

JAMES JOHNSON



- **James Johnson** was born on 20 Mar 1887 in Gretna, Sarpy Co. NE, died on 21 Nov 1973 in Sioux City IA at age 86, and was buried in Lyons Cemetery, Lyons NE.

At the age of 8 years he moved with the family to a farm west of Lyons NE. Upon the death of his father the following year, the family moved to Bancroft where as a young man, Jim worked in a barber shop, a grocery store, and later was in partnership with his brother-in-law, owning and operating a livery stable. About the year 1912, he went to Dalton to take a homestead. He farmed with brother Archie, in 1910, in Cheyenne County NE near Sidney.

Returning to Lyons in 1917, he was married to Miss Laura M. Peterson. They farmed one year in the Bradford community before moving to a farm (called the "80") 3 1/2 miles northeast of Lyons where they lived for 18 years until 1936. Their three children were born during that time. They then moved to the Hillstrom farm (240A) one mile north of Lyons, where he resided until his and Laura's deaths.

James married **Laura Peterson** on 21 Feb 1917 in Omaha NE. Laura was born on 31 Oct 1893 in Omaha NE and died on 26 Dec 1976 in Chalco Sarpy Co. NE at age 83.

Children from this marriage were:

Raymond Henry Johnson was born on 25 Feb 1919 in Chalco Co. NE. Died 13 Jan 2010 in Portland Oregon.

Raymond married Marian A Peterson on July 11, 1943 . Marian died in Florida 5 Jul 2004 . Children from this marriage were: Randal Stuart Johnson., Rodger Allen Johnson., Kevin Bradley Johnson.

Arnold Wayne Johnson was born on 6 May 1923 in Chalco Co NE, died on 18 Aug 1994 in Lyons NE at age 71, and was buried in Lyons NE.

He graduated May 1940 in Lyons High, Lyons NE.
Arnold married Theora J. Parsons on 29 Nov 1980 in Lyons NE.

Evelyn Margaret Johnson was born on 14 Jan 1925 in Chalco Co NE and died 6 Sep 2020 in Oakland, Burt County, Nebraska. Buried in Lyons Cemetery

Evelyn married Robert Wahlin in 1945. Robert died on 15 Dec 1993 in Lyons NE.
Children from this marriage were: Janet Evelyn Wahlin, Delores Ann Wahlin (Delores married Kloos Roos on 4 Apr 2000.), Alan Robert Wahlin.

Arnold's Story—This story was written by Arnold and published in a Burt County History (19XX). (*No separate story was written by Oliver about Jim.*)

"My great-grandfather, John Jensen, was born in Denmark as well as my great-grandmother, Annie Nelsen. They crossed the ocean on the Cunard Line and made their way to Papillion, Nebraska, in the 1800s.

"When they arrived in the States, John Jensen changed his name to Jens Johnson, which seemed to be a common practice at that time.

"My grandfather, John Johnson, was one of five boys born to Jens and Annie. John married Margaret Curly in 1882. Their children were: Oliver, Archie, Mary, Laura, Emily, and James, (my father).

"In 1895, John, Margaret, and family moved to a farm one mile west and one mile north of Lyons, a farm purchased from railroad grant land. They had a dairy and hauled milk to Lyons to be separated. In the spring

of 1897, the Logan Creek had flooded the bottom land. John was hauling milk to Lyons and was all day getting back home. He developed pneumonia from the ordeal and died a few days later.

“Henry C. Peterson, my grandfather, worked for the Union Pacific in Omaha as a bookkeeper. In 1914 he purchased a farm one mile west and three miles north of Lyons, and moved there from Omaha. His wife was Anna Anderson of Uehling. They had six children: Laura (my mother), Mildred, Emma, Marion, Earl, and Walter.

“Laura, my mother had a grandfather Peterson, too (Peter). He came from Sweden as a young boy and worked for the Union Pacific as a pattern-maker all of his life. He was working for the Union Pacific when the “Golden Spike” was driven, connecting the East and West.

“My father, Jim, homesteaded a quarter section nine miles east of Dalton about 1910 through provisions of the Kinkaid Act before returning to Lyons.

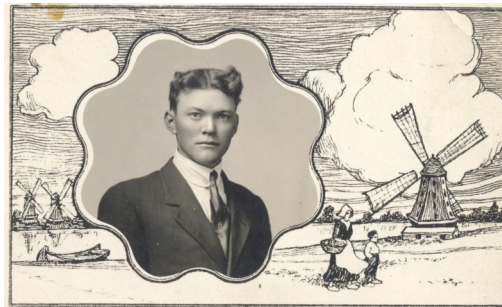
“Jim Johnson, born March 20, 1887 at Papillion met Laura Peterson, Born in Omaha October 31, 1893, at a barn dance on the now Gus and Lillian Anderson farm northwest of Lyons. They were married in 1917. Their children were Ray, Arnold, and Evelyn. The children all attended the Schulze School and each graduated from Lyons High School.

“Ray married Marian Peterson of Oakland. They have three sons: Randy, Rod, and Kevin. They live in Hialeah, Florida, where Ray works for the airlines.

“Evelyn married Robert Wahlin and lives at North Platte. Their children are Janet, Dee, and Alan.



“Arnold married Theora Parsons Nelsen. They live on the home place one mile north of Lyons. Theora had two sons, Dennis and Reed.”



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Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson spent Wednesday eve. at the Oliver Johnson home



Obituary of James Johnson

(<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/34695726/james-m-johnson>)

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Upon the death of his father the following year, the family moved to Bancroft where as a young man, Mr. Johnson worked in a barber shop, a grocery store and later was in a partner-ship with his brother-in-law owning and operating a livery stable. About the year 1912, he went to Dalton to take a homestead.

Returning to Lyons, he was married in 1917 to Miss Laura M. Peterson. They farmed one year in the Basford community, before moving to a farm northeast of Lyons where he has since resided.

He was a lifelong member of the Memorial Methodist Church.

Mr. Johnson died Nov. 21, 1973, at St. Luke's Medical Center in Sioux City after a two month illness. He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters, Laura, Mary and Emily and three brothers, Archie, Oliver and Bert.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife Laura M.; two sons, Ray H. and wife Marian of Hialeah, Fla. and Arnold W. of Lyons; one daughter, Evelyn M. Wahlin and husband Robert of Camberlain, S.D. , six grandchildren, Rodger Johnson, Omaha, Randall of Coral Gables, and Kevin Johnson, Miami, Fla., Mrs. Janet Adams, Dutch John, Utah, Mrs. Delores Tobin, El Paso, Tex., and Alan Wahlin, in the Armed Forces in Germany

Memorial services for James Johnson were conducted by the Rev. Leonard Hartwig, Nov. 24,, at 10:30 a.m. from the Memorial United Methodist Church. Music was furnished by Mrs. Richard Appleby and Milford Murphy, singing "Onward Christian Soldiers" and "The Old Rugged Cross," accompanied by Mrs. Ed Case at the organ. Pallbearers were Irvin Burmiester, Harlan Cates. Will Woodrich, Marvin Weitzenkamp, Leonard Tejral and Clyde Stone. Honorary pallbearers were Vernon Cates, S. Kenneth Stone, J. P. Nelson and Herbert Schulze.



Jim Johnson