



Warner B. Wirta, age 80 of Superior, passed away Thursday, December 19, 2013 at St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth. He was born September 30, 1933 in Embarrass, MN to Samuel and Clara (Linklater) Wirta. Warner graduated from Embarrass High School in 1952 and was a proud member of the "Flying Finns" track team. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Emporia State College in Emporia, Kansas where he met and married Martha Hutchins on July 30, 1960. He taught Phy. Ed and Civics at the Orr High School for 13 years; and then worked as a social worker for the Veteran Administration, retiring in 1996. Warner had served in the U.S. Army; and was a member of Bois Forte Band of Lake Superior Chippewa; and received his Master's Degree from the University of Minnesota-Duluth. Warner was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Eugene Wirta. He is survived by his wife, Martha; three children, Anna (Scott) Wirta- Kosobuski, Les (Zina Micklewright) Wirta, and William (Vicky) Wirta; one sister, Helen Woods; 9 grandchildren, Savannah Kinsman, Levi Wirta, Lucas Kosobuski, Jonah Kosobuski, Logan Wirta, Beth Vandecar, Shawn Wirta, Cory Wirta, and Vanessa Wirta; three great-grandchildren, Aiden, Payton, and Bella; and numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation will be 5:00-7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 26, 2013 at Nelson Funeral Care in Cloquet. The visitation will resume on Friday, December 27, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. funeral service at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 4831 Grand Ave, Duluth, MN. Interment service will be at Maple Grove Cemetery in Cloquet, with Military Honors presented by the Cloquet Combined Honor Guard.