



Bruce Osterberg

May 4, 1935 - May 4, 2013

Bruce E. Osterberg

78 of Aurora, passed away on Saturday, May 4, 2013 in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. He was born on May 29, 1934 in Aurora, son of the late Evald and Edith (Roos) Osterberg. He attended Aurora and Kingsford schools, graduating from Kingsford High School in 1952. Bruce married Helen Carlson on December 26, 1955 at the Aurora Free Church, and together they spent nearly 58 wonderful years. He went on to attend and receive degrees from North Park College, Seattle Pacific College, Northern Michigan University, and Michigan State University. He was a classroom teacher for grades 3-12 for 15 years, and served as an elementary and junior high principal for the Breitung Township School District for 16 years, before retiring in 1991. During retirement, he bought a sawmill and spent his days working with lumber. He loved flying and was a pilot for many years. He also enjoyed teaching Sunday School and spending time with his grandchildren. Bruce was a longtime member of the First Covenant Church of Iron Mountain and a current member of the Aurora Free Church. He served multiple terms on the Florence County Board. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter in-law, Sarah; and brother and sister in-law, Bob and Phyllis Osterberg.

Bruce is survived by his loving wife, Helen Osterberg of Aurora; children Mark (Julie) Osterberg of Marshfield, WI, Doug (Laurie) Osterberg of Menasha, WI, Judy (Dan) Carlson of Bloomfield, NY, and Steve (Cathy) Osterberg of Coeur

d' Alene, ID; grandchildren Britt (Christian Felix), David, Kirsten, Erik, Paul, Steven, Nathan, Heather Settle, Peter, and Maggie; great grandchildren Shea and Paige; Siblings Ken, Lois, Gary, Lindes, Pete, Fred, JoAnn, Donna, Sandy, Randy, and Debbie.

The visitation will be held on Sunday, May 12, 2013 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm and on Monday, May 13, 2013 from 10:00 am to 12 noon at the Aurora Free Church in Aurora. The funeral service will follow at 12 noon on Monday at the church. Rev. Karl Utzat will officiate. Burial will be in the Homestead-Aurora Cemetery. Bruce's grandsons will serve as Pallbearers.

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

Condolences to the family of Bruce E. Osterberg may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the funeral arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 12. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Aurora Free Church
1372 Osterberg Parkway
Aurora, WI 54151

Visitation

MAY 13. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

MAY 13. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *R.I.P My old Principal from West Wood School. I enjoyed helping out a long time ago at your farm/house. I remember you and your wife helen Invited us in for spaghetti dinner and It was delicious. Im glad I was good in school because I remember that Hockey stick you had in you office. lol GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ALWAYS!!!!!!!!!!*

Brad Hicks - January 14, 2014 at 02:57 PM

“ *I'm very sorry to here about your loss !!! very sorry I had missed the funeral, I had just found out a little while ago.(5/14/2013) He was a father with a love for his family, and great friend. he will be surely be missed. My phone: (701)610-3917.*

Randall A. Trepanier - East GrandForks, MN - Friend - May 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

“ *Dear Osterberg family, please know we share your grief. Uncle Bruce was always my favorite uncle, kind and caring and always ready to show us a new adventure. I have so many happy memories of the times we spent together at your home. Some of my favorite are snowmobiling, riding on the horse drawn wagon to his Mother's house and driving to Chicago to visit the museums with Beany in the back window because all the seats were full. I pray you can all find peace in the days ahead, we will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers, much love Kit*

Kit Rhodes DeMason - Eden, NC - Niece - May 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ET

“ I offer my sincere condolences to the family of Bruce Osterberg, his wife of 58 years, Helen, their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Mr. Osterberg displayed his Christian beliefs in all aspects of his life on a daily basis.

I worked with Mr. Osterberg when he was the principal of the old Westwood School in Kingsford Heights. At that time, the 1970's, Breitung Township schools had a system of grouping the first and second graders in one school, with the third and fourth, then fifth and sixth graders, in other schools. I was Mr. Osterberg's secretary, and a little bit of everything else. I enjoyed working with Mr. Osterberg very much. He set the pace for a well run school, with excellent staff from his position all the way down the line.

Again, my sincere sympathy to all of you...

*Evelyn Thunell
Quinnesec*

Evelyn Thunell - May 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Your Dad was so very kind to my Dad Biff!

anne eslinger johnson - iron mountain, MI - friend - May 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Mr. Osterberg was a great principal! I will have the family in my daily prayers.

Cori Johnson - Wallace, MI - May 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Hello Judy, Doug and family. So sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Our thoughts are with you.

Mark & Kim Hoaglund

Mark Hoaglund - Neenah, WI - May 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Our sympathies go out to Bruce's family, Helen and the children. We have so many wonderful memories of Bruce. He was a kind and loving man who enjoyed life. We shared the property on Sand lake. He will truly be missed.

*Dave Baudry & Maggie Baudry
Buck Haven*

Dave Baudry - Wauwatosa, WI - Neighbor on Sand Lake - May 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ To Helen and the entire Osterberg family: My deepest condolences on Bruce's passing. I had the great pleasure of being on staff at the Westwood School and the old KJHS. I echo Alice Reed's sentiments about Bruce being all about family. He always encouraged us to attend our children's functions and often "took our class" so we could do just that. Over the years, when I would run into him, he never missed a chance to ask about my children. I had the utmost respect and admiration for him. The world has lost a wonderful man.

Jane Juchemich - Kingsford, MI - co-worker - May 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Though I have not seen Mr. Osterberg in years, hearing that he had passed away sure brought back the memories of the days spent at Quinnesec School where he was principal. Rest in Peace Mr. Osterberg & thanks for the memories.

Jennifer Sorensen Flynn - Kingsford , MI - former student - May 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ I was so saddened to read the obituary notice of "Mr. Osterberg". I had the pleasure of working with him in 3 of the Kingsford Schools during my teaching career in Breitung Township Schools. He was always supportive and very understanding of his teachers who were young mothers. He would cover our classrooms on a moments notice if we asked to see our children in a program or if we needed to take them to a quick Dr. appointment. He stood up for his staff and was helpful with discipline problems. Bruce had many interests and flying was one of them. He took me on an airplane ride from the field in Aurora when Helen and he had a teacher party one spring. One by one, Bruce took those of us who wanted a ride, on a short flight in his 2 seat airplane. Helen and family, I am so sorry for your loss. May your wonderful and treasured memories sustain you now. With sympathy and prayers, Alice Reed

Alice (Ouimette) Reed - Iron Mountain, MI - former colleague - May 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Bruce will be greatly missed. He was and will remain an inspiration to all who knew him.

Barbara Bauer - May 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Bruce served on the Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance Corporation Board of Directors beginning in 2006. Through his years of service he was not only a board member, but a friend. We will remember Bruce's dedication to serving county government and his calming voice.

Josh Bindl - May 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Bruce will sadly be missed by all!!

***But for myself, I would see him at several meetings a month, and he always had comforting words of wisdom for my New Job of Florence County Clerk.*

He was full of knowledge & I will miss that, and so will the County!!

*Sincerely,
Donna Trudell
Florence County Clerk*

Donna Trudell - Florence County, WI - County Clerk - May 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ I had the pleasure of sitting next to Bruce who was the chairman of our monthly claim advisory meetings for the Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance Corporation. We will all miss his gentle kindness and smile. There is no doubt we have lost a great one.

*Sheila Mishich
Aegis Corporation*

Sheila Mishich - Brookfield, WI - colleague - May 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Our sympathies to Bruce's family, Helen and the children. I have so many great memories of him - snowmobiling at the house on New Year's Eve, wonderful Sunday School teacher, lover of God's Word. Bruce gave my husband some birch boards and Jaye made a nice blanket chest out of them. I will always have that reminder of Bruce. God bless you as you remember his legacy. Jaye & Melodie Hayes

Melodie (Anderson) Hayes - Duncan Falls, OH - Friend - May 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I owe Bruce a great deal for his leadership and constant support as a long time representative of Florence County on the Bay Area Local Elected Officials Board. Bruce worked hard for us to meet the challenges of the 21st century workforce by providing training and employment services to workers and employers in NE Wisconsin. He made sure that good things could happen for a lot of working people and their families. I count him as one of the most interesting and articulate people I have been associated with.

Jim Golembeski - Green Bay, WI - Colleague - May 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Bruce taught me so much in the many years we served together on the county board. He encouraged me, guided me and helped me to learn. I admired him and respected him greatly. He will be greatly missed. He was a great family man and dedicated to the people of Florence County

Jeanette Bomberg - Florence , WI - May 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM