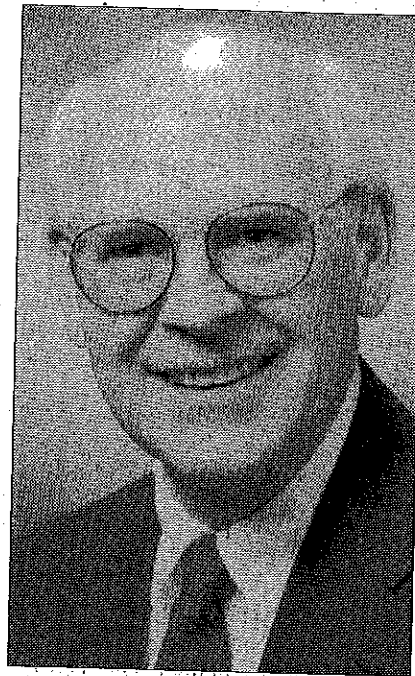


R. Steven Johnson



Robert Steven Johnson, 61, of Newton, county attorney in Jasper County, died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2009, at his home.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Feb. 21, at First Lutheran Church in Newton. Memorials may be made to Jasper County Drug Endangered Children at the Jasper County Attorney's office.

He was born April 6, 1947, in Ottumwa, the son of Robert and Kathryn Johnson. He was a 1965 graduate of Newton Senior High School; a 1969 graduate of Colorado State University with degrees in business and economics and a 1974 graduate of Drake University in Des Moines with a Juris Doctorate degree with Honors. He was united in marriage with Janet L. Herbold in Newton on July 20, 1968. He established a law practice in Newton in 1978; served as assistant Jasper County Attorney and has served as Jasper County Attorney since 1995.

He is survived by his wife Janet of Newton; his son R. Scott Johnson of Des Moines; two daughters, Stephanie Wynne of Clive and Julie Ann Johnson of Windsor Heights; four grandchildren; his mother Kay Johnson of Newton; his sisters, Marsha Scherubel of Gladstone, Mo., Sue Mahan of Two Rivers, Wis., and Barb Dewar of Iowa City. He was preceded in death by his father.

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