

# COMMUNITY

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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.

## Jeremiah Alan Scholler, 20

Jeremiah Alan Scholler, age 20, of International Falls, Minn., died Sunday morning, Dec. 22, 2013, in Williston, N.D.  
Jeremiah was born June 22, 1993, in Palmer, Alaska.  
He worked as an assistant radiographer.  
He enjoyed four-wheeling and mudding, bonfires, fishing, tubing, and doing anything with friends and family.  
He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Alice Jeffries and Ronald Devaney; and great-grandparents, Velma and LeRoy Epley.  
Jeremiah is survived by his parents, Todd and Rhonda Scholler; grandparents, Bill and Maxine Scholler; brother, Don Caldart; sisters, Jacqueline and Jessica Scholler; aunts and uncles, Patti and Jerry Bolstad, Barb and Terry Thompson, Mike and Debbie Riley, Tim Scholler and Greg Scholler; cousins, Shawna Bolstad, Brittany Bolstad, Courtney Scholler, Jake Scholler, Madison Riley, Megan Riley and Tanner Hanson; and many “adopted” brothers and sisters.  
Visitation will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, at Green-Larsen Mortuary.  
Visitation will also begin at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 30, followed by a funeral service

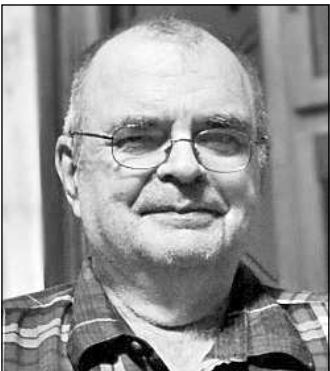
at 11, at Evangelical Covenant Church, International Falls.  
Condolences may be left at [www.greenlarsen.com](http://www.greenlarsen.com).  
Green-Larsen Mortuary Inc., International Falls, is in charge of arrangements.



## David A. Budrow Sr., 67

David A. Budrow Sr., 67, of Hampton, formerly of International Falls and Bau-dette, passed away peacefully Thursday, Dec. 19, 2013.  
He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Ethel; and step mother, Louise.  
He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Sharon; children, David Jr. (Catherine) Gilgen, Stephanie Peterson and John (Jennifer) Budrow; grandchildren, Ashley, Brit-tany, Christin, Branden, Ashlynn, Jarrett, Karsyn,

Chad, Nikki, Kim, Erin, James, Marcus, Cassie, Kay-la, Jade and Cole; sisters, Mabel (Howard) Bjerke and Marsha (Robert) Adams; aunt, Mary Lou Westerlund; and by other loving relatives and friends.  
A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, at Christ United Methodist Church, 29470 Gaylord Ave., Cannon Falls, with visitation one hour prior to the service at the church.  
White Funeral Home,



Lakeville, is in charge of ar-rangements.  
[www.whitefuneralhomes.com](http://www.whitefuneralhomes.com).

## George A. Balaski, 88

George A. Balaski, 88, of International Falls, Minn., died Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2013, at Rainy Lake Medical Center.  
George was born July 9, 1925, in International Falls, and was a lifelong resident.  
He attended St. Thom-as School and Falls High School.  
George served in the Unit-ed States Navy from 1943 to 1946.  
He married Eva Wedn-chuk on June 25, 1949, at St. Thomas Catholic Church.  
George retired from Boise Cascade with 40-plus years of service. He was a general mechanic in the electrical and instrumentation depart-ment.  
He loved to fish and hunt at his family’s cabin and en-joyed being outdoors.  
George loved to read and enjoyed visiting with his friends and family for the past five years at the Good Samaritan Society.  
He was a 64-year member of the Knights of Columbus,

a U.S. Navy World War II veteran, a member of the Vet-erans of Foreign Wars and St. Thomas Catholic Church.  
He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Eva; par-ents, Albert and Lena Balas-ki; brother, Phillip Balaski; and sisters, Catherine (Kay) Schwark and Helene Madzia.  
George is survived by sons, Christopher (Cindy) Balaski of Loman, Minn., and Curtis Balaski (Marilee Malley) of Virginia, Minn.; daughters, Constance “Con-nie” (Tom) Enzmann of An-dover, Minn., Carol Marie of International Falls and Cyn-thia “Cindy” (Kelvin) Sukut of Fremont, Neb.; grand-children, Chris Jr., Shawna, Stacy, Michelle, Melissa, Ashlee, Tory and Elizabeth; great-grandchildren, Lila Jean, Adalynn, Ashton, Du-gan, Madeline, Eva, Tucker, Greta and Chase; brother, Hubert Balaski; and sisters, Elaine Audry Consti, Marcia McGillvray, Pamela Hill and Virginia Joslyn.  
George was a devoted fa-



ther and husband and would always help others with snow shoveling and lawn mowing.  
He was kind and loving, and he will be missed by all of his family and friends.  
Visitation will be one hour prior to the 11 a.m. funeral service Saturday, Dec. 28, at St. Thomas Catholic Church, with flag presentation.  
Interment will be at St. Thomas Catholic Cemetery.  
Condolences may be left at [www.greenlarsen.com](http://www.greenlarsen.com).  
Arrangements are with Green-Larsen Mortuary Inc., International Falls.

### ASK A TROOPER

## What to do if vehicle is too close

BY SGT. CURT S. MOWERS  
Minnesota State Patrol

**Q:** One thing that bothers me while driving is when a faster vehicle comes up close behind, but can’t get past me due to oncoming traffic, a no-passing zone, etc. Sometimes, to get the guy off my bumper, I look for a right-turn lane or a large driveway on the road ahead — then signal, move to the right and pretend that’s where I’m turning. The faster vehicle goes ahead of me, then, I pull back onto the road and go on my way without feeling pressured. Occasionally when I’ve had a passenger, I’ve

gotten quizzical looks, like: “What are you doing?” Once my passenger even commented that this wasn’t the way the right-turn lanes are supposed to be used. Maybe not, but is there anything wrong or illegal about what I do?  
A: If you pull over and they go past you, and you were not stopped yet and the lane is clear, then techni-cally, I suppose that you can signal and go back out into the lane. Be very careful and remember that generally, turn lanes and shoulders are not driving lanes. If you get in a crash, you could be charged with a few different things, including (but not limited to) unsafe change of course.

Drivers that follow too close are dangerous drivers. They also are aggressive drivers. If you are being followed too close, you basically have two options. First, slow down a bit and give that close-follower a chance to pass. If they don’t pass with a short or reason-able amount of time (your discretion), then you need to just pull over and stop on the shoulder (not in a turn lane or driving lane like a bypass lane) and let that ag-gressive driver pass you. Let them get ahead of you before coming back out onto the roadway, and don’t forget to look (checking your mir-rors too) and signal before coming back into your lane of traffic.

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