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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.

John H. Chovan

John H. Chovan, of International Falls, Minn., passed away Saturday, Feb. 15, 2014, at the Good Samaritan Society-International Falls, surrounded by family and friends.

John was born July 16, 1926, in Minneapolis, Minn., to parents John and Susan Chovan.

When he was very young, his family moved to Alwood, Minn., where he lived until he was 17 years old.

At age 17, John joined the United States Navy and proudly served his country from 1944 to 1946 in the Pacific Theatre during World War II.

Upon returning to the United States after WWII, John moved to International Falls where he met the love of his life, Joanne (Jody) Chovan (Zallar). They were married Oct. 8, 1949, and spent 64 wonderful years together.

John was employed at Boise Cascade in International Falls for nearly 40 years; he was a boiler operator and held a chief boiler license. He retired as supervisor of the steam plant in 1985.

He was an active member of the Moose Lodge in International Falls.

John was a true outdoorsman; he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and trapping. He was also very fond of gardening and had a productive garden each summer.

He enjoyed barbecuing and spending time with his loved ones.

John was preceded in death by his parents, John and Susan Chovan (Backo); brother, Elmer Chovan; sister, Beverly McKay (Cho-



van); brother-in-law, George McKay; and step-granddaughter, Marsha White Halverson.

He is survived by his wife, Jody Chovan (Zallar); sister, Marian Groble; daughter and son-in-law, Lori and Slugger Foss; daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Rod White; grandson and granddaughter-in-law, Derek and Ashley Foss; step grandson and step granddaughter-in-law, Chris and Diane White; six step great-grandchildren; and special friends, Cecile and Harry Readman and Norma and Mel Ramsey.

A memorial service was conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, at Zion Lutheran Church.

Interment is at Forest Hill Cemetery.

Memorials are preferred to the Good Samaritan Society-International Falls or the American Heart Association in John's memory.

Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com.

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

Wesley Caple, 89

Wesley Caple, 89, of Benton Harbor, Mich., went to be with the Lord Sunday, Feb. 16, 2014, at 8 a.m., at the Merlin and Carolyn Hansen Hospice Center, Stevensville, Mich.

A Celebration of Life Service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at First Congregational Church, 2001 Niles Ave., St. Joseph, Mich., with the Rev. Dr. Robert Braman officiating.

Friends may visit from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel & Cremation Service, 2650 Niles Rd., St. Joseph.

Memorials may be made to First Congregational Church Music Ministries or the Merlin and Carolyn Hansen Hospice Center or the American Heart Association.

sociation.

Those wishing to share a memory of Wesley online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Wesley was born April 20, 1924, in International Falls, Minn., to Robert and Edith (Taylor) Caple.

He proudly served his country in the United States Navy as a fighter pilot during World War II, flying FCF Hellcat and F4U Corsair aircraft and was also in the Reserves during the Korean War.

Wesley graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1949 with a degree in mechanical engineering.

On June 19, 1948, he married Mary Louise Hadler in International Falls.

Wesley worked for Whirlpool Corporation starting as a director of

engineering and working finally as a quality control director before retiring after 34 years.

He was a member of First Congregational Church, president of Kiwanis Club and the Junior Achievement Organization in St. Joseph.

Wesley enjoyed fishing, hunting, tennis, walking and cribbage.

He was a devoted husband and father, who was kind hearted, generous and hard working.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Wesley is survived by his wife, Mary Caple; six sons, James (Laurie) Caple, Guy (Linda) Caple, Steve (Michelle) Caple, Jeff (Patti) Caple, Scott (Meredith) Caple and David Caple; 14 grandchildren; one great-



grandchild; and brother, Archie (Jean) Caple.

Wesley was preceded in death by his parents; grandson, Jacob Caple; siblings, Edith Selsaas, Robert Caple, Rudy Caple, Vena Kalar, Ira Caple, John Caple and Doris Borg.

FUNERALS

Earlaine Joy Briggs, 80

Visitation for Earlaine Joy Briggs, 80, of International Falls, who died Sunday, Feb. 9, 2014, at Rainy Lake Medical Center, took place from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, at Green-Larsen Mortuary.

Funeral services were

conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

Officiating was the Rev. Lynn Naeckel.

Music was by Joe Belanger.

Casketbearers were Brian Briggs, John Briggs, Linden Briggs, Derek Briggs, Shaver Briggs and Dusty McCormack.

Arrangements were with

Green-Larsen Mortuary Inc., International Falls.

Julia D. Frahm, 93

Memorial services for Julia D. Frahm, 93, of International Falls, who died Sunday, Feb. 9, 2014, at Rainy Lake Medical Center, were conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, at Zion Lutheran Church.

Officiating was the Rev. Stephen Olson.

Music was by Joe Belanger.

Honorary pallbearers were all of her loving family and friends.

Interment was at the Veterans of Foreign Wars section of Forest Hill Cemetery.

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

LOOKING BACK

25 YEARS AGO

The winners of the Elks Club sponsored Hoop Shoot were Andrea Milette, Ryan Schmidt, Troy Melstrom, Tom Jensen, Celeste Ewald and Angie Bilben. Local hoop shoot director is Leroy Belanger.

There will be a 90th birthday party open house for Lu Rud at the Birchdale Church, Feb. 26, 2 to 4:30 p.m.

40 YEARS AGO

Jack L'heureux, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L'heureux of the Falls, a second year sales and marketing student at the Alexandria Area Technical Institute, will attend the Distributive Education Clubs of America Career Development Conference Feb. 27 through March 2 in Minneapolis.

One of the key reasons for the Bronco hockey team's late season resurgence has been the steady goaltending of senior Brad Weum.

50 YEARS AGO

Specialist 4th Class Donald Barrett Misner enjoyed a three-day pass from his post in Gelsenhausen, Germany, by attending the Olympic hockey games. He spent a great deal of time with Danny Dilworth, whom he knew before going into service.

William Holen, 18, commander of the Falls Civil Air Patrol Cadets, is one of two Minnesota cadets chosen to participate this summer in the International Air Cadet Exchange program by visiting a foreign country. He is the first Exchange cadet from the Falls to be chosen.

60 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Ivan Sorensen, 405 Fourth St., was honored at a stork shower at the home of her mother, Mrs. Dan Hoponuk, 501 Ninth St.

Mrs. Kenneth Hultman was honored guest at a stork shower at the home of Mrs. Henry Orstad, 1220 Second Ave. E.

A surprise birthday party Friday evening honored Mrs. Harry Anderson at the apartment of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ken Anderson, Frederic Hotel.

Allen Kolden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Kolden, 401 10th St., celebrated his 10th birthday anniversary Friday evening with a supper party at the Hi-Way Curb.

70 YEARS AGO

Jack Bates, son of Mr.

and Mrs. Tom Bates, left for Pasco, Wash., where he will be employed in defense work.

Vivian Taschuk this week joined the Mando bag department crew.

Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Lynch, 810 1/2 Sixth St., are the parents of a son born this evening at St. Michael's Hospital in Grand Forks. Mr. Lynch is manager of the Rex Hotel.

Fire which broke out in the basement of the Carr building on Third Street roused 25 persons from bed this morning and caused property damage unofficially at \$25,000. Valuable stocks in the Coast to Coast and Golden Rule stores were lost.

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