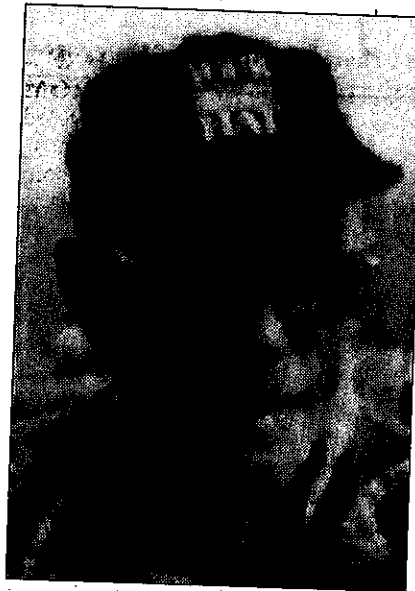


Warren W. Johnson



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Warren W. Johnson, 82, of Grinnell, died Sunday, March 4, 2012 at Grinnell Regional Medical Center with his family by his side.

A celebration of his life was held on Thursday, March 8, at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. Jaan Braaksma, pastor of Westfield Community Church, officiating. Interment with military rites was in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Memorials may be designated in his name to Grinnell Regional Hospice. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfh.com.

Warren was born on June 24, 1929, in Brooklyn to Alvin and Thelma Niswander Johnson. He was raised near Brooklyn and the family then moved to the family farm northeast of Grinnell. Warren graduated from Grinnell High School with the class of 1947.

He honorably served in the United States Marines Corps from Aug. 16, 1949, until Aug. 16, 1951, during the Korean Conflict. He was united in marriage with Geraldine Reeves on Feb. 14, 1953, at the United Methodist Church in Grinnell, and they had three children. On Aug. 17, 1979, he was united in marriage with Beverly Icenbice in Grinnell. The couple farmed near Grinnell; Warren then worked at DeLong's Sportswear in Grinnell for several years. In 1988, the couple moved to Cass Lake near Bemidji, Minn. He worked at the Iowana Resort for three years and then worked at Teal's SuperValu and the Fred Teal Farm, where he raised livestock and horses.

Warren was an outdoorsman with a passion for farming and working with cattle and horses. He enjoyed fishing, camping, and family visits.

Warren is survived by his wife of 32 years, Beverly Johnson of Grinnell; his children, Kenneth Johnson of Grinnell, Lyle Johnson of Grinnell, and Teresa Versendaal of Newton; eight grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; his sister, Esther Loftin of Grinnell; and six step-children, Mike Icenbice of Lynnville, Steve Icenbice of Onalaska, Wisc., David Icenbice of Grinnell, Patty Icenbice of Searsboro, Diane Icenbice of Boulder, Colo., and Darlene Larson of Grinnell.

Warren was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Geraldine; and his sister, Evelyn Olson.

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Visitation will begin at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home and the family will be present to greet friends from 5 until 7 p.m. Wednesday evening.

Memorials may be designated to Grinnell Regional Hospice. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfh.com.

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