

Clifford Thomas Johnson

December 4, 1934 – February 3, 2015

Clifford Jonson went to his eternal rest on Tuesday, February 3, 2015. He was 80 years old and at the time of his death, he was a resident at the Morningside Care Center in Alcester, SD.

He was a native of Aberdeen, SD and attended the South Dakota School for the Deaf (SDSD), graduating in 1954. During his high school days at SDSD, Clifford participated in varsity football and track. He was also the student manager of the SDSD varsity basketball team.



After graduating from SDSD, Clifford returned to the Aberdeen area where he worked and resided for a number of years. Later in life, Clifford then moved to Sioux Falls. At one point he worked for the Soukup Lawn Care and Snow Removal Company for approximately ten years. The owners, David and Sue Soukup, remembered Clifford as a very loyal, dependable and dedicated employee. They never had to worry about Clifford missing work. It was at this company that Clifford really enjoyed communicating with the other deaf co-workers and his bosses. He often considered David and Sue part of his "family". After retiring, one of Clifford's favorite pastimes was having coffee chats and breakfast with the Sioux Falls Deaf Hy-Vee Gang on Monday mornings.

Clifford was also a humble member of the SDAD for 19 years. He was always supportive of the organization's mission and initiatives.

Memorial Services were held for Clifford at 4 p.m. on Friday, February 6th, at the Trinity Lutheran Church for the Deaf, with Rev. Matthew Nix officiating.

With prayerful sympathy, SDAD members and members of the general Deaf Community express their thoughts of comfort and support to those who were very close to Clifford.