



Gordon D. Johnson

November 22, 1931 - April 14, 2020

Gordon Dean Johnson, the son of Milfred L. and Gertrude P. (Stach) Johnson was born on the family farm in Polk County on November 22, 1931, and entered into eternal rest on April 14, 2020, at the age of 88. Due to the virus, the family will hold a private family funeral at Immanuel Lutheran Church near Polk with Rev. David Ohlman officiating. Interment will be held at the Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery. Memorials have been suggested to the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Polk. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.soltwagnerfuneral.com.

Gordon was brought into the Kingdom of God by holy baptism on December 20, 1931, at Immanuel Lutheran Church. He reaffirmed his baptismal covenant at his Confirmation on March 25, 1945, promising to live his life as a child of God. Gordon grew up on the family farm, living his whole life on the same mile. He attended rural elementary school in Polk County and Immanuel Lutheran School. He graduated from Polk High School in 1949 as valedictorian of his class. Gordon was inducted into the United States Army on September 18, 1952, serving in El Paso, TX and Baltimore, MD before being honorably discharged on September 17, 1954. He returned home to work at the telephone company in Grand Island and farm with his father. He continued to farm until he retired in 2001. Gordon's farming career began as a child, hand picking corn with his mother and father behind a horse drawn wagon.

Gordon married Alice Ann Swanson in Aurora on February 27, 1960. This year they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Gordon loved his family and his Lord. His life centered around them. He enjoyed working the land. He was a lifelong member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Polk, where he held various offices through the years.

Gordon and Alice had three children, Gary and wife, Sherri of Marco Island, FL; Jane and husband Andrew Korte, of Olathe, KS; and Julie and husband, Steve Garland of Canton, GA; six grandchildren, Nicole and husband Ryan Beck of Lincoln, NE; Kaitlyn and Kassandra Garland of Canton, GA; and Davis, Audra, and Adair Korte of Olathe, KS; two step-grandchildren, Erica and Candice Atkinson of New Jersey; four great grandchildren Blake and Callaway Beck of Lincoln, NE, and Trent and Ezra Atkinson of New Jersey; his brother, Gwynuel and wife Kathy Johnson of Hampton; his brothers-in-law Ted Swanson of Kearney; Terry Willis and wife, Pat of Aurora; and sisters-in-law, Geneene Willis of Aurora; Lois Burns and husband Ron of Aurora and Darlene Russell and husband Robert of Grand Island. Many cousins and nieces and nephews. The family especially wants to include Greg and Kathy Klingsporn of Polk for all of their years of love and support.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a stillborn sister and brother-in-law Robert Willis.

Cemetery Details

Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery

Polk, NE

Tribute Wall

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“ *SENDING OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO ALICE ANN AND FAMILY
FROM DICK AND PAT PHILLIPS*

DICK PHILLIPS - April 21, 2020 at 12:02 PM

JL

“ *So sorry to read of the passing of Gordon. I was so fortunate to have him on the Board of United Coop when I was General Manager. I could always trust him to be honest in how each decision affected the farmers he represented. I'm proud to have known and worked with Gordon. Our prayers are with your family.
Jay and Shar Larson*

Jay Larson - April 19, 2020 at 10:06 AM

 Robert
Dyal

“ *Our deepest sympathies to the Johnson family. Our thoughts are with you all through this difficult time. I believe I met Gordon once at a holiday party at Sherri and Gary's house. I heard he was a good man and a strong fighter to the very end.*

Deepest regards,

Bob and Nancy Dyal

Robert Dyal - April 18, 2020 at 10:21 AM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Gordon D. Johnson.*



April 16, 2020 at 09:29 PM



“ *Dear Alice,*

So sorry to get the news. Jack and I so enjoyed our visit with the two of you the last time we were in Nebraska. Gordon was a good man who lived a good life and I know he will be missed.

Annette and Jack

Annette Wilson - April 16, 2020 at 03:36 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathies to the Johnson family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all through this difficult time.*

Curt & Cammi Burney

Curt/Cammi Burney - April 16, 2020 at 09:04 AM



“ *Dean and Deb Beck purchased the Springtime Wishes for the family of Gordon D. Johnson.*



Dean and Deb Beck - April 15, 2020 at 09:05 PM