

JOHNSTON, LESTER VERLE

Birth

March 19, 1930 at Runnells, Iowa

Death

October 12, 1993 at Mercy Hospital
Medical Center, Des Moines, Polk Co.,
Iowa



Cause of Death

Heart ailment

Cemetery Lot

Row 2, Space 4 in the New Addition
Inscription on stone, Mike, Barb, and Brian

Father

Cecil V. Johnston

Mother

Emma P. King

Marriage

Lester V. Johnston to Helen Lett

Census

1930 – CampTwp., Polk Co., IA; ED 97; Page 4A; April 8, 1930
Dwelling 77; Family 78

Johnston, Cecil V.	27	farm laborer	IA	IA	IA
Alma C.	29		IA	IA	IA
June M.	07		IA	IA	IA
Hattie M.	05		IA	IA	IA
Howard V.	03 4/12		IA	IA	IA
Laverne B.	01 4/12		IA	IA	IA
Lester V	00 0/12		IA	IA	IA

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Ridge Street

Family 134

Johnston, Alma	39	WPA seamstress	IA
Hattie	15		IA
Howard	13		IA
LaVerna	11		IA
Lester	10		IA
Velda	08		IA
Velma	08		IA
Veralie	04		IA
Freddy	20		IA
Titomasson, Minnie	29	sister-in-law	IA
		Hospital waitress	
Russell Ira	13		IA
Holterman, Richard	19	Lodger - carpenter	IA

Funeral Home

Hamilton's Southtown Funeral Home

Military

Lester Verle Johnston was born March 19, 1930 at Runnells, Iowa and died October 12, 1993 and died in Des Moines, Polk Co., Iowa at the age of 63. He was in the Army during the Korean War being a Cpl with a serial number of 16246432. He entered the service on May 7, 1947 at Chicago, Illinois and was discharged May 6, 1950 at Ft. Lewis, Washington with an honorable discharge. His wife was Helen Merle Lett, sons Brian and Michael and daughter Barbara. His father was Cecil V. Johnston and his mother was Emma P. King. His funeral was at Southtown Funeral Home, 5400 SW 9th St. Des Moines, Iowa and he was buried in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Orilla, Iowa, Linn Twp., Warren Co. Iowa.

Obituary

[The Des Moines Register, Thursday, October 14, 1993, Page 7M]

Lester V. Johnston, 63, of 4430 S. E. 16th St. died of a heart ailment Tuesday at Mercy Hospital Medical Center. Services will be at 2 p. m. Friday at Southtown Funeral Home. Burial will be at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Orilla.

Mr. Johnston lived in Runnells and Des Moines all his life. He had been a maintenance foreman for the city of Pleasant Hill, was a member of the Teamsters union and was a military veteran.

Among survivors are his wife, Helen; a daughter, Barbara Johnston of Des Moines; two sons, Michael of Sheldahl and Brian of Des Moines; five sisters, Pat Selby of Knoxville and Velda Jordan, Velma Johnston, Vera Lee Brockman and LaVerna VanZandt, all of Des Moines; two brothers, Howard of Idaho and Fred of Cedar Rapids; and eight grandchildren.

The family will visit with friends from 6 to 9 p. m. today at the funeral home.