

Arlan Elliot Johnson was born December 5, 1931 in Wadena, MN, the son of Arthur and Maude (Rice) Johnson. He attended Wadena Country School District 14 and graduated from Wadena High School in 1949. He farmed together with his parents until 1955, when he entered the United States Army. He spent most of his service career at the Southern European NATO Headquarters in Naples, Italy. Following his honorably discharge in 1957, Arlan was employed by Johnson Service Company in Fargo, ND. He installed and serviced automatic temperature controls in commercial buildings. Arlan was united in marriage to Jeanette C. Anderson on June 20, 1959 in New York Mills, MN. They had two sons: Allan and Paul. They made their home in Moorhead, MN until 1963 when they moved to Wadena where Arlan was associated with the Gores Company in real estate and insurance work. In 1967, they moved to Alexandria where Arlan was employed by the city as an assessor and city administrator until his retirement in 1994. Arlan was active in the community and Calvary Church activities. He was also a member of the Kiwanis for 50+ years, served on the Bethany board and the sewer district board. Arlan enjoyed working and spending time on their hobby farm, woodworking and traveling. Arlan died on Thursday, January 6, 2022 at Alomere Health at the age of 90. He is survived by his wife: Jeanette of Alexandria; sons: Allan (Colleen) Johnson of Dilworth and Paul (Ann) Johnson of Alexandria; grandchildren: Sarah (JD) Derring of Osakis and Justin (Trisha) Braaten of Minot, ND; great-grandsons: JD Jr., Jax and Jesse Derring and Jamison and Maddox Braaten; and several nieces and nephew. Arlan was preceded in death by his parents: Art and Maude Johnson; his brothers: Allard and Merle Johnson; and his sister: Margery.

*God saw that he was getting
tired, and a cure was not
to be. So He put His arms
around him and He
whispered, "Come with me".*

*With tearful eyes we watched
him suffer and slowly fade
away. Although we loved
him deeply, we could not
make him stay.*

*A golden heart stopped
beating, hard-working hands
to rest. God broke our
hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.*



In Memory of
Arlan Elliot Johnson

December 5, 1931



January 6, 2022



Memorial Service

Calvary Lutheran Church
Alexandria, MN

Tuesday, January 11, 2022
11:00 AM

Officiant

Reverend Hans Dahl
Reverend Angie Larson

Musicians

Sandy Buckner
Warren Larson

Urn Bearer

Steve Tigges

Military Honors

American Legion Post 87
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 936
Marine Corps League Detachment 1409
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 235
Minnesota National Honor Guard

Interment

Kinthead Cemetery
Alexandria, Minnesota