

**Darrell Elroy Johnson** was born December 9, 1944 in LeMars, IA to Verner and Gladys (Swanson) Johnson. He graduated from Marcus High School in 1962 and went on to study animal science at New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM.

On March 24, 1968, Darrell married Roberta Nitsch. Together they had two children, Brandon and Farrah. Darrell developed a feed program at a dairy in Hatch, NM.

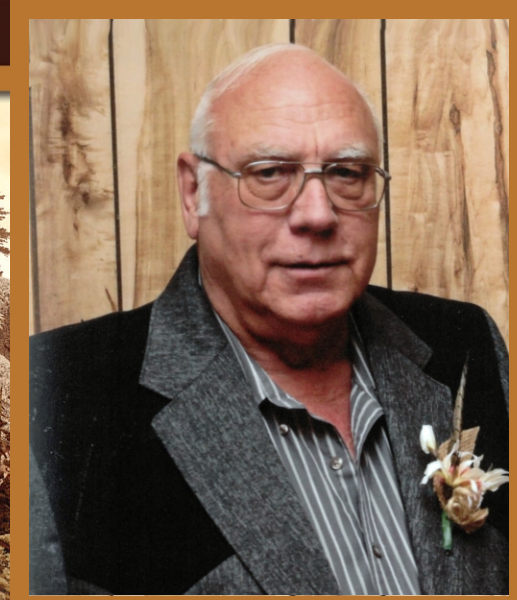
He worked hard his whole life for his family and enjoyed staying busy. He was a farmer, over the road trucker and an owner/operator of a restaurant.

On March 16, 1996, he was united in marriage to Nora (Tavener) Whaley in Faulkton, SD. He welcomed her children, Shelli and Angie. Together, Nora and Darrell ran the 212 Café until 2016 when he retired due to health reasons.

During Darrell's free time he was sure to find time to be with family. He thoroughly enjoyed every minute he was able to spend with his children and grandchildren. He loved the outdoors where he enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling, and gardening. He was also an avid reader, a great trumpet player and a wonderful singer, especially singing opera or any bass part. Most of all, his family and community will remember Darrell as a jokester as he loved giving everyone a little bit of a hard time just to be rewarded with a smile.

Darrell's life will be cherished by his wife, Nora of Faulkton; children: Brandon (Kerri) Johnson, Watertown, Farrah (Lonnie) Mahrt, Plankinton, Shelli (James) Bowman, Henderson, CO, and Angie (Paul) Velasquez, Golden, CO; grandchildren: Jaina and Allana Johnson, Morgen, Edana, and Nyomi Mahrt, JJ and Jennifer Andrews, and Shaydon Velasquez; great grandchildren, Grace and Randy Ebert; brother, Verdell Johnson, Cleghorn, IA, and his mother-in-law, Virginia Tavener, Henderson, CO.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Joy Vogel; brother-in-law, Marvin Vogel; sister-in-law, Marian Johnson; and father-in-law, Russ Tavener.



I N L O V I N G  
*Memory*

**Darrell Elroy Johnson**

**December 9, 1944 - January 3, 2021**



# GOD MADE A FARMER

And on the 8th day, God looked down  
on His planned paradise and said,

"I need a caretaker."

*So God made*

## A FARMER

God said, "I need somebody willing to get up  
before dawn, milk cows, work all day  
in the fields and milk cows again.

I need somebody with arms strong enough to  
rustle a calf and yet gentle enough to deliver  
his own grandchild. I need somebody who'll bale  
a family together with the soft strong bonds  
of sharing, who will laugh and then sigh, and  
then reply, with smiling eyes, when his son says  
that he wants to spend his life  
'doing what dad does'."

*So God made*

## A FARMER.

**In Loving Memory Of**

## **Darrell Elroy Johnson**

December 9, 1944  
LeMars, Iowa

January 3, 2021  
Aberdeen, South Dakota

### **MEMORIAL SERVICE:**

7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 7, 2021  
United Church of Faulkton  
Faulkton, South Dakota

### **OFFICIATING:**

Rev. Thomas Summers

### **ORGANIST:**

Cheryl Tisher

### **MUSICAL SELECTIONS:**

"Going Home"  
"His Eye is on the Sparrow"  
"On Eagle's Wings"  
"Old Rugged Cross"



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