



## K. Melvin Johnson

November 3, 1938 - May 29, 2023

K. Melvin Johnson, 84, of Grand Island passed away on Monday, May 29th, 2023, at his home surrounded by his family.

A Celebration of Life service honoring Pastor Mel will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 2, at North Shore Church in Hastings. Officiants are grandsons, Chris Johnson and Arjay Johnson. Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. at Grand Island City Cemetery following a lunch at the church. Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. Thursday at All Faiths Funeral Home in Grand Island.

Mel was born November 3, 1938, in Hershey, Nebraska, to Kenneth and Mary (Davis) Johnson. He grew up on a farm/ranch west of Chappell, Nebraska. He graduated from Deuel County High School in Chappell where he played football, basketball and excelled in track and field. There he also met his high school sweetheart, Barbara Dormann. The couple were married November 17, 1956, in Sidney, Nebraska. To this union were born three children.

After graduating from North Central Bible College in Minneapolis, MN, with a degree in Pastoral Studies, he pastored churches in Central City, Norfolk, Thedford, Bridgeport, Sidney, and was also Care Pastor at North Shore Church in Hastings until his passing. Mel also was the Nebraska District Assemblies of God Secretary-Treasurer for many years as well as the District Camp Development Director at Camp Lex in Lexington for almost 11 years. Mel filled in at many churches as an interim pastor in several different cities throughout Nebraska.

Mel desired to be very active in each city he lived in, serving in Service Clubs,

Lions Club, School Board, President of the Ministerial Association, and always found time to attend as many of the High School sporting events as he could, even after his children had graduated. Mel loved a lot of activities including hunting, golfing, working out at the gym, listening to audio books and target shooting. Every morning at 5:00 a.m. you could find him at the kitchen table reading his Bible. He was such a prayer warrior. Mel always looked for new challenges, earning his pilot's license to be able to fly family and friends to different events. Mel especially loved to laugh, pull pranks and playful teasing. He will always be remembered for his "BLESSINGS" to those he would meet. Mel is survived by his wife, Barb; son, Rick (Kenya) Johnson; daughters, Vicki Johnson and Tami (John) Batiste; grandchildren, Melissa (Ian) Shaffer, Chris (Melissa) Johnson, Arjay (Kayla) Johnson, Cara (Adrian) Brandt, Colby Keslar, Kyli (Jesse) Baldwin, Alexa (Akil) Grant, Marli Batiste, and Logan Batiste; and 16 great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by sisters, Marjorie Learned, Marilyn (Dave) Morten, and Karolynn (Dave) Mizell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mel was preceded in death by his parents.

Online remembrances may be left at [www.gjallfaiths.com](http://www.gjallfaiths.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Grand Island City Cemetery

Grand Island, NE

# Events

Details are pending.

# Tribute Wall



“ *K. Melvin Johnson*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Barb, I am so sorry for your loss. I think of you and Melvin quite often even now as we've moved away. I remember walking past your house sometimes and seeing the two of you outside and having a friendly greeting and also seeing you from time to time at church. You are both excellent people.*

**Michele Hahn** - June 12, 2023 at 04:41 PM



“ *Hi Barb, I just saw Melvin's Obituary in the Chappell paper. I'm sorry for you and your family. I pray you will be surrounded by family and friends. Tim died April 11, 2022 and I have found my new journey sometimes difficult but my faith has comforted me a lot. May God bless you. Barb Vogt 1806 E. Euclid Ave., Centennial, CO 80121*

**Barb Vogt** - June 12, 2023 at 01:36 PM



“ *Hello Barb and Family, So sorry to get the news re: Melvin's passing. We hadn't been in touch for sometime but I do have good memories of he and the sisters. I too remember Christmas, 1956, esp. the jack rabbit hunting. And the most recent when you and Melvin, Aunt Mary and Ott came to Iowa when Dad passed away and I think Melvin even helped with the Service. Again, so sorry for your sorrow. Please extend our sympathies to all the family. Cousin Wanona and Roy from Iowa.*

**wanona/roy** - June 02, 2023 at 08:05 PM

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“ *Darlene Hastings lit a candle in memory of K. Johnson*



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**Darlene Hastings** - June 02, 2023 at 12:32 PM

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“ *Barb I am so very sorry for your loss of your husband Pastor Melvin always had a smile on his face whenever i saw him I remember how he was glad to officiate my Dad's funeral in 2004. Ireally appreciated his willness to help us during that time.  
Darlene Hastings (heath)*

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**Darlene Hastings** - June 02, 2023 at 12:30 PM

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“ *Living far apart, Melvin and I (Paul) were not able to spend much time together. One fond memory Evona and I have is Christmas 1956. We drove my Folks out to Nebraska. This was our first Christmas as a married couple as well as Barb and Melvin. One evening, Melvin drove us out in the fields in a jeep jack rabbit hunting!! We laughed so much and had so much fun! We will miss Melvin's Facebook posts. Sending Love and Prayers for the Family.  
Paul and Evona Petherick*

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**Paul Petherick** - June 01, 2023 at 09:29 PM

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“ *Barbara I am so very sorry to learn of your loss of your husband Pastor John always had a smile on his face every time i saw him. I was so glad he was will to officiate the funeral for my Dad Harold Heath You are in my thoughts and prayers Darlene Hastings (heath)*



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**Darlene Hastings (heath)** - June 01, 2023 at 06:38 PM