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Shirley Muriel Brown, 94

Shirley Brown, at the age of 94, passed away Friday, Jan. 10, 2014, at La Verendrye General Hospital, Fort Frances, Ontario.

She was born May 2, 1919, in Edmonton, Alberta, and lived in Fort Frances for as long as she could remember.

She worked for both the Town of Fort Frances and Bell Canada as a telephone operator until retiring at the age of 60.

She enjoyed curling, winning many bonspiels.

She hated bowling but did it anyway for the exercise and was a life time member of the Royal Purple.

Shirley loved to go out and eat and enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

She loved to travel and has been all over the world. She was a snowbird for many years, spending winters in Hawaii.

Family was very special to her and she adored her granddaughters and great-grandchildren.

Shirley leaves behind her daughter, Judy Thompson

(Michael Romslo) of International Falls, Minn.; granddaughters, Tammy Taggart (Tom Toratti) and Stephanie Heinle (Tim) of International Falls; great-grandchildren, Robert Taggart (Kendall) of International Falls, Janelle Taggart of St. Paul, Minn., Chev Arnold of Duluth, Minn., and Allen and Isaac Johnson of International Falls; sisters, Wilma Redford (Ron) of Fort Frances and Betty Toews(Jack) of Sherwood Park, Alberta; sister-in-law, Edie Brown of Brantford, Ontario; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents, Walter and Violet Brown; siblings, Myrtle Armstrong (Jack), Alvin Brown (Shirley), Leo Brown (Alice), Stanley Brown (Doris), Douglas Brown, Lonnie Brown (Irene), Toots McConnell (Gord), Vivian Fredenburger (Eric), Charles Brown (Myrtle) and Clarence Brown (Evelyn).

Cremation has taken place and a celebration of



Shirley's life will take place in the spring.

If friends so desire, in memoriam donations may be made to Bethel Baptist Church, 720 Morrison Crescent, Fort Frances, ON P9A 3G7.

The family would like to thank Dr. Shack and the staff at Raincrest and La Verendrye General Hospital for taking such good care of Gramma.

Online condolences may be made in care of <http://www.greenfuneralhome-fortfrances.com>.

Green Funeral Home, Fort Frances, was in charge of arrangements.

Randy H. Splett

Randy H. Splett, of Littlefork, Minn., passed away Thursday, Jan. 9, 2014, at his home.

Randy was born in Littlefork, Minn., on Oct. 13, 1950.

He worked as a salesperson at Junkers Lumber in Littlefork.

Randy loved fishing and woodworking in his shop.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Hazel Splett; son, Brian Dean Splett; and father-in-law, Richard Keep.

Randy is survived by his wife, Wendy D. Splett of Littlefork; brother, Gary (Rickie) Splett of Littlefork; mother-in-law, Dorothy Keep of Littlefork; special uncle, Gerald (Sonny) Anderson of Arkansas; sisters-in-law, Starlene Keep of North Dakota, Eva (David) Johnson

of Nebraska, Allen (Debbie) Keep of Arizona and Perry (Mary) Keep of Nebraska; nieces, Angel (Mike) Hepokoski of Littlefork, April (David) Michaels of Sauk Rapids, Minn., Christina (Jesse) Wilson of Arizona, Cynthia Keep and Rebecca Keep of Nebraska, Heather (John) Bjorklund of St. Paul, Minn., and Shannon (James) Henson of Oklahoma; nephews, Raymond (MaryAnn) Splett, Randy (Kristi) Splett, and Gary W. Nordlund, all of Littlefork, and Joey Keep of Arizona; many cousins, great-nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles; special friends, Jerry and Cleo Anderson and family, and Mike and Karyl Hawes and family; and his special K-9 companion, "Ginger."

Funeral services were at



11 a.m. Saturday, Jan.11, at Littlefork Lutheran Church with visitation one hour prior.

Interment will be at Den-taybow Cemetery at a later date.

Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com.

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

Marjorie Ruelle Beer, 80

Marjorie Ruelle Beer, 80, of Floodwood, Minn., passed away early Sunday morning, Jan. 12, 2014, at Edgewood Vista Assisted Living, Hermantown, Minn.

She was born March 21, 1933, in International Falls, Minn., to George Sr. and Bertha Ruelle.

Marjorie worked for M&O Paper Company, Boise Cascade and Kantor Electric between 1952 and 1986.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Beer; her parents; four brothers, Clarence (Gay) Ruelle, Rolland Ruelle, George Ruelle Jr. and Richard (Dick) Ruelle; four sisters, Mrs. Fred (Cecile) Glava, Mrs. Don (Mildred) Weekman, Mrs. George (Jeanette) Dilworth and Mrs. Carroll (Jean) Rogers; and one grandson, Jason Lassila.

Marjorie is survived

by two sisters, Mrs. Ray (Mary) Misner and Mrs. Eugene (Marlene) Skoglund; one brother, John Ruelle; two daughters; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; daughter, Mrs. Jeffrey (Linda) Rapp, her children, Adam (Alyssa) Rapp, Brittany Rapp and Chris Rapp, great-grandchildren, Callen, Rie-elyn and Kinley Rapp; and daughter, Mrs. Alan (Donna) Lassila, her children, Josh (Lori) Lassila, Bobbi (Mickey) Garthus, Jake (Tiffany) Lassila, great-grandchildren, Annabelle and William Garthus, Layla and Maverick Lassila.

She enjoyed doing fancy work, baking, gardening, fishing, jigsaw puzzles and attending her grandchildren's sporting events.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17, at



Green-Larsen Mortuary.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, at St. Thomas Catholic Church.

The family would like to thank her friend Ashley and Essentia Hospice for all their support.

Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com.

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George Arthur 'Art' Corrin, 89

George Arthur "Art" Corrin, 89, of International Falls, Minn., died Monday, Jan. 13, 2014, at his home.

Art was born Aug. 13, 1924, in International Falls.

He graduated from Falls High School and was a lifelong resident.

He worked at Corrin's Plumbing and Heating and was a bookkeeper.

He was a member of the Philosopher's Club, and a lifelong member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Art also served as the church's organist.

Art loved flowers and enjoyed taking care of his yard.

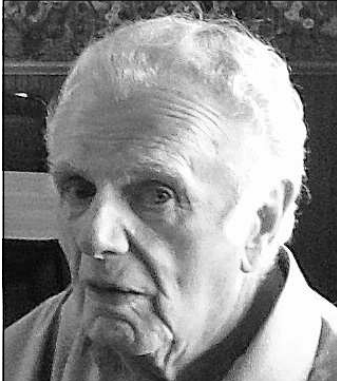
He was well known for his 50-plus years of decorating the Corrin's Plumb-

ing and Heating window on Fourth Street at Christ-mas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Rachel Corrin; sisters, Irene Kangas, Eva Uitto and Marguerite Olson; and brothers, John, Charles and William Sr.

Art is survived by a brother, Harry Corrin of Littlefork, Minn.; nieces, Janice Heaney, Barbara Rud, Laurie Sykes, Lynn Seykora, Ann Johnson and Sandy Condry; nephews, Jay Corrin, Charles A. Corrin, William T. Corrin Jr. and Vern Berglin; and his constant companion, "Toto."

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday,



Jan. 17, at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, with visitation one hour prior.

Interment will be at Forest Hill Cemetery.

Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com.

Arrangements are with Green-Larsen Mortuary, Inc.

Deborah Ann Gaetzke, 48

Deborah Ann Gaetzke, age 48, of Redgranite, Wis., passed away peacefully Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 8, 2014, at the Weyauwega, Wis., Health Care Center.

She was born March 28, 1965, in International Falls, Minn., a daughter of Eugene and Patricia (Sater) Larson.

She was raised in Littlefork, Minn., and was a graduate of Littlefork High School.

Deborah married Brian L. Gaetzke June 16, 1984, in Ray, Minn.

The Gaetzkes had lived in Longmont, Colo., and in Oshkosh, Wis., prior to moving to Redgranite in 1991.

Debbie attended Grace Bible Church in Oshkosh, Wis., where she also taught "Sparks."

She was very active as a volunteer at Redgranite Elementary School, Redgranite Public Library and Parkside

Middle School in Wautoma, Wis.

She enjoyed making crafts, attending craft shows, stamping, greeting cards, flowers and gardening.

Most of all, she loved her family and being with people.

Debbie is survived by her husband of 29 years, Brian; a son and daughter-in-law, Christopher and Amanda Gaetzke of Knapp, Wis.; and a grandchild due to arrive in July.

Debbie is also survived by her mother, Patricia (Carl) Erickson of Buehl, Minn.; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Stanley and Kae Gaetzke of Redgranite; her brothers-in-law, Bernie (Roxy) Gaetzke of Redgranite, Rocky (the late Sandy) Gaetzke of Weyauwega, Wis., and Tim (Jean) Gaetzke and

Mike (Sue) Gaetzke, both of Oshkosh; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends.

Debbie was preceded in death by her father, Eugene Larson; a brother, Bradley Larson; and a sister-in-law, Sandy Gaetzke.

Memorial services for Deborah Ann Gaetzke were conducted at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, at First Congregational United Church of Christ, Redgranite.

Pastor Paul Turner Jr. officiated.

A time of visiting and sharing memories took place from 5 to 7:30, prior to the memorial service at the church.

Deborah will be laid to rest in the spring at Pine River Cemetery, Township of Leon, Wis.

Ruminski Funeral Home, Redgranite, assisted the family with arrangements.

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