

# COMMUNITY

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### Norman Pierre Tyson

We say goodbye to a good and honest man. Norman Pierre Tyson died New Year's Day, Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015.

He was born March 20, 1959.

Norm was a generous, loving and loyal husband, father, son, son-in-law, brother-in-law, uncle and great-uncle.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Louise; daughter, Leah Michelle (Dan); parents, Margaret and Richard Tyson; mother-in-law, Ruth Groff; sisters-in-law, Kathleen (Robert) Wilde and

Jane Scallen (Steven Wells); many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his favorite pets, Sabrina, Shad-doe and Svenny.

He was preceded in death by grandparents, Delbert, Vera and Myrtle Tyson, Herman and Ann Conard; and father-in-law, Robert Groff.

Norm was a realtor at Sandelands Realty.

He graduated from Forest Lake High School and attended Michigan State University.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Satur-

day, Jan. 10.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service and also from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, at www.Washburn-McReavy.com, Strobeck Johnson, 952-938-9020, 1400 Mainstreet, Hopkins, Minn.

Memorials preferred to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Private interment will be at St. Mary's Cemetery, Minneapolis.

Washburn-McReavy Funeral and Cremation Services, Hopkins, is in charge of arrangements.



### 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.

**For the most current information on Rainy and Namakan Lake levels, visit the following:**

[www.ijc.org/en/RLWWB](http://www.ijc.org/en/RLWWB)

(click on the 'Data' link)

OR

[boisepaper.com](http://boisepaper.com)

[www.ifallsjournal.com](http://www.ifallsjournal.com)

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

**Koochiching County**  
SAP 036-332-001, Aggregate Base, Bit. Surface, Storm Sewer and Conc. Curb & Gutter  
**BIDS CLOSE: Wednesday January 21, 2015 at 2:00 pm, local time**

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS:** Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Koochiching County, Int'l. Falls, Minnesota until **Wednesday January 21, 2015 at 2:00 pm, local time** at the office of the County Auditor/Treasurer in the Koochiching County Courthouse 715 4th Street Int'l. Falls, Minnesota 56649 at which time they will be opened and read publicly for the following:

**Project Designation:** SAP 036-332-001, Aggregate Base, Bit. Surface, Storm Sewer and Conc. Curb & Gutter

**Project Location:** CSAH 332 - between TH 11/T.H. 71 Going East appx. 3 Miles to T.H. 53

**Major Project Quantities include:**  
--appx. 78,086 CU YD Common Excavation  
--appx. 25,879 CU YD Aggregate Base Class 5  
--appx. 109,641 CU YD Select Granular Borrow  
--appx. 28,328 TONS Bituminous  
--appx. 8,387 LIN. FT. Storm Sewer  
--appx. 27,347 Concrete Curb & Gutter

**Project Completion Date:** All work required under this Contract, including turf establishment, shall be completed **prior to September 1, 2015**, unless modified by the Engineer with a written Contract Extension.

**Proposals, Plans and Specifications are available at:**  
Koochiching County Highway Department  
715 4th Street; Int'l. Falls, MN 56449  
Phone 218 283 1184

**Cost for Plans:** Cost of 1 set of plans and proposals is \$75 (Minnesota State Sales Tax Included). There is no cost for electronic plans/proposals; electronic plans/proposals are available at <https://egram.co.koochiching.mn.us> or (218) 283-1184 or email to [joe.sutherland@co.koochiching.mn.us](mailto:joe.sutherland@co.koochiching.mn.us).

**Bidder's Bond:** Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or bidder's bond made payable to the Treasurer of Koochiching County in an amount not less than 5% of the total bid.

Bid shall be plainly marked on the exterior of the containing envelope: **"CSAH 332 Grading 2015, Letting Date, 2:00 pm on Wednesday January 21, 2015"**.

The County Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein, and to award the contract in the best interests of Koochiching County.

Dated at International Falls, Minnesota.....  
**December 10, 2014.**

Joe Sutherland, Koochiching County Highway Engineer  
Phone: 218-283-1186  
Email: [joe.sutherland@co.koochiching.mn.us](mailto:joe.sutherland@co.koochiching.mn.us)

### Sarah Jane Johnson, 88

Sarah Jane Johnson, 88, was called home Sunday, Jan. 4, 2015, in the care of her children and the Good Samaritan Assisted Living staff.

Sarah was born to Jim and Helen (Witzman) Walsh on Sept. 7, 1926, in Badger, Minn., and raised on the family farm. She was the oldest of 11 children.

Sarah married Roy C. Johnson on April 12, 1948, in Badger and moved to International Falls, Minn., several years later.

They celebrated 55 years of marriage before losing Roy in 2003, with Sarah providing loving care throughout his course of cancer.

Sarah's children knew her to be a wonderful homemaker, excellent cook, ace gardener and maker of the best lefse and cinnamon rolls... ever!

Her family was her pri-

ority but she found time for many other pursuits.

She was employed as a noon-hour supervisor "lady" at Forestland Elementary and Backus schools where she knew the names of all the children.

Sarah dearly cherished the women in her life and she formed lifelong friendships with neighborhood women, ski partners, golfing buddies and so forth.

She was passionate about cross-country skiing (just try to keep up with her), golfing (often out with the morning dew), watching Falls hockey and figure skating and attending swim meets.

She was a proud Bronco mother and grandmother. Perhaps you noticed the Bronco paraphernalia hanging from her walker when she was out and about this past year.

In earlier years she was quite the camper and held her own on the walleye count.

Deeper passions included 60-plus years of devotion and service at St. Thomas Catholic Church and 40 years of dedication to Alanon.

Sarah loved everyone and lived life fully. She was kind, loving, fun, generous and spirited. She will be missed.

Sarah is survived by her four children, Lorella (Don) Fulton, Mona "Bunnie" (Craig) Hunter, Steve (Liz) Johnson and Arlys Maxwell; seven grandchildren, Michelle (Bobby) Misner, Val Fulton, Joe (Sarah) Fulton, Stephanie Johnson, Ross (Libby) Johnson, Sammy Maxwell and Jack Maxwell; five great-grandchildren, Michael Misner, Shawna Misner, Emma Misner, Finley Johnson and Amelia Fulton; seven siblings; and 45 nieces and nephews.

Mass of the Resurrection will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 9, at St. Thomas



Catholic Church.

In memoriam donations would be preferred in lieu of flowers to North Star Hospice, 1005 Fifth St., International Falls, MN 56649.

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

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

### Margaret Chenoweth, 98

Margaret Chenoweth, 98, of Baudette, Minn., was born July 16, 1916, to Nels and Ragna Lauritson of Clementson, Minn.

She was the second of six children. Her siblings include Robert, Edith Dahl, Nora Scott, Eleanor Wilson and Irene Avery.

She married Joseph Chenoweth Aug. 3, 1935.

They had three children, Beverly (Marvin Wittler), Richard (June Bilyeu) and Fern (Ron Creamer); nine grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She attended grade school at Williams's Township school and Border Grade School, and graduated from Indus High School.

She worked briefly in International Falls, Minn., before marrying Joe and moving into the house

where she lived for 77 years.

They logged in the winter and farmed in the summer. In the 1950s they had a medium size herd of purebred Milking Shrothorn and at various times raised hogs, chickens, and turkeys.

They also bought more land, some for logging and clearing some for farming. At one time they owned 800 acres before they began to sell land.

After they became empty-nesters, they took many trips, often to see their children, but they took two trips to Europe, including once to visit her parents' homes in Norway with her mother. They traveled to Alaska, Hudson Bay, Mexico, and most states in the Union.

Margaret also served the Birchdale community.

She was secretary/clerk to the board of trustees of the Birchdale United Congregational Church, and treasurer of the Birchdale Cemetery Association for 50 years. She also served as election judge of Sault Township for many years.

In her spare time she loved to read, especially biographies of women, and histories for Norwegian immigrants. She also enjoyed sewing, and making quilts, many of which she gave to charities.

She died peacefully in her sleep Sunday, Dec. 28, 2014, at the LakeWood Health Center in Baudette, Minn., at the age of 98.

A funeral service was conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, 2015, at Birchdale Congregational Church, Birchdale.

Visitation was one hour



prior to the service at the church.

Interment will be at Birchdale Cemetery at a later date.

Helgeson Funeral Home, Roseau, Minn., was in charge of arrangements.

### Edith M. Lenertz, 92

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 9, 2015, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Cloud, Minn., for Edith M. Lenertz, 92, of St. Cloud, who passed away Saturday, Jan. 3, at St. Benedict's Senior Community, St. Cloud.

The Rev. Janine Olson will officiate.

Burial will be in Grand Forks, N.D.

Relatives and friends may call one hour prior to services at the church Saturday, May 9.

Arrangements are entrusted to Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home, St. Cloud.

Edith was born May 15, 1922, in Niagara, N.D., to George and Alpha (Herum) Bjorge.

She was married to Carl Georgesen who passed away in 1944.

Edith married Aloys Lenertz and he passed away in 1991.

She was a business owner in Grand Forks for many years, operating the Pink Hanger, an upscale consignment shop. Edith took pride in her business and was respected in the community.

She moved from Grand Forks to Waite Park in 1996, where she became a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Family was Edith's main passion and priority in her life. She also enjoyed golfing, playing bridge, fishing, cooking.

Survivors include her daughters, Jane (Gary) Marsden of Clear Lake, Barbara (Don) Wetter of Crosslake and Nancy (Steve) Shermoen of International Falls; grandchildren,

Steven (Cindy) Marsden, Jennifer (Paul) Marsden Uren, Bradley Wetter, Scott Wetter, Chris (Tamra) Wetter, Mike Shermoen, Andy (Kelly) Shermoen and Matt Shermoen; and great-grandchildren, Matt and Mike Marsden, Harper Marsden Uren, Chloe Wetter, Hannah, Logan, Austin and Megan Wetter and Will, Charlie and Sam Shermoen.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Carl and Aloys; and siblings, Marion Brager, Bob Bjorge, Rhoda Neumann Herness, Elaine Karna and Betty Brands.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at St. Benedict's Senior Community in St. Cloud for the loving and wonderful care that was given to Edith.



Memorials are preferred to St. Benedict's Senior Community, St. Cloud.

Obituary, Guest Book and Video Tribute available online: [www.williamsdingmann.com](http://www.williamsdingmann.com).