

## George W. Johnson, 84

George William Johnson, 84, of Grinnell, Iowa, died June 27, 1996, at Friendship Manor in Grinnell.

Mass of the Resurrection was held July 1, 1996 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell with Rev. Dr. Anthony G. Farrell, pastor, officiating. Pat Shaw was organist, and music was provided by the St. Mary's Choir with music selections of "Wind Beneath My Wings", "Be Not Afraid", "On Eagles Wings", "Ave Maria" and "City of God". Casket bearers were Paul Brown, Erin Gersdorf, Kevin Hobbs, Fred Oster, Mike Roderick and Clayton Tiedemann. Honorary bearers were Russ Adkins, Jim Booth, Bob Johnson, Greg Lincoln, Ross Mitchell and Dick Winchell. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery, Grinnell.

George was born on July 30, 1911 near Montezuma, Iowa, the son of Fred and Kathryn Potts Johnson. He attended rural school near Malcom. On September 19, 1930, he married Wilma O'Hara and to this marriage was born two children, Tom and Pat. The couple

lived in Grinnell, where he worked for various businesses. On June 2, 1945, he was married to Dorothy Gruhn at Atchison, Kansas, and to this marriage was born two children, Russ and Kathy. Dorothy and George lived at Kellogg and he worked for Midwest Manufacturing Company. He retired in June of 1974 and the family moved to Grinnell. Following his retirement he managed the Lakeside Mobile Home Court. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Grinnell and enjoyed his chicken collection, country music and attending auctions. He especially enjoyed his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Tom in 1956 and Russ in 1985; and two sisters.

George is survived by his wife, Dorothy of Grinnell; two daughters and their spouses: Pat and Neil Johnson, Grinnell, and Kathy and Steve Kriegel, Grinnell; fourteen grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and his brother, Lee Johnson of Grinnell.

## George Johnson

George William Johnson, 84, of Grinnell died Thursday, July 27, at Friendship Manor. <sup>June</sup>

The Funeral Mass was celebrated Monday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Anthony G. Farrell officiating. Music was provided by members of St. Mary's Choir and organist Pat Shaw.

Pallbearers were Paul Brown, Erin Gersdorf, Kevin Hobbs, Fred Oster, Mike Roderick and Clayton Tiedemann. Honorary bearers were Russ Adkins, Jim Booth, Bob Johnson, Greg Lincoln, Ross Mitchell and Dick Winchell.

Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The son of Fred and Kathryn Potts Johnson, he was born July 30, 1911, near Montezuma. He attended rural school near Malcom.

He was married to Wilma O'Hara Sept. 19, 1930. They lived in Grinnell.

On June 2, 1945, he was married to Dorothy Gruhn in Atchison, Kan. They lived in Kellogg where Mr. Johnson worked for Midwest Manufacturing Co. He retired in June 1974, and the family moved to Grinnell. He also managed the Lakeside mobile Home Court.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy; two daughters, Pat Johnson of Grinnell and Kathy Kriegel of Grinnell; 14 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and one brother, Lee of Grinnell. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Tom and Russ; and two sisters.