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Louise Adelaide (Johnson) Ager, age 95, died November 13, 2015 in Norton Shores, MI. She was born March 17, 1920, in Ludington, MI, to John Leonard and Karen "Carrie"? Marie (Hansen) Johnson. She married Carlton B. Ager of Scottville, MI on August 3, 1941. She graduated from Ludington High School in 1938. Her father, Leonard, was a commercial fisherman in Ludington, as well as a machinist. When Louise was a young child, they lived on an island in Pere Marquette Lake near Lake Michigan. When Louise and her siblings needed to go to school, they would raise a flag and the Coast Guard would pick them up in a boat to take them to the mainland. When she was 18, she won her family's first car in a raffle at the Mason County Fair. In her youth she worked in a tea room at Stearns Hotel in Ludington. As an adult she worked at J. C. Penney in Ludington and Muskegon and at J. J. Newberry's in Manistee. She met her husband while she was hitchhiking with a friend from Ludington to Scottville and Carl picked them up. They were on their way to ride horses and she was wearing jodhpurs (riding pants). Carl later said those were the ugliest pants he had ever seen but she was wearing something different the next time he saw her and she looked a lot better. She was co-owner and bookkeeper for Ager Appliance in Manistee from the early 1950's to 1970. She and her husband, Carl, then retired to Mesa, AZ, for five years before returning to Manistee. She was an advisor for 4H, where she taught sewing. She was a long-time member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Manistee, MI, where she was a member of Altar Guild, Lutheran Church Women, and the quilting group that made quilts to be sent to needy families overseas. For the past 10 years, she attended Dr. Martin Luther Ev. Lutheran Church in Muskegon. She and Carl enjoyed square dancing for many years and ballroom dancing for even longer. People enjoyed watching them dance the polka at their grandchildren's weddings when they were well into their 80's. She enjoyed golfing until age 80 and had been a member of the Manistee Country Club.



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She and Carl were Club Champions two years in a row. She was a 31-year cancer survivor. In her last few years, she lived at Seminole Shores Assisted Living Center where she was known as "Speedy Gonzalez" because of her ability to move quickly through the halls in her wheelchair propelled by her legs. She was preceded in death by her husband of 68 years, Carl, on May 15, 2010; her parents; and her siblings: LeRoy Johnson, Arlene Lorenz, Virginia Dausey, and Nancy Vrieland. She is survived by her two daughters: Connie (Douglas) Mealey of Byron Center and Donna (Thomas) Whitehead of Norton Shores; her four grandchildren: Mark Mealey, Luke (Cindy) Mealey, Nathan (Maggie) Whitehead, and Amanda (Dustin) Shunta; and her eight great-grandchildren: Hayden and Addison Mealey, Ella and Cameron Mealey, Elliott and Holden Whitehead, and Hope and Oliver Shunta. Memorial services will be held on Saturday, November 28, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Dr. Martin Luther Ev. Lutheran Church, 1860 E. Hile Rd, Muskegon, with the Rev. Chris Anderson officiating. Interment will be in Sugar Grove Cemetery in Sherman Township (Scottville), MI. Memorial contributions may be directed to Dr. Martin Luther Ev. Lutheran Church.



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