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The Journal publishes paid obituaries in Wednesday and Saturday editions and on its Web site at www.ifallsjournal.com.

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We encourage electronic delivery of obituaries and any accompanying photos.

If desired, The Journal will e-mail or fax a proof of the obituary to the funeral home handling the service.

For more information, call Tammie Calder at 285-7411.

Rev. Frederick Kitchener Smyithe, 94

The Rev. Frederick Kitchener Smyithe, 94, of Bemidji, Minn., died Thursday, May 22, 2014, at Trillium as a result of Alzheimer's Disease.

Fred was born in Minneapolis on July 18, 1919, the only child of Charles and C. May Smyithe.

He was educated in Minneapolis schools, graduating from Marshall High School and from the University of Minnesota.

He was ordained from Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill., and was later awarded a doctorate of divinity degree from the seminary.

Fred married Margery Evanson at Trefoldeghed Lutheran Church in Battle Lake on July 14, 1946. They shared 54 wonderful years together until Marge's death in 2001.

Fred served parishes in and around Alexandria, Hallock, Park Rapids, International Falls, Brainerd and Cass Lake, Minn.; Valley City and Mandan N.D.; and Ethete Wyo.

He spent a great deal of his ministry working with Native American church communities.

Following retirement in 1983, Fred and Marge

divided their time between Bemidji and Tucson.

Fred was proud of his participation in a variety of service organizations during his lifetime, particularly Kiwanis, Rotary and the Shriners organization. He was especially proud of his achievements in Rotary, becoming a Paul Harris Fellow in 2000.

Fred was fortunate to be blessed with a second love in his life. He married Betty Erickson on Dec. 6, 2002. They were married for nearly seven years until her death in 2009.

Fred had many interests and passions in his life. He had meticulously organized and catalogued collections of stamps, postmarks and postcards.

He loved chocolate, peanut butter, ice cream, books and Time magazine, and was passionate about Native American culture and post offices.

His favorite times were those spent with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

During the past five years, Fred was well taken care of by the wonderful staff at Trillium care facility. He loved them and was

fortunate to "adopt" many

of them as family — especially Jenna, Clark and Macy.

Fred is survived by his children: Tom and Pat Smyithe, International Falls; Karen and David Phair, Dixfield, Maine; Liz and Clyde Horlick, Bemidji; and Jim and Polly Smyithe, Clearbrook; his grandchildren: Stephanie (Brian) Mathews, Bemidji; Megan (Chad) Christianson, Cohasset; Amy Carew (Preston Kennedy), International Falls; Brooke (Jaime) Quello, Bemidji; Dan (Rachel) Phair, Hudson, Mass.; Angela (Charlie) Hesson, Falmouth, Maine; Tim Phair and his fiancé, Ashley Hanmer, South Portland, Maine; Jessi (Scott) Winter, Bemidji; Jeffrey Lindseth, Clearbrook; Heidi (Tom) Vangen, Chaska; and Blythe Hoffman, Shakopee; his great-grandchildren: Emily, Shawn and Alicia Quello, Madison and Caleb Christianson, Margo and Anders Hesson, Cooper Kennedy, Tatum and Blake Winter, Landon Kniefel and Brynn Skaar, Riley and Cole Vangen, and Zack and Jaque Mills.

He was predeceased by his parents, his wives, Margery and Betty, and an



infant son, Frederick.

Fred's favorite blessing to all he knew and loved was "God Bless You Real Good."

Memorial services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 31, at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Bemidji.

A time of sharing will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, May 30, at Olson-Schwartz Funeral Home.

Inurnment will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Bemidji.

Family prefers memorials to Sanford Home Care & Hospice or charity of donor's choice.

Online guest book at www.olsonschwartzfuneralhome.com.

Elva Sater

Elva Sater, of Littlefork, died Tuesday, May 27, 2014.

Funeral services are planned for 2 p.m. Friday, May 30, at Littlefork Baptist Church.

Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com.

Green-Larsen Mortuary Inc., International Falls, is in charge of arrangements.

Einar R. Sundin, 93

Interment for Einar R. Sundin, 93, of Ray, Minn., who passed away March 7, 2014, at his home, will be at 1 p.m. Friday, May 30, at Ray

Cemetery.

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

Mike 'Oscar' Larson, 61

A Celebration of Life for Mike "Oscar" Larson, 61, of Ranier, Minn., who passed away Friday, March 7, 2014, at his home, will be conducted

from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 1, at Ranier Community Building.

Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com.

FUNERAL

Richard I. Meyer, 82

Memorial services for Richard I. Meyer, 82, of International Falls, who died Thursday, May 15, 2014, at Good Samaritan Society-International Falls, were conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, May 23, at Green-Larsen Mortuary.

Officiating was the Rev. Stephen Olson.

Eulogist was Dennis Meyer and liturgist was Sue

Olson.

Honorary pallbearers were all his loving family and friends.

Military rites were accorded by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2948. Flag presentation was by Wayne Sampson.

Interment was at Forest Hill Cemetery.

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

Loretta Ann Willard, 80, of Northome, Minn., died Wednesday, May 21, 2014, at the Sanford Bemidji Medical Center from injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Bemidji, Minn.

Memorial services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 28, at Hope Lutheran Church, Northome, with the Rev. William Goodman and Linda Guderian officiating.

Cease Family Funeral Home, Blackduck, Minn., assisted the family with arrangements.

Loretta was born April 19, 1934, in Northome, the daughter of Leonard and Laura (Martinson) Pope.

She was raised and educated in the Northome area. She attended the Cunningham country school in Bergville and the Northome school.

She married Tom Simon and together they had two children. They moved to the International Falls, Minn., area and then back to Northome in 1965. They later divorced.

She worked in the kitchen at the Northome Care Center for many years.

She then moved to Florida and married Bill Willard. They lived for 15 years and she worked in the kitchen for the Hess Company, retiring from them in 2006. After Bill died she moved back to Minnesota and had been in Northome for the past five years.

She loved family gatherings and having big meals.

Bible study was very important to her every week, as well as reading scripture daily.

She enjoyed gardening and feeding/ watching

birds.

She was an active member of the Northome Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and Hope Lutheran Church in Northome.

She is survived by her daughter, Sandra (Dee) Holman of Mizpah, Minn.; her son, Edward (Anne) Simon of Chisholm, Minn.; four grandchildren, Trina (Josh) Christianson and Deanna (Scott) Hanson, both of International Falls, Josh (Jackie) Simon and Justin (Mary) Simon, both of Chisholm; 12 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; two brothers, Daryle (Sharon) Pope of Onamia, Minn., and Larry (Karen) Pope of Blackduck; her sister, Dolores Jaeger of Northome; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in



death by her husband, William "Bill" Willard; her parents, Leonard and Laura Pope; her infant brother, Donald; her great-grandson, Alfred Hanson; and her brother-in-law, Harold Jaeger.

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