

COMMUNITY

A LOOK AT BORDERLAND

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Ralph Peterson, 77

Ralph Peterson, 77, died Friday, Sept. 27, 2013, at the Ranier Roost, Ranier, Minn., after a short but courageous battle with cancer.

He was born May 25, 1936, in Roseau, Minn., to Peter and Susan (Amundson) Peterson.

He moved to Big Falls, Minn., in the 10th grade where he met the love of his life hanging upside down from a tree. He was 15 years old, she was 13.

He graduated from Littlefork-Big Falls High School in 1954 and served his country in the United States Army for 2 1/2 years, stationed in Germany.

He married Pat Wilkowski on July 12, 1958. Their wedding reception made the AP News headlines as the ceiling of the Big Falls Community Building collapsed on the guests, presents and cake!

Like all young married couples, they started their lives together at the Brownstone Apartments before

buying a house in South International Falls, where they raised their five children.

He worked in Boise Insulite for 27 years, Bildrite for seven years and retired from St. Thomas Parish as custodian after seven years.

He was a sweet man with a big heart, giving of his time and energy, even if he didn't have either.

He was a great volunteer, helping out at the Food Shelf every Thursday, the Elks Thanksgiving Community Dinner, Meals-on-Wheels, and babysitting his grandchildren — just to name a few.

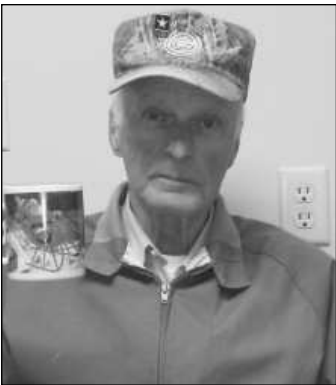
He was known for his love of rummage sales, sharing his good “deals” with his children and grandchildren, playing cards, blueberry picking, taking naps, babysitting his many grandchildren and his coffee visits with numerous friends.

His favorite pets were the many chipmunks and

squirrels visiting his bird feeders daily. His “pets” would actually sit on his shoulder and take peanuts out of his pocket!

He was preceded in death by his wife, Pat, in 2009; parents; brothers, Larry, Rod, Cliff and Wally; and sisters, Betty and Ruby.

He is survived by his sons, Brian (Teresa Stearns), David (Roberta), Greg and Jeff (Terri); his daughter, Cheryl (Bret Mann); 14 grandchildren — Nikki Rolando, Amanda Francis, Samantha, Michael, Matt, Jake, Josh, Janea and Ryan Peterson; Holly, Jimmy, Katrina; Erin and Lindsey Anderson; great-grandchildren — Mahkaela, Easton, Frankie and Dominic; sister, Deloris Novotny; sister-in-law, Roberta (Cletus) Anderson; brother-in-law, Ed (Joyce) Wilkowski; several nieces and nephews; many, many good friends, and his best friend and coffee drinking buddy, Charlie (Marie) Baldwin. He is also survived by Pamm Spry,



Mary Peterson, Tim Anderson and Teresa Peterson.

Funeral services will be conducted at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, at St Thomas Catholic Church. A luncheon will follow.

Memorials would be preferred to the International Falls Food Shelf, the Ranier Roost or a charity of your choice.

Interment will be at Evergreen Cemetery, Big Falls.

Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com.

Green-Larsen Mortuary Inc., International Falls, 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.

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; 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.

Thomas J. Coco, 87

Thomas J. Coco, 87, of International Falls, Minn., died Monday, Sept. 30, 2013, at Good Samaritan Society-International Falls.

A funeral mass will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, at St. Thomas

Catholic Church.

A complete obituary will follow.

Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com.

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

FUNERALS

Opal D. Tessier, 96

A memorial service for Opal D. Tessier, 96, of International Falls, who died Monday, Sept. 23, 2013, was conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at St. Thomas Catholic Church.

Visitation took place one

hour prior.

Officiating was Fr. Kris McKusky and Deacon Fran Zaren.

Music was by May Ann Kalar and Joe Belanger.

Reader was Marian O'Brien.

Presentation of Gifts was by Tim Tessier, Barry Tessier and Peggy Christie.

Eucharistic ministers

were Bunny Green and Patt Thorpe.

Greeters were Jackie Glowack, Tom Glowack and Frank Watkinson.

Interment is at St. Thomas Catholic Cemetery.

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

Harold E. Hostetter, 82

Funeral services for Harold E. Hostetter, 82, of International Falls, who died Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2013, at his home, were conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at the Full Gospel Fellowship Church.

Visitation took place one

hour prior.

Officiating was Pastor

Ronald Hostetter Sr.

The opening prayer and

remembrance were given by Blake Hostetter.

Music was by Ronald Hostetter Jr. and Vonn

ie Kreft.

Casketbearers were Blake, Ronald Jr., Logan, Benjamin

and Kolter Hostetter.

Military rites were accorded by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2948.

Flag presentation was by Kathy Sikkila and Terry Randolph.

Interment is at Ericksburg Cemetery.

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

LOOKING BACK

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Looking Back is compiled by the Falls Public Library
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25 YEARS AGO

Sterling Houghlum, 69, died today at Falls Memorial Hospital. Houghlum was Falls city clerk for 21 years, was employed at Schulz Bakery and was a meat cutter at Red Owl; Sabourin Grocery, Sleepy Hollow; Ness's Grocery; Holler Store; Park Grocery and owned his own grocery store. He also was an ambulance driver in the Falls.

Freshman Homecoming king and queen are Tamara Schmidt and Brad Bokovoy.

40 YEARS AGO

The three top “Pink Lady”

volunteer workers of Falls Memorial Hospital who were honored at the Recognition Dessert Luncheon recently are Hazel Foyt, 538 hours; Katherine Allen, 467 hours; and Beulah Hill, 500-plus hours.

A baby shower was recently held for Mrs. Bruce Forsythe in honor of her infant daughter, Kellie Jo.

When Bemidji State College won the UMD Invitational Cross Country meet recently, a former Bronco was instrumental in that finish. He was Wayne Carrier who finished fifth out of the

rather large field of runners.

50 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. Christ Bly, residents of the Falls Nursing Home, will be honored Oct. 6 on the occasion of their 66th wedding anniversary.

A boy was born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. David Battles, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

Robert Weum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin G. Weum, 1007 Ninth St., is one of 365 freshmen enrolled at St. John's University, Collegeville, for the 1963-64 school year.

Vernon and Fannie Mae Byler were host and hostess recently at a mystery dinner at their home honoring the birthday anniversaries of Clovis Byler and Ron Yutzy, whose birthdays were that day, and Mrs. Grace Yutzy, whose birthday was Sept. 22.

60 YEARS AGO

A son was born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Enar Jonson, Littlefork, weight, 6 pounds, 10 ounces. Name chosen, Dennis Enar.

A son was born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hoy, South International Falls, weight, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

A son was born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Morrison, Ranier, weight, 8 pounds.

A son was born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Maki, South International Falls, weight, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

70 YEARS AGO

Friends entertained at a stork shower for Mrs. John Sop at the Clarence Christenson home in Ranier.

A group of 24 friends arrived unexpectedly at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Osell, 612 Fifth Ave., to help them celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

A bridal shower for Mrs. Gunnar Nilson was given at the Ranier Community Hall by members of the Touring Club.

Miss Jean Gauthier and Mrs. Marion Anderson and children are leaving this week for Detroit where they will make their home. Miss Gauthier and Mrs. Anderson plan to work in a defense plant there.

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