



Roger D. Johnson Sr.

May 17, 1939 - February 20, 2017

Roger Dean Johnson Sr. was born to Emory and Dagmar (Rasmussen) Johnson on May 17, 1939 on a farm in York County Nebraska. He passed away on February 20, 2017 at Banner Boswell Medical Center in Sun City, Arizona. He was the fourth of five children. The farm where Roger was born was near the farm where he lived most of his life. It was the home place where his father, Emory, was born. Roger later moved just a half mile away when he purchased the farm of Arden and Eyvonne Johnson.

Roger was baptized and confirmed in the Danish Lutheran Church in Cordova, NE. Roger had a tractor accident when he was thirteen years old while he was driving it. The tractor ran over him causing back problems for the rest of his life.

He graduated from Exeter High School in 1956. He joined the Nebraska National Guard following graduation from high school. Roger took his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

In 1958 he married his high school sweetheart, Suzanne (Barkmeier). Three children were born to this union.

Roger was a farmer all of his life. He started feeding cattle with his dad when he was still in high school. They fed together many years and later with his son, Roger Jr. This was the only occupation that he ever considered doing. He was a member of the Exeter Feeders and Breeders Association for several years and served on the board of that organization. He won the tractor driving contest at the State Fair as a young man, and received a Young Farmer Award in his early years farming.

Roger drove a truck to Omaha and St. Joseph, MO for Ralph Kubicek at an early age and also for S & A Trucking while he was farming. Roger also served on the board of the Cordova elevator. He was a member of the Cordova Volunteer Fire Department for several years.

Roger enjoyed taking trips in his RV with family and friends. In recent years he enjoyed traveling to a warmer climate during the cold winter months in his fifth wheel RV.

Roger was preceded in death by his son, Roger Dean Johnson, Jr, parents Emory and Dagmar Johnson, sister Shirley Zimmer, brother Emory Allen Johnson, brothers-in-law Lee Zimmer, Dean Weber, and George (Milo) Springer.

Roger is survived by his wife, Suzanne, of fifty-eight years; his daughter, Shari (Bill) Miller of Clay Center, NE; Cynthia (Kent) Manning of Burress, NE; his daughter-in-law, Margaret Johnson of Exeter. He was also proud of his eight grandchildren: Derek (Danielle) Miller of Lincoln, NE; Shannon (Aaron) Tebo of Robinson, TX; Jessica (Joseph) Fehlhafer of Friend NE; Keegan (Kathleen) Johnson of Lincoln, NE; Elijah Johnson of Exeter, NE; Tyler, Brooke & Mitchell Manning of Burress, NE; and Two great-grandchildren, Miller Tebo and Kal Johnson and he was looking forward to a baby girl this coming June. He is also survived by two sisters, Sylvia Springer of Sun City, AZ, and Marilyn (Alvin) Vyhnaelek of Crete, NE; sister-in-law and brother-in-law Barbara and Gail Heffelfinger of Exeter, NE; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

A funeral service for Roger was held on Saturday, February 25, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Cordova, Nebraska. Pastor Michelle Kanzaki officiated the service. Amy Emshoff accompanied Randy Kaliff in the singing of "How Great Thou Art," and she also accompanied the congregation in the singing of "Amazing Grace."

Pallbearers for the service included Derek Miller, Keegan Johnson, Tyler Manning, Mitchell Manning, Elijah Johnson, Joseph Fehlhafer, Aaron Tebo, and Garrett Pribyl. Honorary bearers included Jessica Fehlhafer, Shannon Tebo, Brooke Manning, Danielle D'Amore-Miller and Kathleen Johnson. Interment was held in the Exeter Cemetery following the funeral service. Memorials are directed to the family for future designation. Farmer Funeral Home of Exeter conducted the services. Online condolences may be left at www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



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Farmer & Son Funeral Home - February 25, 2017 at 12:35 PM

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“ Found memories of Roger and the Johnson family. Thoughts and prayers are with the family. We will miss Roger. Love Tom, Angela, Luke, and Paige Petersen

Angela Petersen - February 23, 2017 at 12:44 PM

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“ Roger and I go way back to school at District 29. He was a year behind me and so many fond memories of our fun at school. We were a bunch of sport kids, so recess and noon hour was always a ballgame going on. He always kidded me that he was going to catch up with me in age as his birthday is the day after mine. It was a joke between us that has carried on for many years. Miss you Roger.

Donna Jasinski - February 21, 2017 at 05:29 PM

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“ Paula Kaiser-Asmus lit a candle in memory of Roger D. Johnson Sr.



Paula Kaiser-Asmus - February 21, 2017 at 05:28 PM

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