



## Dean E. Johnson

December 22, 1930 - March 2, 2015

Dean E. Johnson of McBain passed away Monday, March 2, 2015 at his home. He was 84.

Dean was born December 22, 1930 in Fremont, Michigan to Chester and Freida (Moore) Johnson and they preceded him in death.

He graduated from White Cloud High School in 1948. After high school he worked at the Newaygo County Road Commission and the County of Newaygo as a surveyor. He was a volunteer for the White Cloud Fire Department. Dean graduated from the Michigan State Police Academy in 1957 and retired in 1987. He had served in Mount Pleasant, Ypsilanti and the Cadillac Posts. He was a member of the Michigan State Police Troopers Association.

Dean raised beagles and was an avid hunter. He also bred and raised quarter horses at his farm in McBain. He was a member of the American Quarter Horse Association and the Michigan Team Penning Association.

On June 22, 1952 in Newaygo he married the former Joan Spruell and she survives him along with their children: Mike (Neva) Johnson of Moran, Jody Johnson of Wyoming and Jeri Johnson of McBain; daughter in law, Marji Johnson of Cadillac; grandchildren: Lani (Gregg) Fettig, Randi (Ryan)

Wender, Mandi Johnson, Jesse Gandy, Derek (Val) Johnson, Curtis (Gina) Johnson, Carly Johnson and Tristen Johnson; great grandchildren: Hogan, Colt and Case Fetting, Andi and Charlee Wender and Aria and Silas Johnson; siblings, Gene (Joan) Johnson and Lorene (Colin) Pharr ; brother in law, Joe Foster and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a son, Gregory Johnson on September 14, 2014 and a sister, Coleen Foster.

In accordance with his wishes cremation has taken place and no services will be held. Memorial contributions may be made be to St. Jude Children's Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, Tennessee 38101-9908. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ Mike and family, I just learned of your dad passing. It was just last month Scott Tanner and a few other Ypsilanti folks were talking about the old neighborhood and his father and yours. My condolences. Stephanie (Steve) Leach-Basar

Stephanie Dean Leach (Basar) - October 20, 2015 at 11:55 AM

LR

“ Joan and family, sorry for your loss. Prayers are with you.

Lyle and Char Reddy - March 09, 2015 at 12:08 AM

HB

“ Joan & family, sorry to learn of Dean's passing. He was one of my senior officers at the Cadillac Post in 1966.

Harold Barden - March 04, 2015 at 10:30 AM

DL

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out the Johnson family at this time. Dean will always hold a special place in our hearts. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

Double J Lawncare - March 03, 2015 at 02:14 PM

BV

“ sorry to hear about Dean, thoughts and prayers are with you Joan and family

bonny vermeulen - March 03, 2015 at 09:25 AM

JL

“ Mike, Jody and family, many thoughts and memories of your father. May the prayers and sympathy of many support you during this time of loss. As a fellow retired officer, I can honor him in knowing he was highly respected and a dedicated MSP officer.

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**Jerry Leavell** - March 03, 2015 at 07:20 AM