



## Clifford Johnson

October 9, 1957 - March 8, 2008

NORWAY - Clifford (Kippy) H. Johnson, 77, of Norway, died Saturday, March 8, 2008, at his home.

He was born Feb. 21, 1931, in Channing, son of the late Henry and Jeanette (Weber) Johnson. He graduated from Channing High School.

Kip enlisted in the United States Army in August 1948. He served in Korea where he was wounded twice and received the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Clusters and the Bronze Star. He also received the Legion of Merit Award. Kip was a Recruiter for the United States Army National Guard in Iron Mountain. He served his country with pride and honor.

He married Janet "Dolly" Shander on June 21, 1956, in Iron Mountain at St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church. She preceded him in death on Nov. 10, 1983.

Kip was a lifelong resident of the area. He worked for the M.A. Hanna Mining Co. for 20 plus years as a maintenance supervisor until the mine closed. He continued his mining career with the Newmont Mining Co. in Nevada. After a rewarding and fulfilling career as a mining superintendent, he retired in 1998. He was a member of the Sheriff's Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), and Bombers Golf Course.

Upon retirement, Kip returned to the Iron Mountain area. He enjoyed the great outdoors, laughing and telling a good joke, golfing with his buddies at Bombers Golf Course, and good conversation with friends over a cup of coffee.

He was very involved in his grandchildren's lives, and was known as "Papa Kip." He was generous with praise, encouragement and guidance, helping with homework or projects and always having time to listen or just be there for a hug.

He is survived by his only child, Tami (Scott) Nelson of Milwaukee; two grandchildren, Joseph and Jenna; four sisters, Jean, June, Elle, and Kay; a brother-in-law, Ken (Donda) Dado of Florida and nieces, Dodie and Karen; a special couple and close friends, Duane and Sue Pollock; and his Hanna Mining, National Guard, golfing and coffee buddies.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Wayne Johnson and an infant brother.

Private family services with military guard and graveside services were held.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Clifford H. Johnson online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

Memorials may be made to the Dickinson County Cancer Care Unit at 1401 S. Carpenter Ave., Iron Mountain, Mich., 49801 in his memory.

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ It was great fishing with Kip and Joseph. Also, when I got to go along golfing it was a fun time. I will miss Kip very much.

Jordan Sleeter - March 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ Papa Kip - I miss you so much - I'm working on my golf game. Thanks so much for teaching me how to play. Love your grandson, JC

JC (Joseph) - March 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ Kip  
Sorry to see you go so soon. You were great for a game of Chess or to BS over a cup of coffee. It was wonderful working for you and with you during your time in Nevada. Say hello to Dolly and Ben for me.

Danny Lucero - March 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ I would like to offer my heartfelt condolences to Kippy's family. I worked with Kip, and for him at the Groveland Mine and enjoyed a few rounds of golf with him in the past few years. He was a great guy and will be missed.dR

Clark Linn - March 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM