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For more information, call Tammie Calder at 285-7411.

## Irene Stella Jensen, 63

Irene Stella Jensen, 63, of International Falls, Minn., passed away Thursday, Dec. 12, 2013, at Rainy Lake Medical Center.

Irene was born Oct. 20, 1950, in Littlefork, Minn.

She grew up in International Falls and graduated from Falls High School Class of 1969.

She worked for Boise Cascade in the finishing-shipping department for 18 years.

She drove school bus for 13 years until her retirement.

The former Irene Rutledge married Roger Jensen on Feb. 25, 2005.

They moved to Bemidji, Minn., in 2008, and returned to International Falls in 2013.

Irene was known for her Special Acts of Kindness.

She enjoyed knitting, ice fishing, and going to the casino.

She was a member of the Evangelical Covenant Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Rose Rutledge; brothers, Richard and Raymond; sisters, Mary Ann and Marlene; step-son, Jack; and her beloved son and daughter-in-law, Riley and Natasha.

Irene is survived by her

husband, Roger Jensen; son, Gary Jensen; daughters, Rudean (Bob) Keith, Robin Weilage (Bruce), Rhonda (Randy) Salmon, Shana (Jeremy) Alexander and Randi (Scott) Sander; many cherished grandchildren; brothers, Jerry and Donald Rutledge; and sisters, Linda Salo and Debra Carr.

Visitation was from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, at Green-Larsen Mortuary.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, at Evangelical Covenant Church.

Interment is at Forest Hill Cemetery.

Condolences may be left



at [www.greenlarsen.com](http://www.greenlarsen.com). Arrangements were with Green-Larsen Mortuary Inc., International Falls.

### ASK A TROOPER

## Turn on your headlights

BY SGT. CURT S. MOWERS  
Minnesota State Patrol

**Q.** I am a 34-year veteran police officer, nearing the end of my career. The recent snowfalls made me angry, seeing all the drivers not using their headlights. I was kind of shocked because during these snowfalls, I bet at least 25 percent of drivers or more did not have any lights on at all, and many just had daytime running lights, which of course, are not considered legal headlights for inclement weather, because as everyone should know by now, when lights are required then all vehicle lights are required, not just headlights. Headlights are used so you can be seen, not just so you can see – many drivers don't seem to understand that fact.

During the snowstorms, I also saw that many drivers only had their parking lights on too while driving. Aren't people aware of the law? I think all of us officers should start really going after these drivers with tickets, and maybe we will get somewhere. I have talked with a lot of officers about this, and they are fed up, too. Maybe you could keep on try-

ing to educate the public about this, and do another article saying that having your headlights on can save lives. Maybe at least some drivers will wise up. Many officers have written serious injury or even fatal crashes that could have been avoided if only someone had their headlights on. In fact, we (officers) see it all the time.

When I am at a stop sign, and I look left or right, I always see the vehicle that has its headlights on first, even if there are other closer vehicles that don't have their headlights on. Even after all these years of seeing this, I can hardly believe that so many drivers just don't "get it" and are driving in this unsafe manner.

Please do what you can to inform drivers that they need to actually turn the headlights on manually in many cases, and that some vehicles with (supposed) "automatic" headlights don't actually turn all the other lights on that are required when headlights are, too. Sometimes we (officers) are busy at a scene and we don't have time to go chasing after the non-headlight drivers, but some of them pay for it when they are in a

crash. You would think that drivers would want to do all they can do to be safe and keep their passengers — who are often family members — safe. Thanks for whatever you can do, and good luck!

A. You about said it all, and very well at that. I will add that traffic safety officials everywhere are advocating just driving with your headlights on all the time, so you don't have to worry about what all of the specific requirements of the law are. After the recent lengthy snow storms, I heard this same exact complaint from numerous sources and regions.

Just to cover all the bases: In part, M.S.S. 169.48 says: "Every vehicle upon a highway within this state: at any time from sunset to sunrise; at any time when it is raining, snowing, sleeting, or hailing; and at any other time when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog or other conditions or there is not sufficient light to render clearly discernible persons and vehicles on the highway at a distance of 500 feet ahead; shall display lighted headlamps, lighted tail lamps, and illuminating devices..."

A good rule of thumb: If your wipers need to be on, then your headlights should be on, too.

## LOOKING BACK

### 25 YEARS AGO

Katherine Naland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Naland, graduated from the College of Saint Benedict Dec. 10.

Jeremy Newton and Eric Phair have received scholarships to attend the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks for the 1987-88 academic school year.

### 40 YEARS AGO

Diane Sutherland of the Falls was among the 165 students named to the fall quarter dean's list at Itasca Community College in Grand Rapids.

A girl was born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Manausau.

### 50 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Lyle Vigoren, Pa-permaker's Colony, was guest of honor Sunday evening at a surprise birthday dinner party.

Dear Santa — I am 6 years old. I try to be good. Can you bring me some dishes, games and maybe a doll. I love you. We have moved. — Lynn Vertnik.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hilden, Point O'Pines, who were married Dec. 17, 1914, this week observed their 49th wedding anniversary.

The girls at Hi-Way Curb and Mrs. Alice Burnett, Kim Haney and Mrs. Minnie Jorgenson held a Christmas party at the Hi-Way Curb. Gifts were exchanged and the girls gave their bosses, Nellie Brown and Bill Miller, each a gift.

### 60 YEARS AGO

Dear Santa Claus — My sister and I want a View Master. I want a Pillsbury cake mix and my sister wants a doll. Thank you, Santa. — Paula and Anna Mae Skibinski

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hardy Sr., 304 Eighth St., will be honored at a silver wedding anniversary party Sunday afternoon and evening at their home.

Dear Santa — I am 3 1/2 years old and I have been a good boy. I want a grader, crane and a truck. — Thank you, Brian Keeney

Louis Stillar, one of the earliest pioneers on the Minnesota side of Rainy River, returned to the

Falls this week for a brief visit with relatives and friends. Now a resident of Whitetail, he was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Stillar who moved from eastern Canada in 1892 and settled at a point one mile west of Brown's Corner.

### 70 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Corrin have received word of the birth of a son, Jay Patrick, to their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Corrin, at St. Mary's Hospital, Duluth, today.

Mrs. Ralph Sumption and children left for Warrensburg, Mo., where they will make their home. Pfc. Sumption is stationed near Warrensburg at the Sedalia air field.

Vernon Francis, S. 2-C, is an "A" Honor student at the University of Washington, Seattle, where he has been receiving special training since July. He expects to be home for Christmas.

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