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### OBITUARIES

The Journal publishes paid obituaries in Wednesday and Saturday editions and on its Web site at [www.ifallsjournal.com](http://www.ifallsjournal.com).

Obituaries must be submitted by 10 a.m. Tuesdays to be published in the Wednesday edition, and by 10 a.m. Thursday to be in the Saturday edition.

All obituaries must be prepaid before they are published.

Obituaries can be faxed to the Journal at 285-7206; e-mailed to [tammiec@ifallsjournal.com](mailto:tammiec@ifallsjournal.com); or mailed to The Journal at 1602 Highway 71, International Falls, MN 56649.

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.

## James Holenko, 77

James Holenko, 77, of Prior Lake, Minn., and formerly of International Falls, Minn., died Saturday, Jan. 17, 2015, surrounded by his loving fam-

ily at Hennepin County Medical Center, Minneapolis, Minn.

A complete obituary will be announced when arrangements have been

completed.

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

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

## Raymond Dale McGovern

Raymond Dale McGovern, formerly of International Falls, Minn., died Monday, Jan. 19, 2015, at the Mesa Good Shepard As-

sisted Living, Mesa, Ariz.

A complete obituary and service times will be announced when arrangements have been completed.

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## Laura Hedlund, 55

Laura Hedlund, 55, of International Falls, died Friday, Jan. 16, 2015.

A complete obituary and

service times will be announced when arrangements have been completed.

Condolences may be left

at [www.greenlarsen.com](http://www.greenlarsen.com).

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## Sharion Dolly (Woodbridge) Lutgen, 61

Sharion Dolly (Woodbridge) Lutgen, age 61 years, died Thursday, Jan. 15, 2015, at St. Mary's Hospital, Duluth, Minn.

Sharion was born Sept. 8, 1953, in Littlefork, Minn.; one of eight children born to Ervin Alexander Woodbridge and Maxine May Brady.

She was water baptized a Mormon when she was 10 years old in Fort Frances, Ontario, Canada.

Sharion married the love of her life, Leslie Allan Lutgen, on June 7, 1967, in Wattertown, S.D.

Sharion was blessed with two children.

She was known as a very fun loving person and will be very missed by all who knew her.

Her favorite color was pink and favorite flower was roses.

The new companions in her life that filled the voids that life dealt her were her dogs, "Angel" and "Gizmo," and cat, "Prince."

Some of Sharion's life occupations were being a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and homemaker.

At one point in her life she had the opportunity of working alongside the love of her life, Leslie, for Brian

Nelson as baler of papers.

She also worked at Good Samaritan Society-International Falls for many years.

Sharion lived in Little Falls, International Falls, and Pipestone, Minn., and then finally settled in for the remainder of her life in Littlefork.

She battled cancer for 14 years before it claimed her life with her family by her side.

Sharion was preceded in death by the love of her life, Leslie Allan Lutgen in 2010; her parents, Ervin and Maxine Woodbridge; brothers, Doug Woodbridge and David Woodbridge; sister, Audrey Whitehouse; four nephews; and two nieces.

Sharion is survived by her daughter, Vicky Lutgen (Mike), and son, Jesse Lutgen (Samantha). She is also survived by a sister, Judy Karhula of International Falls; brothers, Dean Woodbridge of Shakopee, Minn., Jack Woodbridge of Priest River, Idaho, and Danny Woodbridge of Littlefork; her five grandchildren, Christopher Klemetsen, Ashely Klemetsen (Dillon LaFrance), Megan "Maggy" Klemetsen, Dillon "Dilly"



and Brittney "Britt" Lutgen; great-grandchildren, Aidan and Brandee McFarland and Hadleigh LaFrance, 27 nephews; 23 nieces; numerous great-nephews, great-nieces and friends.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, with viewing one hour prior to service time, at Evangelical Covenant Church, International Falls.

Interment will be at Forest Hill Cemetery, International Falls, alongside the love of her life.

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

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

## Erna Mae Kocinski, 94

Erna Mae Kocinski, age 94, of International Falls, Minn., passed away Monday, Jan. 19, 2015.

She was preceded in death by husband, Joe Kocinski; and sister, Frances Ryan.

She is survived by daughters, Janice Rae Guiles and Trudy Ann Rautio (Kevin); grandchildren, Theresa Jo Curnow, Kelly Rae Barnett and Joseph Andrew Vers-traete; great-grandchildren, Dylan Cody Barnett, Andrew Jacob Barnett, Evelyn

Mae Barnett and Avery Grace Curnow; and sister, Betty Ziepen (Jack).

A Memorial Mass is planned for 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 23, at at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, International Falls.

In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Wounded Warriors or Joe Kocinski Accounting Scholarship at Bemidji State University.

Washburn-McReavy Edina Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.



### FUNERALS

#### Patricia Rae Hamalainen

Mass of the Resurrection for Patricia Rae Hamalainen, who passed away peacefully Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2015, was conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 19, at St. Thomas Catholic Church.

Officiating was Fr. Ben Hadrich.

Music was by Jessie Laurion and Nita Ringhofer.

Eulogy was given by James Hamalainen. Eucharistic minister was Bunny Green. Readings were by Pat Kjellgren and Carol Wherley.

Presentation of Gifts was given by Daniel Hamalainen,

en, Bryce Kennedy, Elizabeth Kennedy and Aiden Rabideux.

Greeters were Frank Watkinson and Jackie Glowack. Arrangements were with Green-Larsen Mortuary Inc., International Falls.

#### Joan A. Stone

A memorial service for Joan A. Stone, who passed away Saturday, Dec. 20, 2014, was conducted at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, 2015, at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, International Falls.

Officiating was the Rev. Lynn Naeckel.

Music was by Joe Belanger.

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

#### Cheryl Ann Alexander, 56

Memorial services for Cheryl Ann Alexander, 56, of International Falls, who died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2014, were conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, 2015, at Green-Larsen Mortuary.

Officiating was Pastoral Minister Pat Bjorum.

Interment will be at Ericksburg Cemetery.

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

## Directory features local farmers

### JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture is updating its statewide Minnesota Grown Directory filled with direct-to-consumer farms and farmers markets.

Membership and Directory listing are open to Minnesota producers who grow or raise products. The 2014 edition promoted 978 farms and farmers markets. Minnesota Grown has more than 1,200 members including fruit and vegetable farms, livestock producers, farmers markets, CSA farms, orchards, garden centers, farm wineries, Christmas tree growers and more.

There are 170,000 copies of the Minnesota Grown Directory released annually in April and distributed

statewide in tourist centers, libraries, chambers of commerce, farms, and retailers. Farms that advertise in the printed directory are also included in the online edition, which was redesigned and had more than 290,000 unique visitors in 2014. The new, mobile friendly, website was improved to simplify searches for Minnesota products and farms.

"The demand for local foods has increased dramatically the last few years," said Jessica Miles, ag marketing specialist with the Minnesota Grown Program, in a news release. "Our directory is the most comprehensive and commonly used guide to local foods and plants available in Minnesota. It's also becoming an excellent resource for family activity ideas and

learning opportunities."

While memberships are accepted year-round, farms must sign up or call Miles by Feb. 6 to be included in the 2015 printed directory.

"For \$60, farmers can get an entire year's worth of advertising both online and in print," Miles said. "They'll also have access to other great Minnesota Grown member-only benefits, such as use of the trademarked logo and stickers, price cards and other promotional items."

Potential new members may sign up and pay online by clicking on the "Members & Retailers" tab at [www.minnesotagrown.com](http://www.minnesotagrown.com), then clicking on "Become a Member" or contact Miles at 651-201-6170, [jessica.miles@state.mn.us](mailto:jessica.miles@state.mn.us) to request an application by mail or with questions.



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