

Richard William Johnson was born Sept 8, 1945, in Garretson, to Arthur L and Hannah E (Bratsburg) Johnson. He grew up and lived in Garretson his entire life and graduated from Garretson High School in 1963. He owned and operated Johnson Trucking and farmed with his brother Jerome and drove bus for the Garretson School District. On June 15, 1963, he married Eileen Carlson at Splitrock Lutheran Church rural Corson. After Eileen's passing on July 26, 2018, he later married Constance Nelson in January 23, 2023.

Richard served in the Minnesota National Guard from 1962-1970. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, volunteered on the Garretson Fire Department and served on the River Ridge Golf course board.

Richard had a deep love for his family, friends, and the land on which he farmed. He greatly enjoyed watching his grandchildren's activities. He never met a stranger, his gift of gab followed him everywhere. He enjoyed go cart racing with his father-in-law Leonard which evolved into his love for Nascar. He took many trips with friends and family to various tracks across the country. He also enjoyed traveling and wintering in Arizona.

Richard passed away on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at Ava's House in Sioux Falls.

Richard is survived by his wife, Constance; children and grandchildren: Kent (Kerri) Johnson of Summerville, South Carolina, and his children, Ben (Larissa) Johnson, Alex (Tawny Jones) Johnson, Brittany Johnson and Kent Johnson II, Amie Ross, Holli Ross; Steve (Angie) Johnson of Garretson, and their son, Riley (Jade Rosenbaum) Johnson; and Jeff (Kris) Johnson of Garretson, and their children, Katie (James) Large, Tait Johnson, Nadalie (Cory) Bryan; six great grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Linda DeWitte, of Gaylord, Minnesota, and Shirley Johnson of Garretson; many nieces nephews and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by parents, wife, Eileen, brother, Jerome Johnson, daughter-in-law, Belen Johnson.

In Memory Of **Richard W. Johnson**

September 8, 1945 † November 18, 2025

Funeral Service

10:30 AM

Friday, November 21, 2025

Zion Lutheran Church
Garretson, South Dakota

Clergy

Rev. Corey Scott

Organist

Stacy Stahl

Congregational Hymns

“Amazing Grace”

“How Great Thou Art”

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

Pallbearers

Ben Johnson
Katie Large
Nadalie Bryan

Alex Johnson
Tait Johnson
Riley Johnson

Zen Fauth

Interment

Zion Lutheran Cemetery
Garretson, South Dakota

Military Honors

Henry G. Fix Post No. 23
The American Legion



Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:
a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

The family of Richard Johnson thanks you for your presence and support. They invite you to refreshments and fellowship in the church basement following the service.



A Life Remembered

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