

JOHNSON, Virgil L.

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Virgil L. Johnson



Virgil L. Johnson was born to Fred T. and Agnes (Larsen) Johnson on August 20, 1925 at Yankton. He passed away on March 28, 2007 at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls, having reached the age of 81 years.

He attended grade school #47 in Salem Township and Freeman High School. Virgil entered the Armed Services in July of 1945 and took 17 weeks Infantry Basic Training at Ft. Hood, TX and then was transferred to Ft. Leavenworth, KS as a guard at the U. S. Disciplinary Barracks until his discharge in 1947.

Virgil married Madelyn "Madge" Wiebelhaus on February 21, 1948 and to their union three children were born, Gerald, Warren, and Linda. After their marriage they lived in Kansas City, MO where Virgil attended Automotive Mechanic School and then they lived in Irene where he worked for John Deere Co. and drove the Irene School bus. They began farming in 1951 and continued to live on their farm where they both enjoyed the 'love of the

land' until they retired and moved to their new home in Viborg in 2005.

Virgil was a life-time member of Spring Valley Lutheran Church, rural Viborg. He held various offices at this church and served on the school board at Dis. #39, Spring Valley Township. Virgil and Madge enjoyed attending the South Dakota Old Time Fiddler Shows and they were honored as being selected as Fiddler's Fans of the year in 1988. They went to many of the shows in the area. Virgil also enjoyed hunting, grocery shopping, airplane shows and visiting with friends and his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents and 2 sisters, Isabel and Lavonne and her husband, Del Saunders.

Virgil is survived by his wife of 59 years Madge of Viborg; 2 sons Gerald (Terry) Johnson of Viborg and Warren Johnson of Menno; 1 daughter, Linda Johnson of Menno; 5 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends.

Services were on Saturday, March 31, 2007 at Spring Valley Lutheran Church in Viborg with Pastor Steve Unzicker officiating. Marilyn Sletten was the organist and special music was provided by Terry Johnson and The Old Time Fiddlers. Interment was at the Spring Valley Lutheran Cemetery.