

May 31, 2005

## **Obit: Ernest Johnson**

Funeral services for Ernest Johnson, 91, of Groton, will be 11:00am on Tuesday, May 31, 2005 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton. Rev. Elizabeth Johnson will officiate. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Visitation will be held from 4-8pm Monday at the chapel with a prayer service at 7:00pm. Visitation will continue prior to services at the church.



Ernest Johnson was born on January 24, 1914 to Helmick and Laura (Brue) Johnson. He grew up and attended rural school in Riverside Township. Ernest farmed with his brother on the family farm until he retired and moved into Groton in 1981. He entered Beverly Healthcare in 1998 and later moved to Bethesda Home in 2001. He passed away Friday, May 27, 2005 at Bethesda Home of Aberdeen.

Ernest was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Groton. He enjoyed antique tractors and attending the antique threshing shows in the area. He was also interested in airplanes and attended the air show in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Survivors include his brother, Gerhard (Lois) Johnson of Story City, Iowa; two sisters, Margaret Larsen of Groton and Lucille (Clarence) Swensen of Bath, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

Casketbearers will be Glenn Cooper, Gerald Osterman, Dwight Althoff, Lonnie Nack, Howard Swenson, and Philip Swenson.

The family prefers memorials to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 1006 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Groton, SD 57445.

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