

**C**harles “Chuck” James Johnson was born on May 15, 1930, to James O. and Myrtle (Hanson) Johnson in Flandreau, South Dakota. He graduated from Flandreau High School in 1949. Chuck was a good athlete and excelled in all sports including football, basketball, and track. He received a full ride scholarship to the University of Nebraska to play football but was called up to service. He served in the Army National Guard from September 22, 1946 (he lied about his age) through his active-duty deployment (September 1, 1950-October 1954). He was stationed in Alaska during the Korean War and said afterwards that he never wanted to be cold again! On September 25, 1952, he married his high school sweetheart, Caroline Gilmore.

For 43 years, Chuck and his wife owned and operated what used to be Red Owl and then became Chuck’s Foodland Grocery Store in Flandreau. He loved golfing, bowling, and playing cards. Chuck and Caroline spent many winters in sunny and warm Arizona.

Chuck passed away on Friday, August 29, 2025, at Dell Rapids at the age of 95.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Caroline, Dell Rapids; children: Pam Nissen (Mike Mayes) and children, Tracy, Jodie, Kelly, and Amanda; Patricia and Richard Hinricher and children, Bridget and Ryan; Rick and Deb Johnson and children, Stacy, Sarah, and Josh; Beth and Ed Sechser and children, Alan and Craig; and Darcy and Steve Utech and children, Abby and Lexy. They also had numerous great and great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Myrtle Johnson, brothers, Ralph Johnson and Roger Johnson, sister, Leanne Albers, and in-laws, Herbert and Eva Gilmore.

# *In Memory Of* **Charles James Johnson**

May 15, 1930 † August 29, 2025

## **Memorial Service**

3:30 PM

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Minnehaha Funeral Home  
Dell Rapids, South Dakota

## **Officiating**

Pat Eidsness

Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids

## **Readings**

Psalm 23

## **Music**

“Onward Christian Soldiers”

“Amazing Grace”



## **Interment**

**At A Later Date**

Union Cemetery  
Flandreau, South Dakota



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