



## John Monson

March 4, 1919 - March 1, 2011

John Monson, 91, died Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls. John Magnus Monson was born March 4, 1919 on a farm 13 miles south of Lennox, SD, the son of Henry and Lena (Hill) Monson. He grew up on a farm south of Centerville where he attended rural school. He graduated from Beresford High School in 1936. On May 22, 1941 he was united in marriage to Evelyn Overgaard at Volin, South Dakota. They had three children: Vernon, Donna and Kendall. The couple farmed near Centerville until moving into Lennox in 1977. He became a resident of the Lennox Good Samaritan Center in 2010. His wife, Evelyn, died just two months ago on January 2, 2011. Her death ended a marriage union of over 69 years. John was a member of First English Lutheran Church. He had been a member of Scandia Lutheran Church where he was the Luther League leader. He had been President of the South Dakota Pork Producers and had been a member of the Tri-Valley Barbershop Chorus. He and Evelyn were active with their children in 4H. Besides his parents and his wife, Evelyn, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Donna Murra, two brothers: Lewis and Joe Monson; four sisters: Anna Muchow, Esther Larson, Hilda Gustafson and Marie Anderson. He was the last surviving member of the Henry and Lena Monson family. Grateful for having shared his life are his sons: Vernon Monson and his wife Geri, Lennox and Kendall Monson of Beresford; nine grandchildren: Tamara Monson, Todd Monson, Amy Wilson, Kate Monson, Alex Monson, Arlana Spillum, Alan Murra, April Crockett and Aaron Murra;

nine great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. Services will begin at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 5 at First English Lutheran Church, Lennox. Visitation will begin at noon Friday at Dindot-Klusmann Funeral Home with the family present 7 to 8 p.m.

# Tribute Wall

BL

“ *Vernon*  
*My sincere sympathy on the loss of your father. I enjoyed him on the course as much as I enjoy you. He was a great man and outstanding person. God Bless you and your family.*  
*Kindest regards,*  
*Brian Lind*

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**Brian Lind** - March 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *We pray for God's comfort to the family in this loss.*

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**Dale & Betty Peterson** - March 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GO

“ *Very good memories of both John and Evelyn - they enjoyed life - enjoyed people and would visit my parents here in Watertown on occassion. Once in a while we might cross paths in Sunshine Foods at Sioux Falls -always a freindly smile and greeting.*

*I especially remember their involvement with Luther League at Scandia in Centerville and always respected that - It reminds me of the song - "O' May All Who Come Behind Us Find Us Faithful"...*  
*And, we did.*

*Our sincere sympathy to the families.*

*Gordy and Lynn (Petersen) Osthus*

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**Gordon Osthus** - March 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ *Our sympathy to the family from the Bork girls. Neighbors for many years!*

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**Angie West** - March 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ *My sympathy to all of you.  
May the many memories you shared enlighten your heart.  
My prayers are with you all.*

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**Pam Leisinger** - March 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ *Our sympathy to the family. Our prayers to all of them.*

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**Arlo and Vonnie Larson** - March 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM