



## Rodney Johnson

December 31, 1935 - July 16, 2024

The memorial service celebrating the life of Rodney Johnson of Staples will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 2, at the Balsamlund Lutheran Church in rural Aldrich with Pastor Tom Kolden presiding. Visitation will be held at the church on Friday, from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service.

Rodney, age 88, passed away on July 16, 2024, at Lakewood Health System, Staples, MN.

Rodney was born to Fred and Ida (Westberg) Johnson on December 31, 1935, at Bartlett Township, Todd County, MN. He attended country school through the eighth grade and Staples High School where he was very active in FFA, earning The American Farmer Award. He graduated with the class of 1954. Beginning in 1953, Rodney was a member of the Wadena unit of the National Guard and served for ten years.

On July 8, 1961, Rodney married Janet Louise Manske at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bartlett Township. He farmed with his family for many years before retiring in 1997. For the next 10 years he mowed parks for the City of Staples. In hours away from work, Rodney liked his weekly card games, working on puzzles, playing darts, and watching his grandchildren play baseball and hockey. He went on daily road trips, "checking on the crops". In 2018, Rodney was honored to be selected as one of Todd County's Outstanding Senior

Citizens. He was a member of Balsamlund Church, serving many years on the Cemetery Board, and enjoyed time in the church men's group.

Preceding Rodney in death were his parents, Fred and Ida; son, Jon Johnson; siblings, Ethel (Glen) Klebs and Herbert Johnson; and Janet's parents, Ernest and Evelyn Manske.

Rodney is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Janet; children, Darwin Johnson of Omaha, NE, Cyndy (Gary) Bern of Brooklyn Park, and Diane (Craig) Jasmer of Aldrich; grandchildren, Brittany and Evan (Kari) Bern; great grandchildren, Loretta, Nash and Dutton Bern; along with numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Burial will be at a later date in Balsamlund Cemetery in rural Aldrich, MN.

Memorials are preferred to Balsamlund Cemetery Fund.

# Cemetery Details

## Balsamlund Lutheran Cemetery

19550 490th Street  
Aldrich, MN 56434

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family & Friends

AUG 2. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Balsamlund Lutheran Church  
19550 490th Street  
Aldrich, MN 56434

## Memorial Service

AUG 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Balsamlund Lutheran Cemetery  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Rodney Johnson*

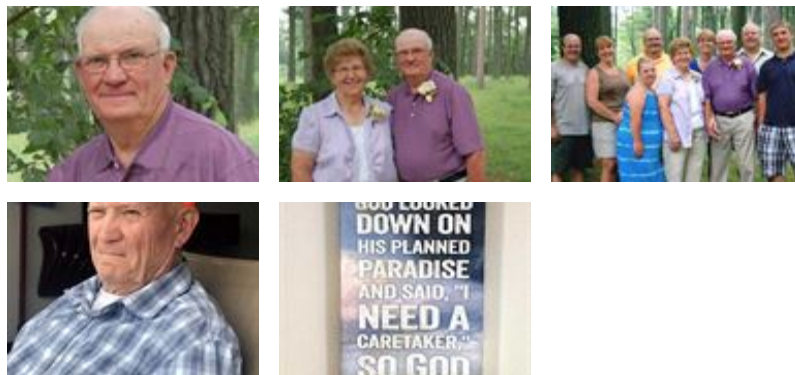


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**Schuller Family Funeral Homes** - July 30, 2024 at 07:33 PM



“ *52 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Schuller Family Funeral Homes** - July 30, 2024 at 02:42 PM



“ *Such a kind Man, always had a smile and wave when he was mowing grass for the City next to my house . Sorry for your loss.*

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**Marlene Card Reeck** - July 28, 2024 at 09:00 AM

AS

“ Oh my, All the memories of our families thru the 60 plus years. Janet and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Rodney will be sorely missed. He will be waiting for you as he walks the fields of heaven. God needed a farmer to help the ones gone before. Blessed be his memory. God grant you all peace and comfort.



Alice Schoon - July 23, 2024 at 10:25 AM

CD

“ May you rest in peace in the green pastures of Heaven. You have left a legacy behind with your children and grandchildren and you will live on through them. I am blessed to have the memories of the farm.

Cassie Dalman - July 18, 2024 at 05:20 PM

CD

“ Cassie Dalman lit a candle in memory of Rodney Johnson



Cassie Dalman - July 18, 2024 at 05:16 PM

RK

“ Rich & Mavis Kendall lit a candle in memory of Rodney Johnson



Rich & Mavis Kendall - July 18, 2024 at 05:00 PM

MH

“ *Mr. & Mrs. John Hirschey lit a candle in memory of Rodney Johnson*



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**Mr. & Mrs. John Hirschey** - July 18, 2024 at 01:01 PM

LJ

“ *Lee and Helen James lit a candle in memory of Rodney Johnson*



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**Lee and Helen James** - July 17, 2024 at 10:13 PM

NB

“ *Neal & Leona Bowman lit a candle in memory of Rodney Johnson*



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**Neal & Leona Bowman** - July 17, 2024 at 08:14 PM