

Dale Johnson



Dale Johnson was born in Gaylord on August 13, 1929. His parents were Herbert and Nina Johnson. Herbert's father came to Gaylord from Sweden in 1876. At twenty-one years of age, Dale married his lovely wife, Beverly. Then, only two years later, Dale was drafted into the U.S. Army to serve during the Korean War. He came out of the Army as a Sergeant in 1954.

When Dale returned home to Gaylord in 1954, he purchased a two story home with a gas station attached and one heating oil truck. He started his business with just one employee! But thanks to hard work and dedication, Dale now owns nine gas station/convenience stores and is a Marathon jobber-distributor of Northern Michigan.

Dale had his first son, Steven, in 1956. His second son, Kevin, was born in 1965. Steven is the vice-president of Johnson Oil and Kevin is in charge of all propane.

Dale and his wife are members of the Evangelical Free Church. The Evangelical Free Church was founded in part by Dale's father and mother many years ago.

In addition to his generous church and community support, Dale has also been a longtime supporter of the Otsego County Fair.

The Otsego County Fair Board would like to take this opportunity to thank Dale Johnson for his generous and continued support of the Otsego County Fair.