

Keith M. Johnson, 84

Keith Johnson, 84, of Grinnell and formerly of New Sharon, passed away Monday, May 11, 2009, at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines. A memorial service was held at Harden Funeral Home in New Sharon, on Friday, May 15, at 1:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, or the American Heart Association.

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Keith M. Johnson, son of Leonard and Ellen Marie Johnson, was born on March 7, 1925, in Taintor. He graduated from New Sharon High School in 1942. On March 28, 1943, Keith was united in marriage with Mary Christina Finnegan of South Attleboro, Mass. They moved to New Sharon in 1947, before settling in Des Moines, where they lived for 25 years. They retired to Lake Ponderosa in 1987, and then built a home in Grinnell in 1997. Keith was a lifetime member of the West Liberty church of Christ, as well as a member of the West Madison church of Christ, a veteran of the United States Navy, and worked for 25 years for the United States Postal Service. Keith was an avid amateur radio operator for over 50 years, with friends across the world, operating under the call sign of W0(zero)HHH. He also had a passion for fishing and restoring antique farm equipment. Mary, his wife of 63 years, passed away in 2006. In 2007, he wed Laura Elizabeth Williams.

His memory is honored by his wife, Laura Elizabeth of Grinnell; his children, and their spouses, daughter, Sandi (Quentin) Johnson of Clive, sons, Michael (Janet) Johnson of Brandon, Fla., George (Andrea) Johnson of Norwalk, and Eric Johnson of Cedar Rapids; 13 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; and a son-in-law, Gary Phippen of Tulsa, Okla.

Keith was preceded in death by his wife, Mary; his parents; brothers, George and Laverne; a daughter, Sharon K. Phippen; and a son, Keith L. Johnson.

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