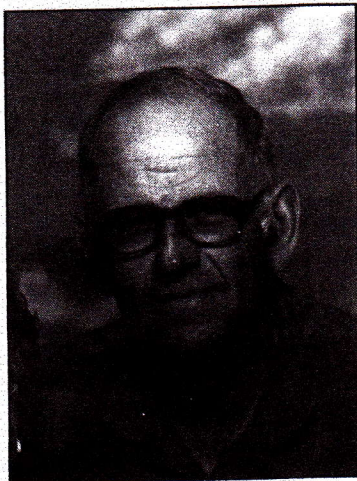


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Wayne A. Johnson



Wayne was born to Glifford and Helen (Jensen) Johnson on the family farm on February 21, 1938, where he was raised and remained throughout his lifetime. Wayne passed away peacefully on Monday, April 13, 2009, after a courageous journey with Alzheimer's.

He graduated from Viborg High School in 1956. He served in the U.S. Army for 2 years after college. He worked at John Deere Implement in Yankton for several years. Wayne married Lorraine Hansen on November 4, 1961. Wayne was very active in his churches, first with Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Viborg and later at Trondhjem Lutheran Church of rural Volin. One of his favorite roles was Boy Scout Leader for Troop 61 in Viborg, where he led 5 of his Scouts, including son Loren, to their Eagle Scout Awards. He and his first wife, Lorraine, enjoyed many fun-filled years performing with the Danish Dancers. After the death of his wife, Wayne later married his Viborg High School friend Jeanette (Reinholt) Moen on October 29, 1994. They made their home on his farm where he continued to farm the land and raise livestock. He was also employed at Sunset Manor Nursing Home in Irene driving the van, where he touched the hearts of many residents and staff.

Wayne had a big interest in collecting dog figurines and spending time at Swan Lake. Wayne and Jeanette spent fun-filled time traveling. After 10 years of marriage, their highlight trip was spent in Hawaii. Both enjoyed their life spent together in the country.

Wayne was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 32 years, Lorraine; one granddaughter Erin Mikkelsen; and his parents Glifford and Helen Johnson.

Grateful for sharing his life are his wife of 15 years, Jeanette; his daughter, Linda Kessel and partner Marc Rochefort of St. Paul, MN; son Loren and wife

Michelle Johnson of Viborg;

6 grandchildren Travis, Tanner, Brad, Lucas, Brianna, and Camille; 5 step-children Deb Schmidt of Yankton; Terry (Betsy Hughes) Moen of rural Volin; Brian (Tami) Moen of Great Falls, MT; Marcia (Jody) Harnois of Vermillion; Amy (Buker) Beaumont of Rapid City; 14 step-grandchildren Mary, Kay, Robert, Katie, Kara, Emilee, Elise, Sarah, Nolan, Greg, Curtis, Krystal, Derek, and Dallas; 6 step-great grandchildren Destiny, Greysen, Devon, Treyton, Brian and Charlie.