

Remembering the Life....

Roy Berent Johnson's Father, Alfred Johnson and Mother, Emily Johnson immigrated as teenagers from Norway to the US where they met and married. Roy was born in May of 1936 to the couple, at the Norwegian Hospital and was baptized at the 59th Street Evangelical Lutheran Church in Brooklyn, New York.

The family moved to East Heartland, Connecticut in 1941, to help found the church, Bethany Lutheran. As a teen Roy left his East Heartland home to attend Hillcrest Lutheran Academy in Fergus Falls, MN, where he graduated in May 1954. He met his high school sweetheart, LaVonne Sjule, at Hillcrest and married her in 1956.

Roy attended seminary at the Church of the Lutheran Brethren (LB) in Fergus Falls and became the first boy from his East Heartland church to become a minister. He proudly shared this story at Bethany's 75th Anniversary celebration a few years ago.

Roy served various LB Churches including, Malta MT, Sidney MT, and Dickinson ND. He also served many Association of Free Lutheran Congregations including, Maple Bay MN, Ortonville MN, Ortleigh SD, Durant OK, Roseau MN, Northome MN, and Grand Rapids MN. Together Roy and LaVonne faithfully served these parishes while raising their family.

On Thursday, August 29, 2024, Roy passed away at the age of eighty-eight years.

He is survived by his 5 children, Rhonda (David) Freeh, Robb (Karla) Johnson, Rick (Barb) Johnson, Ryan (Heather) Johnson and Robyn (Aeric) Larson. He is also survived by his sister, Dorothy Bearse, 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his believed wife LaVonne, brother John Johnson, and sisters, Ellie Johnson & Arlene Krull.

Roy's hobbies included fishing, hunting, golfing, racquet ball, and general carpentry.

Roy's passion was serving small home mission churches, holding Wednesday night Bible studies, and leading the youth and future generations. Roy was a very competitive person and very much enjoyed the banter that went along with it! He was a "good ol' sport"!! He built many homes that his family lived in and even built their retirement home on White Swan Lake, in rural Big Fork, MN where they spent many happy golden years together. God Bless the Memory of Roy B. Johnson.

Blessed be the Memory of Roy Johnson



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

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May 19, 1936 ~ August 29, 2024

Funeral Service

Friday, September 6, 2024, at 11:00 AM
Bethel Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Prelude..... Bonnie Monson
Processional..... *"How Great Thou Art"*
Welcome, Scripture & Prayer..... Reverend Ed Monson
Tribute to Roy Johnson..... Robyn Larson
Hymn..... *"Amazing Grace"*
Reflections on Dad Rob & Ryan
Duet..... Cornell Svaren & Ed Monson
Message..... Reverend David Foss
Hymn..... *"It is Well with My Soul"*
Closing, Announcements & Benediction Reverend Ed Monson
Recessional..... *"the Old Rugged Cross"*
Postlude Bonnie Monson

Casketbearers
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Interment
Audubon City Cemetery
Audubon, Minnesota

Appreciation
Roy's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated.
Please join family and friends for lunch and fellowship following the service.

Arrangements by
Glende-Nilson Funeral Home ~ Fergus Falls
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The Lord

HIMSELF GOES BEFORE YOU
AND WILL BE WITH YOU;

*He will never leave
you nor forsake you.*

DO NOT BE AFRAID;
DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED.

- DEUTERONOMY 31:8