



Irving "Bing" Soderlund

May 26, 1925 - December 12, 2011

IRVING SODERLUND NORWAY- Irving "Bing" Soderlund, age 86, of Norway died Monday, December 12, 2011 at Dickinson Co. Memorial Hospital in Iron Mountain, MI. He was born on May 26, 1925 in Norway, the son of the late Herman and Emma (Bjork) Soderlund. Bing graduated from Norway High School in 1943. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Northern Michigan University in Marquette and his Masters Degree from University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Bing married Lenore Nyberg on June 12, 1948 at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Norway. He served his country in the U.S. Air Corps during World War II. He flew 35 missions from England over France, Belgium and Germany as a ball turret gunner in a B-17. He became a teacher and basketball coach at Powers-Spalding Schools for 5 years. He came to Norway to teach and was assistant basketball coach for seven years, became high school principal and athletic director for nine years and then superintendent of the Norway-Vulcan School District for sixteen years, retiring in June 1986. Bing was a member of the Evangelical Covenant Church in Norway, where he was active as a council member and Sunday School teacher. He was also a former member of the U.P. Athletic Committee, Michigan High School Athletic Council, Michigan SET/SEG Board, Dickinson County Hospital Board, Norway-Vulcan Kiwanis Club (charter president), Norway First National Bank Board, Norway-Vulcan Senior Center Board, Hall-DeWinter Post #145, American Legion in Norway. He was inducted into the U. P. Sports Hall of Fame, and the Northern Michigan Sports Hall of Fame. Bing

was the Friend of Norway in 2001. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Lenore; son Chuck (Michelle) Soderlund of Darwin, MN; daughters Beth (Rich) Henrion of Norway and Nancy Zelman of Hartford, WI; grandchildren Kristin (Evan) Rice, Stacy (Chad) Harrison, Mark (Cali) Henrion, Megan, Steven, Melanie and Annika Soderlund, Erik and Jeremy Zelman; great grandchildren Gray and Reed Harrison, and several nieces and nephews. Bing was preceded in death by his brother, Raul Sutherland, sisters Eileen Eklund, Margaret Johnson, Edna Lidstrom and Amy Sutherland, and son-in-law, Aaron Zelman. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, December 14 from 4-7 p.m. at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Norway. Visitation will be held on Thursday, December 15 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Evangelical Covenant Church. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, at 1 p.m. at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Norway, with Rev. James Danielson officiating. Interment will be held at the Norway Township Cemetery. The family request that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be designated for the Evangelical Covenant Church Memorial Fund or for a scholarship in his name to be established at Norway High School.

Tribute Wall

SR

“ Because we live away and travel, we missed seeing that Bing had passed away. We both enjoyed our conversations with him, professionally and socially. Our heartfelt sympathies to the entire family.

Steve and Doni-Mae Rauch - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Was extremely saddened to hear of Bing's death. He was a strong yet humble leader; from what he told you, you'd never know how much he served people throughout his life. Know his life and deeds will live on through those who knew him.

Taylor Polomis Family - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ Dear Lenore, Beth, Nancy & Chuck,
We are so sorry to hear of Bings passing, we send our deepest sympathy. Its never been truer "Earths loss is Heavens gain". Our prayers are with you and your families.
Love, Carol & Wally

Wallin & Carol Swanson - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ To the Solderlund family.
I was saddened to read of Bings passing. "A pillar of the community" as my Dad (Phil Huntley) referred to him as, as they worked diligently to launch the Norway Kiwanis club in the 70's. Always a freindly voice in the halls in school, wether is was just a greeting, or to tuck your shirt in! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families during this difficult time.

Allan Huntley - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ My deepest sympathy to the Soderlund family. He was such a wonderful presence for me when I was in high school. I was proud of the fact that my family were friends with him. He always greeted me warmly and I will remember him for the kind man he was. God Bless.

Carol VanGoethem Angeli - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I first met Bing and his lovely wife, Lenore, while delivering papers and later as my neighbors. Bing was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed. It has been a privilege to have known him. My deepest sympathies,
Barb

Barbara Frechette - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Bing was a mentor to me in many ways, always willing to lend an ear. Never forget the good times, nobody can take them away from us!

Mark Pontti - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Beth, Rich, and Bing's family - I was so sad to hear of your Dad's passing. What a wonderful man and educator, role model and outstanding/giving community member. When he was Principal, I was often sent to his office for chewing gum! He would say, "You again" -- then have me do a little office work! Actually, I was happy to be sent, as I got to know him better! My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Sending my love, Carol Socha

Carol Socha - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM