



## Lorin Fleming

September 29, 2010

Lorin W. Fleming, 82, of Cedar Falls, died Monday, September 27, 2010 at the Cedar Valley Hospice Home.

He was born November 26, 1927 in Traer, Iowa, the son of Paul C. and Ruthal (Congdon) Fleming. He and Arlene Halupnik eloped on April 1, 1950 and were married in Marshalltown, Iowa.

Lorin was a 1945 graduate of Traer High School and served in the United States Navy during WWII. He was employed with Waterloo Valve Spring and later completed an apprenticeship in Tool and Die Making with Precision Tool then worked there for seventeen years before retiring early to do volunteer work that took Lorin and Arlene to all continents of the world, except Antarctica.

Lorin was awarded the Cedar Valley Mayors' Volunteer Performance Award in 1993 and the Sertoma Club Service to Mankind Award in 1993. Lorin received several recognitions from other organizations through the years.

Volunteer efforts took Lorin to Redbird Mission, Henderson Settlement, McCurdy School, Circle of Care Children's Home, all projects of the United Methodist Church. Another volunteering experience took Lorin to Brazil to help build a church with a group from the Grace Brethren Church of Waterloo.

Volunteering at the Heifer Project International ranch in Arkansas included transporting and preparing animals for shipment to countries around the world. He also constructed 2 cattle corrals in the pastures using his welding skills.

His volunteering with Self Help Foundation took him to Pakistan, Kenya, Honduras and Mexico with various tractor building experiences. Several of these included teaching machine shop skills to young students. Even though many times he did not speak the local language Lorin was able to successfully complete his assignment. Several of his students assured him that he had given them a new and better direction in their lives.

Four trips to Alaska included volunteer work improving the condition of a church parsonage, working at a United Methodist Church camp and working as building supervisor in the construction of a Habitat for Humanity family home.

Lorin's support of the YMCA with his work in the Black Hawk County Y's Men's Club took him on an exchange trip to Russia. Locally he was very active in Y's Men's projects selling Christmas trees and Sturgis Falls Lemonade. Lorin currently is a member of the Washington, Iowa Y's Men's and Women's Club.

In recent years Lorin enjoyed volunteering with the Salvation Army, Cedar Falls Tourism & Visitors Bureau and with set construction at the Oster Regent Theatre.

Lorin was a 55-year member of First United Methodist Church, Cedar Falls. He served the church in such areas as Pastor-Parish Relations, Administrative Board, Trustees and as Lay Delegate to Annual Conference.

Lorin always enjoyed a game of cribbage and finished as high as second place in the State Fair Tournament. His beard was a perennial high finisher in the best trimmed category at the State Fair. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing. Fish feared him. His prize catch was a 63 pound King Salmon caught in Alaska in 1998.

Survivors include his wife, Arlene; two daughters, Lori (Robert) Bauer of Washington, IA, and Susan (Thomas) Fleming-Hansen of Raleigh, NC; a son, Jack (Paula Rodriguez) Fleming of Seattle, WA; nine grandchildren, Jesse (Michael) Figuera of Asheville, NC, Alex Hansen, Katherine (Jason) Hamilton, and Zoe Hansen all of Raleigh, NC, Carissa Hansen of Astonia, NY, Chris (Jody) Bauer of Urbandale, IA, Matt (Bethany) Bauer of Kansas City, MO, Jennifer Gorman of La Serena, Chile, Nicole Povich of Monnaz, Switzerland, and three-great-grandchildren, Vera and June Figuera of Asheville, NC and Eleanor Hamilton of Raleigh, NC.

Preceded in death by his parents and his two brothers, John and Myrl Fleming.

Lorin will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Memorial services will be held 3:00 p.m. Sunday, October 3, 2010 at First United Methodist Church, Cedar Falls. Family will receive friends from 2:00 p.m. until service time Sunday at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the Western Home Foundation or the church.

# Tribute Wall



“ Mom and I were so sorry to see the obituary on line. We had no idea he had cancer and was in poor health. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. After losing Graydon earlier this year we know how difficult it can be.

*Janae and Jeanette Fuller*

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March 29, 2013 at 02:50 PM



“ I feel a lost for the Fleming family. Often I'd pass the Fleming house on the way to Cedar Falls High School in the late 1960's. Often Lorin's son Jack & I walked to & from school. Jack wrestled at my weight. Often I saw Mr. Fleming at the wrestling meets, etc. I knew of his wife & his compassion for volunteer work & travel. When I read of Lorin's passing it struck me with sadness. A wonderful person, bright & full of intelligence & life. His success as a parent can be witnessed by the wonderful children he & his wife raised. My thoughts are with the whole family. He touched me as a wonderful human being, a worthy soul ... I will never forget the impact he had me, while I was growing up in Cedar Falls. Bless his soul.

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October 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Tammy and I had the joy of working with Lorin on a mission trip to Oklahoma. What a hard working nice man he was. We also enjoyed visiting with him every year at the Y's men booth at the Washington County fairing doing his master grilling. Our thoughts go out to Arlene and the Family

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“ My condolences to Lorin's family and friends. My late father and I enjoyed visiting with Lorin both at home in the Cedar Valley and at the beard contest at the Iowa State Fair. I hadn't realized how much Lorin was involved in over the years, but am thankful he accomplished so much and that we knew each other. He will be missed.

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“ our fondest memory was christmas at grandma flemings. the meal was over and it was time for dishes and the traditnal cribbage game. some body said they wanted candy to help with dishes and jesse said she couldnt help because she was playing cribbage. we were all sitting by grampas desk at the time. if memory serves me, it was me,scott,dad and jessie.  
i always knew him as uncle jess. he was a great man and will be sadly missed.  
arlene, im very sorry for your loss.  
peace be with you.  
paul&candy

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September 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ scott wasnt there it was candy.  
once again. im sorry for yor loss.  
peace be with you.

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“ We were so sad to learn of your father's passing. We only met your father a few times through his volunteer work at the Y's Men's Fair Stand, but we know what a fine man he was by knowing what a fine daughter he raised! His committment to the YMCA and the Y's Men's club is notable. Definitely an old school man who wholeheartedly supported the causes he deemed worthy!

*Our prayers are with you and your family during this coming weekend of both great sorrow and great joy for you.*

*Paul and Diane Gausmann*

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“ *"They whom we love  
and lose  
are no longer  
where they were before.  
They are now  
wherever we are."*  
*St. John Chrysostom*

*To the Lorin Fleming family,  
The above message was sent to me when  
my husband, Charles, died and meant alot to  
me. I pray it will for you too.*

*With sympathy,  
Audrey Bueche  
Naperville Y's Men & Women*

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“ I was saddened to hear of Lorin's passing. My main interface with Lorin was at Matt's graduation celebration and when Donna and I were privileged to have him as a guest in our Hansville, WA home for an all too short afternoon. May He rest in peace and may your grief be lessened by your memories.

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“ Your loving and happy memories will be what see you through this rough time of adjustment. We send our best to you all, and we are so grateful we had a chance to know Lorin. His is a legacy of family dedication, volunteering wherever needed, and the enjoyment of life!

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