

## Duane Johnson, 66 ✓

*Sept. 19, 1938 - April 27, 2005*

**PERSIA** — Duane Marvin Johnson, son of Marvin and Cecile (Hutchinson) Johnson, was born Sept. 19, 1938, on a farm near Honey Creek. He was baptized at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and reaffirmed his faith at St. John's Lutheran Church May 15, 1953. Duane attended school in Persia and was a member of the graduating class of 1956. After graduating from high school, Duane began farming with his father.

Duane met and later married Beverly Ivers. Three children were born to this union.

June 27, 1975, Duane married Marlene Leemkuil at Omaha, NE. After their marriage, they farmed outside of Persia until Duane began working at Robinson Implement in Irwin where he was employed for the last 13 years. He was an active leader in his community. He was a member of the Shelby Lutheran Church and the bowling team in Persia for 40 years. He died April 27, 2005, at Creighton University Medical Center in Omaha, NE, at age 66 years, seven months and eight days.

Duane was preceded in death by his father. Survivors include his wife, Marlene of Persia; his children, Lori Carver of Sioux City; Dennis Duane Johnson of S. Sioux City, NE; Shari Stork of Emerson, NE; Steve Suntken of Denver, CO; Rick Suntken (Vicki) of Boone; Valerie Polley of Council Bluffs; Jeri Lynn Suntken of Aspen, CO; Scott Suntken (Angie) of Gypsum, CO; Gail (Doug) Dollen of Springdale, AR; his mother, Cecile Johnson of Persia; 19 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; his sisters, Bernice (Ralph) Baldauf of Omaha, NE; Mildred (Bob) Miller of Atlantic; Mary Jane (Keith) Peterson of Shelby; Eileen (Frank) Killpack of Neola; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 30, 2005, at the Shelby Lutheran Church with Rev. Duane H. Anunson officiating. Burial was in Valley View Cemetery in Persia, with Ray Parsons, Jerry Plambeck, George Wear, Bill Plambeck, Dan Manhart, Troy Plambeck and Denny Grudle casket bearers. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

