



Kenneth Blair Johnson

Kenneth Blair Johnson was born April 26, 1921, at Sturgis, SD, to Arthur M. and Anna (Blair) Johnson. He grew up on the family homestead and attended the Cottonwood country school. He graduated from Sturgis High School and attended college at the School of Mines in Rapid City for one year as well as one year at the agricultural school in Brookings. He enlisted in the United

States Army. He served with the Air Corps in Saipan as a mechanic on B-29 Bombers. Following his honorable discharge, he returned to the family ranch where he met his future wife.

Ken married Donna Roth on September 11, 1946, in Sturgis. Together, they returned to the ranch where they lived until recently moving to Sturgis.

Ken was a member of the National Cattleman's Association, South Dakota Stockgrowers, former supervisor of the Elk Creek Conservation District, Grace Lutheran Church, and a 50 plus year member of Olive Branch Lodge AF&AM.

Ken, 91, Sturgis, died Monday, August 27, 2012, at his residence in Sturgis.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Johnson, Sturgis; sons, Dr. Carl Johnson, Sturgis, and Dale (Effie) Johnson, Vale; daughter, Susan (Bob) Heibult, Sturgis; grandchildren, Corey, Brett, Eric, Brooke, Kristin, Scott, Amanda, and Sarah; and eleven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Orville.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials to a Veterans organization of the donor's choice.

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

*The family invites everyone to a time of fellowship and lunch in the Son Shine room in the church basement following the interment service.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*

In Loving Memory Of



Ken Johnson

1921 ~ 2012



Miss Me – But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room
Why cry for a soul set free.*

*Miss me a little – but not for long
And not with your head bowed low
Remember the Love that we once shared
Miss Me – But let Me Go.*

*For this is a journey we all must take
And each must go alone
It's all a part of the Master's plan
And a step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick of heart
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds
Miss Me – But Let Me Go*

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Born

April 26, 1921
Sturgis, South Dakota

Died

August 27, 2012
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Funeral Service

Thursday, August 30, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.
Grace Lutheran Church

Officiating

Rev. Willard Olsen

Organist

Roxie Chowen

Singers

Candy McKay Danny Chapman

Musical Selections

"On Eagle's Wings"
"Daddy's Hands"
"Red River Valley"

Pallbearers

Scott Heibult ~ Eric Johnson ~ Corey Johnson
Amanda Neisner ~ Sarah Hohn ~ Chad Blair

Masonic Rites

Olive Branch AF & AM

Military Honors

Sturgis Veterans Honor Guard

Interment

Black Hills National Cemetery