Paul (Angela) Breen, and Thomas (Kim) Breen; 22 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and one sister, Margaret Abel.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved husband, Albert; daughter-in-law, Sharon Johnson; son-in-law, Larry Breen; and ten siblings.

Memorials in Rita's name may be made to St. Rose Catholic Church in Wilmington, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Braidwood, or Holy Family Catholic Church in Shorewood.

Private family interment was held at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, IL.

# Cemetery Details

## **Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery**

20953 W. Hoff Rd.  
Elwood, IL 60421