



## Norm Johnson

June 24, 1939 - April 12, 2005

passed away Tuesday, April 12, 2005, at his home. Norm was born June 24, 1939 in Hastings, the son of Lewis and Doris (Adrianson) Johnson and has lived in the Bangor area for 40 years. He graduated from Western Michigan University in 1961 and was employed by the Bangor Public Schools for 41 years as a teacher, coach, and athletic director. Norm retired after 32 years as a high school teacher, 26 years as varsity basketball coach and 32 years as athletic director. He was a member of the Michigan High School Basketball Coaches Association and was inducted into its Hall of Fame; Executive Secretary of SAC; Executive Director of the Red Arrow Conference for 3 years; an active member of the MIAAA both Regionally and State-wide; established the Bangor High School Hall of Fame; served as the Community Recreation Director for 8 years and has served 17 years on the MHSSA Representative Council. In April 2002, he was elected to the Bangor City Council for a term to end in April 2005; in October 2003 he ascended to Mayor upon the resignation of George Sink. In April 2004, he was elected as Mayor and was currently serving that position as well as a member of the Bangor Economic Development Corp. and Community Recreation Committee. With Norm's love for sports he was awarded many honors; in 1991, he was the Regional Athletic Director of the year; in 1992, he won the MHSAA Al Bush award for service to the MHSAA; in 1993, he was inducted into the Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame; in 1994, he was National Regional Athletic Director of the Year and State-wide Athletic Director of the Year; in

2000, he was inducted into the Bangor High School Athletic Hall of Fame and won the MHSAA's highest honor, being selected for the Charles Forsythe Award. Surviving are his wife, Joan, whom he married August 19, 1961, in Delton; 2 children, Rocky (Amy) Johnson of Bangor, Cindy (Scott) Wixson of Olivet; 5 grandchildren, Trey, Megan, Andrew, Brock, and Molly; his mother, Doris Johnson of Plainwell; 1 sister, Loraine (Bob) Pike of Plainwell, 2 nieces and 1 nephew. He was preceded in death by his father and an infant son. The family will meet friends on Monday from 2-4 & 6-8 PM at the Bangor Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11:00 AM, Tuesday at Simpson United Methodist Church, Bangor with Rev. Sandra B. McNary officiating. Following the services cremation will take place. The family suggests memorials to Simpson UMC Building Fund or the Norm Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 18. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bangor Chapel  
258 West Monroe Street  
Bangor, MI

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APR 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

APR 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Simpson United Methodist Church  
507 Joy Street  
Bangor, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ As a former student of Mr. Johnson in Government, Bookkeeping and as a member of the varsity football team, I always admired the coach. He was tough, but fair and honest and I think everyone knew that. The skills I learned in his classroom and on the gridiron I still use today. I was saddened to learn of his passing. Although it has been many years since I was a student of Bangor High, those memories will last a lifetime. My condolences to his family and to the City of Bangor, we have all lost a great man.##imported-begin##John A. Matthies##imported-end##

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April 18, 2005 at 12:56 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Norm's entire family. We are truly sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Todd and Krista Fors##imported-end##

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April 18, 2005 at 08:54 AM



“ I am very sorry for your loss. Norm was very active in the sports field which is where my mother Audrey Brady first met him at the many basketball games she was a scorekeeper at for Bloomingdale Schools. She has been gone now for nearly 9 years but i know she would have wanted to have sent her condolences to your family also##imported-begin##Janet Brady##imported-end##

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April 16, 2005 at 09:32 AM



“ *Cindy*  
*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-  
begin##Sandi Costello##imported-end##*

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April 15, 2005 at 11:14 AM



“ *I was very saddened to hear that Norm had passed away. Although I was only the Principal at Bangor High School for a very short time, I thoroughly enjoyed my relationship with Norm. He was very passionate about his job, had extraordinary organizational skills and had a great sense of humor. I was also fortunate to work with his daughter Cindy at Olivet High School and she helped to keep me informed on what was going on in his life. My condolences to Norm's entire family - he will be greatly missed.##imported-  
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April 14, 2005 at 10:08 PM