

Chester S. Johnson, 83

Feb. 29, 1908 — Oct. 1, 1991

KIMBALLTON — Chester S. Johnson was born Feb. 29, 1908 in Shelby county. He was one of five children born to James and Karen Christina (Andersen) Johnson. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church in Polar. As a young man, he did numerous jobs including hauling cream for Buck Valley Creamery and helping his family shell corn for other farmers. His family did custom work for many farmers. He and his brother, Alvin, owned and operated the Johnson Brothers Implement Co. in Kimballton from 1938 to 1978. He retired in 1974, selling out to his brother, Alvin. He was in the U.S. Military Service during WW II from Jan. 1943 till Oct. 1945 serving as an automotive machanic.

He married Gladys Johnson Aug. 19, 1946. They adopted a son, Ronnie, at age 10 months, July 4, 1948. He was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton; a life member of the Amvets in Kimballton, and the American Legion of Elk Horn. He has helped delivered meals on wheels in the Kimballton area. He recently sold his home in Kimballton and went to live with his son, Ronald, in Hineston, LA., where he died Oct. 1, 1991.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his wife, Gladys, who died in 1988; one sister, Lillie Rasmussen and one brother, Raymond, who died in 1925. Surviving him are his son and daughter-in-law, Ronald (Birgit) Johnson; four grandchildren; one brother, Alvin of Kimballton; one sister, Rose Petersen of Harlan and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Oct. 5, 1991 in the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton with Pastor Clayton Nielsen and Stephen Gronseth, officiating. Burial was in the Immanuel Lutheran cemetery, Kimballton. Casketbearers were Norman Nielsen, Kenneth Thomsen, Lyle Christoffersen, Kenneth Christoffersen, Pete Jensen and Warren Ladd.