



B. Charles Johnson

April 5, 1921 - December 12, 2016

Former Fairfield and Hastings resident, B. Charles Johnson, 95, died Monday, December 12, 2016, at the Harvard Rest Haven in Harvard, NE.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, December 15, 2016, at the Hastings Evangelical Free Church in Hastings, NE with Pastor Matt Sass officiating. Graveside services will be 2:30 p.m., Thursday, at the Fairfield Cemetery in Fairfield, NE. Visitation will be Wednesday, from 1 p.m. until 8 p.m., with the family present from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., at McLaughlin Funeral Chapel in Clay Center, NE.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Fairfield Fire Department, Clay Center Christian Church or the Hastings Evangelical Free Church. Contributions may be mailed to 31091 Road M, Clay Center, NE 68933.

Mr. Johnson was born April 5, 1921, at the home of his parents, Benjamin F. and Mona A. (Mouser) Johnson near Fairfield, NE. He was baptized in the Blue River in 1932 and was a member of the Church of God. He graduated from Fairfield High School in 1938. He worked on the home farm with his father and for himself until 1948. He married Betty J. Selby of Fairfield on November 26, 1948. They spent that winter in California where he worked as a carpenter and then moved back to the area west of Fairfield where they lived and farmed until their retirement in March 1987. They managed a motel

in Hastings for a short time and then traveled the United States in their motor home until 1990 at which time they settled in Hastings. Mr. Johnson then worked as the maintenance manager for Sunnyside Home in Hastings until his retirement in 2001. He continued to live in his own home in Hastings until he moved to Harvard Rest Haven in October 2016.

The Johnsons were active members of the Christian Church in Clay Center where Mr. Johnson served first as deacon and then elder. He was active in the Fairfield community serving on various boards, including 30 years with the Fairfield Fire Department.

Survivors include his four children, Lee and Linda (O'Connor) Johnson of Fairfield, NE; Rebecca (Johnson) and Bruce Blair of Beaverton, OR; Keith and Teresa (Bitterman) Johnson of Glenvil, NE; and Wayne and Janis (Johnson) Johnson of Clay Center, NE; one sister, Alma Hatch of Anderson, IN; 14 grandchildren, Carolyn (Ryan) Erb, Lloyd (Sheena) Johnson, Timothy (Jill) Johnson; Suzanne Blair, Brian Blair; Seth (Melissa) Johnson, Jessica (David) Sheltroun, Aaron (Sara) Johnson, Hannah (Zach) Shefferd, Abby (Dean) Huebert; Nathan (Andrea) Johnson, Joseph (Madalyn) Johnson, Matthew Johnson, Krista Johnson; and 30 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Johnson was preceded in death by his wife, Betty, on December 31, 2007, his parents and his four sisters, Ethel Christensen; Mabel Hakanson; Dorothy Knudson; and Doris Tazelaar.

Tribute Wall

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“ To the family, my deepest sympathies. Charles was always such a friendly and warm individual. I have many fond memories of his warm smile. I know he will be sorely missed by not only the family but the community and his church family as well. He had a long and wonderful life and there are lots of great memories. The heavens are rejoicing to welcoming Charles home.

Rutn Sandoz - December 17, 2016 at 11:57 AM

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“ Our love to the Johnson family. Grace and peace to all. Charles was truly a blessing to all who experienced his joy and unconditional love.

Bob and Jan Schmidt - December 14, 2016 at 02:36 PM

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“ Charlie was a great person. I got acquainted with him when he was in maintenance at Sunnyside. He was always coming into Big G looking for something to fix things at Sunnyside. It was always fun to help Charlie. He was one of the best customers. I never saw him without a smile. He will be missed bunches.

LINDA DILL - December 14, 2016 at 08:01 AM

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“ Blessings of peace on family as Charles celebrates going home to his great reunion with those who have gone on before.

Don and Lydia Beckenhauer - December 13, 2016 at 09:33 PM

CP

“ *Rebecca, Lee, Keith and Wayne, I was saddened to hear of your fathers passing today. He was a kind and gentle soul. Charles will be fondly remembered by our family.*

Craig

Criag Peshek - December 13, 2016 at 05:17 PM