JOHNSON, Burnell Eugene

December 1, 1924
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December 27, 2001
Rapid City, South Dakota

Burnell E. Johnson



Burnell E. Johnson, 77, of Sioux Falls, died Thursday, December 27, 2001 at Rapid City Regional Hospital of a heart attack.

Burnell Eugene Johnson, son of Andrew and Gladys (Jensen) Johnson, was born December 1, 1924, near Viborg, SD. He grew up and received his education there graduating from Viborg High School in 1942. He entered the U.S. Army in April of 1945 in the Army corps of Engineers. He was honorably discharged in December of 1946.

He then attended the University of South Dakota and graduated from South Dakota State College in 1952.

Burnell was united in marriage with Marlys Jibben on January 15, 1954 in Viborg, SD. They farmed near Viborg for two years. He began working for the Federal Land Bank in 1956, and spent 30 years with the Farm Credit System in Miller, Yankton and Beresford, SD.

He was a longtime member of the United Methodist Church, life member of the V.F.W., American Legion, Elks Club, Norse Glee Club. He sang in the choir at Wesley United Methodist Church where they were members and active with the Friendship Bible Class.

Burnell loved to hunt and fish with his sons, marlin and Craig. He enjoyed reading books on regional history, walking and playing bridge.

Grateful for having shared his life are his wife, Marlys Johnson, Sioux Falls, two sons, Marlin Johnson and his fiance, Anita, Rapid City, Craig Johnson and his wife, Toni, Sioux Falls; two grandchildren, Brady and Andrew Johnson; a brother Delbert Johnson and his wife AnnaBelle, Vermillion, SD; and also survived by a host of other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Peggy Ann Johnson; and his parents.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 2, 2002 at Wesley United Methodist Church. Entombment will be at Garden of Memories Mausoleum in Yankton.

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