



## Francis V. Johnson

January 2, 1929 - March 2, 2021

Francis V. Johnson, 92, of Central City, Nebraska died Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at CHI St. Francis in Grand Island, Nebraska. Funeral services will be Monday, March 8, 2021 at 11 a.m. at Solt-Wagner Funeral Home with Pastor Tom Lucas officiating. Visitation will be Monday, March 8, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Central City Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated later. Condolences can be sent to the family at [www.soltwagnerfuneral.com](http://www.soltwagnerfuneral.com).

Francis was born on January 2, 1929 in Holyoke, Colorado to Raymond and Bessie (Cohagen) Johnson. His mother passed away when he was only one day old and Francis was raised by his grandpa and grandma Johnson, aunts and uncles. He had a very happy childhood and was spoiled by everyone. He worked for his uncle for several years. He married Shirley Fyfe on October 30, 1949. They have been married for over 71 years. To this union, 3 children were born; Larry, Jo, and Roger. Francis served as the School Board President for 8 years at District 27 when his children were in grade school. Francis also became interested in farming from an early age. In 1963, Francis and Shirley purchased their first farm and it is where he was still living at the time of his death.

His greatest enjoyment in life was his family, passion for farming, and his cattle. He liked to go for rides and drive around the country side looking at crops and cattle. He also liked to attend auctions when he was able, and play cards with his family as well as his card club for over 30 years.

Survivors include his wife- Shirley of Central City, NE; two sons- Larry (Merry) Johnson of Grand Island, NE; and Roger (Laurie) Johnson of Central City, NE; one daughter- Jo Johnson of Central City, NE; eight grandchildren- Angela Johnson of Omaha, NE; Kristin (Matt) Boucher of Murdock, NE; Steven Johnson of Simi Valley, CA; Brenda Montano (Tom Mines) of Osceola, NE; Phillip (Amber) Johnson of Central City, NE; Anastasia (Brady) Meyer of Blue Rapids, KS; Noah Johnson of Central City, NE; and Maliyah Johnson of Central City, NE; five great grandchildren- Alex Montano of Corona, CA; Austin Boucher of Murdock, NE; Jakob Boucher of Murdock, NE; Angus Johnson of Central City, NE and Jasper Johnson of Central City, NE. He was preceded in death by his parents, stepmother- Blythe Johnson; stepbrother- Gary Johnson; aunts and uncles.

# Cemetery Details

## Central City Cemetery

Central City, NE 68826

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Solt-Wagner Funeral Home  
1507 17th St.  
Central City, NE 68826  
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soltwagnerfuneral@gmail.com  
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## Funeral Service

MAR 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Our Family Chain Is Broken" was purchased for the family of Francis V. Johnson.



March 08, 2021 at 10:21 AM



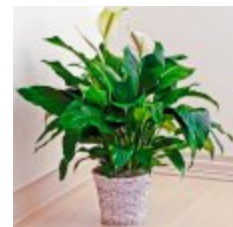
“ Garden Accent - A heart of gold stopped beating... was purchased for the family of Francis V. Johnson.



March 08, 2021 at 10:18 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Francis V. Johnson.



March 04, 2021 at 11:05 AM

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“ I was a flower girl at their wedding. that was huge for me at a very young age. I will never forget it. Francis was the most awesome man, always cheerful and positive.....and. always had a joke or story to tell. They were and still are a fabulous family. He sure will be missed. We extend our deepest sympathy to each of you. Big hug to you Shirley, your marriage has been an example to many. Sending love and hugs.

*Judy and Al Thomas*

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