

Darlene Johnson - 1938-2015

HAMILTON – Darlene Sylvia Harkin Johnson, 76, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2015, surrounded by her family. Darlene was born June 15, 1938, in Browning. She graduated from Natrona County High School in Casper, Wyoming, Class of 1956.

She married her loving husband, Drew Johnson, on Dec. 31, 1964, in Casper. They were married 49 years. Darlene and Drew resided in the Casper community until 1997, when they retired to Hamilton. Darlene was an avid horsewoman, riding with the Casper Drill Team for four years, then competing in cutting horse competitions for 15 years in Wyoming and Montana.

Darlene was the life of the party; she loved to dance and keep everyone laughing. She was a spitfire. The sparkle in her blue eyes and her laugh will be missed greatly. She touched the lives of many. Throughout her long battle with dementia, Darlene never lost her sense of humor or her "potty" mouth.

Darlene is survived by her husband, Drew, who has been her unconditional, loving caretaker in this long journey; her three children, John (Shawna), Joe (Deirdre) and Jennifer; and her two grandchildren, Reilly and Drew. She was preceded in death by her parents, Sylvia and Delbert Garthwaite.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Remington in Hamilton for their compassionate and loving care of our mother. We would also like to thank the staff at Alpine Hospice, especially Debra, for making sure Darlene's final time was peaceful. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the National Alzheimer's Association at alz.org or phone 800-272-3900. No services will be held at this time.

