

Remembering the life of....

Kenneth Johnson, 95 of West Fargo, passed away at Sanford Medical Center Sunday Jan. 28, 2018. Kenneth Erwin Johnson was born Jan. 23, 1923 in Oakes, ND at the home of his aunt, Minnie Johnson, a local midwife and was the son of Mabel and Ernest Johnson. He graduated from Oakes high school at Oakes, ND and farmed with his father throughout his youth. After his marriage to Betty Munson on June 1, 1944 they extended the farm/ranch and also raised registered quarter horses. A born horseman, he was a charter member of both the Oakes Rough Riders Saddle Club and the Red River Harness Club. Ken and Betty loved to dance. Their courtship began while dancing until dawn at many area barn dances. Later they square danced regularly with a local dance club. After retiring from farming in 1977, the couple moved to West Fargo where Ken was employed with the ND Animal Health Services at the West Fargo Stock Yards and also worked part time at Whale of a Wash car wash.



During the golden years Betty and Ken enjoyed camping/fishing with their family as well as many buggy/trail rides with the Red River Harness Club. They especially enjoyed the Centennial Trail Ride from Fargo to Bismarck. Along with Betty, Ken was a cast member in the play, "Our Town" produced by the Oakes PTA, in 1962.

Grateful for having shared in his life are his son & daughter-in-law: Bill and Connie Johnson of West Fargo; a daughter & son-in-law: Sandy (Johnson) and Jim Itter of La Conner, WA; a granddaughter: Kristi Larkin of West Fargo and a great-granddaughter: Hailey Larkin.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister: Mildred (Johnson) Nelson, and his wife, Betty.

*"Those we have held in our arms for a little while,
we hold in our hearts forever"*



Happy Trails





Cowboy Blessing

*May the rains fall on your pastures
and the grass grow belly high.
May your calves get fat and sassy
and none of your cows be dry.
May your horses be sure footed
and blessed with good cow sense.
May your neighbors lend a hand
when it's time to fix the fence.
May the sun shine on your crops
when you harvest in the fall.
May your handshake be considered
your word by one and all.
When your life is filled with laughter
or when it's sad and grey,
May those you love be with you
to share each blessed day.*

Celebrating the life of **Kenneth E. Johnson**



MEMORIAL SERVICE
West Funeral Home Chapel
West Fargo, North Dakota
Friday, February 9, 2018
1:00 p.m.

Officiant

The Rev. Michael O'Berg
Faith  Journey Lutheran Church
West Fargo

Music

The Statler Brothers CD
"How Great Thou Art" "Amazing Grace"
Anne Murray CD
"The Old Rugged Cross"
Jane Whaley, pianist

The family wishes to express their appreciation for your kindness and support during this difficult time. Please join them for fellowship immediately following the service.

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