

Dale Lee Johnson

Dale Lee Johnson was born July 31, 1947, at Deadwood to Kenneth B. and Donna (Roth) Johnson of northern Meade County. He was raised on the ranch north of Bear Butte and went to Cottonwood Country School and Sturgis Brown High School where he excelled in track and graduated with honors. He received a degree in Animal Science from SDSU then returned to partner with his father on the ranch. Dale worked on the ranch for 38 years before retiring.

Dale married Effie Hartman on September 7, 1972, and raised two sons, Brett A. and Corey A. Johnson.

Dale, 66, Vale, SD, died Saturday, December 21, 2013, at Sturgis Regional Hospital.

Survivors include his wife, Effie Johnson; sons, Brett and Corey Johnson; grandsons, Callen Kenneth and Layne Alan Johnson; his mother, Donna Johnson; brother, Carl Johnson; sister, Susan Heibult; and many nieces and nephews.

Dale was preceded in death by his father.

A memorial has been established to the Hospice of the Northern Hills.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadee.funerals.com.

In Loving Memory Of



Dale Lee Johnson

1947 ~ 2013

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch in the Son Shine Room in the church basement immediately following the memorial service.

We thank you for your presence and condolences.



I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me,
for now I'm free
I'm following the path
God has laid you see.
I took His hand
when I heard His call
I turned my back
and left it all.*

*I could not stay
another day*

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found the peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys - -
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief - -
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee - -
God wanted me now: He set me free.*

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Deadwood, South Dakota

Died

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Sturgis, South Dakota

Memorial Service

Thursday, January 2, 2014, at 2:00 p.m.
Grace Lutheran Church

Officiating

Pastor Henrique Fleming

Soloist

Henry Karrels

Musical Selections

"Wayfaring Stranger"
"Only Time"
"Amazing Grace"
"How Great Thou Art"

Honorary Pallbearers

Jim Charles ~ Toby Peters ~ Larry Curtis
Joel Hartman ~ Eric Johnson ~ Scott Heibult