



## James Wixstrom

January 5, 2005

James Wixtrom

REPUBLIC - James Derald Wixtrom, 75, of Republic died Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2005, at his home after a long illness.

He was born Feb. 3, 1929, in Witch Lake, son of the late Seth and Mae (Doan) Wixtrom. He married Helen Janofski on Aug. 3, 1957, and was a lifelong resident of Witch Lake.

James began his employment early in his life working on the family farm, sawmill, and logging operation. He helped his father establish Wixtrom Lumber Company. He started his own logging business, which later became James Wixtrom and Sons Forest Products.

James enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, trapping, and was a jack of all trades.

During his illness he studied the Swedish language. He was a member of the Grace Presbyterian Church in Sagola where he served as an elder and deacon. He was a former charter member of the First Baptist Church of Witch Lake.

He served on the Republic Township Board of Review, zoning board, and housing commission. He was a member of the Timber Producers Association, and helped establish the Witch Lake Corporation.

James is survived by his wife, Helen; three sons, Kelvin (Chris) of Bath, lower Michigan, Gregory of Republic and Michael (Belinda) of Republic; six grandchildren, Seth, Rachel, Matthew, Kelcey, Tyler and Brent; two brothers,

Bruce (Arleen) Wixtrom of Republic and William (Luana) Wixtrom; three sisters, Marcy Houlmont of Marquette, Donna (Arvid) Erickson and Nancy (Fred) Spanton of Foley, Ala., an uncle, aunts, and several nephews, nieces and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, and a brother.

Visitation will be on Saturday, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Grace Presbyterian Church in Sagola.

Funeral services will follow at 3 p.m. at the church. Rev. David Anderson will officiate. Pallbearers will be Richard Johnson, Budd Buffenbarger, John Janofski, Tim Loeks, Herb Smith, Vance Jones and Larry Holsworth.

Burial will be in Republic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Grace Presbyterian Church in Sagola or to WHWL Radio Station in Marquette.

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

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Sorry to hear of the loss of James; my mother is the sister of Bill Wixtrom's wife.*

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**Renee Robare** - January 09, 2005 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Helen, We wish to send our deepest sympathy to you and your family. You will be in our prayers. We grieve, but not like those with no hope. Love, Randy and Charlene Estes (Holly, MI)*

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**Randy and Charlene Estes** - January 08, 2005 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Helen,*

*I wish to extend our deepest sympathies to you and your family. You are in our prayers.*

*With Love*

*Dean, Diana, Nick, Mitch and Jana Tahtinen and  
Arnold Tahtinen*

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**Dean, Diana, and Arnold Tahtinen** - January 08, 2005 at 12:00 AM