



## Nina Lee Johnson

June 18, 1921 - January 24, 2019

Nina Lee Johnson, 97, rural Elsmore, KS died on January 24, 2019 at Allen County Regional Hospital in Iola, KS. She was born in Old Elsmore Community on June 18, 1921 to Fred and Clara (Miller) Thompson. At 14 months old, she lost her father due to a farm accident. She lived with her grandparents in Moran until the age of eight when she returned to her family.

She graduated from Olive Branch rural school, Elsmore High School, and Iola Junior College. She taught school for eleven years.

She married Arnold Lee Johnson on April 26, 1945 in Iola. After her marriage, she continued to teach school and assisted her husband with farming. In 1975, she and Arnold Lee organized and operated the J&N Chemical Company for ten years. She was a member of Elsmore Methodist Church, and a charter member of a teacher sorority, Alpha Delta Kappa. She and Arnold Lee enjoyed entertaining the family for holidays.

Arnold Lee died in October 1991.

Nina is survived by numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Arnold Lee; two brothers; and 3 sisters.

A visitation will take place at Elsmore Methodist Church on January 31, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. followed by a service at 11:00 a.m. Interment will take place at Elsmore Cemetery. Online condolences may be left at: [www.countrysidefh.com](http://www.countrysidefh.com). Memorials have been suggested to the Elsmore Methodist Church and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Services have been entrusted to: Countryside Funeral Home 908 Central, Humboldt, KS 66748.

# Cemetery

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## Elsmore Cemetery

4383 Delaware Rd.  
Elsmore, KS, 66732

# Events

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**JAN** **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Elsmore United Methodist Church  
106 W. Fourth, Elsmore, KS, US, 66732

**JAN** **Service** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ She touched so many people and was loved by so many. She had such a positive, youthful attitude. My recollections of first grade are very dim but I remember that Mrs. Johnson was very nice, she was pretty, she had long fingernails, and sometimes played “jacks” with us at recess. I have enjoyed seeing her at various times these past years. I treasure the visit that Sharon Kay and I had with her last year — her mind was so sharp. She will be missed by so many relatives and friends. Shirley Boler Dinkins

Nina was my first grade teacher her last year of teaching at Elsmore. To be her close neighbor these last 16 years and friends many years more has been so special. I treasure the memories of visiting her and her being in our home. She was also a good friend to George's mother Nada and he is honored to be one of her pallbearers. He will especially miss sharing cat stories with Nina. Betty Boler Hawley

**Betty Boler Hawley** - January 30 at 04:28 PM

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“ We extend our sympathy to Nina Lee's family. She was a wonderful, outstanding lady liked by all who knew her. She did much for others. We are keeping her family and friends in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Jeanice & Maynard Cress

**Maynard & Jeanice Cress** - January 28 at 06:04 PM

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“ Nina Lee was such an important part of our family, teaching five of us. She will be missed.

Boler Family

**Hellen (Boler) Mercing-Welch** - January 28 at 01:47 PM