

# COMMUNITY

## OBITUARIES

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### Beth Roberta (Morlan) Woolridge, 49

### Carl Kjemperud, 96

Beth Roberta (Morlan) Woolridge, age 49, of Isanti, Minn., passed into the arms of Jesus unexpectedly Monday, Nov. 25, 2013, at her home.

The greatest New Year's Day celebration for her family in International Falls came in 1964, when Beth made her appearance as the first baby born in the new year to Orrie "Dean" and Marlyce "Dolly" Morlan.

She grew up in South Falls and attended schools with the class of 1982.

She was united in marriage to her husband, Myron, in 1997 and they made their home in Isanti.

Together they owned and operated Isanti Electric.

Beth's greatest accomplishments were her five children. Her sons, Roy and Jake, and daughters, Crystal, Melissa and Abby, were the joy of her life. Her grandson, Carson, was the newest glister in her eye.

Beth's talents were numerous. She was an unbelievably gifted crafter; her gardens were known throughout the neighborhood as "thee place to visit" and she hosted unbelievable parties, the best being her Halloween bashes, followed closely by her pool parties. If persuaded, she would sing her favorite song "Out Behind The Barn," much to her guests' delight!

Beth opened her home and her heart to many of her nieces and nephews, being their "surrogate" mom.

She and Myron served as a host family to a member of the Owls Hockey Team and were very active supporters.

We would like to thank the efforts and care of the Isanti Fire District, the Isanti County Sheriff Department, and the Allina Ambulance Service.



Until Beth sees them again, she leaves behind her husband, Myron; her five children — Roy (Randy) Morlan of Largo, Fla., Crystal (Brent) Roeth of Anoka, Jacob (Sherry) Morlan of Cambridge, Melissa (Adam) Woolridge of Duluth and Abby (Jacob) Woolridge of Isanti.

She is also survived by three sisters and a brother, who lovingly nicknamed her "Buffy" — Georgia Shaff of Eveleth, Sandy (Mark) Gorrill of Embarrass, Randy (Amy) Morlan of International Falls and Mary (Terry) Morse of Grand Rapids; brother-in-law, Ren Loney of International Falls; and numerous nephews and nieces.

She is also survived by her mother-in-law, Carol Woolridge of Morris, Minn.; as well as numerous extended relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Lenora.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Nov. 30, at Strike Funeral Home-Cambridge Chapel, with the Rev. Howard Skulstad officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred.

To leave your condolences and sign the online guestbook, go to [www.strikefuneral.com](http://www.strikefuneral.com).

Carl Kjemperud passed away Thursday, Nov. 28, 2013, in Littlefork, following a hip fracture 10 days earlier.

Carl Konrad Kjemperud was born June 30, 1917, in Cross River Township.

He was baptized and confirmed at Littlefork Lutheran Church.

He attended the Indahl Country School for grades 1 through 8, and graduated from Littlefork High School in 1935.

Carl worked at a variety of jobs. He did farm work for Hans and Gabriel Peterson, worked the harvests in North Dakota, farmed the Hans Kjemperud farm, worked on the Galvin Line, managed the Co-op Store, and cut logs for the original Peace River Bridge on the Alaska Highway.

Carl built his own small farm along Highway 65 across from Wallace Davis and worked at logging camps in the winter and for the State Highway Department in the summer.

Carl was the last surviving

lumberjack from the last log drive in Minnesota on the Littlefork River.

Carl married Iva May Smith on April 6, 1938, at the Lutheran Parsonage. The Rev. Belsass officiated.

They had two daughters; Caroline in 1940 and Linda in 1942.

In 1951, the family moved to Arizona due to Iva's health.

Carl worked for Reynold's Aluminum in Phoenix and later for Foxworth-Galbrath Lumber in Prescott.

The family returned to Littlefork in 1954.

Carl began working for Mando in the sulphite department. Five years later, he transferred to the storeroom where he worked for 23 more years until retiring from Boise Cascade in 1982.

During Carl's life, he also served as county assessor and Justice of the Peace.

He helped build the Cross River Hall and served 12 years as county commissioner.

Carl is survived by two daughters, Caroline Burley

of Duluth and Linda (LeRoy) Dahl of Littlefork; four grandchildren, Laura Merritt Sheldon (Rusty Cheney) of Homer, Alaska, Leasa (Jeff) White of Northome, LuAnn (Doug) Henrickson of Littlefork, and Craig (Cyndi) Burley of Duluth; 12 great-grandchildren, Riley Merritt, Kristin (Tom) Shover, Jenny (Jed) Smith, Russ (Aurora) Merritt, Jonathan (Anna) Blake, Alayna (Jesse) Grotberg, Jessica (Ryan) Lucca, Rylan Henrickson, Liana Henrickson, Kallie Henrickson, Austin Burley and Nicholas Burley; six great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Palmer (Dorothy) Kjemperud of Garibaldi, Ore.; his dear friend, Darlene Lueders and family; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Iva; son-in-law, Clarke Burley; grandsons-in-law, Micheal Merritt and Kevin Sheldon; great granddaughter, Rina Merritt; three sisters, Bertha (Louis) Anderson, Margaret (Albert) Carlson



(Howard) Lowry and Alma (Wally) Foster; four brothers, Alvin Bratten, Peter (Irene) Bratten, Hank (Dorothy) Kjemperud and Theodore Kjemperud.

Services were conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, at Littlefork Lutheran Church, with visitation one hour prior.

Interment is at Oakley Cemetery.

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

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

### Anita Marjorie Harler, 91

Anita Marjorie Harler, 91, of International Falls, Minn., passed away Friday, Nov. 29, 2013, at Good Samaritan Society-International Falls.

Anita was born in Aitkin, Minn., to Walno and Margaret Seppanen April 22, 1922.

After her graduation from Aitkin High School, she traveled to San Francisco where she lived with her cousin Elsie during World War II.

After WWII, she married Richard C. Harler and they lived in Crystal, Minn., for 30 years.

She worked as a secretary at the Robbinsdale Senior High School, at Strong Scott Manufacturing, and at the Army Ammunition plant in

New Brighton, Minn.

She retired with her husband in 1977 and they built their new home on the north shore of Mille Lacs Lake, where she had a beautiful garden and tons of flower beds.

She made the best fried chicken and cinnamon rolls, and she loved to feed people who would visit.

After her husband passed away in 1991, Anita continued to live there, and she was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church of Aitkin.

In 2007, she moved to Woodland Apartments in International Falls to be closer to her family. In September 2010, she moved into

the Good Samaritan Society, where she lived until her death.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and husband, Richard Claire Harler.

Anita is survived by her children, Cheryl (Patrick) Lucas of Minneapolis, Minn., and Robert (Kelly) Harler of International Falls; and her grandchildren, Jeremia and Margaret.

A memorial gathering will be conducted from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, at Green-Larsen Mortuary.

A memorial service will take place at a later date at St. John's Episcopal Church, Aitkin.



Interment will be at Rabbit Lake Cemetery.

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

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

### Joseph A. Matzke, 76

Joseph A. Matzke, husband, father, grandpa and great-grandpa, age 76, passed away suddenly Saturday, Nov. 30, 2013.

He was preceded in death by parents, Joseph and Rose; and infant son, James Daniel.

He is survived by his wife, Julia; children, Brenda (John) Miller, Joseph Vincent, Marlys Ann (Pete) Henry and John Allen (Debra); grandchildren, Julia, John, Travis, Stacey, Carissa, Sarah, Joshua, Joseph, Meghan and Taylor; great-granddaughter, Lily; siblings, Richard (Norma), Michael (Merry), Marie Tenold, David and Debbie (Marty) Felker; also nieces, nephews and friends.

Mass of Christian burial is set for 10:30 a.m. Thursday,



Dec. 5, at St. Joseph of the Lakes Catholic Church, 171 Elm St., Lino Lakes.

Visitation will be from 9:30 to 10:30.

Interment will be at the church cemetery.

Mueller-Bies Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

[www.muellerbies.com](http://www.muellerbies.com).

### Nettie Clare Town, 82

Nettie Clare Town, age 82, of Kabetogama Lake, Minn., went home to be with Jesus Saturday, Nov. 30, 2013, with her family by her side, at Whispering Pines Assisted Living, Grand Rapids, Minn.

Nettie was born in 1931 to Matt and Effie Ranuva in Cromwell, Minn., where she also grew up and attended school.

In 1948, she moved to Lake Kabetogama.

On May 6, 1949, Nettie was united in marriage to the love of her life, Edward Town Jr. Together they loved and shared 64 years, and raised two sons.

In 1969, they bought and operated Four Winds Resort. Nettie loved her years

at the resort, always with a smile and time to visit with her clients. She stayed in contact with several of her clients, even after they sold the resort in 1982.

Nettie was a very caring person.

She was a member of the Mesaba Chapter 211 Order of the Eastern Star, a forest fire warden for 50 years, and a founding member of the Kabetogama United Methodist Church, where she was the financial secretary and taught Sunday School for 32 years.

Nettie loved to collect elephants, and had a very large collection.

She was a very talented artist who liked antiques and sewing.

Preceding her in death were her parents; grandparents; two sons, Edward III and Steven; and brothers, Melvin and Donald Ranuva.

Nettie will be sadly missed and forever loved by her husband, Ed; son and daughter-in-law, George and Terrie; daughter-in-law, Josette; grand kids, Jenny and Pat Kline, Brian and Frannie Town, Maria Lane, Jay Cook, Shari and Geoff Nelson, Bobby Lane and Amanda Roberts; great-grand kids, Marissa and Matt Dozier, Shantell Cook, Mariah, Tristan and Isaiah Nelson and Brooklyn Lane; sister, Della Lehto; and several nephews, nieces and cousins.

Services will be at a later



date.

Arrangements are by Rowe Funeral Home and Crematory of Grand Rapids.

To sign the online guestbook or send condolences visit [www.rowefuneralhomeandcrematory.com](http://www.rowefuneralhomeandcrematory.com).

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