



Clayton Johnson

February 27, 1927 - February 27, 2011

Clayton E. Johnson, 84, of 909 Superior St. Kingsford, passed away on Sunday, February 27, 2011 at his home.

He was born August 1, 1926 in Iron Mountain, son of the late Bert and Violet (Arndt) Johnson. Clayton was a U.S. Army veteran of WWII and was stationed in Germany from 1944-46. He received the Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Army of Occupation Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, and two overseas bars. Clayton married Katherine Melleli on March 20, 1946 and she preceded him in death on April 29, 1976. He worked in the construction industry for many years and was a very active member of the Brick Layers and Allied Craftsmen's Union, serving as the business agent for over 50 years. In 1964, Clayton purchased Bob and Gerry's Bar in Kingsford which he operated for many years and eventually sold to his son, Robert in 1978. Clayton married Gwenlyn Cuculi on December 8, 1984 in Iron Mountain. He was a life member of the VFW Post 3674, the American Legion Post 50 and the Sagola Township Sportsmen's Club. He enjoyed hunting rabbits and deer, fishing, going to camp and playing cards.

Clayton is survived by his wife of 27 years, Gwen; two sons, Michael (Mary Jo) Johnson of Green Bay and Robert Johnson of Kingsford; two step-daughters, Terri (John) Burgelbaugh of Kingsford and Cheryl (Doug) Richer of Iron Mountain; a brother, Don (JoAnn) Johnson of Kingsford; two sisters,

Verna Mae (Gene) Chapman of Pembine and Betty (Richard) Stebbins of Kingsford; grandchildren, Brett, Blake & Sara Johnson, Angela (Andy) Coan, Brian (Amy) Johnson, Kelly (Lee) Steinbrecher, Jason (Sara) Ott, Michael Ott, Nick (April) Harwath, Lindsey Weber and Courtney Trewartha; great grandchildren; Drew & Brooklyn Coan, Jaxen Johnson, Dustin & Sabrina Steinbrecher, Austin & Landon Ott, Alexandra, Anthony, Michael & Tyler Ott, Jessica & Jason Harwath, Adyson & Sunny Weber, Leah & Aubrey Bergelbaugh and Lanie Trewartha; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Richard Johnson and a special sister-in-law, Millie Abarr.

Visitation will be from 4:00 to 7:00pm on Wednesday at the Kingsford Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 7:00pm at the funeral home. Rev. Robert Mueller will officiate. Burial will be in Quinnesec Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Brett, Blake and Brian Johnson, Andy Coan, Jason and Mike Ott, Nick Harwath and Dustin Ott.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in his memory.

Condolences to the family of Clayton E. Johnson can be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Kingsford Funeral Home with the funeral arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kingsford Funeral Home
1000 S. Carpenter
Kingsford, MI 49802

Funeral Service

MAR 2. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Kingsford, MI 49802

Tribute Wall

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“ For over twenty years I have spent time at my friends camp (Mike Floriano's) which is next to Clayton's camp. During this time I have had a chance to visit with Clayton, help him with small projects at his camp, 4 wheel ride and enjoy a refreshment at Cuculi's.

I enjoyed talking with Clayton and was amazed at the energy he had while he was at camp. I appreciate the good times we had with him. Our camp sure will be different without him stopping by.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Tom Ranta

Tom Ranta - Marquette, MI - Friend from next door camp - March 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Terrie and family,
Thinking of you during this difficult time. Hug and Prayers to all of you!

Cindy and Axel Anderson - March 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Our deepest sympathy to you all. Clayton was a special person. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Rod and Cynthia Gordon - Iron Mountain , MI - Friends - March 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GF

“Gwen, Bob, and family, so sorry to hear of Claytons passing may he rest in peace. He will be missed by many people, he touched alot of lives. I have alot of great memories of him at Bob and Jerrys. May the Lord help you through in your time of sorrow.

Geri and Ray Gardiepy

geri gardiepy - friend - March 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LM

“Auntie Gwen, Cheri, Terri and families, my thoughts and prayers are with you all! Thnking of you with love and sending hugs!! Love, Lori (Gering) Servia

Lori Servia - Iron Mountain, MI - March 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM