



Donald Johnson

October 3, 1919 - May 2, 2009

Donald L. Johnson was born to Henry and Cornelia (Sundet) Johnson in Fort Ransom, ND on October 3, 1919. He was a 1937 graduate of Lisbon High School. In September 1942, he enlisted in the US Army, attending a Radio Repair School at the University of ND, Grand Forks. In May 1943, he reported for active duty and took basic training at Camp Kohler near Sacramento, CA. Upon completion he was sent overseas to the European Theatre of Operations. Don returned from overseas in July 1945 and was discharged in October 1945.

Mr. Johnson worked for Montgomery Ward in Valley City until May 1950. He then attended Gale Institute, in Minneapolis, a training school for Railroad Telegraphers and Station Agents. Upon completion in January 1951, he went to work for the Northern Pacific Railway which later became the Burlington Railway. He worked at many different railroad stations. He retired in August 1986, at which time he was the freight agent in Valley City.

On August 29, 1959, he married Rebecca A. Skonnord in Valley City. He was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church where he had been treasurer for 33 years and was a life member of the American Legion and VFW.

Don died at Jamestown Hospital on May 2, 2009. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Henry and Jerome; sister, Berniece Olson; and twin sister, Dorothy Mann.

He is survived by his wife, Becky; sons, Paul of Woodbury, MN and Dale (Janet) of Edina, MN; grandchildren, Carly, Maria, Brady, and Christine; and a

sister, Eileen Albertson of St. Louis Park, MN.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 6. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel
251 Central Ave. S.
Valley City, ND

Service

MAY 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
138 3rd St. NW
Valley City, ND

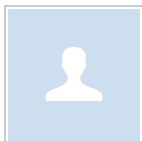
Tribute Wall



“ I'll especially remember his way reaction to humor, beginning with that slight smile and soft laugh that lit up his face and ending with a much bigger smile and laugh.
I'll be sending a card and memorial soon. I'm so sorry I couldn't make the funeral services.

Connie##imported-begin##Connie (Johnson) Foster##imported-end##

May 12, 2009 at 07:20 AM



“ Becky and Family:

We are so sorry for Don's passing. We are still in Ohio at Donnas and I just saw Don's obituary. We will get home on May 10th.

Please know that we will pray for you.##imported-begin##Margaret & Perry Grotberg##imported-end##

May 07, 2009 at 03:21 PM



“ Becky, Paul, and Dale,
I just wanted you to know you are in my thoughts and prayers.
Lorrie Tolstad Coker##imported-begin##Lorrie Coker##imported-end##

May 07, 2009 at 01:36 PM



“ Our sincere sympathy in the loss of your husband Don, Becky. He always had a ready smile, though I did not get to know him very well. You and your family have many great memories to hold him in your hearts.

Mary and John Heath###imported-begin##Mary Heath###imported-end##

May 07, 2009 at 09:37 AM



“ Our deepest sympathies to the Johnson family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you now and during the days ahead. God Bless You, Pat and Jeff France###imported-begin##Jeff and Pat (Tolstad) France###imported-end##

May 06, 2009 at 05:22 PM



“ I'll remember the times together at the lake, the back yard in Valley City, and stopping by to see him years ago while he was working. And, playing cards!

We will all miss you.

Love, Becky Jo, Fred, and Tori Apodaca###imported-begin##Becky Strom Apodaca (Becky Jo)###imported-end##

May 06, 2009 at 11:41 AM



“ So sorry to hear about your loss Paul. Our thoughts are with you and the rest of your family. We certainly understand the pain of losing a loved one. We hope you can find solace knowing he is at peace with the lord. Love Kris & Candi###imported-begin##Kris Stoffel and Candi Wallace###imported-end##

May 05, 2009 at 05:49 PM



“ *Becky and family, We were so sorry to hear about Don's death. Know that you're in our prayers and thoughts at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Karen & Tom Klein##imported-end##*

May 05, 2009 at 04:52 PM



“ *Dale and Family
I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May the memories of your Dad be a comfort to you in the days ahead.*

Lorrie Miller##imported-begin##Lorrie Miller##imported-end##

May 05, 2009 at 09:31 AM



“ *I am very sorry to hear of your loss. I will keep Don in my prayers. I'm a friend of Paul's and he always talked very fondly about his dad. May Donald rest in the eternal peace of God's palm.##imported-begin##Joe Budion##imported-end##*

May 04, 2009 at 04:06 PM