



## Gail S. Johnson

January 10, 1926 - September 7, 2016

The funeral service for Gail Johnson of Verndale will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 10, at the Hope Chapel in rural Verndale. Visitation will be held at the church on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service.

Gail S. Johnson, age 90, was welcomed into heaven on September 7, 2016. He was born January 10, 1926 on his parent's farm in Wing River Township, Bluegrass, MN, the son of Herbert I. Johnson and Hilda (Kirkeeng) Johnson. Gail graduated from Wadena High School in 1943 and on January 12, 1947, was united in marriage to Leona (Arildsen) Johnson at her parent's home in Sebeka, MN. The marriage was blessed with six children.

After a trip to California, they built a home and settled on the family farm. He worked for the Wadena County Highway Department and farmed with his dad. He was employed at the Wadena Sawmill for several years and took over the family farm in 1960. In the early 70's, he built a new home on County Rd 7, started up Johnson Dilley Construction, officially retired at age 76 and resided in Verndale.

Gail and Leona traveled to many states, took a trip to Denmark in 1996, and for many years, wintered in Arizona and New Mexico. His hobbies include woodworking, hunting, fishing, and camping. He was a member of Wing River Township Board, District 14 School Board, Bethany Lutheran Church Board,

Hope Chapel Church Board and member of Caballo Church, NM.

Gail was a loving father, grandfather, brother, uncle and was devoted to family with a deep love of God and church. He spent many hours in his shop and garage crafting wood crosses that he gave away to everyone he met all over the world. Gail was a great story teller and would spend hours telling stories of hunting/fishing escapades and funny family antics. He had an uncanny ability to keep you listening and never tire of hearing the stories.

Gail is survived by his wife of 69 years, Leona, Menahga, MN, daughter-in-law, Mary Johnson, Tavares, FL, son, David (Robin) Johnson, Las Lunas, NM, daughter, Barbara (Bruce) Barth, Park Rapids, MN, daughter, Virginia (Robert) Deeds, Bemidji, MN, daughter, Gaylene Kozak, Albuquerque, NM, son, Harold Johnson, Staples, MN; sister, Verlys Dilley, Wadena, MN; 15 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Gail was preceded in death by his parents; son, Darrel Johnson; sister, Charlotte Folkstead, grandson, Richard Lewis, and great-grandson, Christian Johnson.

Serving as pallbearers will be Ben Johnson, Gregg Johnson, Jeremy Johnson, Todd Barth, David Johnson and Luke Johnson.

Burial will be at a later date in the Sebeka West Cemetery, rural Sebeka, MN.

# Cemetery Details

## Sebeka West Cemetery

Sebeka, MN 56477

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 10. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hope Chapel  
18142 Co Rd 7  
Verndale, MN 56481

## Service

SEP 10. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Hope Chapel  
18142 Co Rd 7  
Verndale, MN 56481

# Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Gail S. Johnson*



**Schuller Family Funeral Homes** - September 09, 2016 at 06:22 PM

SJ

*Awesome, glad I had him for a father-in-law !!*

**Susan Johnson** - September 13, 2016 at 01:33 PM



*Our dad.*

**Barbara Barth** - September 13, 2016 at 02:39 PM

SW

*Very beautiful tribute!*

**Sharon Wutzke** - September 14, 2016 at 02:43 PM

BH

“ *Brent & Cheryl Hahn lit a candle in memory of Gail S. Johnson*



**Brent & Cheryl Hahn** - September 11, 2016 at 10:09 PM

NV

“ *Nestor And Evelyn Vorderbruggen lit a candle in memory of Gail S. Johnson*



**Nestor and Evelyn Vorderbruggen** - September 10, 2016 at 08:46 AM

NV

*Vorderbruggen Construction had Gail help out at times when needing extra help, Very good Person.*

**nestor vorderbruggen** - September 10, 2016 at 09:30 AM

JB

“ *Jim And Lorie Baron lit a candle in memory of Gail S. Johnson*



**Jim and Lorie Baron** - September 09, 2016 at 06:01 PM

DJ

*Thank you Jim and Lorie for thinking of us at this time.*

**David Johnson** - September 14, 2016 at 02:19 PM

RL

“ *Ruby Lynk lit a candle in memory of Gail S. Johnson*



**Ruby Lynk** - September 09, 2016 at 04:27 PM



“ 47 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - September 09, 2016 at 04:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Gail S. Johnson.



September 09, 2016 at 01:54 PM



“ *Dan & Lela Platt lit a candle in memory of Gail S. Johnson*



Dan & Lela Platt - September 09, 2016 at 10:33 AM

JF

“ Jeff & Barb Flanagan purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Gail S. Johnson.



Jeff & Barb Flanagan - September 09, 2016 at 08:57 AM

JR

“ Jennifer Deeds, Ethan & Riley lit a candle in memory of Gail S. Johnson



Jennifer Deeds, Ethan & Riley - September 09, 2016 at 08:36 AM

BJ

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Ben Johnson - September 08, 2016 at 08:58 PM

GI

Wonderful memory, Ben.

Gina - September 09, 2016 at 06:35 PM

BJ

“ *My grandfather taught me how to fish and hunt...he taught me how to work hard and because of him I am the man I have become today...I think grandpa did a good job with me.*



**Ben Johnson** - September 08, 2016 at 08:36 PM

BB

“ *Bruce And Barb Brown lit a candle in memory of Gail S. Johnson*



**Bruce and Barb Brown** - September 08, 2016 at 06:22 PM

BH

“ *Brent And Cheryl Hahn lit a candle in memory of Gail S. Johnson*



**Brent and Cheryl Hahn** - September 08, 2016 at 11:56 AM

EM

“ *Eileen Malone lit a candle in memory of Gail S. Johnson*



**Eileen Malone** - September 08, 2016 at 09:15 AM

CH

“ So sorry for your loss....your dad was such a kind sweet man...I know how close you all were to your dad and what an influence he had on all of you....you have such wonderful memories to help you through this terribly difficult time....glad Chuck and I got to visit with your dad this summer....Chuck and Jackye Hewitt

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**Chuck & Jackye Hewitt** - September 07, 2016 at 09:44 PM