



Carl Johnson

February 5, 1930 - February 5, 2007

GRANITE BLUFF - Carl Elvir Johnson, 77, of Granite Bluff, passed away on Monday, Feb. 5, 2007, following a 19-month bout with cancer.

Carl's perseverance during this time allowed him to enjoy his grandchildren's activities, family birthdays and gatherings, working around the home and camp, hunting season, the many shopping trips to Iron Mountain with his wife, Dee, the weekly breakfast outings with longtime friend, Jack Carlson and especially Christmas 2006, which was a special time for the entire family.

Carl was born on April 26, 1929, in Merriman, son of the late Amos and Olga (Johnson) Johnson. He was raised in Granite Bluff, north of Iron Mountain. He worked on the family farm and attended school at the Merriman school house and then Kingsford High School, where he graduated in 1947.

Carl married Delores M. Lange on Nov. 12, 1949, at the First Methodist Church in Iron Mountain. They built their home in Granite Bluff and together they raised three children there. All three of their children followed in his footsteps and built homes in Granite Bluff, where they all reside with their families.

He was a member of the Operating Engineer's Local 324. He proudly reflected on the work he did on the Mackinac Bridge. He retired in 1991. Carl enjoyed

spending time at "the camp" and had a successful hunting season in November 2006. His love for the outdoors and hard work kept him going. He was an avid Detroit Tigers fan. He loved family time and had his own wry, yet comical sense of humor along with a warm heart and giving soul. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend and will be sadly missed by all who knew him. He was referred to by extended family as the "Mayor of Granite Bluff". He often joked, "I'm rough and I'm tough and I come from Granite Bluff and the further you go the tougher they get and I live in the last house". Carl leaves a legacy for all who knew him.

Carl is survived by his wife of 57 years, Dee; daughter, Carla (Mike) Hiatt, their children, Kate, Tracy (Kyle) and Alex; son, Ward (LeeAnn) Johnson, his children, Fawn (Joel) and Dustin (Julie); daughter, Lynn (Jay) Walsh, their children, Tierney, Lacey and Tanner; sister-in-law, Bev Johnson; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Bill and Janice Lange and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, Steven in 1956, parents, Olga and Amos Johnson; in-laws, Walt and Mary Lange; brothers, Jack and Bill (Lois) Johnson; and brother-in-law, Wally Lange.

Visitation will be held on Saturday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain.

The funeral service will follow at 6 p.m. at the funeral home. Rev. Michael March will officiate.

Honorary pallbearers will be Bill Johnson, Mike Johnson, Brady Johnson, Terry Johnson, Scott Johnson, Jack Carlson, Rich Erickson, and Bill Noyes.

Burial will be in the Quinnesec Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Carl E. Johnson online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the funeral arrangements.

Tribute Wall

BR

“ Dear Family of Carl & Dee,
Although I haven't had face-to-face contact with much of the family, you have had a special heart place through my beloved Uncle Bill with Lois & our dear cousins (their kids) growing up. I especially remember those delightful visits to Granite Bluff for family gatherings. I also worked with Lynn's mother-in-law for years at the library coop, where mention of your family was a positive connection point. Having recently lost our own mother (Joyce Gagnon, Lois's sister), my heart goes out to you in the irreplaceable loss of a parent, grandparent, etc. May the Lord comfort you as He did us in our loss!

Becky (Gagnon) Robert - February 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Dee & Ward

We were so disappointed to hear about "our" loss of Carl. Although he now enjoys eternal health, our physical desire to have him here, creates sadness in our hearts. We are so grateful for the memories we were able to create & enjoy with Carl, and the both of you. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday to celebrate Carl's wonderful life.

God is with Carl & may He be with all of us, as we grieve the loss of a great husband, father, grandfather, & friend.

Call us in the event you need anything & we will see you tomorrow.

Marcie (Brian, Michael, & Mattie) Kaven

Marcie Kaven - February 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Carla and Mike,
So very sorry to hear about the loss of your father. Our thoughts
and prayers are with you and your family.
Margie (Curran) and James Blignaut*

Margie Curran Blignaut - February 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *Wardo, I am sorry to hear of the loss of your father. My deepest
sympathy for you and your family. Carl was a wonderfull man, Derek
and I enjoyed the times we had with him durning your fall hunts. My
Family is fortunate to have met such a man. He will not be forgotten!*

Dan Carpenter - February 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *Dear Delores and family, We were so sorry to hear about Carl's
passing. Please accept our condolences. Bob and I would be there
for the funeral; however I've been so sick this past week. Tuesday I
had a temperature of 103.9. I now have a runny nose, the sneezes,
a cough, and a sore throat. I wouldn't wish this sickness on anyone.
If there is anything we can do for you, please don't hesitate to call.
Love Shelley and Bob Petrick*

Shelley Petrick - February 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Lynn & Family:*

*We are deeply sadden to hear about the loss of your father. Please
know that you and your family are in our thoughts. Also, if there is
anything we can do, please don't hesitate to call.*

With Sympathy and Support: The Finendales

Tammy Finendale - February 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Dear Ward,
It is very sad to hear about your father. Mike especially enjoyed his company during your bird hunting weekends when you wrangled Mike into cooking for you. Mike wishes that he could be here for you and your family however he cannot and will be sending me in his stead. If you ever need anything to help in this difficult time please do not hesitate to call me. I will see you on Saturday. Love Sue and Mike Messina

Sue Messina - February 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ *Dee & Family,*

It's so hard when we lose a loved one.

May your memories comfort you during this time of sorrow.

With love & sympathy

Lori Nelson (Marion's granddaughter)

Lori Nelson - February 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM