IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Dr. Duane Johnson

WHO WAS BORN
January 22, 1935
Montrose, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME
March 2, 2018
Milbank, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE
Wednesday, March 7, 2018 - 2:00 p.m.
Central United Methodist Church
Milbank, South Dakota

OFFICIANT
Rev. Thom Bowsher

MUSICIAN
Sheila Dailie, Organist

CASKET BEARERS
Lee Noel   Ryan Borre   Matt Winner
Calvin Moser   Don Loeschke    Derrick Loeschke

INTERMENT
At A Later Date
Summit City Cemetery
Summit, South Dakota

APPRECIATION
Duane’s family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the service, please join the family for lunch and fellowship in the church dining room.

ARRANGEMENTS BY
Mundwiler Funeral Home
Milbank, South Dakota

FOOTPRINTS

One night I had a dream. I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and across the skies flashed scenes from my life. In each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand. One was mine and one was the Lord’s.

When the last scene of my life appeared before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand, and to my surprise, I noticed that many times along the path of my life there was only one set of footprints. And I noticed that it was at the lowest and saddest times in my life. I asked the Lord about it. “Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way. But I notice that during the most troublesome times in my life there is only one set of footprints. I don’t understand why you left my side when I needed you most.” The Lord replied, “My precious, precious child, I love you and would never leave you. During the times of trial and suffering, where you see only one set of footprints, I was carrying you.”
Duane A. Johnson was born on January 22, 1935, at Montrose, SD. He was the son of William and Lena (Schnep) Johnson. He attended school in Summit, SD. Following his high school graduation, worked for the Milwaukee railroad. He served in the United States Army from 1956-1962. He attended Northern State College in Aberdeen, SD, and received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees. Duane taught school at Ashley High School in Ashley, ND, and at Watertown High School in Watertown, SD. He attended the University of South Dakota and achieved a Doctorate of Education. Duane was a professor at UW Stout in Menomonie, WI, for 36 years.

Duane was united in marriage with Lucille L. Jensen on August 11, 1956. Duane and Lucille were blessed with a daughter, Lorraine. The family made their home in Pittsburg, PA; Aberdeen, SD; Ashley, ND; Watertown, SD; Menomonie, WI; and Milbank, SD. He was a faithful member of Central United Methodist Church in Milbank. Duane cherished his family and enjoyed family gatherings, playing cards, and telling stories and jokes. He loved to tinker in his garage, repairing cars, bicycles, and other treasures he collected. He loved taking walks with his loving wife and spending time with his family.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Lucille of Milbank, SD; daughter and son-in-law, Lorraine and Lee Noel of Des Moines, IA; two grandchildren: Robyn (Matt) Winner of Johnston, IA; and Ryan (Ashley) Borre of Chaska, MN; four great-grandchildren: Taryn Winner, Kyler Winner, Cullen Winner, and Skylar Borre; one sister: Gladys Lumby; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Duane was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers: Melvin Johnson, Loren Johnson, Kenneth Johnson, Dale Johnson, and Merle Johnson; two sisters: Virginia Venenga and Lucy Mason.