



## Robert Johnson

June 2, 2007

SPREAD EAGLE, Wis. - Robert W. "Bob" Johnson , 71, of 828 Menominee River Road in Florence, Wis., died Saturday morning, June 2, 2007, at Dickinson Memorial Hospital.

Bob was born on Jan.12, 1936, in Escanaba, son of Al and Goldie Johnson of Bark River. He attended both Michigan Technological University in Houghton and Northern Michigan University in Marquette.

He married Nan Christensen on June 21, 1958, in Escanaba. He was stationed at Fort Monmouth, N.J., Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Ala., and Fort Riley, Kan., while serving in the United States Army.

He moved to Kingsford in 1963, opening up Town and Country Sales. Active in auto sales his entire career, he retired from Edwards Chevrolet in 1998. He had a lifelong interest in antique autos and was an active member of the Just Cruizin' Car Club.

Bob was involved in the Florence County Snowmobile Club, serving as a state director for the Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs. Volunteering for the Cancer Society, he provided transportation for many cancer patients. He also volunteered at the Wild Rivers Interpretative Center in Florence. He was an active member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain traveling

to Biloxi, Miss. a year ago as a Katrina volunteer. Through the years, he enjoyed opening his home to guests, hosting performers from Tanzania and the Pine Mountain Music Festival.

Bob deeply loved and enjoyed his family. He also enjoyed snowmobiling thousands of miles annually, kayaking, gardening in his beautiful yard, and entertaining his friends at home and on his pontoon boat floating the Menominee River. He enjoyed traveling tremendously and journeyed to all 50 states, completing that goal in just the past year.

He is survived by his wife, Nan; his sons, Jeff (Diane) of Portland, Ore. and their children, Camille and Olivia, and Todd (Jeanne) and their children, Kristi, Andy, and Holli of Vulcan; one brother, Lee (Verna) of Ontonagon, and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Fireside Room at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain.

A memorial service will follow in the church sanctuary. Rev. Stephen Cowen will officiate. Please drive your street rod or antique car to the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made in Bob's memory to Our Saviour's Church or the Dickinson County Cancer Unit.

Condolences to the family of Robert Johnson may be expressed on line at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home with the funeral arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

MW

“*Nan, I want to send my sincere condolences on your loss of one of the true gentlemen I have had the honor of knowing in my life. My memories of my brief stay in Iron Mt. are all pleasant, made more so by the friendship I knew with you and Bob. Blessings  
Mark Wilcox*

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**Mark Wilcox** - June 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TC

“*Jeff, sad to hear about your loss. Having recently lost both my parents and my mother in law, I can honestly say, "I know what you're missing." However, the good news is (I believe) they are waiting for us to join them as will see them again. You and your family are in my thoughts. Take care and say "hey" to Diane.*

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**Tom Campa** - June 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LS

“*Dear Nan,  
Jack Stubbs and I send our condolences. Peter Van Pelt, of the Pine Mountain Music Festival, very kindly sent us the news of Bob's passing. Thank you for your generous lives of service, especially your gracious hospitality to festival performers. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Laura Jean and Jack*

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**Laura Deming and Jack Stubbs** - June 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Dear Nan, I was so very sorry to learn of Bob's passing. I was a 1954 BR-H classmate of Bob's and always enjoyed seeing both of you at our class reunions. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this sad time. May the peace and comfort of our Lord be with you and your family now and in the days ahead as you adjust to your lives without Bob. Remember the happy times....and know that he is a better place now. My deepest sympathy to all of you. Joann (Kleiman) Prendergast

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**Joann Prendergast** - June 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Nan, Please know my thoughts are with you at this time. Bob will always be remebered as a great guy. Always think of the happy times. Sandra Pukall

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**Sandra Kaye Pukall** - June 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ Just wanted to send a condolence from my heart to yours. The loss of loved ones is great and surely hard. Yet the memory of the ones who touched our lives will be even greater and live on with us forever. I will miss his ever-lasting charisma and will to make others happy.

*marcus izzo*

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**Marcus Izzo** - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Nan, I am so sorry to hear about Bob's passing. You and he have been like family for as far back as I can remember. I have a permanent image of Bob as always laughing and smiling. He lived a sincere and authentic life and he will be so greatly missed. My heart is heavy for you and your boys. I hope you feel the love and prayers of many sent to support you at this time. My deepest sympathies...  
Shareen

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**Shareen Connors** - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Nan, We were so sorry to hear about Bob. Although we have not seen much of the two of you in the past few years we well remember the fun times on the river with Bob the best pontoon boat driver. Take care and know we are thinking of you. Karen and Jim Schultheis

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**Karen and Jim Schultheis** - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Nan, I have known you and Bob most of my life and you always treated me like family. You two were a great addition to our neighborhood years ago. Bob's energy and spirit that he brought to the river will be terribly missed and yet always be a part of it. My thoughts and prayers are with you?. Jason Rabideau, presently serving in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan.

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**Jason Rabideau** - June 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM