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Mr. Loren Johnson 1929-2009

Loren Johnson

April 30, 1929 - June 20, 2009

ALGONA - Loren Johnson, age 80, of Algona, died on Saturday, June 20, 2009, at the Good Samaritan Care Center - Algona. Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 24, 2009, at the Lentz Funeral Home in Algona, with Rev. Steve McElroy officiating. Burial was in Riverview Cemetery with military rites conducted by the VFW Post No. 2541 and the Haag-Turner American Legion Post No. 90 of Algona.

Loren Alonzo Johnson, the son of Lester J. and Hazel M. (Whitehill) Johnson, was born in Bancroft on April 30, 1929. He graduated from Algona High School in 1947.

Loren served his country during the Korean War in the U.S. Air Force. Loren was united in marriage with Joanne J. Dahl on April 23, 1955 at St. Cecelia Catholic Church in Algona.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Algona. Loren was on the Board of Directors at Iowa State Bank from 1975-2000. He joined the Algona Rotary Club in the late 1970's and was the Club President in 1982-83 and became a Paul Harris Fellow in 1992. Loren was the President of the Cresco-Union Light Line before it became a part of AMU.

He also served on the Kossuth County Board of Review. Farming was Loren's life. He farmed the Wayside Farm in Union Township north of Algona.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 54 years, Joanne Johnson of Algona; two daughters, Julie Johnson-Greiman and her husband Brad of Maplewood, Minn., and Dianne Aboud and her husband John of Algona; a son, Keith Johnson and his wife Julie of Algona; five grandchildren, Joshua Carver, Kelsey Carver, Leslie Aboud, Johnny Aboud, and Derrik Johnson; a brother, Lewis Tasker Johnson and his wife Geraldine of Springfield, Mo.; a brother-in-law, Charles Warren Pingry of Blue Earth, Minn.; and three nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Arlene Pingry; and nieces Sherry Johnson and Charlene Pingry-Ruby.

Loren's video tribute may be viewed at www.lentzfuneralhome.com. Lentz Funeral Home, Algona, in charge of arrangements.

