



Floyd Curtis Bedbury

July 24, 1937 - March 25, 2011

Beloved Husband, Uncle, Friend, Olympian Age 73 of Falcon Hts, MN., died from cancer on March 25, 2011. Preceded in death by parents, Harry and Grace Bedbury; brothers, Alan and Meryl. Survived by devoted wife, Janet Pankonin; daughter, Gayle; brother in law, Bruce Pankonin (Nancy Darcy), and many nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends. Special thank you to friend Eric Oftedahl. Floyd is a 2 time Olympic Speedskater, and his entire life symbolized the Olympic Spirit. Floyd's passions were advocating the sport of speedskating, flying, music, photography, world traveling, cycling, car racing and being a volunteer coach. His personality was matchless. He lived his life with charisma and was an inspiration to everyone who had the privilege to meet him. He could go anywhere in the world and find a friend in a complete stranger. His house was always open to those most at need along with international athletes under his coaching. Floyd's dedication, skill, and influence in coaching athletes developed pupils that compete at the National, World Cup and Olympic level. Visitation Tuesday (March 29th) from 5-7 PM and on Wednesday from 12 noon until time of service. Funeral Service Wednesday, at 1:00 PM in the HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL FUNERAL HOME, 515 Hwy 96 W., at Mackubin, Shoreview. Interment Roselawn Cemetery. Memorials preferred to Guidant John Rose MN Oval.

Tribute Wall

NN

“ I am so saddened to hear of Floyds passing. Janet- our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Cherish the wonderful memories and know Floyds spirit continues.

Nan Nelson - April 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I loved seeing you guys at the road bike races. I'll miss getting paced by your vette!

Jacklyn Carlson - March 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AU

“ Janet,

I was so surprised to hear about Floyd on Friday, one of the girls called and told me. I just wanted to express my deepest sympathies to you and your family. He was such a wonderful and inspiring person...I will truly miss seeing him and you at the hospital and hearing your great stories. You both are people that have touched my life and I will never forget you both.

Angie

Angie Weiss - Regions Ultrasoun - March 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ Janet,

Floyd was one of kind and I am proud to say that I was a friend of his. His spirit was second to none all the way up til the end and it was very inspiring to see how his competitive personality allowed him to continue to live every moment of his life to the fullest.

RIP Floyd

Kevin Elm - March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Gratitude for his support of youth athletes and respect for how he lived! He left a meaningful, positive mark on this world.*

Cynthia Boehm-Wichelmann - March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Floyd sure gave of himself. He was kind to everyone. This man had time for the star or beginner.*

I am glad I had the chance to see Floyd at Gene Sandvigs 80th birthday gathering, just a short time ago.

His memory will live on!

Dennis Berry - March 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM