

The LORD is my *Shepherd;*
I shall not want.
He maketh me
lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters,
He restoreth my
soul.
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death.

*I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me;*
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies
Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over
Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house
of the LORD *forever.*
- Psalm 23

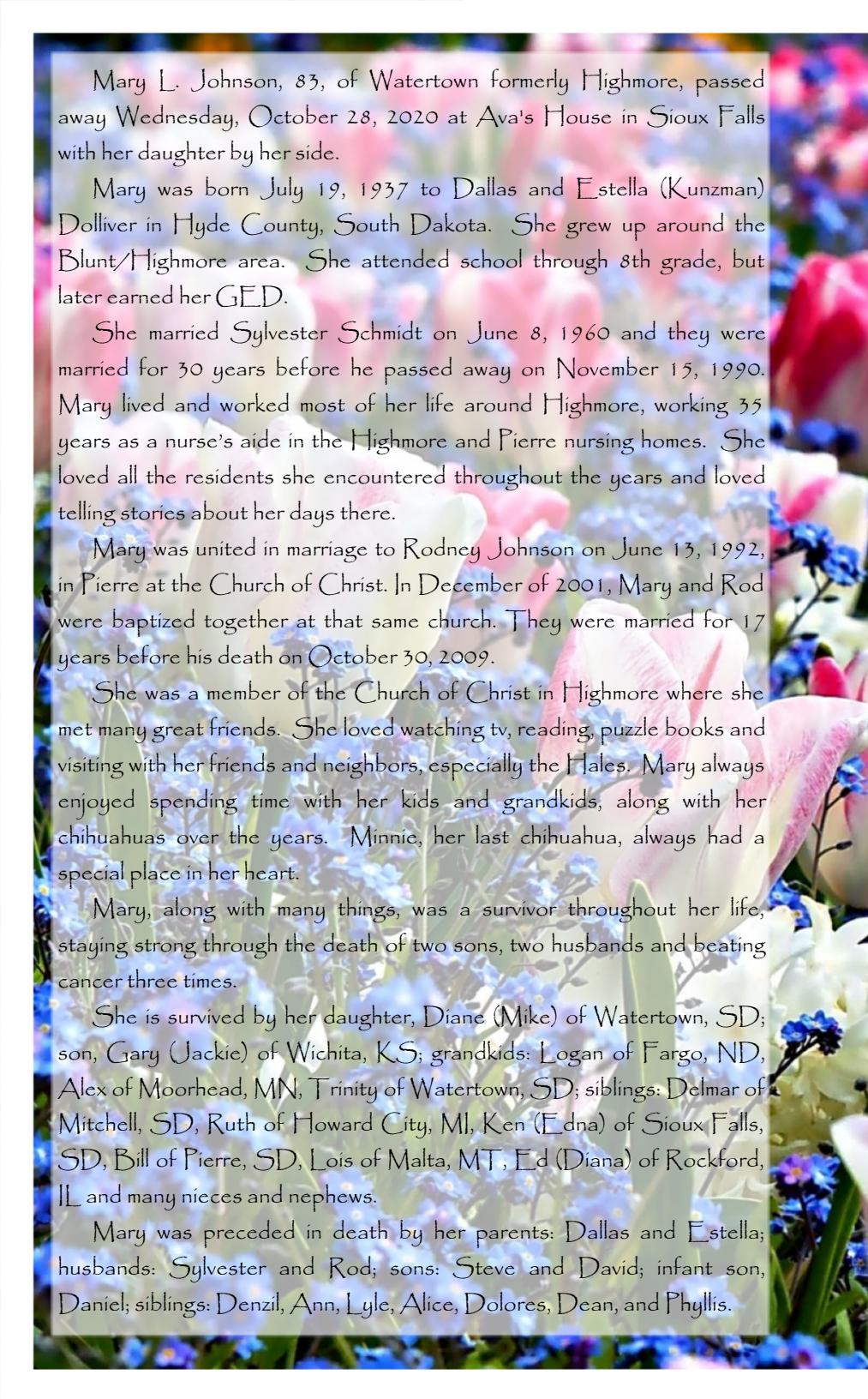
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Celebrating
THE LIFE OF

Mary L. Johnson

July 19, 1937 - October 28, 2020



Mary L. Johnson, 83, of Watertown formerly Highmore, passed away Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at Ava's House in Sioux Falls with her daughter by her side.

Mary was born July 19, 1937 to Dallas and Estella (Kunzman) Dolliver in Hyde County, South Dakota. She grew up around the Blunt/Highmore area. She attended school through 8th grade, but later earned her GED.

She married Sylvester Schmidt on June 8, 1960 and they were married for 30 years before he passed away on November 15, 1990. Mary lived and worked most of her life around Highmore, working 35 years as a nurse's aide in the Highmore and Pierre nursing homes. She loved all the residents she encountered throughout the years and loved telling stories about her days there.

Mary was united in marriage to Rodney Johnson on June 13, 1992, in Pierre at the Church of Christ. In December of 2001, Mary and Rod were baptized together at that same church. They were married for 17 years before his death on October 30, 2009.

She was a member of the Church of Christ in Highmore where she met many great friends. She loved watching tv, reading, puzzle books and visiting with her friends and neighbors, especially the Hales. Mary always enjoyed spending time with her kids and grandkids, along with her chihuahuas over the years. Minnie, her last chihuahua, always had a special place in her heart.

Mary, along with many things, was a survivor throughout her life, staying strong through the death of two sons, two husbands and beating cancer three times.

She is survived by her daughter, Diane (Mike) of Watertown, SD; son, Gary (Jackie) of Wichita, KS; grandkids: Logan of Fargo, ND, Alex of Moorhead, MN, Trinity of Watertown, SD; siblings: Delmar of Mitchell, SD, Ruth of Howard City, MI, Ken (Edna) of Sioux Falls, SD, Bill of Pierre, SD, Lois of Malta, MT, Ed (Diana) of Rockford, IL and many nieces and nephews.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents: Dallas and Estella; husbands: Sylvester and Rod; sons: Steve and David; infant son, Daniel; siblings: Denzil, Ann, Lyle, Alice, Dolores, Dean, and Phyllis.

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Celebration of Life:

11:00 a.m., Friday, November 6, 2020
Church of Christ
Highmore, South Dakota

Officiating:

Pastor Jeffry McKean

Casketbearers:

Logan Peterson - Alex Peterson
Mike Peterson - Heath Hale

Musical Selections:

"In The Garden"
"Where The Roses Never Fade"
"Amazing Grace"

Interment:

St. Mary's Cemetery
Highmore, South Dakota