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Robert E. Johnson

Visitation:

Thursday, June 16, 2011
12:00 PM until 1:00 PM
St. Paul Catholic Church
Negaunee, MI

Service:

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Gwinn/Negaunee

Robert E. Johnson, 97, of 103 E. Johnson Lake Rd, Gwinn and former Negaunee resident, died at 5:55 PM on Saturday, June 11, 2011 at the Norlite Nursing Center with his loving family by his side.

Robert was born January 16, 1914 in Ishpeming to Charles and Virginia "Jennie" (Garceau) Johnson and was a graduate of Negaunee High School, Class of 1934. He joined the CCC's during the depression and then worked for CCI. Injured in a mining accident, he was unable to serve his country in the armed forces during WWII. In 1938 he married his beloved wife, Gertrude (Ryoti). He joined the Negaunee Police Department in 1941 and served the city for 37 years, retiring as Chief of Police in 1978. He dearly enjoyed his years serving on the police force. Following his retirement they moved to their camp on Johnson Lake in Gwinn and spent winters in Florida for 30 years.

While living in Negaunee, Bob was a devoted member of St. Paul Catholic Church and in earlier years sang in the church choir. He was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church while living in Gwinn. He was a member of the Michigan Association of Police Chiefs, was a charter member and past president of the Marquette County Association of Law Enforcement Officers, was a charter member of the Bishop Eis Council Knights of Columbus

#2894, was a life member as a deputy sheriff of Marquette County, and was a past president and 25 year secretary of the Negaunee Eagles Aerie #1944. In his youth he played baseball for the Negaunee American Legion team and was an avid fan of the Detroit Tigers, University of Michigan football, the Green bay Packers and of course the Negaunee Miner football and basketball teams. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, picking blueberries,

sawing and chopping wood for the sauna. Family and grandchildren enjoyed their vacations at Johnson Lake. Relatives and friends were frequent visitors. Bob and Gertrude also loved traveling and had toured attractions throughout the United States and enjoyed a month long visit to England, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, and Holland.

Surviving are his wife Gertrude, one daughter, Patricia A. (David) Lahti of Vero Beach, FL, 2 sons, Keith E. Johnson of Ft. Pierce, FL, Robert J. (Peggy) Johnson of Green Bay, WI, 8 grandchildren: Scott D. Lahti, Kristen S. Lahti, Alison Leffew, Greta (Mike) Walter, Sara (Brett) Ellis, Erik (Dodi) Johnson, Amy (Adam) Zieger, Bradley (Martha) Johnson, 14 great grandchildren: Isabel Poulitsas, Eden Rotenbor, Richie Leffew, Kirsten Walter, Devin Rose Walter, Ava Walter, Alex Johnson, Aliina Johnson, Erika Johnson, Emily Johnson, Joshua Ellis, Dillon Ellis, Carter Zieger, Landen Zieger, 1 great great granddaughter, Emma Lilly, one sister, Shirley Moffatt of Ishpeming. Bob was a favorite uncle to many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, 3 sisters: Eva Hansen, Violet Carlson, Dorothy Boyer, 6 brothers: Clarence, Woodrow, Charles, Ward, Russell and William Johnson. Bob was the kindest, most devoted and loving man to his family and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1:00 PM on Thursday, June 16, 2011 at St. Paul Catholic Church with Monsignor Peter Oberto officiating. Interment will be in the Negaunee Cemetery. The family will greet relatives and friends from 12:00 noon until the time of services at 1:00 PM at the church on Thursday. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Norlite Nursing Center Activity Fund in Bob's memory.

“Although the world may scoff and jest, the life of service was the best. And happiness will always be to those who serve humanity.”

Condolences may be expressed online at www.koskeyfuneralhome.com