

Larry Leonard Johnson passed away on August 2, 2022. Larry was born on July 29, 1936, to Leonard and Grace (Howard) Johnson near Hedrick, Iowa.

The Johnsons were farmers, and they moved a lot while Larry was growing up. He graduated from Hansel in 1954. Besides helping his dad farm, he worked as a vet's assistant and in construction. He served in the Army Reserves from 1959 to 1965.

During the 1960s and 1970s Larry worked a lot with draft horses. He even went to England three times leading groups and importing draft horses.

Larry and Myrna Johnson were married in December of 1972. They first settled in Colo before buying a farmstead outside of town. Larry and Myrna farmed and raised livestock such as cattle, hogs, and sheep. He raised and sold seed corn as well. Larry was an active part of the Colo community. He was a member of the Colo United Methodist Church, the Colo Lions Club, and the Colo Fire Department.

Larry was State Treasurer for Iowa Farm Business Association for 28 years. He also worked at U.S.D.A. out of Nevada and Heartland Co-op in Colo.

Since fully retiring, Larry was one of the founders of the Mid-Iowa J.I. Case Collectors. He loved antique tractors, going on tractor rides, being a part of the Antique Power Show near Marshalltown, participating in the Old Duffer's Club and having coffee with the tractor guys.

Larry was an avid reader, wood worker, was able to fix most any piece of farm machinery and even build pieces of equipment when needed.

Larry is survived by his wife Myrna (Storck) Johnson. Their daughter Kim Heidemann, son Bruce (Sue) Cheek and David Cheek. Their grandchildren Hope Violet Heidemann, Jessica (Travis) Owens, Matt (Jessica) Heidemann, Stephanie (Ted) Hudson, Sarah Cheek, Jonathan Cheek, Mindy Peel, and Troy (Stephanie) Cheek, 10 great-grandchildren, sister Serena Amaral and Ruby Sue. He is preceded in death by his parents Leonard and Grace, infant brother Lloyd Johnson, sister Wilma Johnson, brother-in-law Don Amaral, and grand-daughter Missy Peel.

Visitation for Larry will take place at Colo United Methodist Church from 9-11am on Saturday, August 6th, with the funeral following at 11am. Burial and lunch will take place in Colo immediately following the service. Pastor Amanda Gordon will officiate the funeral.

Larry's family thanks all of you that visited him, called, brought food, and prayed for Larry as the family dealt with his diagnosis. It was a great joy to Larry and the rest of the family to have extended family, neighbors and friends surround him with so much love.

Rasmusson-Ryan Funeral Home in Nevada is handling arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.rasmussonfh.com