



Lawrence "Larry" Hegstrom

May 19, 1934 - September 13, 2018

Lawrence "Larry" R. Hegstrom, 84, of Crystal Falls Mich., passed away Thursday September 13, 2018, at Aspirus Hospital, Iron River Mich.

He was born 19 May 1934, in Crystal Falls Mich, son of the late Leonard and Mamie (Mannisto) Hegstrom. He married the former Mary Dalpra on 21 December 1957 in Crystal Falls Mich. She preceded him in death on 2 June 1985. He later married Dr. Diane Kinowski, she preceded him in death in March 2001. He then married Sherry Groop on April 25, 2013 in Crystal Falls, and have spent the last 5 plus wonderful years together. Larry graduated from Crystal Falls High School, Class of 1952. Upon graduation from high school he enlisted in the United States Army. During his 3 years in the Army Lawrence was stationed at Fort Leonardwood Missouri as a training instructor. He also served a 1 year tour of duty in Korea during the Korean War where he was assigned to the 24th Infantry Division. After being honorably discharged from the Army, Lawrence returned to Crystal Falls. He attended Northern Michigan University where he was awarded a Master's Degree in teaching. He began his career teaching in Amasa, Alpha, Ironwood, and Norway Mich. In 1962 he began teaching history and social studies at the Forest Park School district and continued until his retirement in 1987. In addition to his teaching career Larry was very active in the local community. In 1965 he was elected to the Crystal Falls city council where he served until 1968 when he was

appointed as the Mayor. He worked tirelessly at this position and was re-elected to serve as Mayor for the next 30 years. In recognition of his tireless support for the Crystal Falls community he was selected as the 1969 Citizen of the Year. Larry was also instrumental in the planning and organization of the Crystal Falls Centennial celebration in 1980. Larry was an active member of the Crystal Falls Lions Club for the past 50 years, during this time he served as King Lion and was awarded the prestigious Melvin Jones Award. As a member of the Lions club Lawrence enjoyed working on parade floats and continually improving the clubs facilities. His devoted efforts were instrumental in the success of the annual Bass Festival Celebration and the continued success of the club.

Larry loved the outdoors in each season of the year. In the winter he loved snowmobiling, in the spring and fall he loved being in the woods on his ATV. Summer months he could be found on the local lakes and reservoirs on his speed boat or pontoon boat. He was always the spark plug for planning adventure trips with his friends and family. Anyone who was lucky enough to participate in these outings came home with a smile on their face and was eager to go again. Lawrence also loved to help his family and friends with remodeling projects on their homes or camps and always made sure work was followed by pleasure. He was highly respected for his carpentry skills and ability to make things better. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren and they all adored him.

Larry is survived by his wife Sherry, three sons, Mark (Karen) Hegstrom, Randy(Ramona-deceased) Hegstrom, and Paul (Marie) Hegstrom, all of Crystal Falls, two daughters, Char(Ray) Sarkis, Volcano California, Lisa(Tom) Lesandrini of Crystal Falls; step children, William (Amber) Rajala of Iron River, Derek (Jenn) Rajala of Crystal Falls and Julie (Nick) Kosky of Green Bay; eleven grandchildren, Alyson Dettman, Mary Hegstrom, Lexi Hegstrom, Jeffrey Hegstrom, Brandon Hegstrom, Stephanie Saunders, David Lesandrini,

Alicia Boussum, Kaylee Lesandrini, Jennifer Ketola and Lindsey Anderson
Fourteen great grandchildren, Connor, Lexi, Tianna, Sonny, Sophie, Bexley,
Autumn, Berklee, Bristol, Fynnly, Marleigh, Liv, Lena, Vera. Larry was
preceded in death by his wives Mary and Diane, his brothers Gerry and
Leonard and his daughter-in-law Ramona. To know Larry was to love him, he
will be sadly missed and always remembered by his family and friends.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, Sept. 18th from 9:00-11:00am at the Nash
Funeral Home of Crystal Falls. Memorial services will follow at 11:00am at the
funeral home. Rev. Micheal Laakko will officiate. Burial will be in Evergreen
Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in his memory.

Condolences to the family of Lawrence "Larry" Hegstrom may be expressed
online at www.nashfuneralhome.net

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services of
Crystal Falls with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memorial Cemetery

311 Logan St.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **18**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Nash Funeral Home
104 N. Third St.
Crystal Falls

Funeral Service

SEP **18**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Crystal Falls

Tribute Wall

OM

“ As a boy I always looked forward to his classes in school, he taught us how to write in cursive and his style is used by my hand to this day, a bit of him lives on in me and he shall not be forgotten. Our condolences to family and friends.

*by: olson, michael morris
Greensboro, North-Carolina*

olson, michael - January 20, 2019 at 08:00 PM

MN

“ Our deepest sympathies go out to all members of Lawrence’s family. He was just a really nice man and he’s now in heaven. Please accept our condolences.

Mark Nelson and family

Mark Nelson - October 14, 2018 at 08:58 AM

LH

“ he was a great classmate.
Thank you for your years of service.leora (oss) Harsh

Leora harsh - September 21, 2018 at 10:09 AM

CJ

“ Our sympathy extends to your family! "Mr. Hegstrom" as many of us knew him as was a great teacher and a community asset. Take care and be proud; Chrissie & Craig Johnston

Chrissie Johnston - September 19, 2018 at 04:18 PM

TJ

“ *Todd James lit a candle in memory of Lawrence "Larry" Hegstrom*



Todd James - September 18, 2018 at 05:46 PM

SU

“ *Uncle Larry.. Your smile and hugs will be missed. We're beyond blessed to be able to call you family. Wishing we could be there today to celebrate your life. Sarah Urbick (Kinowski)*

sarah urbick - September 18, 2018 at 10:06 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to the entire Larry Hegstrom family as well as the greater community of Crystal Falls, Michigan. I so much enjoyed my time with Larry in the Lions Club and enjoyed his stories of the history of Crystal Falls and the entire area. Well done good and faithful servant. Rest in Peace.*

*Bruce Campbell
New Port Richey, Florida*

Bruce Campbell - September 18, 2018 at 08:46 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" Hegstrom.*



September 17, 2018 at 04:02 PM

PP

“ Celebrating a life well lived. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Hegstrom family and Larry's many friends. With deepest sympathy, Nathan and Pamela Putman



Pamela Putman - September 17, 2018 at 12:37 PM

TG

“ Tom & Joy Grattan lit a candle in memory of Lawrence "Larry" Hegstrom



Tom & Joy Grattan - September 17, 2018 at 10:47 AM

DE

“ Thinking of you all at Larry's passing, Mark, Randy, Paul, Char, Lisa, their families, and the many friends who knew and loved Larry. We will miss him.

Diane (McNeil) Emo - September 17, 2018 at 06:54 AM

LA

“ Lorna And John Anderson lit a candle in memory of Lawrence "Larry" Hegstrom



Lorna and John Anderson - September 16, 2018 at 11:15 PM

AA

“ *Amy Adler lit a candle in memory of Lawrence
"Larry" Hegstrom*



Amy Adler - September 14, 2018 at 09:05 PM

SS

“ *So many wonderful memories of you, my fun & loving uncle.
Our condolences to Mark, Randy, Paul, Char & Lisa and their
families.
Sending our sympathy & love, Jim & Susi Stoor*

Susan Stoor - September 14, 2018 at 08:59 PM