

Gaylord Ivan Johnson, 99

Jan. 4, 1919 - May 11, 2018

CUPPY'S GROVE – Gaylord Ivan Johnson was born on January 4, 1919 in Jackson Township in Shelby County. He was the youngest son of Woodman and May (Hess) Johnson. Gaylord attended country school at Jackson Township Number 8 until eighth grade when he had to start working on the family farm due to his father having heart problems. He was baptized at Altamont Baptist Church and served as treasurer, trustee and board member for many years.



On June 28, 1939, Gaylord was united in married to Mildred Christianesen. To this union, they had two sons: Richard and David. Gaylord and Mildred farmed in the Cuppy's Grove Community for several years before moving to Gaylord's parents farm in Jackson Township for 20 years. Gaylord and Mildred moved back to Cuppy's Grove until 2010 when they moved to Peace Haven in Walnut prior to their last and final move into the Avoca Care Center.

Gaylord enjoyed camping, traveling, fishing and playing cards. He restored old tractors and owned many including an old Fordson. Gaylord and Mildred traveled to all 50 states except Alaska. They spent their winter months in Apache Junction, AZ for 27 years.

Gaylord died on Friday, May 11, 2018 at the Avoca Care Center having attained the age of 99 years, four months, and seven days. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his sons David and Richard Johnson; brothers Everette and Herman Johnson; sisters-in-law Gladys and Glatha Johnson.

Gaylord is survived by his wife of 78 years Mildred Johnson of Avoca; daughter-in-law Marlene Johnson of Harlan; step grandchildren: William Steinman and his wife Linda of Emerson, NE; Kathy and her husband Darrin Schnepel of Forney, TX; Kristine and her husband Greg Gillian of Wausa, NE; step great grandchildren: Tiffany Schnepel of Forney, TX; Paige and Piper Steinman of Emerson, NE; Derek Gillian of Wausa, NE; step great-great grandchild Amari Schnepel of Forney, TX; nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

A 10:30 AM funeral service was officiated by Pastor Todd Bellemey on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at Altamont Baptist Church in Harlan. William Steinman, Darrin Schnepel, John Lee, Ronald Lee, Jeff Lee, Ralph Klindt, and Gerry Greve served as casket bearers. Interment was held at Cuppy's Grove Cemetery in rural Harlan.

Pauley Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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