

## **Anna Johnson**

## South Roxana | Sunday, October 12 2014

Anna Frances Johnson, 92, passed away at 11:02pm on Sunday, October 12, 2014, at St. Anthony's Hospital in Alton. She was born on April 19, 1922, in Joplin, Missouri the daughter of the late Roy and Rosa Lee (Smith) Hill.

Frances married Thomas W. Johnson on June 29, 1942, in St. Louis and he preceded her in death. Frances, her husband Tom, and children Tommye Lee and Mike traveled across the world as Sgt. Johnson pursued his career in the United States Air Force. When Tom retired from the Air Force after 22 years of service to his country, the family settled back in South Roxana in order for Frances to be close to her beloved parents. Frances began working for the Roxana School District in 1959 working in various positions. Frances truly enjoyed the years she worked for the school district. She loved people she worked with, especially the 'kids." In 1978, after great deal of soul searching, Frances decided to retire from the school district she dearly loved in order to spend more time with and be able to travel with her husband Tom. Frances' primary goal in this life has been to provide for her family and spend time with her children and grandchildren whom she nurtured, supported, and loved. She enjoyed family get togethers and looked forward to visits from her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Frances also loved to watch the Cardinals and Dancing with the Stars. She also enjoyed visiting with her favorite dog Sugar who will definitely miss her and the treats she spoiled her with.

Survivors include one daughter and son in law: Tommye Lee and Greg Adams of South Roxana, one son and daughter in law: Michael and Vickie Johnson of Roxana, six grandchildren and their spouses: Deanna and Don Thunberg, Michael and Meredith Boner, Jason Johnson, Brandon and Jenny Johnson, Gregory and Tammy Adams, ten great grandchildren: Jordan, Kyle, Caleb, Sarah, Ethan, Tyler, Jacob, Kaden, Kylen, Kameren, three great – great grandchildren: Dawson, Ryly, and Peyton, and her cousin and best friend Barb Lynn of Wood River.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by a granddaughter: Victoria Francine "Tori" Johnson, and two brothers: Thomas "Bus" Hill and Leroy "Jack" Hill.

In celebration of her life, visitation will be from 4pm to 8pm on Wednesday, October 15, 2014, at Pitchford Funeral Home in Wood River. Funeral services will be held at 10am on Thursday, October 16, 2014, at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Wanda Cemetery in South Roxana.

Memorials are suggested to St. Anthony's Hospital or to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life Riverbend.

Online guestbook available at www.pitchfordfuneralhome.com.