



## Lawrence Harold Johnson

December 6, 1933 - June 23, 2019

Lawrence Harold Johnson, age 85, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, died June 23, 2019, in Sault Ste. Marie. He was born December 6, 1933, in Raber Township, Michigan, to Everett E. and Catherine A. (Crawford) Johnson.

Lawrence grew up in Stalwart, Michigan, where he attended the Stalwart School through 8th grade and then Pickford High School, graduating in 1951. Lawrence worked for a roofing contractor before he started farming. He continued farming for most of his life while working for most of those same years at the Drummond Island Dolomite Quarry and then at the Pickford Building Center for ten years before retiring. Part of his farming included a threshing machine that he used to help neighborhood farmers harvest their crops. He met Shelva Jean Warren on one of those neighboring farms. They were married on June 4, 1966, at St. Matthias Church in nearby Fairview, Michigan.

Following in his parents' footsteps, Lawrence worked tirelessly for the Stalwart Fair. His parents both served for countless years on the Stalwart Fair Board beginning in 1924. Lawrence was elected to the Board in about 1960. He was elected President of the Board in 1972, where he served as President all except three years until 2006, when he turned the reins over to his son, Marc. He continued on the board until recently, having served a total of 56 years. In addition to his service for the fair, Lawrence also served on the Chippewa

County Farm Bureau Board of Directors for one term, as Secretary of the Hiawatha Livestock Sale in Rudyard, and on the Raber Township Board of Review for 25 years. He was also a 4-H Leader for 5 years, leading area children in woodworking and raising livestock. Lawrence was a member of the St. Matthias Church, where he was Lay Reader for at least 30 years, and more recently, he was a member of the Donaldson Presbyterian Church.

Lawrence loved baseball, and as a young man he played on a baseball league that included traveling to games throughout Northern Michigan. During this time, he was scouted to play for professional teams. He continued to enjoy baseball as an avid Detroit Tiger fan who watched or listened to nearly every game. He also enjoyed deer hunting, gardening, caring for the horses on his farm, and training horses for other people. He and Shelva traveled extensively during retirement. They visited Alaska three times and enjoyed bus tours to many places throughout the lower 48 states and Canada.

Lawrence is survived by his wife, Shelva; daughter, Laurel (Jeff Topolski) Johnson of Sterling Heights, Michigan; son, Marc (Stacy) Johnson of Pickford, Michigan; five grandchildren, Sydney, Tayte, Jessie, Logan, and Garrett; sister, Ethel (Tom) Yoder of Clarkston, Michigan; and sisters-in-law, Janet Johnson of Florida, and Brenda (Jarvis) Perkins of Greenville, Wisconsin.

Lawrence was preceded in death by his parents; daughter-in-law, Tracy Johnson; and siblings, Dale Johnson, Bob Johnson, Everett Johnson, Jack Johnson, Jim Johnson, Don Johnson, Betty Crowley, and Lois Carlson.

Services will be held Thursday, June 27, at R. Galer Funeral Home, 24549 S. M-129 in Pickford. Visitation will be held from 2:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M. followed by the funeral service beginning at 5:00 P.M.

Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery in Pickford Township at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Stalwart Fair, 370 W. M-48,  
Pickford, MI 49774.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 27. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford  
24549 S. M-129  
Pickford, MI 49774  
(906) 647-3400  
flfh@familylifefh.com  
<https://www.familylifefuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Service

JUN 27. 5:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence Harold Johnson*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Lawrence Harold Johnson*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Lawrence Harold Johnson*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Lawrence Harold Johnson.*



June 26, 2019 at 10:44 PM



“ *Lloyd and Brenna Kaufman purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lawrence Harold Johnson.*



**Lloyd and Brenna Kaufman** - June 26, 2019 at 12:57 PM

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“ *Lawrence. Was a great person and friend to my parent,s KEN and ANN BENNETT. AND the whole family. he will be sadly missed by all of us.*

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**Thomas B Bennett** - June 26, 2019 at 09:09 AM

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“ *So sorry for your loss. Lawrence was a great man. I will always remember him as the horse pull announcer at the Stalwart Fair. Rest easy Lawrence.*

*Raechelle Erickson*

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**Raechelle Erickson** - June 26, 2019 at 07:16 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lawrence Harold Johnson.*



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June 25, 2019 at 08:33 PM

 Cindy  
Schultz-  
Pierce

“ *Lawrence will always be one that I think of growing up, he was a big part of my fun times in Stalwart, whether at your house, Johnston's, or the fairgrounds. Thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

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**Cindy Schultz-Pierce** - June 25, 2019 at 07:57 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence Harold Johnson.*



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June 25, 2019 at 03:22 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Lawrence Harold Johnson.*



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June 25, 2019 at 09:51 AM



“ *A great man who I will always remember when I go to Stalwart for the horse pulls. Thinking of your family during this difficult time.*

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**Julie Dodson** - June 25, 2019 at 12:03 AM