

Wallace "Wally" Dean Johnson was born October 11, 1928 in Wheaton MN to Waldo and Gladys (Halquist) Johnson, the oldest of seven children. He was baptized and confirmed at St Joseph Lutheran Church rural Rosholt, SD. He attended country school in rural Wheaton, MN & Rosholt, SD completing the eighth grade. He spent his early years riding horses, hunting and farming. In Nov. 1951 Wally was drafted into the United States Army and headed off to Korea during the Korean conflict. He was a medic and drove a litter carrier jeep from the front lines with wounded and dead soldiers to the mash units. He was wounded two times during his time in Korea. Wally was honorably discharged July 1953. Upon returning home Wally cut trees along the channel north of the white rock dam, helped build the Wheaton Elevator and farmed with family. Wally met a young woman at a dance in Dumont MN, which was the beginning of 68+ years of happiness. On July 23, 1956 Wally was united in marriage to Pauline K. Sorensen at Siloah Lutheran Church rural Graceville, MN. They were blessed with three daughters Jean, Pam and Deana. Wally and Pauline moved up by White Rock, SD and raised cattle, milked cows and farmed. In 1969 they bought the family farm that was originally owned by Wally's great grandparents, Farming and raising cattle until he retired. In retirement Wally and Pauline traveled to Sweden and stayed with family on the original Homestead. Wally enjoyed teaching his grandson Tomy how to hunt; he loved hunting more than fishing but took all his grandkids fishing. He also liked to go on road trips down the lane or to the dam looking for wildlife and teaching many how to drive. Wally and Pauline traveled with Jean and OJ in their RV and visited thirty states across the country. Family was very important to him. He lived life to the fullest with no regrets. His contagious laugh and wink will be with us forever.

Wally is survived by his wife Pauline of Wheaton; daughters Jean (OJ) Osterman and Pam (Jim) Kraus both of Wheaton MN; Deana Montgomery of Moorhead, MN; nine grandchildren: Mashaila (Mike) Ritter, Tanya (Josh) Pittman, Tomy (Amber) Osterman, Sara (Kevin) Ballhagen, Katy (Adam) Lichtsinn, Carrie (Sean) Witte, Kimberly Kraus, Andrew Montgomery, Anna (Danny) Ware; twelve great-grandchildren: Kaisee Adams, James (Callie) Conroy, Cole Pittman, Zander, Xavier and Zoe Doschadis, Westin Osterman, Austin, Blake and Lexi Ballhagen, Kyle and Lane Witte; two great-great grandchildren Kaisen Adams and baby boy Conroy due in August; sisters: Kay (Lyle) LeCuyer and Susie (Dean) Roman; and sister-in-law Marjo Johnson.

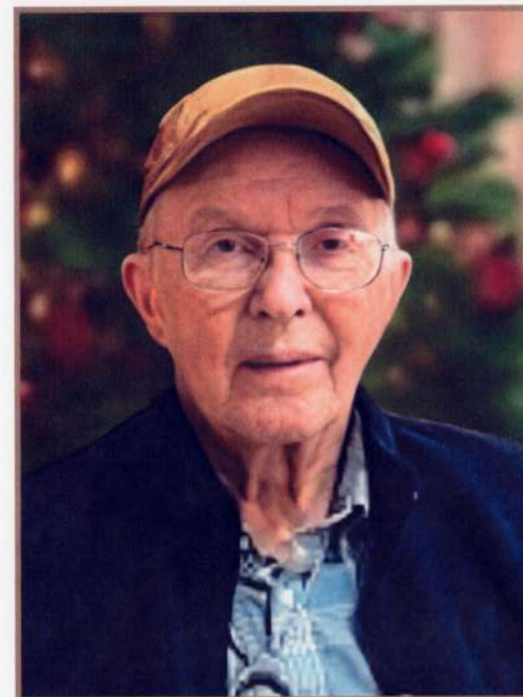
Wally was preceded in death by his brothers: Jimmy (Beverly) and Roger; sisters: Bonnie (Walter) Sand, and Connie (Johnny) Swedlund; son-in-law Mike Montgomery; and grandchildren Steven James Kraus, Lisa Jo Kraus and Steven Conroy



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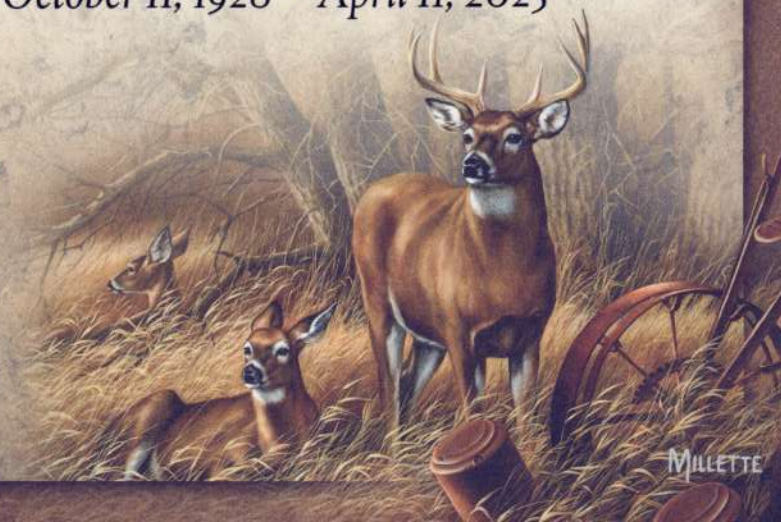
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In Memory Of Wallace Dean Johnson

October 11, 1928 ~ April 11, 2025



MILLETTE



We were raised by a simple man who put a gun in each of our hands. He was a grandma's boy who rode horse to school, fought for America in Korea as a Frontline medic and lived his life with no regrets. Standing with one woman, farmer and farmwife working in tandem til the end. Family and friends were his life source and coffee was always waiting for you. A life full of curiosity kept it fun. Smoky, the cow horse was his favorite book and all of his heroes rode out of a western. He skipped to my Lou and sang maresy dose and dosey dose all around the farm with his infectious laughter. On his last car ride, he prevailed in suggesting we take a field road, of which he was never afraid to take or have the adventure of being stuck in the mud. I guess you're never too old to go off roading. He lived life authentically with a gregorius spirit. I can hear him from heaven telling us all good night, sleep tight, and don't let the bedbugs bite.



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Date of Birth

October 11, 1928



Entered Into Rest

April 11, 2025

Funeral Services

11:00 AM, Monday, April 21, 2025

Bethlehem Covenant Church - Wheaton, Minnesota

Officiating

Pastor Tim Shekleton

Pianist

Cheryl Shekleton

Pallbearers - (wearing Wally's ties)

Kevin Ballhagen

Sean Witte

Adam Lichtsinn

Mike Ritter

Josh Pittman

Danny Ware



Military Rites Provided By

Merton Dale American Legion Post #80

Interment

West Lakeside Cemetery - Wheaton, Minnesota

