

The family would like to thank Community Country Church members for the care and compassion they showed Lea in her final days. You showed up in beautiful ways and loved without being asked. You are truly a beautiful example of what the body of Christ should look like and how they should love. This is what love looks like!

Family and friends will gather for a Celebration of Life Service at Community Country Church Saturday, January 17th at 11:00am. Visitation with the family will begin at 10:00am. Lea's family would like to invite you to stay and share in a time of fellowship and lunch following the service.



Leota “Lea”  
Johnson

1942 - 2025

COMMUNITY COUNTRY CHURCH OF  
HOLDINGFORD MN

# Leota Johnson Obituary

Leota "Lea" Faye (Wester) Johnson of Royalton, MN passed away on December 25, 2025 at the age of 83.

She was born on October 2, 1942 in Bennett, WI where she grew up with her four brothers and one sister. After graduating from St Croix High School in 1960, she dated and then married David Johnson on February 1, 1964. This was the beginning of a wonderful journey that they were able to share together for 62 years.

Lea worked as a secretary at various advertisement agencies and printing companies from 1960 to 1986 while also raising her two children in a loving and grace filled home. After moving to Sartell, MN in 1986, she began working for Stearns County, first with Health Services and then transferring to the Stearns County Sheriffs Department. Here, she worked as an Administrative Assistant for 15 years, retiring in 2004.

As a mother, Lea showed love through an unwavering support for her kids. She loved attending their choir, band, and sports events and enthusiastically celebrated their wins as they continued through life. She prayed for them and provided opportunities for their faith to grow, trusting that the God she loved and served would do a mighty work in each of them. As a wife, Lea supported and loved David with all of her heart. She prayed for him, celebrated his accomplishments, stood by his side and encouraged him through difficult times. She was his best friend.

As a Grandma and Great Grandma, Lea was filled with love and pride for each one of her grands and great grands. She loved holding them as babies and watching them grow. Her heart was full whenever she could spend time with them!

Lea loved well. She was always looking for ways to serve others. Whether leading kids Bible clubs out of her house and AWANA Clubs at church, volunteering in her community and church in a variety of ways, bringing meals to neighbors and friends in need, or serving whenever needed, she was a blessing and light to many. She loved her church family at Community Country Church so deeply and enjoyed welcoming new families and becoming "Grandma Lea" to some of the kids that attend there. We joked that she could walk into a store not knowing anyone there and leave having made five new friends! She will always be remembered for her strength, sincerity, fierce love of her family, and trust in her Savior, Jesus.

Lea was preceded in death by her parents Ingvard and Ethel Wester, brothers Donald Wester and Harry Wester, sister Linda (Wester) Ernst, grandson Zachary Sommerstad.

She is survived by her husband David Johnson; children: Dean (Bonnie) Johnson, Lynn (Jeff) Sommerstad; grandchildren: Paul (Carolyn) Johnson, Scott (Rebecca) Johnson, Erica (Jared) Hafey, Cara (Brian) Nelson, Jason (Lauren) Sommerstad, Nathan (Danielle) Sommerstad, Joshua Sommerstad; 11 great grandchildren; brothers: Phillip (Carol) Wester and Victor (Doris) Wester; sisters: Marie Wester and Mary Wester.