

Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel

Robert Johnson

(Died December 11, 2014)

A Celebration of life for Robert Johnson, 93, of Groton will be 11:00 a.m., Monday, December 15th at the United Methodist Church, Groton. Rev. Matt Richards will officiate. Private inurnment will be held in Union Cemetery, Groton, under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Visitation will be held at the funeral chapel on Sunday from 5-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m.



Bob passed away December 11, 2014 at Golden Living Center, Groton.

Robert A. Johnson was the only son born to Pearl and Alfred L. Johnson, September 29, 1921, in Chicago, IL. He was raised on a farm in the Groton, SD area, educated in the Groton Public School and South Dakota State College, Brookings, SD.

After a five year courtship he married his high school sweetheart, Marvel Green, January 22, 1943, at the Augustana Lutheran Church by Claremont, SD. Bob and Marvel celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on January 22, 2013. To this marriage six children were born: R. Van Johnson (Jean), Sioux Falls, SD; Kent Johnson (Christie), Groton, SD; Drew Johnson (Marsha), Aberdeen, SD; Jay Johnson (Linda), Groton, SD; Marc Johnson (Jane), Groton, SD; and daughter Ann J. Brown, Watertown, SD; 17 grandchildren; and 21 great grandchildren.

The couple lived on the family farm south of Groton until moving to their twin home in Groton in 2004. Bob and Marvel owned a cabin at Pickerel Lake for many years. The place they shared with so many and loved so much.

Bob's activities included: Groton Farmers Elevator, Northern Electric Cooperative, East River Transmission Cooperative, James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company, SD REA, Dakota Electric Cooperative/Basin Electric Cooperative, The Johnson Agency, Prairie States Life Insurance Company, Brown County Federal Credit Union, SD Railroad Board, SD Association of Cooperatives, Groton Community Transit System, and Groton Chamber of Commerce from which he received the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2011, and was inducted into the SD Cooperative Hall of Fame. Bob was elected and served six years in the SD State Senate.

Bob was a member of the Groton Masonic Lodge, active member of the Groton Kiwanis Club and active member of the Groton United Methodist Church.

Bob will forever be remembered as a devoted husband, a loving father/grandfather/great-grandfather, and a kind, generous, and gentle man.

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