



## Clareen Lucille Johnston

December 17, 1934 - October 30, 2017

Our Mother, Clareen Johnston, celebrated her eternal birthday with our Lord, October 30th, 2017. She lived a long, fruitful 82 years of life.

Funeral services will be held 10:30 am Friday, November 3, 2017 at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Ravenna. The Rev. John Nelson will officiate. Interment will follow at Highland Park Cemetery in Ravenna. Visitation is 5:00 to 7:00 pm Thursday at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are suggested to the family to be distributed to the Rebekah and Rev. Thomas and Clareen Johnston Memorial Scholarship Endowment and to the Deshler Lutheran School. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). Services entrusted to the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home. Clareen was born on December 17th, 1934 in Alexandria, South Dakota to Clarence and Ina Schnarr.

After completing high school in Alexandria, she attended cosmetology school. Exerting her passion for beauty, she thrived in the cosmetology industry for several years.

On September 1st, 1958, Clareen became the Loving wife of Thomas Johnston, an LCMS minister. She dedicated her life to serving the Lord alongside him- going on church calls with him, working as Church Secretary, Sunday School teacher for High School youth, Choir Director and even spent several years singing in the choir.

The joyous love she had for her family and Savior radiated throughout her

home, as did her harmonious voice, aroma of her incredibly delicious cooked meals/baked goods, and cheers after every Nebraska Cornhusker score.

Clareen enjoyed sharing stories of her childhood, watching sports, and spending time with loved ones.

Clareen was preceded in death by her parents - Clarence and Ina Schnarr, daughter Rebekah Clareen Johnston, husband Rev. Thomas Dwyte Johnston, sisters - Sandra Titze, and Beverly Waldron.

She will be lovingly remembered by her daughters - Elizabeth (Betty) Messing and husband Bruce in Hebron, Nebraska, Deborah Johnston in Rock Hill, South Carolina, grandkids – Cory Dankenbring and wife Sarah, Brooke Fowler and husband Dustin, Trey Johnston, Tarynne Johnston, Alexis Johnston-Norman, and great-grandkids - Kyler Dankenbring, Nolan Dankenbring, Grace Fowler, and Joanna Fowler.

# Cemetery Details

## Highland Cemetery

Ravenna, NE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations  
4115 Ave N  
Kearney, NE 68847  
(308) 234-3500  
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<https://www.osrfh.com>

## Funeral Service

NOV 3. 10:30 AM (CT)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
Ravenna, NE 68869

# Tribute Wall



“ *Clareen Lucille Johnston*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Betty and Deb,  
What a wonderful friend your mother was to our mother, Viola, and we are so sad to hear of her passing. The love of the Lord always emanated from her in the most natural way. I always admired her for that. I talked to her when I called her to tell her about our Dad's (Art Wittmuss) death and her voice was as familiar as when they lived next to us in Fairfax. She was a sweet and loving person and the perfect neighbor. When we were little, she would ask us to come and help her with something and she would give us a dime for helping. There are many precious memories for all of us during your time in Fairfax and our mother (Mommy Ola) always considered her to be one of her loving friends. God bless you and give you comfort.  
Marlene Wittmuss Kotab*

**Marlene Wittmuss Kotab** - November 12, 2017 at 07:04 PM



“ *My prayers for comfort and strength from the Lord for you all at hearing of the passing of your mom. Your family has a special place in my heart.*

*Kay (Bockerman) Milbrath*

**Kay Milbrath** - November 10, 2017 at 09:19 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clareen Lucille Johnston.*



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November 02, 2017 at 12:32 PM



“ *My Deepest Sympathy to all of Clareen's family. Was a sweet soul she was. My Dad (Mark Kruger) considered her to be a 2nd Mom to him and loved her dearly. I was blessed to have her as part of my life as well. Both Clareen and Pastor Tom will always hold a special place in my heart. May God Be With You All. ~Mysti (Kruger) Knoell*

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**Mysti Knoell** - November 01, 2017 at 08:46 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Clareen Lucille Johnston.*



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November 01, 2017 at 04:46 PM



“ *Shelley Petersdorf and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Clareen Lucille Johnston.*



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**Shelley Petersdorf and family** - November 01, 2017 at 12:25 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers with are with Betty, Deb and their families in this time of loss. We were blessed to have the Johnston family come to First Lutheran in Ravenna. Many wonderful memories and love for, and from them all.

Sincerely,  
Julie Dimmitt-Shoop & family.

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**Julie Shoop** - November 01, 2017 at 12:11 PM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of Clareen Lucille Johnston.



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November 01, 2017 at 10:32 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Clareen Lucille Johnston.



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November 01, 2017 at 09:33 AM

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“ *What a beautifully written obituary!!*

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**dors russell** - November 01, 2017 at 08:51 AM