



Pastor Albert Soderberg

March 21, 1924 - August 28, 2005

Pastor Albert H. Soderberg, 81, died August 28, 2005. Services will be held at 2:00 PM Saturday at the Word of Faith Church, Bismarck, with Pastor Sam Saylor and Pastor Walter Engel officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 5:00 to 9:00 PM Thursday and 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Friday at Eastgate Funeral Service and one hour prior to the service at the church. Albert Henry Soderberg was born in Redlands, CA, to Henry and Harriett on March 21, 1924. His father was a native of Webster, SD, and his mother came from Tagus, ND. In 1927, the trio made their way to Canada to make their home on the farm that Henry Selmer had homesteaded back in 1910. This was located at Senate, SK, which is about 65 miles north of Havre, MT. Albert was the only child of very hard working parents. His dad was an avid hunter and trapper as well as farmer. They didn't have a lot of money but the sale of furs and his mom's abundant garden and canning were some of God's great provisions. The Soderbergs were instrumental in bringing into the community two lady evangelists and soon the first Church of God was established in Canada in the little town of Consul, SK, where Al's parents attended. It was there he found Christ as his personal Lord and Savior. Mother Harriett died of a heart attack in 1942, soon after Al took over the family farm. He always had a keen interest in fixing and repairing and soon had a well equipped shop and planned to farm forever. In 1949, God called him into full time ministry. He was a graduate of International Bible College, and he earned a B.A. in Religion from Northwest Bible College. He was a Bible teacher and

Business Manager of IBC for nine years. He has pastored and built churches in Sask, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, and the Dakotas-Lignite, Wichita Drive Church of God, Bismarck, Garrison, Total Life Centre, Minot as well as filled in as Dean of Students at NW Bible College, pastored and rebuilt the church in Sioux Falls, SD, and later returned to pastor in Lignite. He has been a member of both State and Provincial councils of the Church of God, Cleveland, TN. In semi retirement he was the Visitation Pastor at W. Minot Church of God, and when they moved to Bismarck helped wherever needed at the Bismarck church and in the regional office. Albert also worked for his son-in law, Mike, at Service Master. Late in life he took a computer course allowing him to communicate even more efficiently, writing poems, church bulletins, and letters of encouragement. Al's first wife, Helen Friesen died of cancer in 1955. They had two children, Marjorie and Jim. In 1957, he married Lydia Engel. They had two children, Elana and Peter. Albert Henry Soderberg went to be with his Lord and Savior on Sunday, August 28, 2005, at the Baptist Home in Bismarck. He is survived by his loving wife, Lydia of 48 years; four children, Marjorie Rod Wigmore of Calgary, AB, Jim Anna Marie of Sandpoint, ID, Elana Mike Nygaard of Bismarck, and Peter Gail of Bismarck; 14 grandchildren, Corinne Manson Hua, Kent Wigmore, Candice Daniel Sellers, Vonda-Lee Wigmore, Johanna Soderberg, Elizabeth Soderberg, Helen Soderberg, Johnny Soderberg, James Soderberg, Peter Soderberg, Marion Soderberg, Nathan Christine Nygaard, Lacey Nygaard, and Emily Soderberg; and one great granddaughter, Trinity Hua. He is also survived by numerous brothers and sisters-in-law, as well as nieces and nephews. Pastor Al was known for his kindness and words of encouragement to young and old. He had a unique sense of humor and a tremendous love for his family, his friends, his church, and his church family. He was also known as a poet, mechanic, car salesman, builder, and all around "handyman". He loved to teach Sunday School and make the Old Testament come alive. He worked hard but also took time to play games with his children and grandchildren, often turning the board around near the end to let them win. Albert Soderberg

was a wonderful husband, dad and grandpa, a dear friend and co-worker in ministry and will be dearly missed by many, many people.

Tribute Wall

BS

“ Dear Lydia, Marj, Jim, Elaina, Peter and families. We extend our sympathies to all of you. Your family has played a part in my Christian heritage. Some of my earliest memories of church and Sunday School in Moose Jaw include Lydia and Albert. I have fond memories of being in there home. Elaina and I loved to play house and arrange the play dishes in the fancy cupboards her Dad had made for her. We also enjoyed pestering our big brothers Merv and Jim. They always seemed tp be upto something ? ? ? There is also memories of Visits to Lignite. Elaina bought me my first Babe Ruth chocolate bar at the three lane or was it a four lane bowling alley there. I also remember baby sitting Peter together. I always thought Elaina was so fortunate to have such a pretty big sister. I could go on - how about the time we came out of church and our car wouldn't start. . . you'll have to ask Jim to finish that story ? ? ? Your Dad was a very special man and pastor. He had a big heart, a big smile and a big love for the Lord and his wonderful family. I feel so priviledged to have felt a part of this family over the years. He will truly be missed by us all. My Mom, Dorothy and brother, Merv also extend their sympathies. Our love and prayers are with you all.

Brian & Bev Skaar - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Lydia and family, My sympathies and prayers to you and your family in this time of loss of a wonderful CHRISTIAN man of GOD.

Rod Tryhus - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Dear Sister Lydia and Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. Your example in the ministry and especially a committed loving relationship through the good and the bad is a living legacy to your children and for the many that your lives have touched over the years. We know that Brother Soderberg is enjoying the beauty of heaven free from a body that did not serve him well anymore. May heaven's grace and comfort keep you and your family as you continue to run the race that Brother Soderberg has finished in fine fashion! With love, Jonathan, Pam, David, Priscilla, and Daniel Starks

Pastor Jonathan and Pam Starks - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ I just wanted to say that Pastor Al was very special to my family and I. I was a young boy when I got to know the Soderberg's. I was very blessed to have known Al. I also wanted to say thank you for picking me up for Sunday School and Church when I was young 11yrs that was in 1975. I learned alot from Al. We had some fun times together at the cabin. My prayers are with you Love the Raszler's

Jeff & Carlene Raszler Matt & Drew - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ We loved Pastor Soderberg. He was very special to us.

Dean and Anne Boeckel - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM