



## Elmer F. Johnson

July 6, 1928 - April 24, 2015

Elmer F. Johnson, 86 year old resident of Little Falls, MN , passed away on Friday, April 24, 2015 at Little Falls Care Center. Funeral Service will be held at 11 AM on Monday, April 27, 2015 at the Cushing Baptist Church, with a visitation one hour prior to the service at church. Interment will be at Cushing Union Cemetery. Arrangements are with Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls. Elmer Francis Johnson was born on July 6, 1928 in Cushing, MN to the late Oscar and Rosella (Cramer) Johnson. He went to the local school and attended the Cushing Baptist Church. At 20 years of age, Elmer married Ardelle Nelson on June 27, 1948 at the Cushing Baptist Church. Their early years were spent living in many different places; Little Falls, where Elmer worked at a hatchery; at the Garrison Dam in North Dakota; and in the harvest fields, also in ND. Eventually they settled back in Cushing. For 52 years, they lived on their farm outside of Cushing. For several years they milked cows and ran the farm; all the while, Elmer also worked outside of the farm. Elmer did many jobs; cutting many cords of wood; hauling loads of rock, gravel, and black dirt. For many years, he did carpentry with other people; and for the last 25 years, he did carpentry on his own. Elmer built 2 of his children's homes, and did remodeling for many of his children and other relatives. Elmer enjoyed blueberry picking, camping in northern MN, and going to the State Fair. He will be remembered as being funny and "full of the dickens." Elmer was an honest, hard working man who always tried to do his best work. He was a beloved husband to his wife, a loving father to his children, and a faithful friend to

many. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Elmer is survived by his wife, Ardelle; sons, Dennis (Ellen) Johnson of Hartford, WI, Bradley (Hilda) Johnson of New Brighton, MN, Gerald (Victoria) Johnson of Cushing, MN, Michael (Deborah) Johnson of St. Cloud, MN, and James (Cindy) Johnson of Maple Plain, MN; daughters, Patricia (Walter) Huff of Staples, MN, and Jeannine (Rick) Zetah of Brainerd, MN; brothers, Ervin (Jeanne) and David (Gerry) Johnson; sisters, Mildred Borgstrom and Audrey Pritchard; sisters-in-law, Betty Johnson and Janice Johnson; 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren with another on the way; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; granddaughter, Tanya Huff; brothers, Carl and Marvin Johnson; sister, Edith Dobson; and brothers-in-law, Irving Borgstrom, Johnny Dobson, and John Pritchard.

Casketbearers will be Eric Huff, Timothy Johnson, Christopher Johnson, Ryan Johnson, Chad Johnson, Jason Johnson, Lance Zetah, and Lucas Zetah.

# Cemetery Details

## Cushing Union Cemetery

Cushing, MN 56443

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Cushing Baptist Church  
26298 Bear Road  
Cushing, MN

## Service

APR 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

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26298 Bear Road  
Cushing, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Elmer F. Johnson*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Thank you, all for your words and to those that were at Dad's funeral. It was a celebration of his life and our promise as believers to see Dad again in Heaven!  
We will miss him until then!  
His son , Dennis E. Johnson*

**DENNIS E JOHNSON -- SON** - April 30, 2015 at 05:06 PM



*I share in your thoughts Den; and yes we do miss him so very much.*

*Jeannine, daughter*

**Jeannine** - May 13, 2015 at 10:22 AM



“ *Elmer always had a smile and a joke to tell. I use the cutting board he made me everyday and have do over 25 years. Elmer never met a baby he didn't love and he doted on Terilyn and Joyanne. He did so many wonderful carpentry jobs for the church and parsonage. My favorite was the wonderful computer desk and cupboard for Terry's office. May God give you all comfort and especially for you, Ardelle. You are in our prayers.*

**Lynda and Terry Johnston** - April 27, 2015 at 09:20 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss my dear friend. Sending love and light.*

**Robin Allis** - April 26, 2015 at 08:40 AM

RE

“ Ah, Elmer! How you will be missed. And yes, you were 'full of the dickens!' I still chuckle every once in a while when I think of the discussion we had regarding 'barbie dolls' at the kitchen table one evening when a bunch of us were out at the farm. Leave it to Elmer to say it like it was. I can still hear Ardelle just saying "Elmer!" and he just replied with, "well, it's true isn't it?" Although we weren't able to see Elmer since we moved from Cushing, he was never far from our thoughts and hearts. May the family feel the loving arms of Jesus wrapped around them during this time. Hugs to you all!  
Rosanne

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**Rosanne Erickson** - April 25, 2015 at 08:28 PM

ED

“ Ardelle and family,  
I am thinking of you all. He sure always had a quick smile and those handshakes that actually hurt. I always think of you as my family and treasured our last visit when I brought Arlene to visit you and Elmer. I will remember him that way...Love to you all,  
Evelyn Nelson Dingmann and Melinda, Amanda, and Caroline



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**Evelyn Dingmann** - April 25, 2015 at 12:00 PM

JM

“ Jessi Mischke lit a candle in memory of Elmer  
F. Johnson



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**jessi mischke** - April 24, 2015 at 11:33 PM

JM

*I will always remember his laugh and spending one on one time with him! You all are in my thoughts and prayers! Cherish his memory he will always be in your hearts! With deepest sympathy! - Jessi (cna)*

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**jessi mischke** - April 24, 2015 at 11:36 PM

LM

“ *We didn't know Elmer very well, but he raised some very fine sons, so sorry to hear of his death. Our sympathy to all the family. Howard and Lois molde*

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**Lois Molde** - April 24, 2015 at 12:50 PM