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In Memoriam Milo Harpstead 1930-2022

Milo I. Harpstead, age 91, of Stevens Point, died unexpectedly June 15, 2022 at Aurora Medical Center in Sheboygan, WI, with his family at his side. Milo was born at home on September 28, 1930 in Lee Township near Wilmot, SD to the late Torkel (Tom) & Ella (Schultz) Harpstead



He attended a one room school through 8th grade. After graduating from Wilmot High School in 1948, Milo spent 5 months in Minneapolis working as a section hand for the Twin City Rapid Transit, maintaining and replacing tracks for the street cars. He then attended South Dakota State University (SDSU) majoring in Agriculture with an emphasis in Soil Science, graduating in 1953.

Milo was in the Army ROTC during college. Following graduation from SDSU, Milo was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry and was deployed to Fort Benning, GA and Fort Richardson near Anchorage, Alaska. In Alaska, he was assigned to teach infantry tactics to soldiers who handled the supply and maintenance of equipment. This began his teaching career.

Following his active duty in the military, Milo returned to SDSU, receiving a master's degree in Agronomy in 1957, and soon began his PhD program in Soil Science at the University of Minnesota. In January 1961, Milo began teaching Soil Science at the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point and graduated with his PhD from University of Minnesota in 1962. Dr. Harpstead was a devoted educator and always enjoyed hearing from former students. He published the.

Soil Science Simplified textbook in 1980. Milo retired from teaching at UW-Stevens Point in 1992. He maintained many contacts and involvement in professional organizations throughout his life.

Milo met Ruth Boettcher in the Twin Cities Lutheran Young Adults, and they

married on June 15, 1963. After a honeymoon in Europe, Ruth and Milo settled in the Stevens Point area, where he was teaching. Together they raised their children, Karl and Ida. They enjoyed square dancing and traveling. They visited all 50 US states and 46 countries. Milo and Ruth lived with their children in Nigeria and Malaysia, where Milo was on teaching assignments. They continued downhill skiing with their family well into their 70s. They were regulars at the Polonia Cafe, and after Ruth's death, Milo found great fun and camaraderie in his Cafe family.

Milo was passionate about many things. As a son of a Norwegian immigrant, his interest in his heritage and genealogy was strong and he treasured the connections he formed with relatives in Europe. He and Ruth were charter members of Vennligfolk, the local Sons of Norway lodge and were delighted to host visitors from near and far. Milo was enthusiastic about antique cars and machinery and spent many hours restoring and maintaining both, for his own use and for the Portage County Historical Society, where he was a long-time board member. Milo and Ruth were active in several old car clubs and supported the Iola Car Show for many years. *Continued on Page 3*

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Gratulerer med dagen

Congratulations on the day!

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What's Happening at Vennligfolk???



Open House at South New Hope Church Sunday July 10

Included are the official induction into the State and Federal Registry of Historic Places, a presentation about Pioneer Churches of Wisconsin by Michael Cooney, music by two different musical groups, and tours of the church and grounds. Coffee, soda and treats will be available.

Directions: Take Highway 10 east from Stevens Point to Highway 161 to County Road T and go north (left) on T for approximately 0.7 mile to the church. **Time 1-4 PM.**

Julie's Norske Bakeri & Bites" Sunday, September 11

Local Norsk baker Julie Faust will share how she lived and traveled in Norway and learned to bake all her delicious Norwegian foods. See also: <https://juliesnorskebakeri.square.site/> **Start time: 5PM**

Servers: Sue Morton & Rita Johnson; **Marshall:** Tom Johnson; **Table Décor:**



"Not Just For Men" Sunday October 9



Women are engaging more and more in hobby arts previously thought of as "just for men." Vennligfolk member, Jerry Trzebiatowski will share stories and slides showing women working at their crafts at various classes and events he has attended over the years. These crafts include casting iron, welding metal sculpture, and forging knife blades. Many of the crafts have a Nordic connection. **Start time: 5PM Servers: Marshall: Arno Morton; Table Décor:**

Exploring the Land of the Midnight Sun Sunday November 13



Member Patti Rous will share her June 2022 travel adventure of seven days in Norway's Lofoton Islands. Daughter, Sarah and her Norwegian husband, Anders were excellent tour planners and tour guides as they traveled about in their rented "el bil," (electric car)! A fantastic trip, for sure! **Start time: 5PM Servers: Marshall: Table Décor:**

Julefest Sunday Decemeber 11 watch here for details



International Meeting of SONS OF NORWAY August 31-

September 1, 2022 Because of Covid, the convention will be a virtual on-line event involving member lodges and districts from the United

States, Canada, & Norway. Details on-line at Sons of Norway www.sofn.com



Help Spread the Sunshine!

If you hear about a member who has been ill, had surgery, a death in their family or, something to celebrate. phone Bea Berg, Sunshine Coordinator at **715-544-0539**. or email Bea at: beaberg@charter.net. Mange Takk



Milo Harpstead In Memoriam . . .

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Milo will be remembered for his philanthropic spirit, his kind and hospitable personality, his willingness to share his expertise, his love of storytelling, and his care for and encouragement to his family. For more than 20 years, Milo has been very active in the Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partners Program, spending countless hours packing items at the warehouse and visiting Nicaragua every year to share donated glasses with people in need. He had many dear friends in this organization. Over the years, Milo and Ruth enjoyed hosting family and friends at their hobby farm in Polonia, WI.

Recently, Milo donated a portion of the farm to the College of Natural Resources at UWSP. This land has long been used as a study area and it was important to Milo that it remain available to students. It was dedicated as "Milo Acres" last fall. Milo leaves a long-lasting legacy of education and service.

Milo was strong in his faith and was a long-time member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Stevens Point.

He is survived by children, Karl (Amy) Harpstead and Ida (Jeff Reynebeau) Harke; grandchildren, Madeleine, Samuel, Claire, and Lillian Harke, Eleanore, Katharine, Nicolaus, and Benjamin Harpstead, who take comfort in knowing that the date of Milo's passing was also his wedding anniversary with Ruth.

He is further survived by his brother, Dale (Mary) Harpstead, brother-in-law Lloyd (Nora) Boettcher and sister-in-law Carol (Ed) Maas, many nieces and nephews and many, many friends.

Milo is preceded in death by his parents, a half-sister Maxine, and his beloved wife Ruth (2018).

The family sends their gratitude to the staff at Woodland Village Rehab at Rocky Knoll, the Aurora Memorial Center emergency department and Jason at Aurora Hospice for their care, support and guidance in Milo's final hours.

A Funeral Service was held, Thursday, June 23, 2022 at Trinity Lutheran Church with Rev. Clay Schmit presiding. Traditional burial with full military honors was held at Central Wisconsin Veteran Memorial Cemetery.

Meet: the Mortons

Arno

I was born in the middle of the year, in the middle of the night, in the middle of the century, in Oshkosh, WI. My father, a salesman & electrician, was of German/ English heritage. My mother, an English/social studies teacher, was of English/Czech heritage. I have one older brother who lives in Middleton, WI.

I attended school in Oshkosh through all twelve years of grade school and high school. Since I had a good job at Osco Drug, I even attended UW-Oshkosh, majoring in Exploration and Mineralogy Mining. Midway through my junior year, I realized that geologists with years of experience were being laid off, and it was unlikely that I would get a job upon graduation. So I switched to an Earth Science major, which was a promising area of teaching.

Upon graduation with a BS in Earth Science and Geology, I accepted a teaching job in Randolph, WI (home of Jung Seeds) where I taught Earth & Life Science. My time in Randolph lasted only two years. Susan & I were married after my first year of teaching. After my second year in Randolph, I landed an Earth Science teaching job at Ben Franklin Jr High in Stevens Point on my 25th birthday. Moving to Stevens Point was a good move for both Susan and me.

Besides teaching, I also coached volleyball and basketball for years. To further my education, I attended UWSP, taking dozens of classes in science and education during the summers and in the evenings. Both of our children attended the graduation ceremony where I received my Masters of Education.

Susan

I was born into a loving Scandinavian family in Wisconsin Rapids. My father was the son of Norwegian immigrants, and my mother was Swedish, Danish, and Norwegian. Often I have said that I grew up like "The Waltons" on television, except that my grandparents lived next to us instead of with us. As I reflect on those years, I realize what a fun, happy childhood my five siblings and I had growing up with lots of family and living right across the street from Lake Wazeecha.

When I was in 4th grade, I decided that I wanted to be a 4th grade teacher. I never veered from that goal. I attended UWSP graduating in 1972. My first job was in Sturgeon Bay, WI where I taught 4th grade at Sevastopol School. At the time,

I didn't realize that I was living in one of Wisconsin's most beautiful areas. Since then, Door County has been one of our favorite vacation spots.

Mr. & Mrs.

Life was busy for us when we moved to Stevens Point! We were both teaching school, built our first house, and had two children. Our son, John, was born in 1978, and our daughter, Lindsey, was born in 1981. Our kids kept us running to swimming lessons, basketball games, soccer games, as well as many other church and school activities. We made sure to take vacations with our children every year. We traveled as near as Wisconsin Dells, and as far as Maui and Europe. There



were several years in a row that found us in Disney World - - our young children's favorite destination. The time when our children were young went by too quickly! When we became "empty nesters" our time got a little bit freed up.

In 2006, while Susan was teaching about the ethnic groups that settled in Wisconsin, Marv & Louise Lang came to McDill School and were special speakers for the Norwegian Group. They stayed to listen to the reports that the students in that group had prepared about Norwegian Culture. The Langs were so impressed with those 4th graders' reports that they arranged to have those students give a presentation to Vennligfolk Lodge for the March lodge meeting. That was the first time we attended a Son of Norway meeting, but it wouldn't be the last time!

It wasn't long before we became members of Vennligfolk Lodge. Being a part of this group ignited an interest in learning more about Norway's history and Norwegian culture. In 2011, we took a trip to Norway with Brekke Tours, visiting Oslo, Bergen, Budd, Geiringer, Trondheim, and Voss. We fell in love with the country's beautiful scenery and waterfalls. Later that fall, we presented our first SON group program about our Norwegian trip.

In 2014 Susan was elected to be Vennligfolk Lodge President, and Arno became the Lodge Financial Secretary. We have participated in the Cultural Skills programs of cooking, music, wood carving, and genealogy. Several years found us being delegates to the District 5 Conventions. Through all these activities we have learned so much about Norway and its culture, but the best result of being Vennligfolk members is the people we have met through this lodge. We have such a diverse and wonderful group of Vennligfolk members, and we count it a privilege to call all of you "friends." **Tusen takk!**

Fra presidenten:



Summer . . . my favorite time of the year! This summer is unusually busy at the Morton house. A year ago our daughter, son-in-law, and three grandkids moved to Plover. Our son and his two children are also with us until August. So, we are trying to make the most of our time with our five grandchildren this summer. That means a lot of playing at home and many trips to the pool, McDonald's, movie theatre, parks, miniature golf course, etc. I consider this summer a "gift of time" with our precious grandchildren - - ages three to fourteen.

Besides the busyness with family, we have also spent time doing Sons of Norway activities. Arno and I, along with Tom Johnson, were delegates to the District 5 Convention held in Middleton, WI on June 17th and 18th. It's good to learn more about our Sons of Norway organization and to glean ideas from other lodges in District 5. Plus, it's always a good time being with over a hundred other Norwegians!

Vennligfolk Lodge does not have regular meetings in the summer, but we do get together a few times. This year, we were finally able to have our traditional Midtsommer at the South New Hope Church grounds. It takes many "hands" to make this happen. *Mange takk* to everyone who helped with the set up and take down, those who brought food or

made monetary donations, and to my hubby who spearheaded the grilling of about 100 brats.



Mark your calendar for our next "road trip" on Thursday, August 18th (rain date August 19th). This will be a day trip to Judah Studio in Nelsonville, the Scandi Hus in Scandinavia, and the Red Mill in Waupaca. We will be eating lunch at the Red Mill. Please meet in the parking lot of the old Applebee's at 9:45 AM. You can plan on being back in the late afternoon. It's not a long trip, but I guarantee it will be a fun trip.

Would you believe your officers are already thinking about Julefest 2022? We are! At our last meeting we planned out our slate of programs for the rest of the year. It's not just planning that makes **Vennligfolk Lodge** programs so interesting, it's our members who contribute their time and energy to provide the delicious refreshments, serve as marshalls, and display the interesting table decor. You can sign up to help with any of the areas mentioned at our first lodge meeting on September 11th, or you can call or email me to sign up.

Our webmaster, Patricia Serio, has recently moved to the warm state of South Carolina. Patricia used her time and talents to set up our Vennligfolk Facebook page, redesign our lodge brochures, and design the beautiful Julefest programs at our last two Julefest gatherings. She has been a valuable member of our lodge, and she will be missed.

Hilsen, Susan Morton



Looking for a past "Introducing" article?

You can find the individuals listed to the right in your personal back editions of Vennligblad. Or, you can also access past Vennligblad

newsletters at the Sons of Norway District 5 website

<https://sonsofnorway5.com/lodges/details/46-Vennligfolk-627>

Norwegian Saying:

Det er aldri så galt at det ikke er godt for noe!

Translation: It's never so bad that it's not good for something.

Meaning: The Norwegian version of "When God closes a door, he opens a window"

Carl & Lynn Rasmussen	July-Aug 2019
Jan Flatoff	Sept-Oct 2019
Patti Rous	Nov-Dec 2019
Kathy Clucas	Jan-Feb 2020
Jen Haas	Mar-Apr 2020
Sally Prideaux	May-Jun 2020
Karen & Jerry Trzebiatowski	July-Aug 2020
Rita & Tom Johnson	Sept-Oct 2020
Mary & Mark Hansen	Nov-Dec 2020
Carolyn & Rich Sommers	Jan-Feb 2021
Birdie Granum	Mar-Apr 2021
Don & Lori Johnson	May-Jun 2021
Patricia Serio	July-Aug 2021
Don Romundson	Sept-Oct 2021
Judy Pesanka	Nov-Dec 2021
Donna VanDreser	Jan-Feb 2022
Milo Harpstead (2-Editions)	Mar-May 2022
Susan & Arno Morton	July-Aug 2022

South New Hope Announces Open House



This summer provides the first opportunity in over two years to allow South New Hope to host an Open House for friends and supporters. The Open House will run from 1 pm to 4 pm **Sunday July 10, 2022**. Included in the festivities will be tours of the church and grounds,

a presentation on Pioneer Churches of Wisconsin by Michael J. Cooney, the induction of South New Hope into the State and Federal Registry of Historic Places, and music before and after the programs by two different musical groups. Coffee, soda, and treats will be available.

Michael J. Cooney is a dynamic and charismatic speaker who has done extensive research on pioneer churches in Wisconsin. He has lectured throughout the state on the subject which highlights 34 different faiths and includes the histories of over 100 historic churches. He has received glowing reviews wherever he speaks.

South New Hope was officially accepted into the State and Federal Registry of Historic Places in September 2019. Unfortunately, circumstances that Fall followed by the pandemic, put off official presentation of the award.

State Representative Katrina Shanklin will make the official presentation of South New Hope's acceptance into the State and National historic registry. She was elected to the State Legislature for Assembly District 71, (Stevens Point) in 2012, and became Assistant Minority Leader in 2015. She currently is a Major in the Wisconsin Wing of the Civil Air Patrol Legislative Squadron.

Fourth Octave a five-member singing group who has been together for about six years is based at Trinity Lutheran Church in Waupaca. They sing Christian as well as secular selections. They sing at church services, nursing homes, service clubs and other organizations on special occasions.

Jim Hotvedt is a local New Hope Resident who has been playing guitar and singing since his high school days in the sixties. Being an accomplished musician, he entertains as a solo artist, and also appears annually with his old band "Heart Strings" at the Indian Crossing Casino at an event called "Old Fest." He performs songs from the sixties, seventies, and eighties and always receives enthusiastic reviews.

We hope to see you there!

Viking Woman's Grave Yields Unique Textiles

In 2020, before a new highway project began in Hestnes, Trøndelag County, archaeologists studied the area and discovered a Viking era woman's burial site.

The style of chamber grave within a burial mound is atypical for central Norway and is more commonly found in southern Sweden and Denmark. Analysis revealed the approximate year of burial between 850 and 950 AD – which was the middle Viking Age.



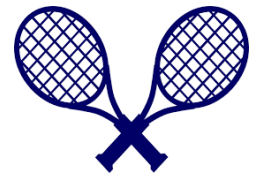
Archaeologists from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) in Trondheim uncovered many unexpected artifacts including wool and linen fabric, a large fabric swatch adorned with multicolored embroidery and a turtle brooch. Also excavated were hundreds of pearl beads, two wool combs and a variety of brooches.

The number of objects related to textile-making could point to this person as having worked in textile production or, that they were exceptionally affluent.

Archaeologists will soon examine the cloth to determine the color of the fabric and embroidery and try to show whether the wool derived from sheep in Norway, or other environs.

Rudd Reaches Tennis Grand Slam Final

In early June, Kaiser Rudd became the first Norwegian player in history to reach a final round of a Grand Slam tennis competition. To reach the plateau Rudd defeated 2014 US



Open champion Marin Cilic at the French Open and advanced to face 13-time champion, Rafael Nadal in the final round.

Nadal unfortunately defeated Ruud in three straight sets and won his 14th French Open championship. As a result of his tremendous run though, the 23-year-old Rudd is now ranked fifth in world which is also an all-time Norwegian achievement.

a little in English...These Birds Fly Halfway around the Globe without a Break

Recently, a Pacific sea eagle flew completely off-course and ended up on the wrong side of the globe.

In November [last] year, a Pacific sea eagle appeared on the east coast of Canada.

It had flown the wrong way, and ended up about 7,500 kilometers [4,600 miles] away from its natural area. It usually lives in China, Japan or on the east coast of Russia.

Birdwatchers flocked in from all sides to see the unusual guest.

It is common for some birds to cover very long distances. It is typical of the birds that we call migratory birds, explains John Atle Kålås.

He is a bird researcher at the Norwegian Institute for Natural Research, NINA.

Kålås does not think the Pacific sea eagle will ever find its way home again, because it has seas on almost all sides.

litt på norsk...Disse fuglene flyr halve kloden rundt uten pause



Nylig fløy en kjempehavørn seg helt bort og havnet på feil side av jordkloden.

I november i år dukket en rufsete kjempehavørn opp på østkysten av Canada.

Den hadde flydd seg vill, og havnet omtrent 7.500 kilometer bort fra sitt naturlige område. Vanligvis lever den i Kina, Japan eller østkysten av Russland.

Fugletittere strømmet til fra alle kanter for å se den sjeldne gjesten.

Det er vanlig at noen fugler forflytter seg over veldig lange avstander. Det er typisk for de fuglene som vi kaller trekkfugler, forklarer John Atle Kålås.

Han er fugleforsker ved Norsk institutt for naturforskning, NINA.

Kålås tror ikke kjempehavørnen noen gang kommer til å finne veien hjem igjen, for den har hav på omtrent alle kanter.

(Foto: Wang LiQiang/Shutterstock)

Crabs Ahoy!

On July 23 seafood lovers will storm the Norway island of Atløy, located 70 miles north of Bergen for the annual [Krabbefestival](#). There volunteers will catch and prepare about 6,500 pounds of crabs for an all-you-can-eat feast! Here is a recipe from [seafoodfromnorway.co.uk](#), which produces four servings.

Crab Linguine

Ingredients:

300 g crab meat (10.5 oz.)
450 g linguine (1 lb.)
1 red onion
1.5 cloves of garlic
1.5 chili, mild
3 Tbsp. olive oil
large handful flat-leaf parsley leaves, very finely chopped
salt and pepper



Directions:

Heat the olive oil in a frying pan and gently sweat the onion for 10 minutes until it is soft and translucent.

Add the garlic, and chili if using, and fry for a further minute or two. Remove pan from heat. Add the parsley and crab meat and stir well to mix. Season to taste with a little salt and freshly ground black pepper.

While the onion is softening, cook the pasta until al dente in a large saucepan of salted boiling water. This will take 9-12 minutes. Drain, reserving a couple of tablespoons of cooking water, and toss in the crab sauce. Add a little of the cooking water to loosen it up a little and serve immediately.



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Dear Vennligfolk Members,

Our lodge has been blessed with strong leaders in our 28 years of existence. One of the "pillars" of Vennligfolk Lodge was Dr. Milo Harpstead. Milo was a charter member and was President for 14 years, the longest term of any of our four presidents. His passing on June 15th is a great loss not only to Vennligfolk Lodge, but to our community, state, country, and world. How timely for Milo to have shared his life story in the previous two issues of Vennligblad!

Let me share a few of the comments we received from members of Vennligfolk and our community:

- "Gifted individual. I greatly valued his wisdom."
- "Steely advisor when Vennligfolk started"

"Blessed to have known him"

"My favorite college professor"

"Dedicated, active member of Portage County Historical Society"

"Big loss for our community"

As President of Vennligfolk Lodge, I sincerely appreciated Milo. He was enthusiastic about our lodge and freely shared his talents & knowledge. It was a *rare occasion* when Milo did not attend a lodge meeting or activity. In fact, I can only think of two times when Milo was absent -- when his dear wife, Ruth, was gravely ill and when he forgot about a change in our meeting date. It is that kind of dedication that builds and sustains our lodge. Personally, I want to be more like Milo Harpstead.

Rest in peace, Milo. You lived your 91 years of life on this earth to the fullest, and set a great example to all who were privileged to know you.

Hilsen, Susan Morton

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway and to provide quality insurance and financial products to its members.

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