

## Lawrence O. Johnson

The Rev. Lawrence O. Johnson, 90, of Grinnell, a resident of Mayflower, died Monday, July 9, 2007, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A memorial service was held Thursday morning, July 12, in Carman Center at Mayflower where he had resided following his retirement from the ministry. Memorials may be given to Mayflower Homes and designated for the Mayflower Human Needs Fund.

He was born May 19, 1917, in Sioux City, the son of Oscar and Claudia Johnson. He was a graduate of Central High School in Sioux City and Morningside College, also in Sioux City, after which he studied theology at Chicago Theological Seminary. He was married on June 23, 1943, in Keokuk to Carol Robertson Johnson who died in 1995. He was a minister at Emmanuel Congregational United of Christ in Dubuque where he served from 1960 to 1970. He also served churches in Three Oaks, Mich.; Elmhurst, Ill., and Emmetsburg and Ackley, Iowa. He loved classical music and was an avid clarinet player.

He is survived by two sons, Eric Lawrence Johnson of Wetumpka, Ala., and Mark E. Johnson of Swansea, Mass.; two daughters, Carla J. Hassel of Algoma, Wis., and Kay Panterne of Tours, France; seven grandchildren; ten great grandchildren and one sister, Claudia Goodrich Petersen of Ankeny. He was preceded in death by one daughter Joy Huddleson.

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