



Chester Hoover Johnson

Born to Adolf & Elsie Johnson

October 27, 1929 ~ Kerrick, Minnesota

Returned to His Heavenly Father

March 14, 2025 ~ Stanley, North Dakota

Funeral Service

Friday, March 21, 2025 at 11:00 AM

Faith Lutheran Church ~ Palermo, North Dakota

*There will be a luncheon following the service at the
Community Center in Palermo, North Dakota*

Officiating

Pastor Milo Mell

Eulogist

Tanya Giese

Reader

Psalm 23 & Isaiah 25:8 ~ Jackie Newman

Active Pallbearers

Walter Dunham Scott Johnson Lance Ostdahl
Daniel Johnson Michael Hamers Blaine Hamers

Pallbearers

Kathryne Meckle Tanya Giese Jacquelyn Newman
Amy Stordahl Crystal Laparra Nicole Gay

Honorary Pallbearers

Chester Great-Grandchildren & Great-Great Grandchildren

Music

"Wind Beneath My Wings" ~ Lee Greenwood

"Old Rugged Cross" ~ Congregational

"Take My Hand, Precious Lord" ~ Merle Haggard

Special Music

"There You'll Be"

Chester's Granddaughter ~ Kelsey Wight

Final Resting Place

Faith Lutheran Cemetery ~ Palermo,, North Dakota

Military Rites

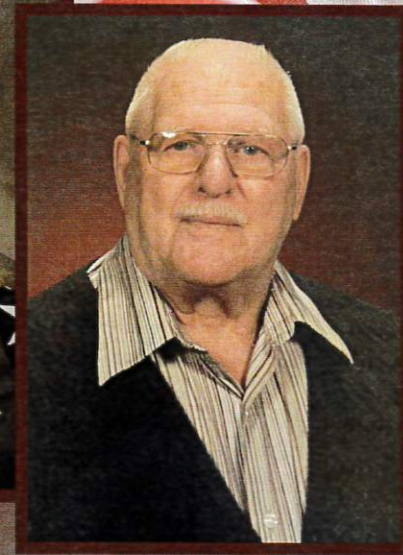
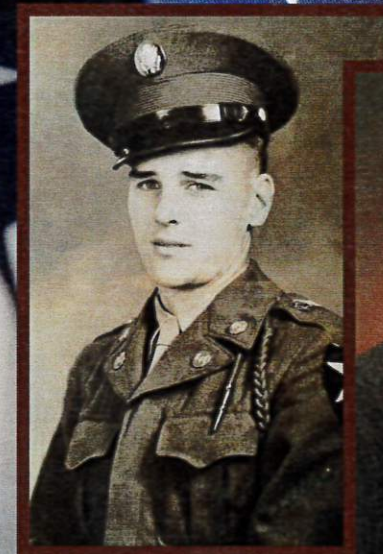
North Dakota Military Funeral Honors

Stanley American Legion

Arrangements By

Springan Stevenson Funeral Home ~ Stanley, North Dakota

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In Loving Memory Of Chester H. Johnson

October 27, 1929 - March 14, 2025



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Chester Hoover Johnson was born on October 27th, 1929, in Kerrick, MN to Adolph Gus Johnson and Elsie Mae Robinson. At the age of 12, his family moved north of Palermo, ND, where he attended school until the completion of 8th grade.

Chester's life took a fateful turn in Palermo when Florence Bruhn playfully threw a snowball at him, breaking his sunglasses. In that moment, he knew she was the one. That playful encounter blossomed into a life-long love, and the two were married on December 22, 1950, in Blaisdell, ND at the Bruhn family home.

Chester enlisted in the U.S Army in 1948 and was called to serve in 1950 during the Korean War, where he served as a medic on the front lines until 1952. His dedication and service to his country were a testament to his strength and commitment.

After returning home, Chester built a career with the railroad, working for over 40 years as a laborer, truck driver, and maintenance crew member. His meticulous attention to detail – especially when it came to his truck – carried over into all aspects of his life.

Together, Chester and Florence made their home in Palermo, ND, where they raised their 5 children and shared 70 wonderful years in their unique home within the community they loved most.

Chester will be remembered for his hardworking spirit, his deep love for his family, and the countless memories he created with those who knew him.

He is survived by his children, Joann Ostdahl of Stanley, ND; Diann (Walt) Dunham of Palermo, ND; Chester Allen (Jill) Johnson of Stanley, ND; and Kevin (Darlene) Johnson of Minot, ND. He leaves behind 12 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great grandchildren. Chester is also survived by an abundance of nieces and nephews as well as his sisters-in-law, Darlene Bruhn, Martha Bruhn and Darlene (Dale) Ellis of Minot, ND.

Chester is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Florence Johnson and their beloved companion, Daisy; daughter, Tammy Hamers; sons-in-law, Brian Hamers and Arlan Ostdahl; grandson-in-law, Craig Skaar; his parents, Adolph and Elsie; and siblings, Leonard, Lindfred, Betty, Marvena, Richard, Omar and Barb.

God saw you getting tired
and a cure was not to be;
So He put his arms around you
and whispered,
"Come with Me."
With tearful eyes we watched you suffer
and saw you fade away.
Although we LOVED YOU DEARLY
we could not make you stay.
A GOLDEN HEART stopped beating
hard working hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best!