

Daryl Johnson was born on August 23, 1937, in Breckenridge, Minnesota, to Darwin and Roma (McLeod). Daryl's journey through life was characterized by his deep commitment to family, a passion for farming, and an unwavering devotion to his community.

From an early age, Daryl demonstrated a strong work ethic, which he learned while farming alongside his father. In December 1960, he began a lifelong career in agriculture that would span decades. He graduated from Antelope High School in 1955. Later he was drafted into the Army and proudly served his country in California, Missouri, and Germany, receiving an Honorable Discharge in 1962. Upon returning home, he embraced the responsibilities of the family farm, where he ultimately took the reins following the passing of his father in July 1970. On October 3, 1964, Daryl was united in marriage to Kathleen (Kathy) Leinen, embarking on a beautiful partnership that flourished through the years. Together, they welcomed three beloved children into the world: Brett, Cindy, and Ryan, who were all raised on the family farm outside of Mooreton. Daryl and Kathy shared a passion for creating lasting memories which included spending summertime at the lake, winter vacations, camping, and enjoying the beauty of the country together.

As a farmer, Daryl was not only dedicated to the land but also to his community. He took immense pride in his accomplishments, particularly being recognized as a "corn champion" in North Dakota for four consecutive years. During his farming career, he contributed to the community by serving on numerous boards, including the Mooreton Elevator Board, Galchutt Oil, Antelope Township, Antelope Methodist Church, and the North Dakota Corn Board. His leadership and commitment profoundly impacted on the lives of those around him.

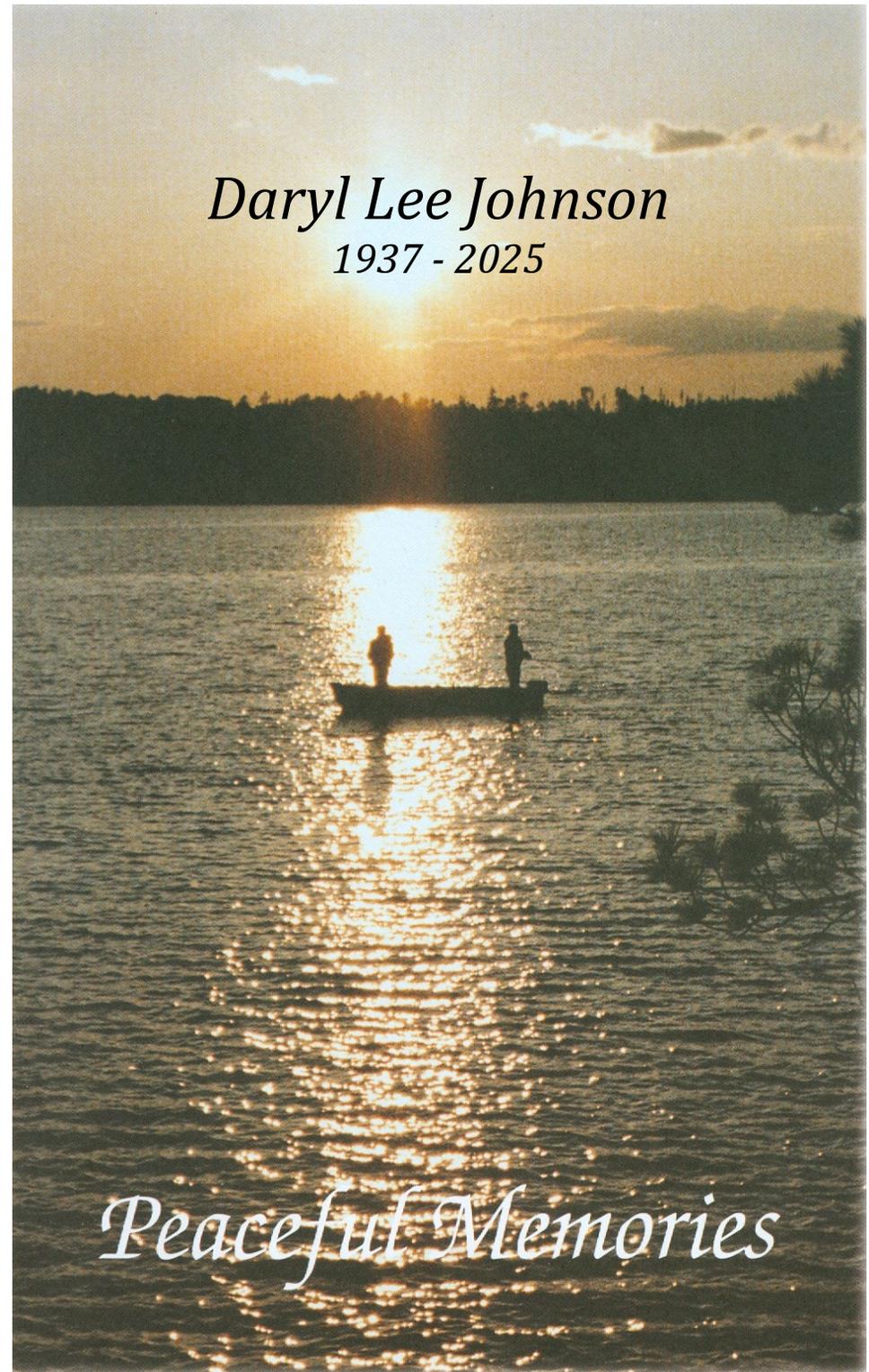
Daryl's interests extended beyond agriculture, he had a zest for life that was evident in his many hobbies. He relished in attending sporting events of his children and then his grandchildren. He greatly enjoyed hunting, fishing, softball, bowling, and card nights with the "boys". He excelled in shooting trap, where he won numerous awards and trophies.

He loved his family deeply, and his legacy lives on through his wife Kathy, and their three children: Brett (Michelle) Johnson, Cindy (Brian) Becker, and Ryan (Missy) Johnson. Daryl was a doting grandfather to nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren: Alissa (Blake), Alec, Lauren, Ryanna, M'Kenna, Parker, Keira, Emerson, Bridger, Ella, Emery, and Beck, nurturing them with affection and warmth.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Darwin and Roma Johnson, and his sister Karen (Ronald) Spelhaug.

The memory of Daryl Johnson will forever remain in the hearts of those fortunate enough to know him, enriched by the love of family and friends, and a legacy of hard work, community service, and boundless joy.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorials to the Antelope Cemetery or Hospice of the Red River Valley.



Daryl Lee Johnson
1937 - 2025

Peaceful Memories

Final Harvest

*He was bound to the land from the day
of his birth. His roots anchored
deep in the fertile earth.*

*Nurtured, sustained,
by the soil he grew
and his life, like his
furrows, ran straight
and true. In faith,
each spring, he
planted the seeds
in hope, to reap
his family's needs.
With patience, he
waited for the
harvest to come, to
gather the fruits of
his labor home. Ever
turning seasons, the
years sped past Til the
final harvest came at last.*

*Then claimed anew by beloved
sod. He was gathered home to
be with God.*



Daryl Lee Johnson

Born

August 23, 1937 | Breckenridge, Minnesota

Passed Away

May 2, 2025 | Breckenridge, Minnesota

Age

87 Years | 8 Months | 11 Days

Memorial Service

11:00 AM | Wednesday, May 7, 2025
Evergreen United Methodist Church
Wahpeton, North Dakota

Officiant

Reverend Kori Lehrkamp

Pianist

Sandy Olson

Music

“Amazing Grace” Congregational
“How Great Thou Art” recording by Don Moffet
“It Is Well With My Soul” Congregational
“Lead Me Home” recording by Jamey Johnson

Honorary Pallbearers

Alissa Sherven | Lauren Becker | Ryanna Becker
M’Kenna Krchnavy | Keira Johnson | Emerson Johnson

Pallbearers

Alec Johnson | Bridger Johnson | Parker Krchnavy | Blake Sherven

Interment

Antelope Cemetery | Rural Mooreton, North Dakota

*The family would like to extend a very special thank you to
Mary Joyce Breuer for her “extra special care” shown to Daryl,
along with Red River Valley Hospice and the staff at Twin Town Villa.*