

JOHNSON, Wilbert Alvin "Bill"

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Services Held For Wilbert Johnson

Wilbert "Bill" Alvin Johnson was born March 7, 1912, on a farm near Viborg. His parents were Martin T. and Emma (Hendricksen) Johnson.

He attended country school near Viborg. He married Ruth Benson on April 15, 1938, at the First Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. They lived in Viborg where Bill worked for the Scandanavian Coop Creamery. In 1941, they started farming in the Viborg area. They retired and moved into Viborg in 1976. Bill loved farming, his motorcycle, playing cards and ice cream.

Bill passed away Feb. 5 in Viborg. He attained the age of 82.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 1 daughter, Janet Kay; 1 son, Jimmy; 4 brothers: Glenn, Marvin, Murrel and Donald; and 1 sister, Shirley.

Bill is survived by his wife Ruth of Viborg; 2 daughters: Mary Ann and husband Don Hart of Centerville; and Linda and husband Allen McInerney of LaGrange, IL; 8 grandchildren: Cyndi and husband Dale Jensen, Thad Olsen, Tresha Olsen, Chris Hart, Jenny McInerney, Carrie McInerney, Charley McInerney, Andy McInerney; 2 great-grandchildren: Bryce and Tyler Olsen; and 1 sister Anna Simpson of Castana, IA.

Funeral service was held Thursday, Feb. 9, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Viborg with Pastor Grace Torrance officiating. Organist was Mrs. Helen Holm, pianist was Mrs. Ethel Ward and soloists were Alan and Gary Ward and Mrs. Marilyn Lauritzen. Pallbearers were LuVerne Simpson, Phillip Johnson, Lowell Johnson, Rusty Christensen, Robbie Christensen, Craig Christensen, Mark Nielson and Steve Bensen. Interment was in Bethania Cemetery in Viborg.