Arnold E. "Skip" Johnson, Sr.

May 23, 1942 - July 3, 2015

Arnold E. "SkipÃ¢â,¬Â Johnson, Sr. of Luther passed away Friday, July 3, 2015 at his home. He was 73.

Skip was born May 23, 1942 in Detroit to Ivan A. and Dorothy Helen (Bell) Johnson. On April 8, 1961 at the Salvation Army Church in Cadillac he married the former Shirley J. Olson.

At 12 years old Skip got his first job bagging groceries at A & P, eventually graduating to meat cutter. Skip worked as a meat cutter at Carter's Supermarket as well as at Swick's in Tustin. All of his married life Skip and Shirley lived in Cadillac until moving to Luther in 1994. He was a member of the Salvation Army Citadel. Skip enjoyed staying busy; fixing things and constantly finding something to tinker with. He was always active; working on cars and taking meticulous care of his lawn. Family was everything to Skip, he loved supporting his grandchildren and great grandchildren at all their ball games.

Skip is survived by his children; Kim (Allen) Dean of Leroy, Kathy (Jim) Soukup of Buckley, Arnold (Denise) Johnson, Jr. of Cadillac, Toni (Glen) Jandron of Ishpeming, Amy (Greg) Johnson- Hill of Cadillac, Ann (Doug) Saul of Mesick and Melissa Johnson of Luther; 21 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren and siblings, Larry (Lynda) Johnson of Cadillac and Judy Gilde

of Manton.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ivan "ScottÃ¢â‚¬Â Johnson; his mother, Dorothy (Richard) Baker; his wife, Shirley in 2013; an infant daughter, Jennifer in 1973; a grandson, Isiah Saul in 1998; a sister, Donna Ringstrom and a brother in law, Leonard Gilde.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Thursday, July 9, 2015 at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac with Major Jim Porterfield officiating. Friends may meet the family just prior to the service at the Funeral Home. Burial will take place at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

JB

Uncle Skippy and Aunt Shirley were a great inspiration to family and friends. They were loving,supportive,strong, but had a soft gentile way of making you feel okay. Shirley always made a point to call everybody to check on them and especially when we were sick and going through hard times.Skippy always had a smile and maybe a loving smart remark to make me laugh and brighten my day. They were fiercly protective of family and were ready to lend a hand or a sympathetic ear. They will be muchly missed!God speed and Rest in Peace! Love and Hugs to my Cousins!

jan barnes - July 10, 2015 at 09:10 PM

KB

My condolences and prayers go out to the family during this time. God Bless You!

Kathy Bainbridge Brannies - July 10, 2015 at 06:25 PM

BM

I was so sorry to hear of your loss. He was a good man. Your family is in my prayers.

Bobbi Moomey - July 08, 2015 at 06:07 PM

GH

One of the few genuinely good people I have ever met. He inspired me to be the best father I could be to ├é┬áour children. There' s an old saying that a person can be measured by how many people loved them. I believe that and that put Skip and Shirley in a league all their own. To say " I' ll miss you." doesn' t sum it up for me. You inspired me and always will. Til I can pester you both again ....

Greg Hill - July 08, 2015 at 04:18 PM

JB

Skip was my cousin & when we were kid' s we did see a lot of our cousin' s. I remember Skip as a meat - cutter at Carter' s. He will be greatly missed by all & all his children. RIP Skip & tell all the family hello for all his family.

Joan (sorensen) Bainbridge - July 06, 2015 at 11:17 PM

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The class of 1960 is sending prayers for your family. Blessings to all.

Class of 1960 - July 06, 2015 at 11:48 AM

EM

I think of your Dad as a strong and very brave man -- a true family man. He will be so very missed but is now with the love of his life. So sorry for your loss. Blessings and Peace.

Elsie Moore - July 06, 2015 at 08:01 AM