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OBITUARIES

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Pamela J. Brown, 66

Pamela J. Brown passed away Friday, May 16, 2014, at the LifeCare Medical Center at the age of 66.

Pam was born March 22, 1948, in St. Paul, Minn. to Adolph Beitel and Beatrice (Youngkowski).

She moved to International Falls, Minn., as a young child and attended school there.

She and Conrad Bourman were married for many years.

She moved to Bagley, Minn., and worked at Steener's Nursery for many years. Most recently, she moved to Salol, Minn., 16 years ago, to be closer to family.

Pam enjoyed her dogs, four-wheeling, crocheting, and spending time with her grandkids.

She spent many hours working in her garden.

She will be remembered for her feisty personality, her witty sense of humor and her beautiful smile.

She is survived by her children, Christine Thompson of Fargo, Connie Westman of Salol, Conrad (Geri) Bourman of Salol and Penny (fi-



ancé, Chad Erickson) of Salol; 16 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and siblings, Kathy Beitel of California, Theresa (Steve) Johnson of Bagley, and Joey (Judy) Beitel of International Falls; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; grandson, Russell III; and son-in-law, Russell Jr.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 24, at Helgeson Funeral Home, Roseau.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

Online guest book at [www.helgesonfuneralhome.com](http://www.helgesonfuneralhome.com).

Richard Ivan Meyer, 82

Richard Ivan Meyer, 82, of International Falls, Minn., passed away Thursday morning, May 15, 2014, at Good Samaritan Society-International Falls.

Richard was born Dec. 31, 1931, in Wolbach, Neb.

He moved to Warroad, Minn., as a child and graduated from Warroad High School in 1951.

He attended the University of North Dakota and served in the United States Army. He spent most of his time serving in Japan; he was a staff sergeant, and honorably discharged in 1957. From 1957 to 1965, he was in the Army Reserve.

He married Patricia Ann Sampson on May 17, 1958, at Zion Lutheran Church.

He began work at Boise Cascade in 1952 and worked in the beater room. He retired from Boise with 35 years of service.

Richard enjoyed hunting, fishing, making pictures out of puzzles, and taking day road trips.

He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Wilma Meyer; brother, Fred Jr. "Larry"; and infant daughter, Julie.

Richard is survived by his wife, Patricia Meyer of International Falls; son, Michael Meyer of International Falls; daughter, Melissa (Jeffrey) Lallak of Farmington, Minn.; three grandchildren, Benjamin, Chandler and Austin; brothers, Roger (Pauline) of Miles City, Mont., Dwight (Ellen) of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Dennis (Margaret) of Duluth, Minn.

Memorial services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, May 23, at Green-Larsen Mortuary, with full military rites.

Interment will be at Forest Hill Cemetery.

Condolences may be left at [www.greenlarsen.com](http://www.greenlarsen.com).

Arrangements are with Green-Larsen Mortuary Inc., International Falls.



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Audrey Irene (Halvorson) Larsen

Audrey Irene (Halvorson) Larsen died Thursday, May 15, 2014, at Guardian Angels Health Care Center, Hibbing, Minn., with her family by her side.

Audrey was born Jan. 22, 1922, at her grandparents home in Viking, Minn., to Inez (Breese) and Harvey Halvorson.

She grew up on a farm in the Viking area and attended school there, completing her junior year at Thief River Falls, Minn., and then moving with her family to Ranier, Minn., in 1937.

She graduated from Falls Senior High School in International Falls in 1938. After graduation she worked at her uncle, Harry Erickson's, store in Ranier.

It was there that she met her husband, Verne J. Larsen. They were married Nov. 30, 1940, at the Zion Lutheran Parsonage.

They spent their entire married life living in Ranier.

Audrey worked at Woolworths and JCPenney for short periods of time, but mostly she worked as a waitress or a cook when she wasn't stay-at-home mom.

She and her sister-in-law, Lila Rogers, owned

and operated the Jack and Jill children's clothing shop in International Falls during the late 1950s and then in 1966 she and her mother opened Grandma's Pantry restaurant in Ranier. They sold the restaurant in 1974 when Inez retired.

Audrey was active for many years in the DOES and Elks Clubs in International Falls, and the Ranier Recreation Club in Ranier.

She was always there to support her husband and children in all of their activities and welcomed everyone into their home ... usually with a big meal.

Her family was her most precious jewel and she shared her love and devotion to every one of them.

She loved spending time at their lake cabin in Krause Bay, at the hunting shack, snowmobiling around Rainy Lake, cooking, baking, knitting, and she was a voracious reader all of her life.

Audrey was preceded in death by her husband, Verne; daughters, Jeri O'Leary and Mary Zvolzsky; grandson, Tracy O'Leary; great-grandson, Audy Kuryla; her parents, Harvey and Inez Halvor-

son; her brothers, Willis and Terry Halvorson; her grandparents, Lewis and Theodora (Wold) Halvorson and August and Mary (Bradford) Breese.

She is survived by son, Lyndon (Sue) Larsen, International Falls; daughters, Nancy (Jon) Blazina, Hibbing, Rebecca (Roger) Griffin, Kelliher, Minn., and Kally Rae (Dan) Herman, Seguin, Texas; son-in-law, Mike (Dorothy) O'Leary, Ranier; grandchildren — Dawn (Phil) Thompson, Story City, Iowa, Kari Sheasby, Forest Lake, Minn., Kristen (Matt) Lievsay, Kelliher, Brent Sheasby, Nashwauk, Minn., Chad Kuryla, Anchor Point, Alaska, Cory (Sara) Kuryla, Fairbanks, Alaska, Reid Griffin, Lehigh Acres, Fla., Heather (Joe) Miller, San Antonio, Texas, Brea Anne (John) Butera, Arvada, Colo., Deanna Larsen, Mankato, Minn., Adrienne (Paul Klapperich) Larsen, Fargo, N.D., Sasha Sobey, International Falls, Scott (Jennifer) Traverse, Cor d Alene, Idaho, Karma (Tracy) Adams, San Antonio, Texas, Tyler Sweney, International Falls, Audrey (Sean) Bragg, San Antonio, and Tadd (Dani)



Herman, Hurlburt Air Base, Fla.; 22 great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; and many many nieces, nephews, cousins and great friends.

Per Audrey's wishes, there will be no funeral.

A celebration of her life is planned for 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, at Ranier Community Building.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Guardian Angels Health Care Center for the loving, gentle care that they have given Audrey these last five years. She loved many of the staff as if they were her family and always felt that she was home there. Their kindness and professional care will forever be deeply appreciated.

To sign our online register, please visit us at [www.doughertyofhibbing.com](http://www.doughertyofhibbing.com).

Winnifred Lucille Jackson, 90

Winnifred Lucille Jackson, 90, of International Falls, Minn., passed away Saturday, May 17, 2014, at Rainy Lake Medical Center.

Winnifred was born March 18, 1924, in International Falls. She was a lifelong resident.

Winnifred married James Smart in 1942 and they were married until his death.

Later, she married Marcus Jackson on Aug. 5, 1983, at Zion Lutheran Church.

She was a homemaker, and a wizard with crocheting.

She was a champion bowler in her younger years, and she loved dancing.

Winnifred was always ready to help a friend or family in a time of need. She always found the best in everyone and joy in every day.

She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by husband, James Smart; husband, Marcus Jackson; parents, Norman and Orpha Halverson; brothers, Wendel and Norman (Sonny) Halverson; sister, Lois Halverson; three children, James Frederick Smart, Betty Marie McLaughlin and George Norman Smart; and grandson, Jamie Dale Smart.

Winnifred is survived by her daughter, Colleen Olestad of International

Falls; stepsons, Marc (Lea Etta) Jackson and Tim (Kathy) Jackson, both of International Falls; stepdaughters, Anita (Bob) Banks, Valerie (Larry) Sjoblom and Becky Nelson, all of International Falls; numerous grandchildren, including Tyler Olestad, Barbara Heen and Brenda and Jeffrey McLaughlin; numerous great-grandchildren; brother, Keith (Blanch) Halverson of International Falls; sisters, Joyce Dobie of Missoula, Mont., Jean Isensee and Grace Averill of International Falls; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 21, at



Green-Larsen Mortuary.

Interment will be at Forest Hill Cemetery.

Condolences may be left at [www.greenlarsen.com](http://www.greenlarsen.com).

Arrangements are with Green-Larsen Mortuary, Inc., International Falls.

FUNERAL

Mabel L. Udovich, 86

Memorial services for Mabel L. Udovich, 86, who passed away Thursday,

May 8, 2014, at Littlefork Care Center, were conducted at 10 a.m. Friday, May 16, at Green-Larsen Mortuary.

Officiating was Pastoral Minister Pat Bjorum.

Honorary pallbearers were all of her loving family and friends.

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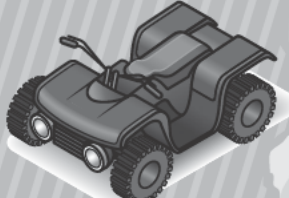
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Dad, Mom, Grandma Wendi, Papa Tim and Uncle Rob



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Live and artificial flowers will be allowed only during Memorial Day observance. The period of observance will be from 5 days before until 7 days after Memorial Day. All flowers, ornaments, shepherd hooks and anything that will interfere with mowing must be removed after Memorial Day.

We hope that each spring around Memorial Day, when new life emerges everywhere that our cemetery too, will bloom with the colorful remembrances of our departed loved ones.

**Board of St. Thomas Cemetery & Forest Hill Cemetery**

