



## Rev. Henry A. E. "Elgin" Johansen

August 12, 1930 - November 17, 2020

Rev. Henry A.E. Johansen "Elgin", 90 of Carlton passed away on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 in Augustana Care Center in Moose Lake. He was born August 12, 1930 in Lake Norden, South Dakota to Henry and Jemina Johansen. He grew up in the Kettle River area where he enjoyed fishing and swimming in the river near his home. He attended Kalevala Grade School and graduated from Barnum High School in 1948. Henry worked in the trucking industry as a diesel mechanic and driver for several years and worked a short time at Conwed. He was a member of the Army National Guard serving with the Headquarters Battery 257 AAA Gun Bn from 1949 until 1959. He attended wheel vehicle school at Fort Benning, GA, and excelled in Diesel. He married Doris Forse on October 12, 1952.

God led Henry to the Christian Ministry. After a short time at Bible School he entered the seminary, graduating with a Theology Degree. He was ordained in the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations. Henry was fluent in the Finnish language and served Good Shepherd Lutheran in Virginia, MN for many years, a Finnish and English congregation. He was called to Zion Lutheran in Willmar and served many years. He was a current member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cloquet. Henry enjoyed studying and reading. He attended Billy Graham School of Evangelism and Leadership Clinic at St. Paul Bible College. He took every advantage to attend schools available to him.

Henry enjoyed the outdoors immensely through hunting, fishing, camping, going to the Boundary Waters with family and church youth groups. He loved to expose others to God's great creation.

Henry was preceded in death by an infant sister, Ruth Johansen.

He is survived and will be sadly missed by his wife, Doris; four children and their families; and one sister, Mary (Harald) Rettig of Switzerland.

Private family services will be held. Burial will be in Sandy Lake Cemetery, Carlton. A video recording of the service will be on the funeral home website Monday afternoon. Cards of condolence may be sent to the family c/o Atkins Northland Funeral Home, 801 14th St., Cloquet, MN 55720. To sign the guest book and offer an online tribute, see [www.atkinsnorthlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.atkinsnorthlandfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery

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## **Sandy Lake Cemetery**

2383 Olson Road

Carlton, MN, 55718

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“ Condolences and Blessings to the Johansen family. Greetings from the Tom and Judy Tuura's here in Missouri.

**Pastor Tom Tuura** - November 24, 2020 at 04:00 PM

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“ Doris, may your faith and family bring you comfort in the days ahead. Thank you for sharing your wisdom, stories and experiences with me. You have been a great help and comfort to me. Should you ever need anything, I will be here for you. Your dedication to your Elgin was unsurpassed. My deepest sympathy to you and your family.

**Shawna Smith** - November 23, 2020 at 03:10 PM

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“ Henry was a great friend and pastor. My wife Cindy and I have fond memories from years ago, when we lived on the Iron Range and attended Good Shepherd Lutheran where he served. Learned a great deal from his teaching and preaching. He is now in the presence of the Savior he loved and served for many years.

May the Lord bless his memory, knowing that one day we will see those loved ones who have gone before us.

Praying that God will comfort the hearts of the family during this time of grief. God bless!

Ted & Cindy Hansen

**Cindy Wille Hansen** - November 23, 2020 at 12:33 AM

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“ When I was little, I adored my big brother, Elgin. Whenever he came home, our house was warmer and brighter than before. He loved to laugh, and most heartily at his own Finnish jokes he so loved to tell. And he was a talented storyteller, recounting the amusing observations he made of everyday life.

Our age difference and later the geographical distance between us made itself felt. Even as adults, we didn't share our deepest concerns with one another. Perhaps another reason for that is a typical Scandinavian hesitation to bare one's soul to another person. Be that as it may, Elgin was certainly there for me if I had needed his help. And those occasions did occur.

EMy brother will be remembered as a person always willing to help others, and, more importantly, able to help. My sister-in-law and my nephews and their families will be the first to attest to that.

My brother was greatly loved and respected by his family, his friends and the members of the respective congregations that he served. With Elgin you knew he truly meant what he said and that he stood for honesty and decency in all things.

Now you have left us with our memories.

**Mary Rettig** - November 22, 2020 at 10:00 AM