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## OBITUARIES

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### Betty Loff, 92

Betty Loff, age 92, of River Falls, Wis., died Thursday, Aug. 1, 2013, at The Lutheran Home, River Falls.

She was born the daughter of Charles and Della (Amundsen) Lee on Jan. 31, 1921, in International Falls, Minn.

Betty attended schools in International Falls and graduated from high school in 1938.

In 1941, she married Melvin Peter Loff.

She lived in Mizpah, Minn., on the family farm from 1950 to 1993.

Betty worked for the Northome Nursing Home, Northome, Minn., for 20 years, retiring in 1985.

She was a longtime member of Bethesda Lutheran Church, belonging to the Ladies Aid.

Her hobbies included knitting, crocheting, gardening, reading, traveling after retirement and in later years, she loved listening to Garrison Keillor.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Melvin; sisters, Doris Suomala and Mavis Solo; brother, Donald Lee; and son-in-law, Michael Geringer.

She is survived by her



children, Gary (Denise) Loff, Carol Geringer and Nancy (Bill) Thompson; five grandchildren, Scott, Danette, Andy, Marcy and Tony; seven great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; and brother, Ed Lee.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, at Bakken-Young Funeral Home, River Falls.

Visitation will take place prior to the service from 10 to 11.

Private interment will be at Longville Cemetery, Longville, Minn.

Arrangements are with Bakken-Young Funeral and Cremation Services, River Falls.

### Joseph Edward Growette, 69

Joseph Edward Growette, 69, of International Falls, Minn., passed away Monday, Aug. 5, 2013, surrounded by family, at Essentia Hospital, Duluth, Minn., after a lengthy illness.

Joe was born May 4, 1944, in International Falls and was a longtime Boy Scout.

He graduated from Falls High School in 1963 and attended Morehead State University.

As an adult, Joe worked for Westinghouse and was an active member of the Elks Lodge.

Joe enjoyed hunting at his shack in Gheen, Minn., reading books, and Rainy Lake.

He was a gentle man who was loved by many and had many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Kathleen Growette.

He is survived by his daughter, Lisa (Charles) Growette Bostaph and granddaughter, Shavonne Kathleen, all of Boise, Idaho; his longtime companion, Susan Marvel (Stephanie



and Bill Mannausau and Chris and Diane Marvel); sister, Sharon Rebar of St. Paul, Minn.; brother, Michael (Geri) of Cannon Falls, Minn.; aunt, Josephine Vivian of Ashland, Wis.; special friend and cousin, Jackie (Tom) Glowack; and many nephews, nieces and cousins.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, at St. Thomas Catholic Church.

Memorials, if you wish, could be directed to North Star Hospice in International Falls.

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### Lorretta Darlene Morrison, 50

Lorretta Darlene Morrison, 50, of International Falls, Minn., passed away Sunday, Aug. 4, 2013, at Rainy Lake Medical Center.

Lorretta was born July 11, 1963, in Fort Frances, Ontario, Canada.

She worked as a cook and was also a homemaker.

She had a great sense of humor. Lorretta always had something to add when it came to teasing and having fun.

She was always ready to jam out, and sing her favorite songs and enjoyed playing guitar.

She proudly carried #6 on the baseball team years ago with the "Kings & Queens of Diamonds" where she held the first base position.

She was totally in love with her grandchildren and always had stories to share of their antics.

The home Jonathan bought for Loretta was

her castle, and her doors were open for anyone and everyone who entered. She welcomed them with love and laughter.

Her grandchildren were her real treasures in life — Trystin, Peyton, Logan, and her little queen, Khloe.

Her children, Joanie, Roger, Bobby and Elaine were always the ones in her life that made every minute worth living.

Lorretta also had many young people whom she adopted as her own, and they all looked up to her and came for support when in need.

Never would two days go by where she would have to call and see how games and events went if she wasn't able to make it.

She loved spending time with family and that was always the most important thing for her. She has always been like the glue that kept a family together.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert Morrison and Joan Calder; grandparents, Martha Calder and James Calder; sister, Pam Morrison; and sister-in-law, Shelley Walton.

Lorretta is survived by her common-law husband, Jonathan Stevenson; sons, Roger (Ashley) Morrison and Bobby Morrison; daughters, Elaine Walsh (Craig Kearney) and Joanie Lee Morrison; brothers, Ken (Donna) Morrison, Duane Morrison and Richard Morrison; grandchildren, Peyton, Khloe, Logan and Tristin; special cousins, Allison, Sam and Connie (Ed); and aunt, Sharon and uncle, Albert.

She has two nephews, Reo Walton (Mandi) and Joel Walton (Lindsay), and one niece, Brandy Hulett (Chris), that have always looked at her as a best friend, and honestly much



more than that.

She was loved by many, and respected by all. She will be forever in our hearts.

A memorial service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, at Green-Larsen Mortuary, International Falls.

Condolences may be left at [www.greenlarsen.com](http://www.greenlarsen.com).

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

### Francis Heritage Haney

Francis Heritage Haney, of Ray, Minn., passed away Wednesday, July 31, 2013, at Rainy Lake Medical Center, International Falls, Minn.

He was born Aug. 10, 1923, at International Falls, to Frank and Grace (Heritage) Haney of Ray.

He attended school at Ray and International Falls.

He served in the United States Army during World War II. He was stationed in New Guinea and the Philippines and was part of the occupying force in Japan after the surrender.

After the war, he lived in Oroville, Wash. Francis worked in the apple orchards, cutting logs on Mount Hull, and as a miner at the Holden Mine in Washington.

While living in Oroville, Francis married Wanda

Patterson on May 5, 1950. They resided in Washington until September, 1953, at which time they moved back to the Haney Homestead southwest of Ray.

Francis made his living trapping and logging.

Francis' proudest accomplishment was 50 consecutive years of personally cutting pulpwood for the mill in International Falls.

He enjoyed making firewood, loved taking care of his tree farms, hunting, trapping, gardening, reading, story-telling, playing Skip-bo, and singing.

He loved blueberry picking and picked 80 quarts the summer he was 86 years old.

He self-published a book about his experiences as a miner in Holden, Wash.

He was preceded in death by parents, Frank and

Grace Haney; five brothers, William, Harry, Richard, Robert and James; and two sisters, Anne Olson and Rosemary Olson.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda Haney of Ray; three children, Frank (Sherry) Haney of Ray, Dixie Haney of Baxter, Minn., and Bonnie (John) Mekash of Roseau, Minn.; five grandchildren, Kelly Haney, Jacob (Cindi) Haney, Scott Mekash, Emily (Taylor) Summach and Cierra Mekash; one great-grandson, Matthew D'Elia; one brother, Chester Haney of Tonasket, Wash.; two sisters, Winnifred Barker of Oroville, Wash., and Laura Hepp of Yakima, Wash.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Mon-



day, Aug. 5, at Berean Baptist Church, International Falls.

Visitation was at the church one hour prior to the service.

Interment is at Lyman Cemetery, Ray.

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

### Robert Livingston Hunter, 57

Robert Livingston Hunter, 57, of International Falls, Minn., and Fort Frances, Ontario, died Wednesday, July 31, 2013, at Rainy Lake Medical Center.

He was born Feb. 7, 1956, at Fort Frances.

Robert was well known in the area as a handyman, always willing to lend a helping hand.

He worked for 20 years in construction in San Jose, Calif. He returned to the International Falls/Fort Frances area in 2003.

Robert had a great sense

of humor and loved making people laugh.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert Hunter Sr. and Yvonne Spoon.

Survivors include sons, Danny Livingston and Craig Livingston; daughter, Sabrina Davis; brothers, Ivan (Darlene) Hunter of Lodi, Ohio, Phillip (Roxanne) Hunter of Cloquet, Minn., and Brad (Melrose) Schave of Fort Frances; sisters, Verna Calder of International Falls, Linda (Robert Blanchard) Dunbar Livingston of Ash-

land, Wis., and Patricia (Laurence Ottertail) Livingston of Lac la Croix First Nation, Ontario; and by numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6, at Green-Larsen Mortuary.

Visitation was one hour prior to the funeral.

Interment is at Forest Hill Cemetery.

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