William L. "Young" Strbingling

Born in Bainbridge, Georgia...One of the great heavyweights in the 1920s and 1930s...Totaed 127 KO’s and hit the canvas himself only twice during his long and illustrious career...Fought Max Schmeling for the heavyweight championship in 1931 and lost on a 15th round TKO...It was the first sporting event ever held in Cleveland (Ohio) Stadium...Fought future heavyweight champion of the world Jack Sharkey (1929) and lost to him at the Pink Flamingo in Miami...Fought World Light Heavyweight champion Mike McTigue twice, to a draw in 1923 and a no-decision in 1924 – many ring-side reporters would have given both fights to Stribling...Outstanding athlete at Macon’s Lanier High School and graduated from college at University School for Boys in Atlanta...Devoted much of his time to working with young people, particularly underprivileged boys...A handsome athlete and Christian gentleman, he exemplified the highest attributes of sportsmanship. Professional Career Synopsis: Career Record: 225-13-15, 127 knockouts...Fought in nine different countries around the world...Fought in 35 states in America...January 17, 1921 - First fight; defeated Kid Donb in the 4th round...March 30, 1921 - Suffered first professional loss to Dick Leonard in 10 rounds in Savannah...May 5, 1921 - Entered the featherweight class after defeating Lou Gomez...August 15, 1921 - Captured Featherweight Championship of the South defeating Freddie Boorde in Atlanta in 10 rounds...December 5, 1921 - Captured the Georgia Lightweight Championship in his first fight in the Lightweight Division. Defeated Fearless Fearn in a 10-round bout in Atlanta...October 4, 1923 - Stribling fought Mike McTigue, newly crowned Light Heavyweight world champion to a draw in Columbus, Georgia. Stribling was declared the winner and new champion, but the referee overturned his decision three hours later...March 31, 1924 - In a rematch with McTigue, Stribling earned a 12-round no-decision. Newspapers covering the bout awarded the non-title contest to Stribling...May 2, 1924 - Fought for the first time outside of the United...
States in Toronto, Canada. Defeated Tommy Burns in 10 rounds...1925 - Was undefeated in 23 bouts, 15 by knockout...June 10, 1926 - Lost a 15-round battle to Paul Berlenbach for the World Light Heavyweight Title...1928 - Posted a 38-0-0 record...February 27, 1929 - Battled Jack Sharkey in a 10-round bout at the Pink Flamingo in Miami, Florida. Stribling lost the fight by decision...November 4, 1929 - In Paris, France, his first fight overseas, Stribling defeated Maurice Grazelle in rounds...1929 - Split two matches with future World Heavyweight champion Primo Carnera. Stribling lost on a foul in the fourth round of the November 19 bout in London, but won on December 7 in Paris on a seventh round foul...July 28, 1930 - Showcased as the Heavyweight Championship of the Old World, Stribling knocked-out Phil Scott, the Champion of Great Britain, in the second round in Wimbledon Stadium...July 3, 1931 - Stribling fought Max Schmeling for the World Heavyweight Championship in newly constructed Cleveland Stadium in Cleveland, Ohio. Schmeling stopped the challenger on a TKO in the 15th round. The champion earned $106,136.36 while Stribling's share was $33,168.24...1932 - From July 4 – November 7, Stribling fought seven times in Australia winning six of his seven bouts. His only non-victory came against Johnny Freeman on October 29 with the match ending in a “no contest” in the eighth round. On December 17, Stribling defeated Don McCorkindale in Johannesburg...September 22, 1933 - “Young” Stribling’s last career bout took place in Houston, Texas where he defeated Maxi Rosenbloom in 10 rounds...October 3, 1933 - "Young" Stribling died in a motorcycle accident while going to see his newborn son in a Macon, Georgia hospital.