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Jerry Johnson, 54

March 5, 1948 - Feb. 12, 2003

AVOCA – Jerry Leroy Johnson was born at Atlantic, March 5, 1948, the son of Palmer and Myrtle Hoegh Johnson. He grew up around Exira, and attended school in Exira, graduating with the class of 1966. He then attended GVC and graduated from Buena Vista College.

Jerry married Betty Courcier Feb. 15, 1969, in Griswold. There were the parents of two sons, Jon and Jay. Patriot Seed Company employed Jerry as an area sale specialist. They have lived in Avoca for the past nine years. He died suddenly Feb. 12, 2003, at age 54 years, 11 months and seven days.

He was preceded in death by his father and by a brother, Andrew, who died as an infant. He is survived by his wife, Betty; his two sons, Jon Johnson of Carroll and Jay Johnson (Nanci) of Des Moines; his mother, Myrtle Johnson of Elk Horn; his brother, Ron Johnson (Kim) of Atlantic; three nieces, Wyndi, Heidi and Emmy; two nephews, Jeremy and Jordie; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 17, 2003, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca, with Pastor Lou Hoger and Lay Assistant Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Oakhill Cemetery, rural Brayton. Casket bearers were Jon Johnson, Jay Johnson, Jason O'Rourke, Josh Nelsen, Steve Alber and Tim Jordon. Pauley Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.