



## Thomas "T.J." R. Johnson

November 28, 1955 - December 20, 2019

Thomas R. "T.J." Johnson, 64, of Iron Mountain passed away on Friday, December 20, 2019, at Dickinson County Healthcare System in Iron Mountain.

Tom was born November 28, 1955, in Crystal Falls, MI, the son of Robert and Margaret (Miller) Johnson. Tom graduated from North Dickinson High School in 1975 and was a lifelong resident of the area. He proudly served his country in the United States Navy for three years.

A devoted Packer fan, Tom never missed watching a game. He loved fishing, especially trout and also enjoyed ice fishing. He loved small game and deer hunting. TJ really enjoyed feeding the deer in his backyard and picking apples for them. He liked playing cribbage and also loved shooting pool, playing many years on area pool leagues. He was very fond of his cat, Patches.

Tom had many friends and family who will miss him dearly.

TJ is survived by his fiancée, Shelly Gaffney; two daughters, Sara Sperka of Wausau, WI and Jessila Johnson of Marquette; a granddaughter, Sari; Shelly's son Tommy Rhodd; his parents, Bob and Margaret Johnson of Sagola; a brother, Michael "Red" (Anita) Johnson of Felch; two sisters, Jean Ann (Rob) Whitney of Sagola and Judy (Pat) Steinbrecher of Felch; very good

friends Lori Beyers and Denise Martin; he is further survived by many special cousins, nieces and nephews; and his beloved cat, Patches.

The family would like to thank the extraordinary care provided by the nursing staff in the ICU at Dickinson County Healthcare System.

Visitation will be held from 2:00- 4:00 pm on Sunday, December 29 at the Grace Presbyterian Church in Sagola. A Memorial Service will follow at 4:00 pm at the church. Rev. Ryan Flunker will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in his memory.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Thomas "T.J." Johnson online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **29**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Grace Presbyterian Church  
309 First St.  
Sagola, MI 49815

## Memorial Service

DEC **29**. 4:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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**Bruce Tippett** - December 03, 2025 at 12:57 AM

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*This TJ with my son Travis. BTW, TJ is wearing my shirt.*

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**Bruce Tippett** - December 03, 2025 at 12:59 AM

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“ *So sad and sorry to hear this. Tommy was a guy that it was had not to like. He always had his ways to make me laugh. Had not seen him in a while, but will still miss him. xoxo*

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**Drema** - December 24, 2019 at 06:42 PM