



## Dr. Lois I. Johnson

December 18, 1930 - November 9, 2019

Dr. Lois I. Johnson passed away on November 9, 2019 at the Gateway Vista Nursing Home, Lincoln, NE, which was her Dad's birthday.

Lois was born in Polk, NE on December 18, 1930 to Philip and Florence (Lind) Johnson. She grew up on her parent's farm north of Polk and attended school in Polk, graduating from high school in 1948. She proceeded to obtain a teaching degree from Nebraska Wesleyan in 1952, a master's degree in education in 1961, and her doctorate in education in 1969, both at the University of Nebraska. She taught school in Lincoln beginning in 1952 and became an administrator at several schools before retiring in 1993. When asked what schools did you teach at in Lincoln she would respond "it would be easier to name the schools I didn't teach at".

Lois left teaching for four years to work in Washington, D.C. at the Association for Childhood Education International, an association that worked towards improving child education around the world. Her aunt Evelyn Lincoln (President John F. Kennedy's secretary) helped her throughout her stay in D.C. She returned to teaching and administration in Lincoln in 1971 because of the failing health of her father.

Lois was a devoted member of the Swede Plain Church, located north of Polk, until its closing. She then attended church at the Methodist Church in Polk and St. Marks Methodist Church in Lincoln.

She was a very active person living mostly in Lincoln, but spending weekends and summers on the family farm. After retiring in 1993 she traveled the world,

including her beloved Sweden. She was very proud of her Swedish ancestry and worked to promote Swedish heritage and culture. She made numerous trips to Lindsborg, KS to buy Swedish goods. Her most beloved possession was a large Dala horse which she had made in Lindsborg and put on display at her farm (which is still there today). She was a member of the Norden Club in Lincoln (a club that promotes Swedish heritage and culture).

Next to Swedish heritage, Lois's biggest passion was Husker sports. She had season tickets to Nebraska football, volleyball, baseball, and men's and women's basketball. When she was able to do so, she went to all the home games, and occasionally away football games and bowl games. She took Husker 101 whenever it was offered. The staff at the Nebraska Athletic ticket office knew Lois very well.

Lois was a giving person and donated to various projects and entities in Polk and Nebraska. Because of her outgoing personality, Lois is known throughout the state.

She is survived by cousins; Marilyn Donelson of Newman Grove, Marie Clymer of Omaha, Jack LaVelle of Lincoln, Jean Lynn of Laguna Beach, CA, and JoAnn McNaught of Lincoln.

She was preceded in death by her parents and infant brother; Robert Johnson.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, November 14, 2019 at Solt-Wagner Funeral Home in Polk, NE. Funeral services are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Friday, November 15, 2019 at the Methodist Church, Polk, NE. Interment to follow at the Swede Plain Cemetery, north of Polk. A memorial service will be held at St. Marks Methodist Church in Lincoln, NE at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 19, 2019. Lois will be dressed in her Husker red, so anyone attending the Lincoln service may do the same.

Memorials may be made to the family of Lois I. Johnson for later designation. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.soltwagnerfuneral.com](http://www.soltwagnerfuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Swede Plain Cemetery

Polk, NE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **14**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Solt-Wagner Funeral Home  
Polk, NE

## Funeral Service

NOV **15**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church  
Polk, NE

## Memorial Service

NOV **19**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

St. Marks Methodist Church  
Lincoln, NE

# Tribute Wall

BH

“ So sorry to hear of Lois's passing. She was a great lady and good friends with my mom. Helen (Lind) Hahn. We loved visiting her at family reunions and her old house in Polk. Our kids loved her red horse out front. I always got a kick out of the double seat Huskers outhouse in the back.

*Bruce Hahn*

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**Bruce Hahn** - December 18, 2019 at 10:27 AM

FB

“ Fran and I had hoped to go to the Memorial Service at St. Marks, but are not going to be able to make it. Lois was such a remarkable person; so capable in everything she did, always fun to be with and so full of energy. We have missed seeing her these last few years since she moved from the Landing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Fran and Art Bates

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**Fran and Art Bates** - November 18, 2019 at 03:18 PM

JA

“ We have so many years of wonderful Lois memories! Her delightful sense of humor and very earnest interest in what you were involved in, how your parents were doing, and mostly, everything about your children. Lois was a trusted friend to Ron's parents, Rose and Eldon, an adventurous woman who feared nothing and enjoyed almost everything. Intelligent, energetic, accomplished and loving. She led a very rich life. We will miss her! Jan and Ron Anderson and Hannah and Avery

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**Jan and Ron Anderson** - November 16, 2019 at 06:34 AM

JQ

“ I just read the obituary for Lois in the World Herald. She was such an intelligent strong woman! I always enjoyed talking to her when I was in Polk. After my mother passed away, she sent our family a yearly Christmas card. My condolences go out to the family. She will be missed!

*Judie Saylor Quint*

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**Judie Quint** - November 13, 2019 at 07:05 PM

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“ To the Family of Dr. Lois I. Johnson: Lois was a joy to know and am so thankful I was one of her friends. We had many good visits on the telephone and also attended many Husker volleyball games in Omaha with our good friend, John McNeill. She was a true Husker fan! GBR! (GO BIG RED!) She will be deeply missed by all who knew her and she was very proud of her Swedish heritage and was a wonderful person!

*Karen Kammann - Lincoln, Nebraska*

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**Karen Kammann** - November 13, 2019 at 01:50 PM