

Raymond E. Johnson, 67

Raymond E. (Rink) Johnson, 67, of Barnes City, died suddenly on Monday, June 23, 1997 at Grinnell Regional Medical Center in Grinnell.

Funeral services were held June 26, 1997 at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma. Officiating was Mr. Marvin Freeborn of Barnes City. Music was provided by soloist Rhonda Minner and organist Kathleen Ramsey. Music provided was, "In the Garden" and "Wind Beneath My Wings." Casket bearers were Doran Dale, Gordon Lindblom, Wayne Gillaspie, Chuck Kiner, Chuck Dunham and W. (Buck) Reinhart. Military graveside rites were performed by members of Fuller-Sarvis Legion Post #507 of Barnes City. Burial was in Golden Rod Cemetery in Deep River.

Raymond E. Johnson was born November 19, 1929 north of Montezuma, the son of Ray L. and Gussie Blanche (Stephen) Johnson. He graduated from Deep River High School in 1947. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and served during the Korean Conflict. On July 20, 1951 he was united in marriage with Dolores (Moore) at Montezuma. To this union six children were born. They were later divorced. Many years later he married Linda Clinton in West Virginia. He retired in July 1996 and moved to Barnes City. He was a dozer and blade operator and worked road construction most of his life. He was an avid gardener, a NASCAR

fan and especially loved to spend time with his grandchildren. He was a member of the Fuller-Sarvis American Legion Post No. 507 at Barnes City, V.F.W. Post No. 5507 at Ripley, West Virginia and the Barnes City Ruritan Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Raymond Eugene (Rinky) Johnson, Jr. on June 11, 1973; one brother, Carmon Johnson and four sisters, Ina Mae Boyd, Elaine Kirby and two whom died in infancy.

Raymond is survived by his five children and their spouses, Deann and Ron Struble; Janice and Lyle Hoffmann, all of Manchester; Randy Johnson of Spring Lake, N.C.; Jacki and Darren McKeag of Montezuma; and Tammi and Gary Quinlan of Deep River; 10 grandchildren, Angie Freese; Laura Blommers; Michael Struble; Lindsay Struble; Joe Hoffmann; Jessi Hoffmann; Jamie Johnson; Jodi Johnson; Casey Johnson; and Shay Moore; five sisters, Doris Brown of Malcom; Betty Harbert of Stockton, Ill.; Marlys Hopwood of Deep River; Marveen Wilson of Iowa City; and Louise Sanders of Springfield, Mo.; two brothers, Farrell Johnson of Montezuma; and Gerald Johnson of Newhall; and other relatives and many friends.

Memorials may be made to the Raymond E. Johnson Memorial Fund.

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