



William Johnson

January 5, 1939 - May 8, 2020

NORWAY- William Gustaf Johnson age 81 of Norway, died Friday, May 8, 2020 at his home surrounded by his family.

He was born on January 5, 1939 in Norway, the son of the late Dr. Gustaf and Esther (Johnson) Johnson.

Bill graduated from Norway High School in 1957.

He married Sharon Irene Peart on February 20, 1960 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Norway.

Bill worked for Lakeshore, Niagara Papermill, and the Norway Fire Department for 26.5 years where he was fire chief, also Received the Friend of Norway Award.

He enjoyed working for his friend Roger Pellegrini on the Strawberry Farms during the summer months and woodworking.

Bill loved his camp "Seldom" and enjoyed hunting, fishing and riding his side by side with his grandchildren.

He is a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Norway.

Bill is survived by his wife of 60 years Sharon; daughters Beth (Greg) Bray of Hamilton Lakes, Lauri Harrison of Hamilton Lakes, Donna (Clay) Ehmer of Norway and Jodi (Ty Dufeck) Johnson of Green Bay; grandchildren Charlene (Jason) Baker, Bill (Keri) Harrison, Michelle Ehmer, Mary Plunger, Eric Ehmer, Andrew Bray, Amber (Kyle) Hopkins, Jaime Graham, and Trinity Dufeck; great grandchildren James and Amelia Baker, Harlow and Rowan Harrison, Harlee and Lily Plunger, his little buddy Axel Plunger, Rayonna and Cheyann Ehmer, Landon Bray, Hunter and Hailey Hopkins and Jordyn and Rylee Valencic; brother Jerry (Jan) Johnson of Hamilton Lakes; sister JoAnn (Ron) Kocshak of MN; many nieces and nephews; his pal "Bear"; and good friends Richard Rochon, David "Porky" Prudhomme, Wayne Wollum and Ray Hewlett.

And he would like to say goodbye to his "Tuesday Family" and "Thursday Prayer Brothers"

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his step father Roland Johnson, half-brother Ken Johnson, step sister Betty Lou Priante and step brother Richard Johnson and son in-law Jim Harrison.

Family will greet friends on Friday, June 26 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday at 12 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church with Rev. Dr. Michael Langlais, officiating.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **26**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
805 Iron Street
Norway, MI 49870

Memorial Service

JUN **26**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Love you*

cheyann - April 21, 2025 at 03:48 PM



“ *I miss you grandpa bill this is your granddaughter Cheyann*

cheyann - May 28, 2024 at 08:04 PM



Love you grandpa bill I really want you back but you are up in heaven with god i miss you so much can you pls come back to my life and come back a live

cheyann - April 21, 2025 at 03:47 PM



“ *Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of William Johnson.*



June 25, 2020 at 10:48 AM



“ *Remember happy times visiting Norway on the 4th of July. Good memories. Thoughts and prayers for your family*

Dorothy Johnson - May 15, 2020 at 09:53 PM

MJ

“ Hi Johnson cousins, I really have really nice memories of your Dad when I used to come Up North for the summer and seeing him at Deer Camp. I hope you all (and the kids!) are doing well during this tough time. Love Mark and Linda.

Mark Johnson - May 15, 2020 at 09:19 PM

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“ Our hearts and prayers go out to you and your family on such a great loss of a great husband, father and grandfather

Bonnie - May 13, 2020 at 11:05 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of William Johnson.



May 11, 2020 at 04:24 PM

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“ Jesse and I are so sorry to hear of Bills passing. He had a wonderful life surrounded by a loving family and a loving wife. He was blessed.

Susie Hodel - May 10, 2020 at 07:28 AM