

When she and Walt got married, it was made very clear that travel would be part of their marriage. That became a true reality. They traveled all over the world. They traveled with many tour groups as well as on their own. Besides traveling for their own enjoyment, they also purchased a motor home and traveled throughout the U.S. They took our brother Bob and sister Erma Jean on some of these trips. Early in their marriage they took our mother on a couple of smaller trips.



Alta had a good sense of humor. When she and Walt got engaged and were choosing a wedding date, Alta gave Walt a couple of suggestions. One of the suggestions was January 22. He fortunately chose that one. She chuckled about it afterwards, as this is also her birthday. She figured if their anniversary and her birthday were on the same day, he might be able to remember them. She loved fun and laughter.



Alta was very thrifty but also very generous. While living in California, she collected pop cans and bottles while walking and turned them in for recycling. California paid a few cents for each can or bottle. Over the years, she collected enough to save \$25,000. She gave this money to some young people for their college education.



When illness took over her life, one thing was truly embedded, her love for Jesus. When she couldn't communicate well in other ways, she would often sing a hymn or pray.

When she passed away, I am sure Jesus welcomed her, saying:
Well Done My Faithful Child.



In Celebration of the Life of **Alta Johnson**

January 22, 1935 — July 15, 2025

Beloved Wife, Sister, Aunt, and Friend

Alta was born on January 22, 1935, in Rockport, Washington. She was number eight in a family of nine children. She started school in the Concrete School District, then a year or so in the Mt. Vernon School District and lastly went to Conway Grade School in the third grade through the eighth grade. She attended Mt. Vernon High School graduating in 1953. She attended North Park College in Chicago with the goal of becoming a nurse. That unfortunately did not become a reality.

Alta's growing up years were on a farm. She, along with her siblings, learned how to milk cows by hand, help plant and harvest the garden, and care for all the farm animals. She probably was better at these tasks than the rest of her siblings. She learned to cook at a very young age and became a very good cook.

Alta was a very shy and quiet young girl growing up. Her favorite schoolteacher was Mrs. Dora Thurmond, her 5" grade teacher. Mrs. Thurmond made not only Alta, but all her students feel that they were important and have worth. This definitely had a positive impact on Alta.

When nursing school did not pan out, she worked for a while in Chicago but decided home in Washington sounded better. Upon arriving back home, she went to work for Stokley Van Camp. When they closed their offices in Mt. Vernon and moved their offices to San Francisco, she transferred with them. She worked for a couple of years there and then got a job at Pacific Gas and Electric where she worked until retirement. It was while working there that she met Walt.

Church became a very big part of her life as a young child. She accepted Jesus as her Savior November 9, 1947. She was baptized May 13, 1952. No matter what church she was attending, she didn't just fill the pew. She sang in every church choir, helped with Sunday School programs, hosted and cooked for many activities at these churches. She served wherever needed up until health issues prevented her from doing so. While attending Moraga Presbyterian Church in California, she and Walt became camp cooks for a Boy Scout troupe. They did this for 18 years. When they moved to Washington after retirement, they attended North Creek Presbyterian church, where she sang in the choir, was a deacon and also helped with meals for Alpha classes and memorial services. She truly was a servant wherever she was. She hosted and fed many people in both their homes in Wainut Creek and here in Clearview.



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A Memorial Service Celebrating the Life of

Alta Johnson

Quail Park, Lynnwood, Washington

Saturday, September 20, 2025, 1:00 PM

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Opening Prayer

Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous

Cross

Scripture

Psalm 23

John 14:1-6; 25-27

Hebrews 13:1-2

Message of Comfort & Hope

Hymn

The Old Rugged Cross

Eulogy

Open Sharing

Closing Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn

Amazing Grace

Benediction

Postlude

Reception will follow

Officiant: Rev. Dr. Kurt Helmcke

Pianist: Margie Schaegel

Song Leader: Robin Chaloupka