



Lester Johnson

September 7, 1920 - September 7, 2003

"Lester Johnson"

IRON MOUNTAIN - Lester W. Johnson, 83, of Iron Mountain, died Sunday, Sept. 7, 2003, at his home.

He was born Aug. 9, 1920, son of the late Martha and Walter Johnson. He was a lifelong resident of Iron Mountain. In 1942, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps and served 36 months in the South Pacific Theater. He was well-known for his woodworking craftsmanship and channeled it into his life's work in the cabinet, countertop and fine furniture making business, under Les Johnson Cabinet Shop and in the late 1960s, he formed Les-Cove Inc. In 1946, he married Jeanne Wahlstrom and they would have celebrated 57 years of marriage in October. Les was a member of the First Lutheran Church and served on the church board for many years. He was an ardent hunter and fisherman and enjoyed trips to Alaska and British Columbia with his son, David. His love of nature led him to plant 100,000 Christmas tree seedlings at his cabin where people could go with their children to select their own tree. He also developed home sites at Lake Fumee, now known as Timberlane.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Glenn, who was killed in France in World War II, and two sisters, Dolores Johnson and Norma Peterson.

Les is survived by his wife, Jeanne; two daughters, Janis (Al) Cortez and Sally (Tom) Duerr; his son, David (Jamie) Johnson; five grandchildren, Adam and Alex Duerr, Eric and Emily Johnson and Katie Cortez; a sister, Joy (Bill) Johnson; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law; and many cousins, nieces and

nephews.

Funeral services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established at First Lutheran Church.

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

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

Tribute Wall

PC

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.*

Peter Robarge/Crystal Lumber Co. - September 12, 2003 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ *Jeanne, Jan, Sally @ David,
So sorry to hear of the passing of Les. I have fond memories of growing up and spending time at your house. He was a great guy and a fun Dad.
Take comfort in knowing that he's now sitting in the hands of the Lord.
Our Prayers are with you.*

Vic @ Linda Bengard And Family - September 11, 2003 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *Dear Jeanne and Family,
We are so sorry to hear of Les' death. Please accept our sincere sympathy. Our prayers are with you during this time of sorrow.
Phyllis and Bill Wiegele*

Bill & Phyllis Wiegele - September 11, 2003 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Growing-up next to Les-Cove, I was very familiar with Mr. Johnson (although he preferred that we call him Les). He was a generous man to the church.*

Kelly Mendini - September 11, 2003 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *Our prayers are with you in your time of sorrow.*

Marty and Jan Allstrom - September 11, 2003 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *All our families would like to express our condolences. The years we spent as neighbors and friends will never be forgotten.*

The Maher's

Richard Maher, Rich Maher, Robert Maher, Sue Dobis(Maher), Mari - September 10, 2003 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *Thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Les was a great person.*

Sandra Pukall - September 10, 2003 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *We would like to express our deepest condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Les was a very admirable person. He will always be remembered.*

Larry Riccio Family - September 10, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.*

The Miniot's

Jon, Jonna, Jacquelin & Joe Miniot - September 10, 2003 at 12:00 AM