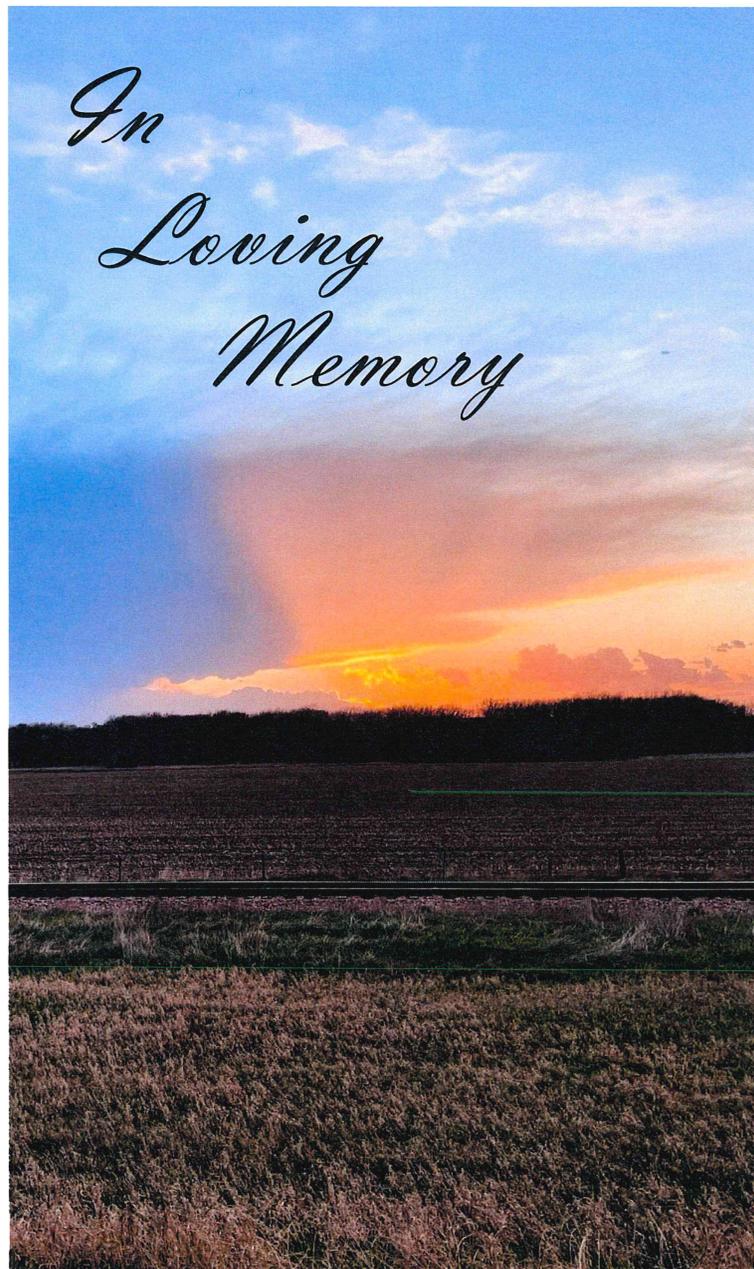


One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to him, and the other to the Lord.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that when I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."

The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."



# *Remembering the Life of James Paul Topf Johnson*

*March 7, 1936 ~ November 8, 2025*

## MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

9:00 a.m. Saturday, November 15, 2025

Our Lady Of Guadalupe Parish

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Hawarden, Iowa

## OFFICIANT

Father Mauro Sanchez

## PIANIST

Marlene Daale

## CANTOR

Teresa Huenink

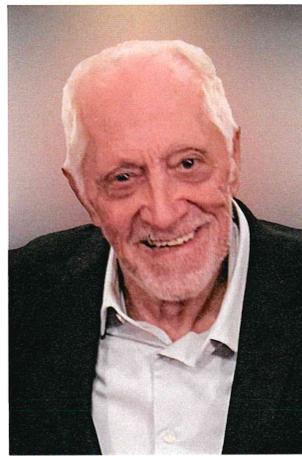
## PALLBEARERS

Bill Johnson ~ David Johnson

Jimmy Johnson ~ Robert Johnson

Scott Schmidt ~ Matt Strickland

Jon Gilbert



James Paul Topf Johnson "Jim" was born March 7, 1936, the son of Vincent Topf and Rose Topf H. Johnson. Vincent Topf passed away in 1938, and Rose later married Lloyd C. Johnson. Lloyd adopted Jim and his brother and took the last name of Johnson.

Jim farmed his entire life along with his wife Jean of 66 years. They had 11 children that he taught how to bale hay, walk beans, clean chickens, and milk cows. He was a dairyman for many years. He enjoyed dancing with his wife. He loved fishing and many of his children and grandchildren fished from the river by the farm with him.

Jim is survived by his children: Sharla Rinn, Maralee (Scott) Schmidt, Jamey Genna, Bill (Doneen) Johnson, Suzanne (Nick) Anthony, David Johnson, James (Kelly) Johnson, Robert (Nicole) Johnson, Kelley (Matt) Strickland. He had 28 grandchildren and many great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jean Johnson; his two sons, Jon Johnson and Alan Troy Johnson; his two brothers, Vincent and Joseph; and his parents.

There are so many memories of Dad, Mom, and the Farm that we will all have in our hearts.

Jim passed away on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at the age of 89.