

"Til I see you again!"



Grandpa's Gone to Heaven

*One quiet day the angels came and took grandpa far away
But in the stillness of the night, I could almost hear him say*

*"Dear grandchild, I will miss you, you mean so much to me.
But Jesus called me to His side, in heaven I will be.*

*A place of God's great beauty; no tears or earthly cares
only peace and joy forever and love beyond compare.*

*So remember all the good times don't think about the sad.
Treasure all the special moments through the years we've always had*

*And if you trust in Jesus, I can promise this and more
You will get a hug from grandpa someday on Heaven's golden shore."*

In Loving
MEMORY



Alvern "Vernie" Johnson

SEPTEMBER 4, 1938 † APRIL 14, 2026

Alvern “Vernie” Myron Johnson was born on September 4, 1938, in Clarkfield, MN to John Heimer and Alice (Anderson) Johnson. He was baptized, confirmed, and a lifelong member of Augustana Lutheran Church in Clarkfield. Vernie attended elementary and high school in Clarkfield, graduating with the class of 1956. Vernie served in the U.S. Army from January 11, 1961, to his honorable discharge on October 10, 1962. On October 21, 1962, Vernie married Karen Sulflow and this union was blessed with two children, Todd and Melinda. Vernie and Karen enjoyed 59 wonderful years together before she passed away on August 7, 2022.

Vernie was a farmer his entire life. He started farming alongside his dad when he was a teen. After getting married, he and Karen farmed together for many years. He ended his career farming alongside his son and grandsons. He ran the combine for over 70 years, with his final harvest being the fall of 2025. Vernie was a true people person; he loved visiting with others and could strike up a conversation with anyone. Vernie enjoyed playing cards, spending time and fishing at Maple Lake, golfing, spending time with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and would never turn down a cup of coffee, a chocolate chip cookie, or a piece of Juniper pie. Vernie was a kind, hardworking man who loved to laugh and to make others laugh.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Karen; two infant sons; grandson, Nicholas Johnson; great-grandson, Iver Johnson; brother, Curtis (Gloria) Johnson; sister, Stina (Erling) Anderson, and Karen’s siblings, Robert Sulflow and Betty (James) O’Connor.

Vernie will be greatly missed by his children, Todd (Jolene) Johnson and Melinda (Jody) Rokusek; grandchildren, Brooke (Ryan) Dare, Logan (Carina) Johnson; Dylan (Kelly) Johnson, Rachel (Caden) Laleman; Brandon (Gabrielle) Rokusek, and Makayla (Andrew) Peterson; great-grandchildren, Benjamin and Nolan Dare; Sawyer Johnson; Texley, Cooper, and Kennedy Laleman; baby Johnson due in September, and Emmett Rokusek; brother, James (Nona) Johnson; sisters-in-law, Kathy (Mel) Luepke and Gloria Sulflow; many nieces and nephews, and friends too numerous to mention.

In lieu of a card, Vernie’s family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone for their kindness, compassion, support, and showing them how much Vernie was loved, just as much as he loved others in return.

~The family of Alvern “Vernie” Johnson

In Memory of

Alvern Myron Johnson

September 4, 1938



April 14, 2026

Memorial Service

Augustana Lutheran Church

Clarkfield, Minnesota

Friday, April 24th, 2026

11 AM

Officiant

Pastor Mort Meyenburg

Pianists

Pastor Doug Clevenger & Kathy Koetter

Soloist

Andrew Peterson

Urnbearer

Todd Johnson

Honorary Urnbearers

Brooke Dare	Nolan Dare
Logan Johnson	Emmett Rokusek
Dylan Johnson	Sawyer Johnson
Rachel Laleman	Texley Laleman
Brandon Rokusek	Cooper Laleman
Makayla Peterson	Kennedy Laleman
Benjamin Dare	Great-grandbaby #9

Military Honors Accorded by

Hazel Run Am. Legion Anderson-Tongen Post 559

United States Army Funeral Honor Guard

Interment

Fridhem Cemetery

Rural Clarkfield, Minnesota

