



## **PAUL BIETILA**

**1918 - 1939**

**1918** Born as the fourth son in a family of seven in Ishpeming, MI.

**1931** At the age of 12, he set a new boys' record of 185 feet.

**1938** Represented the University of Wisconsin at the International Intercollegiate Ski Meet at Brattleboro, VT and won first place. He set a series of hill records.

**His greatest accomplishment was in the 1938 National Jumping Tournament placing just behind Birger and Sigmund Ruud of Norway.**

**1939** Rode his skis for the last time. He set a record for the day at the American National Ski Meet in St. Paul, MN. On his last flight, he seared off the scaffold and crashed into an iron restraining post at the edge of the runway. He fought hard to live for three long weeks after the accident. He died nearing his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.