



Rev N Bender

July 23, 1926 - April 26, 2010

The Rev. William N. Bender, a retired United Methodist Minister died Monday April 26th at his home in Manitowish Waters, WI

Rev. Bender was a member of the Great Rivers Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church, retiring in 1989. He served Illinois Methodist churches in Hettick-Scottville, Henning-Jamesburg, Dawson, Pekin, Sadorus, and Savoy. He also was a minister in the United Church of Christ serving churches in Wheeling, Illinois, Plymouth, Wisconsin, and Poway, California.

Since retirement he has conducted worship services at various area churches and campgrounds at the Crystal Lake campgrounds for several years. He has led a weekly Men's bible study Breakfast, has been involved in the Community Church's Madames and Sirs Group, and has been active in the Manitowish Water's Lions Club of which he was past president and took part in it's Bingo Scholarship and Summerfest activities.

He was born July 23, 1926 in San Pedro, CA. The son of William J and Georgia L. (Millar) Bender. Survivors include his wife, Eula M. (nee Sexson) Bender; daughter Susan Knapstein of Arbor Vitae; son Dale Bender of Howards Grove, WI; brother Theodore Bender of New Jersey and five grandchildren, Christen McFarland, Ryan Bender, Wyatt Knapstein, Alyssa Bender and Ty Bender.

Mr. Bender was a veteran of WWII serving in the psychiatric division of the US Navy Hospital corps. His undergraduate work was at Alfred and Cornell Universities, where he did his graduate work in guidance and counseling at

the State University of New York. He received a Master of Divinity degree from Garrett Theological Seminary at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL in 1965.

In his retirement Bill enjoyed walks in the woods, deer hunting, fishing, and gardening. He was very active in his church.

A Memorial Service will be held at Manitowish Waters Community Church on Thursday, April 29th at 2:00 PM with a visitation at the church from noon until the time of the service. A time for food and fellowship will be immediately after the service at the church.

Memorials are suggested to Ministry Home Care-Dr. Kate Hospice PO Box 770 Woodruff, WI 54568, Regional Hospice-Grandview Hospital N10561 Grandview Ln Ironwood, MI 49938 or Manitowish Waters Community Church PO Box 69 Manitowish Waters, WI 54545.

Tribute Wall

PE

“ We want Eula and the family to know we are thinking of them. We will miss Bill very much. We are very sorry that we will be unable to attend the visitation and service but will pray for all of the family in this time of sadness. God Bless

Pat and Randy Entler - March 22, 2013 at 11:54 AM

WE

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. He may be gone but never forgotten. You are thought of often

William and Donna Eckerty - March 22, 2013 at 11:54 AM

KF

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. He was a great friend

Kim and Steve Humphrey and Family - March 22, 2013 at 11:54 AM

ME

“ Sorry for your loss

Marc and Jodie Eckerty - March 22, 2013 at 11:54 AM

MP

“ Sorry for your loss.

Marcia Primmer - March 22, 2013 at 11:54 AM

RK

“ Rev N Bender

Rev. Harvey Kandler - March 22, 2013 at 11:54 AM

KP

“ *Both Sharon and I would like to express our heart felt condolences to your family. We were very shocked to see the Obit in the paper the day after the services. If we would have known we would most deffinatly attended the services.*

In case you do not remember we own the lot 2 doors to the north.

Ken & Sharon Perry - March 22, 2013 at 11:54 AM