

***Remember Me***

Don't remember me with sadness,  
Don't remember me with tears,  
Remember all the laughter,  
We've shared throughout the years.  
Now I am contented  
That my life it was worthwhile,  
Knowing as I passed along the way  
I made somebody smile.  
When you are walking down the street  
And you've got me on your mind,  
I'm walking in your footsteps  
Only half a step behind.  
So please don't be unhappy  
Just because I'm out of sight,  
Remember that I'm with you  
Each morning, noon and night.

In Loving Memory  
***James J. Johnson***  
***"Jim"***

**Date of Birth**  
August 24, 1934

**Date of Death**  
November 6, 2023

**Funeral Service**  
11:00 A.M. Saturday, November 11, 2023  
**Christ the King Lutheran Church**  
Ellendale, North Dakota

**Officiating:** Pastor Lucinda Lien  
**Pianist:** Evelyn Fuller

**Congregational Singing**  
"Amazing Grace"  
"How Great Thou Art"  
"Blessed Assurance"  
"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

**Casket Bearers**

Andrew Johnson  
Mike Holst  
Noah Hansen

Bo Gleason  
Will Brawley  
Elias Moore

**Honorary Casket Bearers**

Ray Peterson  
Lee Alger

Dave Thomas  
Perry Hoven

**Burial with Military Honors**  
9:00 A.M. Tuesday, November 14, 2023  
Fort Snelling National Cemetery  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

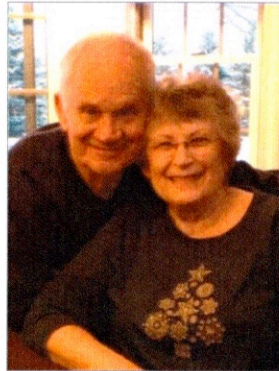
**Arrangements by**  
Hoven Funeral Chapel  
Ellendale, North Dakota



**James "Jim" Johnson** passed away peacefully with family at his side on Monday, November 6, 2023.

Jim was born on August 24, 1934 in Oakes, ND to Jesse and Mildred (Rector) Johnson. Jim joined his big brother, Robert, who was 6 years older. Jim grew up in Lamoure, ND, and was active in many sports. He graduated in 1952 and attended Jamestown College in Jamestown, ND, majoring in Education and Mathematics and played football. He graduated in 1956.

Jim started his teaching career in Gardner, ND. During the summer of 1957, Jim began dating Jeanella Staeck from Kulm, ND. Soon after, Jim was drafted into the U.S. Army. Jim and Jean were married on December 22, 1957 in Kulm, ND. Jim and Jean were stationed in Georgia, and then El Paso, TX. While in El Paso, the couple's first son, Bruce Jay was born prematurely on July 22, 1958, and passed away 4 days later. Later, Jim spent 10 months in Taiwan. Jean moved back to North Dakota while Jim finished his military service.



After Jim's Army service, he resumed teaching at Bowdon, ND. The couple had their second child, Timothy Jay in 1962. In May of 1970, Jim and Jean adopted their son, Thomas Jesse. Jim's career took him to Wishek, ND, Kulm, ND, Page, ND and in late 1970, to Ellendale, ND. In February of 1973, they adopted their daughter, Tracy Jo. Jim spent the remainder of his career in Ellendale teaching high school math and coaching women's track and field, and football. After 40 years of teaching, Jim retired in 1998.

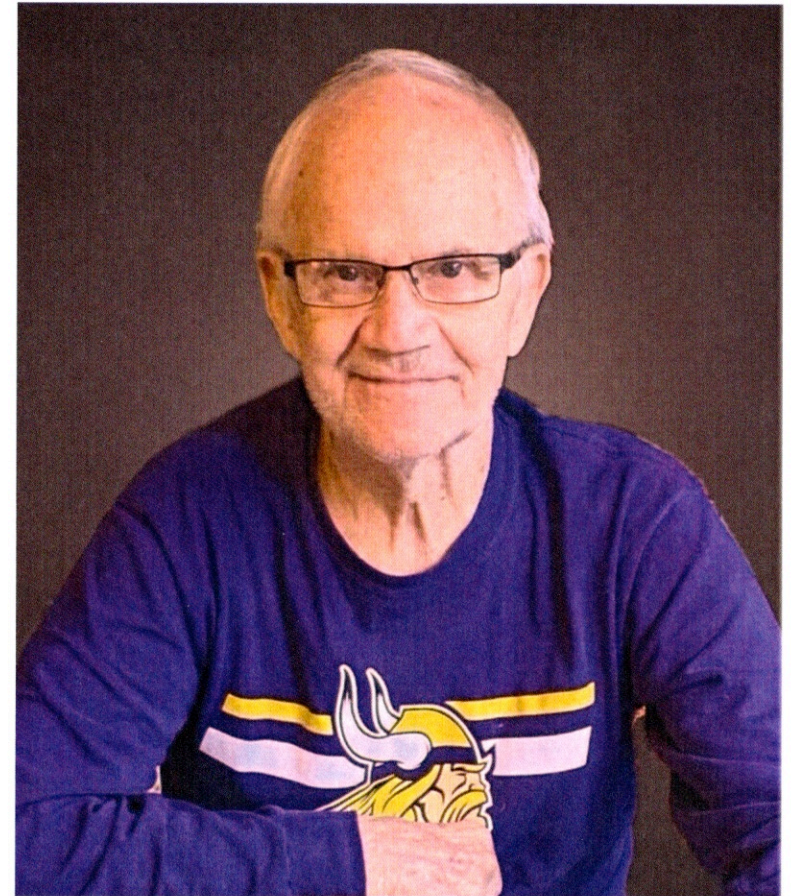
In 2016, Jim and Jean moved to Lake Crystal, MN., and in 2021, they moved to Big Lake, MN.



Jim is survived by his wife of 65 years, Jean Johnson of Big Lake, MN., his children, Tim (Nina) Johnson, Tom (Kim) Johnson, and Tracy (Todd) Stromswold. Grandchildren: Kimberly (Erin Anderson) Johnson, Sara (Bo) Gleason, Page (Mike) Holst, Natasha (Will) Brawley, Bailey Zastre, Alisa (Elias) Moore, Taylor (Noah) Hansen, Abby Stromswold, Emma Johnson, Kaitlyn Stromswold and Andrew Johnson. Great Grandchildren: Brooklyn, Jayden, and Rylee Holst; Lucas, Sophia and Skylar Gleason. Sister-in-Law, Darlene Antrobus. Nieces/Nephew: Taryn (Johnson) Selvey, Darren Robert Staeck, and DeNae (Staeck) Andrews.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Jesse and Mildred (Rector) Johnson, his brother, Robert, infant son, Bruce, his Father-In-Law, William Staeck, Mother-In-Law, Emma (Shuldheisz) Staeck, Brother-In-Law DeWayne Staeck, Sister-in-Law DeAnn (Whalen) Staeck, Nieces; Pamela Johnson, Stacey (Johnson) Smith, and Nephew DeWayne Robert Staeck.

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***1934 ~ 2023***