JOHNSON, Donald Carl

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Last Rites Held For Donald C. Johnson

Donald C. Johnson, age 69, of Viborg, died Tuesday, May 30, 1989, at the Royal Johnson Veterans Hospital at Sioux Falls.

Funeral service was held on June 2 at Hansen Funeral Home with The Rev. Virgil O. Johnson officiating. Organist was Mrs. Keith Jensen and soloists were Alan and Gary Ward. Pallbearers were Walter Knutson, Duane Petersen, Palmer Petersen, Donald Mark, Robert Mark, Burnell Johnson, Dale Jorgensen, and Earl Sorensen. Interment at Black Hills National Cemetery with Military Graveside Rites.

Donald Carl Johnson, son of Emma (Hendricksen) Johnson and Martin T. Johnson, was born on June 6, 1919, at Viborg, SD. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Faith.

Donald volunteered for the Army, entering the 4th Calvary on March 20, 1941, at Fort Meade, SD. He served in the European Theatre of Operation. He was at the invasion of Normandy Beach and was captured in France on July 27, 1944. He was a German POW for the remainder of the war. He was discharged on October 3, 1945.

He then returned to the Viborg area and began farming in 1947.

He married Helen Lauritzen on February 17, 1948, at Sioux Falls.

Donald farmed until his retirement in 1982 and moved to Viborg in 1983.

He was a member of American Ex-Prisoner War Chapter.

He is survived by his wife, Helen; one son, Paul Johnson of Viborg, and a daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Marty Glood of Eden Prairie, Minn.; and grandchildren, Jenny and Jamie Glood; one brother, Wilbert Johnson of Viborg; and a half sister, Anna Simpson of Castona, Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Shirley and Geneva, and four brothers, Glenn, Marvin, Murrel, and Wesley.