



Herbert Johnson

October 6, 1918 - May 27, 2011

Herbert Johnson, age 92, of Storm Lake, Iowa died on Friday, May 27, 2011 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake. Herbert Clarence Johnson was born October 6, 1918 in Odebolt, Iowa to Carl E. Johnson and Amanda Noyd Johnson. He was baptized at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Odebolt, Iowa and was later confirmed at St. Pauls English Lutheran Church in Schaller, Iowa on March 25, 1934. Herbert attended school in Schaller, Iowa. Following his education he joined his father with his farming operation. He was united in marriage with Elda Gerke Johnson on February 19, 1950 at Zion Lutheran Church in rural Storm Lake. To this union were born a son, Richard and a daughter, Joan. Following their marriage they farmed near Storm Lake where Herb was a lifetime farmer. He and Elda worked together both indoors and outdoors. Later his son Richard joined him with his farming operation. He was a faithful member of the St. John Lutheran Church where he served as an elder, many years as an usher and was involved in other church activities. Herb especially enjoyed spending time with his family, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and friends. He also provided childcare for his grandson, Michael, while his parents worked. Herb farmed his entire life and enjoyed the land and animals. He found joy in listening to music, especially church music and polkas. He was proud to be a farmer, enjoyed working outdoors, gardening with his wife Elda and raising livestock. Herb loved to drive around and look at the crops in his pickup truck. He never wanted to retire and lived on the farm until he joined his heavenly father.

Family and church were very important to Herb. He enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren at church and school activities. In 1991 he lost his wife and best friend. In 2002 he was involved in a tractor accident and was seriously injured. He fought back with intense rehab and was able to continue to live on the farm with the help of his family and friends. Herb's pastor at that time called him "The Miracle Man". He then spent many days outdoors enjoying himself on his scooter. His memory lives in the hearts of his son, Richard Johnson of Storm Lake, Iowa; daughter, Joan and Gary Christen of Storm Lake, Iowa; grandchildren: Michael Christen of Storm Lake, Iowa and Christy Christen of Petal, Mississippi; great-grandchildren: Alex and Cylee Case; and Andrew Baker; sister-in-law: Esther Lamb of Storm Lake, Iowa; brothers-in-law: Donald Gerke of Sioux Rapids, Iowa; and Clifford and Doris Schmidt of Storm Lake, Iowa; many nieces and nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends. In heaven he joins his wife, Elda; his parents, Carl and Amanda; brother, Elmer Johnson; and sister, Hazel Johnson.