

Gaylen Leo Johnson

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Due to Covid-19, the arrangements for the Celebration of Life for Gaylen Johnson have been changed. There will be no visitation. The funeral and burial will be for immediate family only.

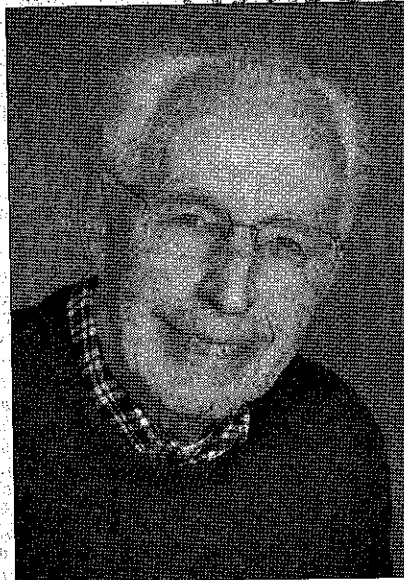
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Center surrounded by family. A full obituary appeared in the March 23 edition of this newspaper.

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Gaylen L. Johnson 3-23-2020



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A Celebration of Life service has been scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 19, at St. John's Lutheran Church. Burial with military rites will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 20, at the Story City Cemetery, Story City, Iowa.

Visitation with the Johnson family present will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thursday, June 18, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell.

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Gaylen was born on June 20, 1941, in Story City, the son of Gaylord and Aileen (Sunnoe) Johnson. He was raised in Story City and graduated from Story City High School in 1959. He served in the US Navy from 1959 to 1962.

On October 19, 1968, he was united in marriage to Kathleen Olson, in Story City. The couple made their home in Story City where they raised three children. In 1990, they moved to Grinnell.

Gaylen served as the charter president of JC's, in various capacities at Immanuel Lutheran and on the Story City Volunteer Fire Department for 22 years.

He was employed at Donhowe Motors (later Gookin Ford) of Story City, Ahrens Implement of Story City and retired from ASI Signage in Grinnell.

Gaylen was an avid fisherman, loved to read history books, enjoyed tinkering in his shop, was a big Minnesota Twins fan, and lived for attending all of his grandkids' activities as their biggest supporter.

He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Gaylen is survived by his wife, Kathy, of 52 years; one son Chad (Wendy) Johnson of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; two daughters, Kelly (Chad) Rose and Karri Johnson (Troy Becker) of Grinnell; eight grandchildren, Cam, Nora and Grady Johnson, Jarrett and Eli Rose and Braden, Noah and Abigail Furness; one sister, Kathy (Robert) Naig of Cave Creek, Arizona; and many nieces, nephews and good friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.