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Wilma Pauline Johnson, daughter of the late Paul and Ethel (Barber) Jackson, was born on October 23, 1938 in Wayne County. Wilma passed away on March 22, 2018 at the Legacy Lodge in Chariton, Iowa surrounded by her family. Wilma grew up in southern Iowa, attending county schools. She was united in marriage to her best friend, Phillip Johnson on July 29, 1954. To this union, two children were born: Dinah Pauline and Robert Randolph. In her younger years, Wilma ran an in-home daycare. She treated those children as her own. This allowed her to stay home with her own children. Later, she worked for the elementary schools as a teacher's aide, again allowing her to be around children. Wilma also worked as a receptionist for Dr. James Kinnard which still allowed her to make a host of friends. In 1986, Wilma began her career with Hy-Vee, Inc. at the Corydon store. She loved her job and all her customers. She was always telling her family about winning over a child by giving them a sucker. Wilma was still working at the age of 78 when she became ill. After being a "Helpful Smile" for 32 years, Wilma retired from Hy-Vee on January 1, 2018. Wilma had many hobbies: sewing (often times sewing for others) and cooking (her grandchildren loved her noodles, coconut cream pie and caramel corn to name a few). She also loved to can the vegetables that Phillip grew in the garden. She loved to watch sports; especially the Iowa Hawkeyes. She was known as the wrestling mom during her son's wrestling seasons and on a beautiful fall day, Wilma could often be found in the timber picking up walnuts and hickory nuts. Survivors include her husband, Phillip; children: Dinah (Mark) Goben of Altoona and Robert Johnson of Corydon; grandchildren: Sheila (Dan) Roberts of Bondurant, Andrew (Mary) Goben of Corydon and Dylan Johnson of Iowa City; great grandchildren: Benton and Ava Goben of Corydon and Morgan Roberts of Bondurant; sisters: Phyllis Jelsma of Clio, Charlene Salsberry of Corydon and Sherryl Selby of Allerton and sister-in-law, Gereldine (Keith) Thompson of Tabor, Iowa. She



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is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, her Hy-Vee family and a host of friends. She was preceded in death by brothers-in-law: Gerald Jelsma, Gene Salsberry, Wesley Selby, Robert Lammers and Lewis Johnson; sisters-in-law: Florence Lammers and Beverly Johnson and her in-laws: Hazel and Earl Johnson. Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at Thomas Funeral Home in Corydon. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Memorials may be made to the family and online condolences may be shared at www.thomasfh.com To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Wilma Johnson please visit our Sympathy Store. Visitation MAR 28. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CDT) Thomas Funeral Homes - Corydon 303 E. JeffersonCorydon, IA 50060[(#)] Memorial Service MAR 28. 2:00 PM (CDT) Thomas Funeral Home~Corydon 303 E. JeffersonCorydon, IA 50060[(#)]



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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 12:09 PM



Thomas Funeral Home shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 12:19 PM



Emerald Garden Basket posted:

Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Wilma Johnson.

March 26 at 7:00 PM



Wildflower Seeds - Build A Memory Garden posted:

Wildflower Seeds - Build A Memory Garden was purchased for the family of Wilma Johnson.

March 25 at 7:00 PM



Jeff & Cindy Stewart posted:

Sending our heartfelt sympathies & prayers. Cherish the love & memories that can't be taken away from you. Wilma & Mom & I had a lot of fun together on the Corydon Women's Bowling League team back in the late 70's & 80's. We also had fun joining a traveling card club one year. And she loved inviting me in for coffee on rainy days to play cards, she loved to play 'Nuts' & there were a few times that I would win...and sometimes she wouldn't speak for a few days. Lol! She loved to win! We all went to the Apple River in Wisconsin together one summer, took the old school bus that Mark fixed up. That was fun, yet you just had to be there to get the most out of that trip! Lol

March 25 at 7:00 PM



Mike And Brenda Beckner posted:

We have missed Wilma at Hy-Vee. She was always kind and friendly, and we are sorry to hear of her passing. Our sincerest sympathy goes out to her family at this sad time. She will be fondly remembered by many in this community.

March 25 at 7:00 PM



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CH

Carolyn Hoxton posted:

So sorry to read this lady passed away, she was always so friendly, who couldn't help but like her, always a smile on her face, Corydon has lost a really sweet lady. Prayers for her family. She always took an interest in everyone who came through her check out at Hy-Vee, they have lost a dear employee. Carolyn Hoxton

March 24 at 7:00 PM

DH

Daryl & Hazel Cox posted:

Prayers to the whole family. Wilma & I knew each other for years. She will certainly be missed.. So sorry for your loss Phil, Dinah.

March 24 at 7:00 PM

MM

Melinda Mcelvain posted:

So sorry for your loss. Enjoyed working with Wilma at Hy-Vee. She will be greatly missed.. James, Melinda, Skylar and Austin McElvain

March 23 at 7:00 PM

KM

Kathy Mason posted:

I loved going through Wilma's checkout lane at HyVee. She truly embodied the helpful smile. She was always ready for a quick conversation while doing her job. She'll be missed by many.

March 23 at 7:00 PM

KF

Karen Sparks-Foster posted:

Where do I begin about one of the kindest, sweetest, most compassionate, funny and beautiful women I have had the pleasure of knowing here in Corydon. She was the nicest lady and such a joy to see and talk to wherever you saw her. She will be greatly missed there at hyvee and abroad. My sincerest condolences and prayers of comfort to the family.

March 23 at 7:00 PM



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JW

Jean Wilson posted:

Wilma was a great person, who cared about people alot. I enjoyed working with her at Hyvee and visiting. She will be greatly missed. Prayers to the family

March 23 at 7:00 PM

CW

Connie Williams posted:

Wilma and I shared so many memories that I will treasure forever. She loved life and her family and grandchildren were always the highlight of her day. She always stood strong on what she believed in. So to I say 'good-bye'to a great friend and will miss her making divinity for me come Christmas. God gained another Angel. But her legacy will live on through all that knew her.

March 23 at 7:00 PM

DD

Deanna Mastin Denny posted:

Wilma was a 2nd mother when I was growing up. Spent lots of time in the Johnson's home as a kid. My prayers are with you all now.

March 23 at 7:00 PM

BH

Becky Hysell posted:

Sending prayers of comfort and strength to the family. She will be missed by many.

March 23 at 7:00 PM

LS

Lindsey Searby posted:

I worked with Wilma when I started into the working world. She trained me at Hy-vee. She has and will always be a great friend that will be greatly missed. Love you always!

March 23 at 7:00 PM

DZ

Debbie Zaputil posted:

Debbie Zaputil lit a candle in memory of Wilma Johnson

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DZ

Debbie Zaputil posted:

Dinah, my deepest condolences. I have many fond memories of growing up as neighbors and spending time with you and your family. prayers to you and your family .

March 23 at 7:00 PM

CC

Christine And Gerald Couchman posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.

March 23 at 7:00 PM

SS

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum posted:

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wilma Johnson.

March 23 at 7:00 PM

RV

Rod & Joanne Vandyne posted:

Our condolences to you and your family in the loss of Wilma. She was so kind to everyone who knew her..

March 23 at 7:00 PM

AH

Ashley Hysell posted:

Wilma was one of the sweetest women. She would always be friendly and kind. She loved talking with my kids each visit to Hyvee. She will be truly missed.

March 22 at 7:00 PM



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CT

Cody Terrell posted:

I've known Wilma for most of my life thanks to Hy-Vee. I remember how nice she always was to us and that she would give us suckers. I also remember as a kid hiding behind the cigarette counter from her, so she couldn't kiss me. I'm pretty sure she always got to me. Then when I finally started working for Hy-Vee, I would be like how my dad was to her...a pain...but in the fun way. I had so much fun working with Wilma and I hope she did too. As many times that she hit me for trying to get my sister in trouble, I think she had fun. She was like the Grandma of Hy-Vee that kept us in line, but still had fun. I'll miss her.

March 22 at 7:00 PM

LF

Linda Fain posted:

Wilma was such a great person, she was always so kind to my residents when we went grocery shopping. One always had to go find her and shake her hand. She'll be missed by many.

March 22 at 7:00 PM

SG

Steph Grim posted:

Sweetest lady ever, she was always smiling.

March 22 at 7:00 PM

PA

Pam Arthur posted:

Pam Arthur sent a virtual gift in memory of Wilma Johnson

March 22 at 7:00 PM



Media

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Wilma by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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