



Leonard Allen "Lenny" Wahlstrom

September 3, 1943 - November 15, 2014

Leonard Allen "Lenny" Wahlstrom, 71, of Aurora passed away on Saturday, November 15, 2014 at his home on the farm with his loving family by his side.

Lenny passed away with complications from a rare disease called PSP (Progressive Supranuclear Palsy), a type of Parkinson. He had been in ill health for the past seven years finally being diagnosed four and a half years ago.

Lenny was born in Iron Mountain, MI on September 3, 1943, the fourth child and first son of Leonard and Maureen (Davis) Wahlstrom.

Lenny was a graduate of Florence High School in 1961 and was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Madison with an associate degree in Agriculture.

Lenny married the former Dawn Newingham on July 17, 1965 at the Aurora Free Church by Pastor Edward Johnson. They celebrated 49 years of marriage this past July.

Lenny was a well respected man and farmer. He was a patient, kind spirited and soft spoken man. When asked how he was no matter what the situation was his response was 'WONDERFUL' even up until his death. When asked how he was doing through all of this he would say the Lord is walking by my

side.

Lenny enjoyed attending his grandchildren's soccer games, past years riding motorcycles and snowmobiling. Farming was his passion. He loved going to Packer games and having his brat & beer twice a year even when at the end he was in his wheelchair. His most favorite food was eating lobster(not a typical diet for a farmer) beef jerky and Oreo cookies. One of his favorite times was motorcycling with his wife out to Bar Harbour, Maine eating lobster on the wharf.

Lenny and Dawn also hosted the very first breakfast on the farm in Florence County for five years. This was a thrill of a life time for Lenny. He always enjoyed having people at the farm.

While growing up he was in 4-H, served on the Florence County Co-op Board for several years and Homestead Fire Department. Lenny also was in Washington D.C. to lobby for a farm bill in his early twenties. While there General McArthur was laying in state at the rotunda.

Lenny was the caretaker of the Homestead-Aurora Cemetery since 1975 retiring upon his illness.

Every winter Lenny would work on creative projects. One time he made eye cages for the UW hospital in Madison for eye research where his sister worked. He was always willing to help anybody but had a hard time asking people to help him in return. A very proud man he was.

Lenny was a former member of the Aurora Free Church being baptized there. In later years he attended the Homestead Baptist Church.

Lenny is survived by his loving wife and caregiver Dawn, dear children

Tammy(Terry) Dabb of Aurora, Dean(Paula) of Aurora, David (Kassidy) of St. Louis, and Leonard III (Megan) of Iron Mountain; his precious grandchildren, Hannah, Jesse, Eann, Emma, Chloe, Chelsea, Haley and LaVaya.

His mother-in-law Corlinda Newingham of Aurora.

Further survived by his three sisters, Carol (Chet) Tokoly of Homestead, Gloria (Sidney) Johnson of Marshfield, Marlene Wahlstrom of Wausau and two brothers Larry (Mary Gail) Wahlstrom of Laconia, New Hampshire and Charles (Pat) Galvan of Homestead.

Sister-in-law Diane (John) Aune of Iron Mountain, brother-in-law Dennis Newingham of Aurora

Three aunts Betty Kirshner of Powers, Joy Gennera of Cunard and Lena Marulli of Iron Mountain, and his former sister-in-law, Sue Newingham of Aurora. Also survived by many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Lenny was preceded in death by his parents, father-in-law, Virgil Newingham, brother-in-law, Ruston "Skippy" Brown.

Visitation will be at Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain on Saturday, Nov. 22, 2014 from 11:00 am to 2:00 p.m. Funeral services will follow at 2:00 pm Saturday at the funeral home. Rev. David Anderson will officiate. Burial will be in the Homestead-Aurora Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be his three sons, Dean, David, Leonard III, his son-in-law, Terry Dabb, his brothers, Larry Wahlstrom and Charles Galvan, and family friend, Kris Krause,

Honorary pallbearers are Dale Miller, Bob Bock, Mark Newell, Clarence Osterberg, Gary Osterberg, John Pearson, Ken Osterberg and James Koller.

The family would like to thank Unity Hospice and Arms of Angels for the wonderful care they gave to Lenny.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Lenny Wahlstrom online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Cemetery Details

Homestead-Aurora Cemetery

1372 Osterberg Parkway
Niagara, WI 54151

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **22**. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Funeral Service

NOV **22**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Leonard Allen "Lenny" Wahlstrom*



Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home - November 26, 2014 at 01:21 PM

DW

Tom, Scott, Matt, Butch, Tammy & Tom E. I thank all of you for being a part in planning Lenny's funeral. Matt you did an awesome job of putting this video together and also Tom E. I am over whelmed with such care that you all provided my family. Thank you Tom N. for checking on me and my family and for making us feel like family as you helped us planned Lenny's funeral, you have been my rock. Lenny loved all of you! God Bless

Dawn Wahlstrom - November 27, 2014 at 09:18 PM

AA

“ *To Larry and Mary Gail,*

I am so sorry for your loss. Please accept my most sincere condolences and please reach out to me for anything.

God Bless,

Anthony Accardi

Anthony Accardi - November 25, 2014 at 11:40 AM

EG

“ Dear Dawn, I am so sorry to have read about Lenny's passing and his illness of the past seven years. I moved to Grand Rapids, MI in 2007, after retiring from teaching, so it's been a very long time since I've seen you. I always enjoyed visiting with you when I "ran" into you because of your upbeat and lively personality and friendly smiles, which I can still picture clearly. May you find peace now knowing that Lenny is also at peace and not suffering any more.

Eveline Manninen Grimes

Eveline Grimes - November 23, 2014 at 10:13 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Leonard Allen "Lenny" Wahlstrom.



November 21, 2014 at 10:15 PM

SA

“ Dear Dawn, Tammy, Hannah, Dean, and Family,
Lenny was such a nice man and so well liked in the community. He will be missed by many. It has been a pleasure getting to know him and the family. He is at peace, please let that be a blessing and cherish the wonderful memories! Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time of sorrow. Sincerely, The Anderson's - Dave, Sandy, Andy and Ben



Sandy Anderson - November 20, 2014 at 08:23 AM

CN

“ Dear dawn and family, we feel like we have known you forever. We went to school with you and had children the same age . You have a whole lifetime of memories to draw on for comfort. God bless you and comfort you through these difficult times. Love, ed and Carole nichols

carole nichols - November 18, 2014 at 08:56 AM

CR

“ I am sorry for the loss of Lenny. Carol his sister was my dance partner at my daughters wedding Jayme and Jim Koller. May God bless and keep you always.

Carolyn Richrath - November 18, 2014 at 08:12 AM

GD

“ Dear Dawn and Family,
Dick and I would like to send our deepest sympathy to you in the passing of Lenny. My kids and I would come to see Maureen and Uncle Arvid with my Mom and Aunt Edna. We would go see the cows and cats in the barn and Lenny was always there to give the tour. When Dick and I would go to the cemetery to check on Aunt Edna and all the other family member buried we would see Lenny making sure everything was ok. We know he is with God and all the other family members and friends that have been waiting for him to go home. He is now watching over all of you and being whole again.

Sincerely,
Gail and Dick Dabb

Gail Dabb - November 17, 2014 at 07:02 PM