



Harold Soderberg

October 14, 1923 - October 14, 2012

Harold "Sody" Soderberg, 89, of Spread Eagle, died Sun. Oct. 14, 2012 at Hyland Nursing Home. He was born on May 16th, 1923, in Iron Mountain, to the late Ernest and Lilly (Barker) Soderberg. He grew up in Iron Mountain, where he made and maintained many friendships through the years, about which he loved to reminisce in his later years. Sody was well liked, friendly, and good natured. He will be missed by those who remember him. He pedaled papers for the Iron Mountain News as a young fellow and in his high school years, Harold worked as an usher at the Colonial and Braumart Theatres. He graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1941, after which he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was sent overseas in World War II. He fought in the European Theater, where he was wounded and awarded the Purple Heart.

He was honorably discharged at the end of the war.

He began working at the then Iron Mountain News as an advertising salesman. He met the "love of his life" Colleen C. Wahlstrom and the couple married on June 18, 1947 at First Evangelical Lutheran Church. They enjoyed 65 wonderful years, all of which they were inseparable. Harold and Colleen made their home in Kingsford and raised two daughters. He became Publisher of the Daily News until his retirement. He and Colleen wintered in Mesa, AZ, where they enjoyed warm weather, golf, and many dear and lasting friendships. He was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Mesa, and

also the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain, where he was a member of the church council for two years.

During his working years he was past president of the Kiwanis Club, a member of the Elks, and United Commercial Travelers. Harold also belonged to the Free & Accepted Masons Iron Mountain Lodge 388 and went on to become a 32nd degree Shriner. He was an avid golfer and was a member of Pine Grove Country Club for over fifty years. Sody served as a member of the Breitung Township School Board of Education from 1962-1966.

He is survived by his beloved wife Colleen. He will be sadly missed and forever loved by his daughters Virginia "Ginny" (Dave) Sanders and Sheryl (Chris) Alberti. He will be always remembered and cherished by his grandchildren Mark (Dana) Michaud, Michael (Andrea) Michaud, and Aubrey (Shane) Hawkins, and his great grandsons Adam Michaud, Brett Michaud, and Connor Michaud. He also leaves his brother-in-law Jack (Betty) Wahlstrom, his step grandson Scott (Shannon) Sanders and their children Brian and Bryonna, and many nieces and nephews.

Harold was preceded in death by three sisters Lillian Rowe, Verle Hendricks, and Barbara Borsini, two brothers Leslie and Calvin Soderberg, and his grandson Christopher Alberti.

Visitation will be Thurs. from 10am-12 noon at First Evangelical Lutheran Church. Funeral services will be at 12 noon at the church. Rev. James Lindgren will officiate. Entombment will be in Cemetery Park. Graveside military rites will be accorded by the Uren Cooper Johnson American Legion Post #50.

In lieu of flowers a memorial will be established.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Hyland Nursing Home for their incredible care.

Condolences to the family of Harold "Sody" Soderberg may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the funeral arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **18**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First Lutheran Church
1210 S. Stephenson Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

JF

“ So sorry to hear about your fathers death. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Judy and John McMahon - Mesa, AZ - friend - November 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ Dear Ginny, Colleen, and Cheryl:

We are so sorry to hear of Sody's passing. He truly was a "gentle" gentleman.

You have beautiful memories of you life and times wiith him. Trasure those memories.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Hal and Elaine

Hal and Elaine Jacoby - Mesa, AZ - Friend - November 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ God Bless you Harold, you always told me to "stop and smell the roses " some of the best advice I've ever had.

Jess Pike - Aurora Township, WI - Friend - October 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ We were sorry to hear about Mr. Soderberg. Our deepest sympathy to the entire family. May he rest in peace.

Rod and Cynthia Gordon - San Tan Valley, AZ - Friends - October 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *My deepest sympathy...*

Maureen Cavaiani - North Barrington, IL - Andrea Michaud's sister - October 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ *My condolences to Sody's family and friends.*

As far back as I can remember, I have known Sody through my parents. I remember him as a really great guy. When I was young, I remember him and Colleen and the kids comming out to my parents place on Lake Ellen several times over the years. One thing sticks in my mind is on one occassion that thay came out to the lake, is he had bought a new Chevrolet and it had backup lights. I can remember my mom and dad were amazed by that.

I again want to offer my condolences to the family and friends of Sody. It is hard to lose a father, husband, uncle or friend but the great memories that those who knew Sody should bring you very fond memories over the years to come of a really super guy!

Gregg Ball - Mesa, AZ - Friend - October 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ *Dear Colleen, Ginny, Cheryl and other family members,*

You are in our thoughts and prayers as your mourn Harold's passing.

I remember him as a neighbor in the Ford Addition in Kingsford as we were growing up, and also when I worked for a summer at The Iron Mountain News following my graduation from college.

He was a kind and friendly man and will be missed by many.

Bill Cummings - Iron Mountain, MI - neighbor - October 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM