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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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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; 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.

David Verner Thomasson

David Verner Thomasson, of International Falls, Minn., died Monday, March 30, 2015, at his home.

David was born Feb. 21, 1941, in Fort Frances, Ontario, to Algot and Elsa (Barker) Thomasson.

He started work in the Insulite division of Boise Cascade paper mill in January of 1960. He retired from Boise Cascade April 1, 2003, as a welder/pipefitter.

Dave was known to be able to fix and build anything, and of course, welding. He liked Cribbage and loved his yard and grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Deanna Gordon; stepson, Ben Brazie; brothers, Stanley and Richard; and sister, Carol.

Dave is survived by his wife, Carla; son, David;



daughter, Debra; stepdaughter, Rhonda; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sisters, Judy, Marlene, Lois and Shirley; and special niece, Carrie, who cared for Dave's every need.

Per Dave's wishes, there will not be a funeral service.

Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com.

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

Barbara Jean Eckels, 73

Barbara Jean Eckels, 73, of International Falls, Minn., died Tuesday, March 31, 2015, at her home.

Service times will be announced when arrangements have been completed.

Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com.

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FUNERAL

Ensio Kirsila, 91

A memorial gathering for Ensio Kirsila, 91, of International Falls, who passed away Monday, March 30, 2015, was conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday April 1, at the Peter Gra-

ham Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, International Falls.

Interment will be at Ericksburg Cemetery, Ericksburg, at a later date.

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Clarence Edward Bigler, 91

Clarence Edward Bigler, 91, of International Falls, Minn., died Monday, March 30, 2015, at the Good Samaritan Society-International Falls.

Clarence was born May 30, 1923, at Bisbee, N.D.

His family moved to International Falls when he was a child.

He graduated from Falls High School with the Class of 1941.

He served during World War II in the United States Army and was stationed in the Philippines.

Clarence was united in marriage to the former Alma Engelke on June 1, 1947, at Ada, Minn.

He worked for Boise Cas-

cade as an auto mechanic, retiring in 1985 with 44 years of service.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting and working on cars.

Clarence was a member of Zion Lutheran Church and often ushered on Sunday mornings. He was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was preceded in death by his father, Elmer Bigler; mother, Frances Bigler-Erickson; stepfather, Arnie Erickson; grandson, Matthew Bigler; sister, Connie McCutcheon; and two brothers, Harlan and George Bigler.

Clarence is survived by his loving wife, Alma; sons, Gary W. (Marilyn) Bigler

and Jim E. (Mary) Bigler, both of International Falls; granddaughter, Mallory Bigler; grandsons, Christopher Bigler, Logan Bigler, Andy Fougner, Ryan Fougner and Brady Fougner; eight great-grandchildren; sisters, Kay Kroulik of Grafton, N.D., Shirley Frank and Florence Knutson, both of International Falls.

Funeral services with full military rites were conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, April 3, at Zion Lutheran Church, with visitation one hour prior.

Interment is in the VFW section of Forest Hill Cemetery, International Falls.

The family would prefer



memorials to the Zion Lutheran Church Building Fund in his memory.

Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com.

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

Helen Sonya Bunes (Edstrom), 71

Helen Sonya Bunes (Edstrom) died in her home Saturday, March 28, 2015, in Elk River, Minn., at the age of 71, due to complications following a battle with pulmonary hypertension.

Visitation will begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 11, followed by a memorial service at 11 at Peterson-Grimsmo Funeral Chapel, 250 E. Broadway, Monticello, MN 55362. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Helen's life.

Helen was born Feb. 15,

1944, in Bemidji, Minn., to Andrew and Sarah Edstrom.

She married Duane Bunes of Clearbrook, Minn., in December of 1961.

They moved to International Falls, Minn., where Duane worked at Boise Cascade and Helen raised their five children.

Helen and Duane moved to Elk River in 1985.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Duane;

children, Todd (Kathy) of White Bear Lake, Minn., Troy (Arlene) of Miles City, Mont., Tracy (Jim) of Boise, Idaho, Trevor (Beverly) of St. Louis, Mo., and Trent (Jennifer) of Big Lake, Minn.; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sister, Ilene (Wes) Stai of Bemidji, Minn.; and nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations are preferred to the Pulmonary Hypertension Association online at www.phassociation.org/donate.



Kayce Noelle Brown, 30

Kayce Noelle Brown, 30, Lawrence Lake, Minn., died Wednesday, April 1, 2015, at Rainy Lake Medical Center, International Falls, Minn., following a 27-year battle with cancer.

Born Dec. 18, 1984, in Payson, Utah, she was the daughter of Rodger D. Brown and Cristine (Kluck) Brown.

A lifelong resident of the Lawrence Lake area, Kayce was a 2004 graduate

of the Cloverdale Christian School, a member of the Lawron Presbyterian Church, and had been very active in the Relay for Life, having served as its honorary chairman, and was the first Itasca County Daffodil of Hope poster person.

Kayce loved to sing, was an avid photographer, and loved spending time with her nephews and niece.

Her grandparents, Ralph

and Loretta Kluck, Faye Johnson, and Ralph Brown; and aniece, Addyson Brown, preceded her in death.

Survivors include her parents, Cristine Brown of Lawrence Lake and Rodger D. (Donna Zoupas) Brown of International Falls, Minn.; siblings, Jeshua (Alyssa) Brown and Alasia Brown, both of Virginia; a niece, Haylie; and nephews, Owen, Beckham and Logan; and

her puppies, "Serenity" and "Teyla."

Visitation will be from 10 until the 11 a.m. funeral service Monday, April 6, at Lawron Presbyterian Church.

To leave an online condolence message, please go to petersonfuneralchapelofcoleraine.com.

Arrangements are by Peterson Funeral Chapel, Coleraine, Minn.

LOOKING BACK

25 YEARS AGO

Two residents of International Falls were among the 496 students who graduated from St. Cloud State University for winter quarter. Graduating were Mary Margaret Lepper, 607 Fifth St., bachelor of science; and Kari Lynn Radford, Route 9, bachelor of science.

Thomas S. Belanger has been honored for academic achievement winter quarter at Southwest State University, Marshall.

40 YEARS AGO

A new cafeteria-type restaurant, Bill's Deli, has opened at 222 Fourth Ave. in the Falls. Owner is Bill Porter.

Truman Sturdevant was elected president of the Voyageur Ski Touring Club. Larry Lewis was elected vice president and Bob Withrow, treasurer.

Brenda Lee Chute of the Falls spent last weekend in Ray with her grandmother, Mrs. Lester Chute, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Duvos, while her parents were away.

50 YEARS AGO

Sunday, March 28, was a most enjoyable day for Mr. and Mrs. Roy Von Alman, Littlefork, when a large number of relatives and friends gathered in the Cross River Community Hall to honor them on the occasion of their 35th wedding anniversary.

St. Thomas School Seventh Grade "B" Honor Roll — Nancy Barber, Renee Brouillard, Irene Coran, Richard De Benedet, Mary Jo Hobbins, Michael Lucca, James McCarthy, Kevin Martin, Eugenia Nagurski, Susan Savard and Catherine Villalta.

Mr. and Mrs. Enos Good,

Jameson Addition, were honored recently at a party honoring them on their 25th wedding anniversary. The event was held at the Shamrock in Ranier.

Ole Tronsdal, who suffered a fractured hip, is a patient in the Veterans Hospital, Minneapolis.

60 YEARS AGO

A son was born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. William McBride, 809 Fourth Ave.; weight, 9 pounds, 12 1/2 ounces.

Miss Darlene Welch was honored at a bridal shower in her home, 806 Ninth St.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Watson attended the state basketball tournament in Minneapolis last week. Their sons, Tom and Tim, stayed at the Clarence Breneman home during their absence.

Spring specials at Sec-

ond Bridge Grocery, Ranier — Butter, 59 cents a pound; coffee, 97 cents a pound; cake mix, three packages for 99 cents; paint, 1/3 off.

70 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Gordon Palmer, Keyes Apartments, returned home from the Littlefork Hospital, where she recently underwent an emergency appendectomy.

Julius Hegstrom, Crystal Beach, was honored at a birthday party at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Vilas Brandt of Loman, accompanied by their son, Harold Earl, left Sunday for Fairbanks, Alaska, where they will make their home.

After serving with the Army Nurses Corps since 1942, Miss Ruth Browman has been given a medical discharge, although it is understood she is still subject to call.

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