



Dr. V. Faust

December 28, 1922 - December 28, 2006

Spread Eagle, Wis. - Rev. Dr. Harold V. Faust, 84, of 1820 Mary's Way, died Thursday, Dec. 28, 2006, at ManorCare Health Services in Kingsford.

He was born on Dec. 18, 1922, in Varnmo, Sweden to the late Bror Gustaf and Helga (Danielson) Faust.

He graduated from Moline High School in Moline, Ill., and went on to graduate from Augustana College in 1944. In 1948, Harold graduated from Augustana Theological Seminary.

He married Louise Norton on Oct. 18, 1947, at Augustana Seminary Chapel in Rock Island, Ill..

He was ordained on a call to Africa in 1948, but was loaned for a year to Georgetown Lutheran Church in Danbury, Conn. Harold, Louise, and their infant son, Mark arrived in Tanzania, East Africa in 1949. He was instrumental in building schools, churches, and medical facilities. He spent two furloughs in school studying anthropology and linguistics earning an A.B., an AM. DIV. a S.T.M. and a L.H.D. degrees.

Harold was fluent in Swedish, Swahili, and three tribal dialects. He translated works from Swahili to the tribal dialects for the people with which he worked.

Harold did this work, knowing that the Word of God in the native's own language will remain and bring endless blessings when the missionary has long been forgotten. The Fausts spent 26 years in Africa before coming to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain.

Harold was the pastor at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church from 1976 until his retirement in 1987. Harold and Louise then enjoyed their home on Middle Lake in Spread Eagle, frequently entertaining many guests.

He hunted big game in Africa and was an avid HAM radio operator. He was active in the UP Cursillo movement, the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Kiwanis Club, Memorial Hospice, and the Iron Mountain Area Clergy Association. In 1998, he published a book about his experience as a pioneer missionary with the Barabaig tribe in Tanzania, East Africa.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Louise; three sons, Mark (Vicki) Faust of Plano, Texas, Stephen (Vicki) Faust of Spread Eagle, David (Diane) Faust of Negaunee; two daughters, Ann (Ibrahim) Ismail of Oakland, Calif., and Linda (Brad) Karlgaard of Coeur d'Alene, Ind., 15 grandchildren, Peter Bandy, Bahanan, Delmar, Ismail, and Ebado Ismail, Seth, Ethan, Lindsey, and Nathaniel Gibbon, Ingrid and Elsa Faust, Eric and Daniel Faust, Kelli and David Karlgaard; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Erling Faust.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the church.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday at the church. Rev. Stephen Cowen will officiate.

Burial will be in Dickinson County Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers will be John Kelm, Dennis Veale, William Carlson, Melvin DeGroot, Gene Whippler, and Chris Maki.

A memorial will be established in his memory.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Rev. Dr. Harold Faust online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Dear Family of Pastor Faust,

It was with sadness that we learned through a newspaper clipping of the passing of Pastor Faust. He and Mrs. Faust were for a significant period of time in the 1980's next door neighbors in Iron Mountain to my Dad and Mom, Bill and Alice Bolognesi. The visits we made to my Dad and Mom in the summer gave us the opportunity to know Pastor and Mrs. Faust and to also meet members of their family (we, specifically, remember Stephen and David). Pastor Faust was a man of great faith and compassion for others. He and Mrs. Faust were very kind and helpful to my Mom after my Dad's death in 1985. We remember Pastor Faust with gratitude.

God bless all,

*Joe and Linda Bolognesi
Annandale, Virginia*

Joe and Linda Bolognesi - January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ *Ray and I and our family send greetings and condolences to all of the Faust family. Our memories go back to our arrival as a young newlywed couple at Augustana School. Lois just returned from a trip to TZ and the memories were so strong of all the great friends we made. We were so blessed to know Hal and the whole family in those days! With love from the Austins*

Ray and Lois Austin - January 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GO

“ Please accept our condolences during this time of grieving.

Harold was always an inspiration to us, even though we are members of the "other" Lutheran Church in town.

He was truly a kind man and a Man of the Cloth.

Gary and Evelyn

Gary and Evelyn Olson - January 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Dear Faust Family,

What a legacy this Godly man has left for us to follow....May you know the peace and comfort that only Jesus can give in the coming days.

Denise Christensen - January 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ To: Steve Faust and family. I read about your father's death in last night's Mining Journal and just wanted to pass on my condolences to you and your family. I certainly enjoyed reading your father's obituary and the online memories of his life. Take care and if there is anything I can do, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Fred Huffman - January 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *What gain! Praising the Lord for "Uncle Hal's" HOMEcoming! Praising Him for the impact of a tender heart, a desire to share God's love...with so many, especially the Barabaig! Asanteni!! May the Lord be your comfort and bless you with endearing memories treasured in your hearts. With love and prayers, Patti*

Patti (Cunningham) Couch - January 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ *Dear Faust Family, Our sympanthies to you in this time of grieving and remembering. We were blessed to get to know Hal in Tanzania and appreciated the sharing of his experience. God's blessings to you.*

Lora & Gene Anderson - January 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *To the Faust Family-Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sadness, but also rejoice in the gift that he was and the countless lives he touched, sharing Christ.*
Scott & Kimmy Sylwester

Scott & Kimmy Sylwester - January 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *I am honored to have known Hal Faust, and Emily and I are saddened by his passing. To know Rev. Faust was to know a man of integrity, and his ministry and example will forever impact my life as I can recall his deep voice speaking truth back when I was only a small child. His life will live on in the thoughts of those who knew him, through his family, and in the memory of his friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Louise and family; Hal leaves a cherished legacy.*

Ryan Flunker - January 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *To the whole Faust family. May God bless you all during this time of sorrow, but rejoice in the fact that he is now with our Saviour. In his name, Mike and Kristi Karlgaard and family.*

Mike & Kristi Karlgaard - January 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Please accept our deepest sympathies from the staff at National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. Rev. Dr. Faust's granddaughter, Elsa, is a dedicated member of our team and we feel fortunate to have her working with us. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Faust family and friends at this difficult time.*

Jon Radulovic - January 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Elsa, I was so sorry to hear that your grandfather died. I read the piece in the newspaper about him, what an amazing man and what an amazing life! I will pray for you all, especially your grandmother who must be very very sad having lost her best friend. I hope the sadness you feel right now will be replaced with wonderful memories of happier times with your grandfather.*

Lin

Lin Simon - January 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ Dear Faust Family,
My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I still remember going up and listening to Pastor Faust's children's sermons as a kid. He always had a story and he always made me smile. I also remember when he told us about his trips to Africa and tried to teach us a sentence in Swahili about "The man on my left does not like rice, but the man on my right does like rice". It still makes me smile to this day. God has blessed us with Pastor Faust's service on earth and has called him home.

God's Peace to all of you!

- Chuck

Chuck Erickson - January 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ To the family of Rev. Hal, Steve, Vicki and everyone. God Bless You and Comfort you in this your time of sorrow. "I will not leave you comfortless". John 14:18.

Herb & Bobbie Samme - January 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ To the Faust Family,
Please know that Pam and I and our family are thinking of all of you often as you go through this time of sorrow and loss. I have spoken many times to Steve about his father over the years and the African Adventures that he made possible for his children. What an incredible man. The life Harold Faust led is an example of all that is good and righteous in the world.
God bless all of you, The Revord Family.

Bill and Pam Revord and Family - January 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *To the Faust Family;*

It was our distinct honor and blessing that Pastor Faust married my wife and I nearly 27 years ago. For a couple of kids in love, he educated us about marriage, and prepared us for our life together. His profound wisdom and kind words we'll remember forever. Our sincerest sympathies and thoughts to you all.

*In Christ,
Laurn & Gina Fontaine
Peshtigo, Wisconsin*

Laurn & Gina Fontaine - January 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

“ A Few Memories of Hal Faust, Our Missionary Colleague & Good Neighbor

We remember Hal for:

his enthusiasm that Christ's mission includes reaching out to the Barabaig;

his determination to find a viable site for his new Barabaig Mission station;

his study of the Barabaig language and culture in order to more effectively reach out with the Good News of the Gospel;

his eagerness to translate the Catechism by using a local informant;

his invitation to me to come from Isanzu to join others to build the first KATESH church;

his fun sense of humor;

his joy in debate at Missionary Conferences;

his belief in the power of prayer;

his encouragement and helpful orientation as we began new work among the WaMbulu and Barabaig at Gendabi;

his provocative pioneer missionary book, "Mang?ati," in which he hand-wrote

these words to us: "God loved the world first --- we only followed."

We remember the picnics and happy celebrations that our families shared together.

We remember learning about and attempting the drive up "Faust's Escarpment!"

I remember the thrill of hunting with Hal, though we never got an elephant or lion!

I remember hunting with Hal during a Long Weekend Mt. Hanang climb. This time we would be hunting in the dark for Howie Olson and some of our kids who were lost coming down the steeper Gitilili side of Mt. Hanang, blocked by precipitous cliffs. Hal led prayers of thanksgiving when the group was finally found at midnight.

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Hal as pastor of the Barabaig Lutheran Church.
We remember visiting Hal and Louise in Iron Mountain, and later at their lovely new home by the lake. Their welcome mat was always out to visitors.
We remember the fun we had when Hal & Louise visited us in Lakewood, CO, esp. the time when Hal plopped himself into our big recliner and burst out with 'Bring on the Africa slides and stories!'*

So it is with thankfulness to our Lord that we had the privilege of knowing Hal, learning from him and enjoying his and Louise's close friendship through the years.

Dear Louise, Mark, Ann, Linda, Steve & David, Your sense of loss is shared by so many like us whose lives were touched by your dear husband and father. May time and memories help bring healing comfort to each of you. We love you. God's Peace!

Ray & Gloria Cunningham

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Ray & Gloria Cunningham

RayGloriaCunningham - January 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ To the family of Rev. Dr. Harold Faust:
Our thoughts and prayers are with you Louise and family, as you honor Hal on this last and best safari.
Love and God's blessing.

Jean Johnson (Raine) and family. - January 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Many condolences from the Gottneids to your family.

Dan

Dan Gottneid - January 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Faust family,
I have the pleasure of working with Ingrid and have had the opportunity to hear about the many wonderful things that her grandfather has done. May you find comfort and peace in this time of sorrow. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Dona Dmitrovic - December 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Elsa & Family,
So sorry to hear the loss of your loved one. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time. Much Love- Angela Shogren

Angela Shogren - December 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DS

“*Dear Faust Family: It has been my honor to have been given opportunities to know more about your lives and the lives of your parents. Your father lived his life in the best way he knew how to honor his God. You can't do better than that! My sympathy, empathy, prayers, and love will be with you as you grieve and honor his life with all its contributions. May you create new supportive memories as you gather together. I will be seeing you soon. Love and peace, Darlene Strand*

Darlene Strand - December 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM