



Walter "Andy" Hamlin

August 29, 1925 - September 14, 2023

NORWAY- Walter "Andy" Anderson Hamlin age 98 of Norway, passed away on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at Evergreen Meadows in Norway.

Walter was born 98 years ago, on August 29, 1925, the son of late Dr. Lloyd E. and Mary E. (Anderson) Hamlin in Iron Mountain.

They resided in Kingsford while his dad worked as the Ford Motor Company doctor then moved on to Norway when he was a boy so his dad could work for Penn Mining Company at the Penn Hospital as the mining company doctor.

Andy was a 1943 graduate of Norway High School, where he played football and basketball as a proud Norway Viking. After graduation from high school, he did as many of his friends did, and joined and served his country in the U.S. Navy. Andy served during World War II in the Pacific on Guam as a Pharmacists Mate 3rd Class. He was honorably discharged in 1946.

When he was in elementary school, he met a redhead, Jean E. Warner, who was destined to become his wife. The two began dating as Juniors in high school and were married on July 26, 1947, after he returned from WWII.

After they married, they moved to Marquette, where he enrolled at Northern Michigan University. While living in the 'Quonset huts', Jean worked as an

R.N. and Andy took classes and played football on the NMU 'Wild Cats' college team. He graduated from Northern in 1951 with a degree in Industrial Arts. Once Andy finished college, he and Jean moved to Downers Grove, Illinois for several years before returning to Norway.

Andy was a true fan of the Norway Vikings and continued to be a huge fan of the Norway Knights. Andy was one of the original members of the Norway Knights Athletic Booster Club and proudly wore the club jacket until it wore out! He was humbled and honored to be named 'Fan of the Year' by the Booster Club, many years later, after watching his children and grandchildren play sports for the Knights.

Spending summer months at the family cottage on Lake Louise of the Hamilton Lakes chain was very special to Andy and his family. Many hours on the water in the boats. In the fall and winter Andy with his friends and family spent many deer seasons and other time at their camp in Faithorn – Camp 94.

After retirement, Andy decided to form a Thursday Afternoon 'pick-up' bowling league. He didn't want to go out at night, so with seven or so other retired guys, they began having an informal 'league' of whoever wanted to bowl. He was an excellent bowler who had in the past bowled for 'Towe's Mobil'. Andy golfed with Palm Beach, Vic, and Zak as a member of the Oak Crest Golf Course for many years, scoring a 'hole-in-one' on June 28, 1962.

One of his favorite things to do, after retiring, was to have 'coffee with guys' every morning at about 8:30 at the Rialto/Mike's on Main. Andy did this Monday through Friday for about 40 years.

Together with his wife, Jean, they became the proud parents of a son, Michael (Christine) Hamlin of Norway and a daughter, Julie (Thomas) Coombs of Foley, Alabama. He treasured the times he spent with his grandchildren; Luke

Hamlin of Gaylord, MI, Nick (Brittanie) Hamlin of Gaylord, MI, Melissa (Derrek) Trevarthen of Iron Mountain, and Robert Andy Coombs of Pensacola, Florida. He and Jean were equally proud of their three great-daughters; Henley and Aubrey Hamlin of Gaylord, and Kiara Sheldon of Green Bay, WI and two great grandsons; Kody Sheldon of Pensacola, Florida, and Kaden Sheldon of Iron Mountain. Andy is also survived by his younger brother, Robert Hamlin of Escanaba, his sister-in-law, Nina Hamlin of Appleton, WI and nieces and nephews the Zimmerman kids of Minnesota and the Hamlin girls of Illinois. Andy was preceded in death by his wife of 73 years Jean on November 21, 2020, his parents Lloyd and Mary, his stepmother Berdell, his older brother John Peter Hamlin, his mother-in-law and father-in-law; Helen (Lesnick) and Ivar Warner and sister-in-law and brother-in-law Delores (Dolly) and Noel Zimmerman.

Private family services will be held.

The family wishes all memorials would be shared with the 'Norway Knight Athletic Booster Club', P O Box 2, Norway MI 49870. "Go Knights!!".

We would like to thank all his wonderful friends and the care persons who were there for 'Dad' until the end.

Interment will be held at the Norway Township Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Norway Township Cemetery

Norway Township, MI

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mike and Chris, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Jack and Pat Richtig*



pat Richtig - September 20, 2023 at 08:49 PM

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“ *Mike, Julie, and family,*

You have our deepest sympathy and as Andy suggested we are making a donation in his memory to The Norway Knights Booster Club. Freato will miss him at the daily coffee clutch at Mike's on Main and will miss teasing him about those Kmart shoes he bragged about LOL!

God's Love and know that your dad is now at peace and w/your mom again.

Rosebud and Freato

Rosemary Haepers - September 18, 2023 at 06:37 PM

“Hi Mike and Julie and family. As a niece there are memories that I think of at 2nd lake. I think about mumps and Pepoer and the deer camp. As a girl it was quite the honor to bait the deer with apples before deer season began. I think of the boats I was on and bobs sail boat that was fun too see. Andy was different than my dad because I wasn't allowed to think of myself as disabled. There was no such thing in his mind I was a normal girl just like Julie and so sleep overs at their house was so special. I never wanted to leave and I almost cries all the time because I didn't really want to go back to the cottage. I admired Julie for her independence compared to me. I watched Mike mow the lawn going up and down the hill. Mike was older so he got do cool things like swim across the lake bmwith friends and so wanted that to be my accomplishment in high school. Having medical people in our family like Dr Loyd Hamlin and Aunt Jean that gave me the assurance to deal with medical situation as I grew up that they always knew what to do next. Burns, scrapes, falling down the hill at the cottage they were always there to pick me up. Andy threw footballs to me as we played catch. Laugh and tell stories about things dad and He did together. One of the funniest story is because both Hamlin boys were involved in sports all year long that dad: Pete "Luke " would be playing hockey. The basketball coach came down to the ice and demanded that my dad take off his skates immediately and go get to the gym for basketball. Andy was dumbfounded. To ask them to stop play hockey and go play basketball Dad had to make a decision to play one sport or the other which was impossible and difficult. Andy kept playing. Dad took off his skates and went to the gym. Basketball season ended again the decision to play baseball or get ready for football. Hard decision were again made but to have coaches yelling at each other about which sport or team both boys would play was just hilliarious to Andy. Another funny story is because Grandpa was working at his practice then the guys would com up with their own contests between themselves and the theory that if you can jump off the roof of your house into a pile of leaves raked in the Fall then the same contest can be done in winter with a puke of snow. As they both retold that story can they both remarked that if they had any broken

bones because of this contest they would have gotten in so much trouble. Well no doubt eh? Andy will be missed by me and my sister Lynn. We will be praying for comfort for all of us as a family in this difficult loss. Thank you uncle Andy for your love mentor, encouragement, fun times with friends in Norway a town he loved very much. To Julie and Mike and grandchildren - it may be an end to an Era but we know we will see uncle Andy some day and I am sure that when I see him he will smile and say Gey Susz Magiize How ya doing? Then I will know I am home. God bless and may there always be a lake and the motor boats always be humming, and a cold beer always nearby. Your niece Sue Hamlin Harrison always looking for that bewitching hour. I'll keep a rocker on the porch just for you!

Sue Harrison - September 17, 2023 at 07:45 PM

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“*Dear Mike. I was very sorry to hear about your dad's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of sadness. Sincerely, Dr. Adina Anderson*



Adina Anderson - September 16, 2023 at 03:26 PM