



Lynn Johnson

December 31, 1944 - June 14, 2020

Lynn Johnson, age 75, of Alta, Iowa died on Sunday, June 14, 2020 at his home in Alta.

Due to the current Buena Vista County Covid-19 levels, the family is requesting the funeral service to be a private family service on Friday, June 19, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Alta. The public is welcome to join the family for the committal service on Friday, June 19, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Alta. Public visitation will take place on Thursday, June 18, 2020 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral in ALTA. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Alta is in charge of the arrangements.

Lynn Dwight Johnson, the son of Vinton and Doris (Lundeen) Johnson, was born on December 31, 1944 in Fort Dodge, Iowa. As an infant, Lynn was baptized at the Elfsborg Lutheran Church in Pomeroy, Iowa. He was later confirmed at the same church in 1959.

Growing up, Lynn attended grade school and high school. He graduated from Fonda Public High School in 1964. Shortly after, Lynn enlisted in the United States Army on April 10, 1964. Throughout his 8 ½ years of service, Lynn was stationed in Missouri, Germany, Vietnam, Kansas, Colorado, and served in the Vietnam War. Much of his time was spent as a mechanic and instructor for

preventative maintenance. He also received a Commandant's Award while in Noncommissioned Officer Academy. He was honorably discharged on September 27, 1972.

On March 30, 1968, Lynn was united in marriage to Shirley Rose Hoops, his high school sweetheart, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Alta. The couple was blessed with two children, Michael and Pamela.

Lynn was active in the VFW where he currently served as senior vice president. In the past years, he served as commander and junior vice president. Lynn had the privilege of taking the Honor Flight to Washington DC in September of 2017. He was also a 4-H Leader for Maple Valley Agriculturalists for 10 years.

Lynn was an active member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Alta. He participated in the church choirs for many years and has served as Elder, Trustee, President, and Vice President.

After his military service he farmed and drove truck. He also had a love for music, old cars, visiting over a cup of coffee, and going to grandkids activities. In 2019, Lynn and Shirley took a trip of a lifetime and spent 3 weeks in Sweden and Germany.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 52 years, Shirley Johnson of Alta, Iowa; children, Michael (Angela) Johnson of Rock Valley, Iowa and Pamela (Ben) Cox of Algona, Iowa; brother, Gerald Johnson of Fonda, Iowa; sisters, Elayne Sinow of Audubon, Iowa and Carolyn Hansman of Okoboji, Iowa; grandchildren: Anna Cox and John Cox of Algona, Iowa; Ryan Johnson, Eric Johnson, Ashley Robertson, and Jacob Johnson of Rock Valley, Iowa; brother-in-law, Vern Hoops of LeMars, Iowa; sisters-in-law, Donna Hoops of Storm Lake, Iowa and Linda Hoops of Storm Lake, Iowa; extended family and

friends.

Lynn was preceded in death by his parents, Vinton and Doris Johnson; parents-in-law, Marvin and Lillian Hoops; brothers-in-law: Ron Hoops, Jim Sinow, Nestor Schenk, and Joe Hansman; sisters-in-law, Cindy Johnson and Liz Foreman.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn

Alta, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 18. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Lynn Johnson*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - June 18, 2020 at 12:55 PM



Sandra Pearson

Thank you for sharing the video. It was good to see all the good times he shared with his family. Gary & Sandy Pearson

Sandra Pearson - June 18, 2020 at 08:38 PM



EM

Thanks for sharing this video. Lots of good times. So sorry we were not able to attend the services. Love and hugs to all of you. Ellen Meier

Ellen Meier - June 19, 2020 at 05:46 PM



JK

“ *I remember Lynn in country school many years ago. He was always happy, treated everyone with respect. I enjoyed talking to him at Fonda reunions. He had an ornery side but a king in his heart.*

JoAnn Cole Kalkwarf - June 19, 2020 at 07:02 PM

LL

“ Shirley, Carolyn, Gerald, Elaine and all,
We were saddened to hear of Lynn's passing. We know that he will
be missed by you as well as many others. You are in our thoughts
and prayers today and always.
Tony and Laurie Longnecker

Laurie Longnecker - June 19, 2020 at 11:32 AM

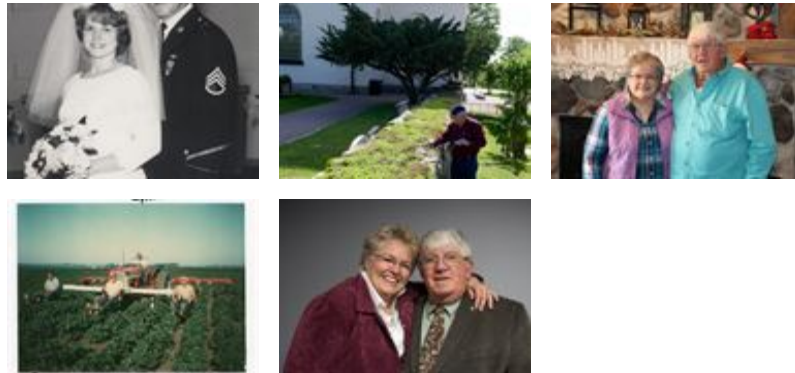
FB

“ Deepest sympathy to the Johnson family. Lynn and I sang in a
quartet at Fonda High School. We had a great conversation at the
last reunion and I learned a bit about photography. So sorry to hear
of his untimely death. Frances Ott Bly

Frances Bly - June 18, 2020 at 01:45 PM



“ 200 files added to the album LifeTributes



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - June 18, 2020 at 12:35 PM

LH

“ *Lois and Fred Hawn purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Lynn Johnson.*



Lois and Fred Hawn - June 18, 2020 at 12:26 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Lynn Johnson.*



June 18, 2020 at 11:31 AM



“ *Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Lynn Johnson.*



June 17, 2020 at 07:54 PM

TA

“ *Tri State Ag purchased the Yellow & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Lynn Johnson.*



Tri State Ag - June 17, 2020 at 05:08 PM

JB

“ Jim & Syd Barber lit a candle in memory of Lynn Johnson



Jim & Syd Barber - June 17, 2020 at 04:24 PM

JM

“ Shirley and family. You have my thoughts and prayers through this hard time.
Jerry McKeever

Jerry McKeever - June 17, 2020 at 03:13 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - June 17, 2020 at 12:58 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lynn Johnson.



June 17, 2020 at 12:44 PM

SL

“ Sincere sympathy to Shirley and her family!



Sue Lloyd - June 17, 2020 at 11:57 AM



“ Bountiful European Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Lynn Johnson.



June 17, 2020 at 09:58 AM

CA

“ Carol Asman lit a candle in memory of Lynn Johnson



Carol Asman - June 17, 2020 at 08:00 AM

BM

“ Ben & Judy Malcom lit a candle in memory of Lynn Johnson



Ben & Judy Malcom - June 16, 2020 at 07:54 PM

SK

“ Joe remembers the first time Lynn called.. Didn't recognize the phone number but when Lynn said Hello, Joe just said 'Hello Lynn'.. .had been many years since meeting in service.. ..Joe went to Germany, and Lynn to Vietnam..after that call, they kept in touch pretty routinely..families visited and sometimes met 1/2 way in between...one time Lynn called and said he was already at his half way point...at the hospital in Minneapolis.. for surgery.... Joe andi jumped in the car...pulled into the same parking lot as Shirley was getting out of her car...this was winter and had a famous Minneapolis snowstorm was in progress.. Well, we went to see Lynn...needless to say, he couldn't be found..as usual, he was socializing... eventually he was found and we managed to have a lot of fun and memories.. P.S. I'm Sharon, Joe's spouse....figured it would take a month for him to get this message out...Lynn..Joe will miss you

Sharon and. Joe Karson - June 16, 2020 at 07:38 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Lynn Johnson.



June 16, 2020 at 06:32 PM

MF

“ Mark And Rita Fitzgerald lit a candle in memory of Lynn Johnson



Mark and Rita Fitzgerald - June 16, 2020 at 04:17 PM

EG

Said a prayer for Lynn and his family.

Ernie Gottfried - June 16, 2020 at 06:58 PM

WL

“ *With love! purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Lynn Johnson.*



With love! - June 16, 2020 at 01:33 PM

TP

“ *Trish Peterson lit a candle in memory of Lynn Johnson*



trish peterson - June 16, 2020 at 12:59 PM

MS

“ *Prayers for you, his Loved Ones.*

Marilyn Strickland

Marilyn Strickland - June 16, 2020 at 12:57 PM

GD

“ *Gail DeMan lit a candle in memory of Lynn Johnson*



Gail DeMan - June 16, 2020 at 12:38 PM

MA

“ Shirley & family - our sincerest regrets on your loss. Remember meeting you two @ the VA awhile back. Howard especially has memories of growing up years with Lynn @ Elfsborg. We know our Lord will carry you through this & please know that our thoughts are with you all. Sincerely, Milli 'n Howard Anderson

Milli 'n Howard Anderson - June 16, 2020 at 11:36 AM

CC

“ Shirley, Mike & Pam,
So sorry to hear of Lynn's passing yet rejoicing for him that he is now happy with Our Father!
I know you all have good memories to look back on about your husband, father & grandfather! He could always talk about something! :-) He was a goodhearted man, full of laughter. Lynn will be missed by many but not more than by you, his family!
We are thankful for Lynn's Service to our Country & your support of him, Shirley!
May you each find comfort, strength & peace in God's Promises.

Lynn will be missed.....With sympathy, Dan & Carmen Cameron

Carmen Cameron - June 16, 2020 at 10:59 AM

PK

“ Paul Kelly lit a candle in memory of Lynn Johnson



Paul Kelly - June 16, 2020 at 10:47 AM

JP

“ Jennifer Peters lit a candle in memory of Lynn Johnson



Jennifer Peters - June 16, 2020 at 09:58 AM

HS

“ Shirley, Michael and Pam I am so very sorry for your loss. Lynn was a great uncle, I am sure that he nailed the "Grandpa" role as well! I will always be grateful for how active you, Shirley, and Lynn were in my life growing up, and how much time I got to spend with both Michael and Pam... I've often said to Mark that growing up, they felt more like brother and sister than cousins because we were so close. Please know my thoughts, prayers and heart are with you all... I will be attending the funeral virtually on Friday; had there been any way, I really would have tried to be there but the borders are closed for international travel. I love you all.



Holly Salsman - June 16, 2020 at 09:31 AM

WT

“ Rest in peace Lynn.



Wil & Karen Triplett - June 16, 2020 at 08:48 AM

BW

“ Oh no Carolyn and Hillary. Just saw this. I am so so sorry. Sending my prayers and thoughts as you go through this very hard time.

Bev Wittler - June 16, 2020 at 12:42 AM

IK

“ My Sincere Sympathy to Lynn's family. I am so glad that I got to see him & hear him sing at Elfsborg last Christmas!

Irva Krause - June 15, 2020 at 10:30 PM

NL

“ Dear Shirley and Family,
Sorry for the heartache you are feeling. Praying for comfort and peace..for strength when days are long...and for eyes to see God's healing love in ways only your heart can know.
Nancy Ledoux

Nancy Ledoux - June 15, 2020 at 09:27 PM

HS

“ Some of my best memories from childhood were with my Uncle Lynn and Aunt Shirley. He was an amazing uncle and dad, I can only imagine what an amazing grandpa he was as well. Whenever I think of him, I will always remember his laugh.



Holly Salsman - June 15, 2020 at 06:29 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Lynn Johnson.*



June 15, 2020 at 06:27 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Lynn's passing.....he was always one for a good conversation. Our prayers are being said for him and for you. God bless Lynn.*

Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh - June 15, 2020 at 04:55 PM



“ *Jeff/Jean Chindlund sent a virtual gift in memory of Lynn Johnson*



Jeff/Jean Chindlund - June 15, 2020 at 03:52 PM



Shirley and family, We are so sorry to hear of Lynn's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Jeff/Jean Chindlund - June 15, 2020 at 03:53 PM



*My heart goes out to you during this difficult time.
Dennis Stafford*

Dennis Stafford - June 16, 2020 at 01:45 PM