JOHNSON, Roger A.

April 2, 1925
Viborg
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Last Rites Held For Roger A. Johnson

Roger A. Johnson was born in Viborg, SD, April 2, 1925, to Carl John Johnson and Anna Aggergaard Johnson. He graduated from Viborg High School in 1943. Serving in the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946, he received two Battlestars in the Pacific Campaign during World War II. Upon returning from the war in 1947, he married Anna Mae Dixon. They had six children: Barbara Schaeffer, Bloomington, Minn., Laurie Nienkerk, Woodside, Calif., Roger "Johnny," El Granada, Calif., Susan Carsten, Plymouth, Minn., JoAnn Sabas, Milford, Conn., and Todd, Minnetonka, Minn.

They farmed near Viborg for a couple of years, then went into the restaurant business for a few years in Madison and Elton, SD.

They moved to Pipestone, Minn. in 1951, where Roger took employment with Pan-O-Gold Bakery, eventually being promoted to Production Manager. The family moved to Minnetonka, Minn. in 1967 when Roger became involved with the sale of Bakery Products.

Roger was an outdoors man who loved to hunt and fish with his dog, Zeus. He enjoyed time at the lake, keeping a vegetable garden and feeding the many birds that came to his yard. He also liked to dress up and go dancing.

Roger was proud of his children and seven grandchildren: Rachel and Sarah Schaeffer, Emmy and Michael Nienkerk, Nickki and Tommy Carsten and Jake Sabas. He cherished the time he could spend with them, just having them there or teasing them a bit.

His son-in-laws: Ray, Larry, Bruce and John were his hunting companions and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, brothers, Gliford and Johnny, and sister, Alegro.

He leaves to mourn, his wife, six children, seven grandchildren, and his sister, Cornelia Dickerson, of Viborg, SD.