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

James Arthur Sirois, 77

James Arthur Sirois, 77, of International Falls, Minn., died Sunday, April 26, 2015, at his home on Grindstone Island, Rainy Lake.

Jim was born Sept. 16, 1937, at Littlefork, Minn., to parents Omer and Mary (Evans) Sirois.

He was a well-known salesman and manager for Kordel Furniture in International Falls.

He also served as a fireman on the International Falls Fire Department for 25 years.

Jim was an avid outdoorsman.

He was there for anyone who needed help.

He will be greatly missed by many friends and relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Omer and Mary Sirois.

Jim is survived by his wife, JoAnn Sirois; sons, Ken (Patty) of Soldotna, Alaska, Bill (Rose) of Kenai, Alaska, and Brian (Laura) of Littlefork; daughter, Kim (John) Pierce of



Mahtomedi, Minn.; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; brother, John (Becky) Sirois; and sister, Mary Sirois.

A Celebration of Life will be conducted from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at Elks Lodge 1599, with a Service of Remembrance at 3.

Memorials in lieu of flowers would be preferred to the local Relay for Life or the International Falls Fire Department.

Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com.

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

Jacqueline A. Snyder, 83

Jacqueline A. Snyder, age 83, of Le Sueur, Minn., formerly of International Falls, Minn., died Wednesday, April 22, 2015, at the Minnesota Valley Health Center, Le Sueur.

Funeral services were conducted at 4 p.m. Monday, April 27, at Word of Life Brethren Church, Le Sueur.

Visitation took place at the church one hour prior to the services.

Burial was at 10:05 a.m. Tuesday, April 28, at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, Minn.

Jackie was born Nov. 7, 1931, to Daniel and Lillian (Olafson) LaBelle in International Falls.

She lived in International Falls until about the age of 7 before her family moved to Minneapolis, Chicago, Ill., and then to Cornell, Wis., where she graduated from high school.

The family later relocated to Le Sueur.

She married Norbert Snyder on Aug. 26, 1951, in Le Sueur. The couple resided in Le Sueur for many years.

Jackie later graduated from Mankato State University with a teaching degree. She taught at the Le Sueur Nursery School for many years and later taught Special Education and Gift/Talented at Park Elementary School.

During her 40-plus years with the Le Sueur schools, Jackie greatly contributed to changing and improving, as well as shaping new curriculum for the school district.

She enjoyed being a hockey mom and grandma and rarely missed a Gopher hockey game.

A favorite pastime was singing in the mixed quartet called the "Uncalled Four."

In her early years, she enjoyed golf and playing bridge.

Jackie was a long-time volunteer at the elementary

school in International Falls for many years and was fondly known as "Grandma Jackie" to countless students, parents, and faculty.

She was an active member in the Evangelical Covenant Church in International Falls, where she taught Sunday/Bible School and served on numerous trips to Honduras.

Jackie never passed up an opportunity and often went out of her way to broaden other people's horizon.

Her heaven on earth was the time she spent on Rainy Lake. She shared her passion and love of Rainy Lake to everyone that knew her.

She is survived by her children — daughter, Jeanne Schoeppner of Le Sueur; son, Jeff (Kris) Snyder of International Falls; grandchildren, Matt (Katie) Schoeppner, Melissa (Nick) Meger, and Landan, Blake, and Lauren Snyder, Jamie Snyder, Naomi Snyder, and Jacqueline Snyder; great-grandchildren, Emeri, Elsie, and Elena Meger, Beck and Ebba Schoeppner, and Timothy and Michael Friedrichsen; siblings, Daniel LaBelle of Le Sueur, Renee (Robert) Horn of Eyota, Minn., and Jeanette (Charles) Blevins of Eyota; and many nieces and nephews.



She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Norbert in 2008; son, John; sister-in-law, Rita LaBelle; and niece, Terri Vrieze.

Gary Lee Holm, 68

Gary Lee Holm, 68, of International Falls, Minn., passed away from leukemia Monday, April 27, 2015.

Gary was born Dec. 30, 1946, in Fort Frances, Ontario, the eldest child of Dorothy (McDonald) and Gustav E. Holm.

He was baptized into the Christian faith and grew up near Brown's Corner, where he was actively involved in the outdoor chores of farming.

He enjoyed playing marbles as a youth, and was the Veterans of Foreign Wars Marble Tournament Champion in 1959.

After graduating from Falls High School in 1966, Gary was employed by the Boise Cascade paper mill.

On Oct. 8, 1966, he was united in marriage to Lois M. Thomasson at the Evangelical Covenant Church in International Falls.

In 1973, Gary enlisted in the Army. After basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., he served as a cook in Fort Carson, Colo., and Fort McCoy, Wis. His enlistment ended in 1976, when he returned to International Falls and resumed working in the paper mill. Gary worked for Boise for 41 years, retiring in 2006.

He bowled for many years, often on teams with his brothers.

Gary built a cabin on his wooded property in Birchdale, Minn., and spent much time there, enjoying the outdoors, cutting wood, and teaching his grandchildren how to hunt and fish.

An avid fisherman, he could be found on Rainy Lake and Rainy River year round, catching endless amounts of walleye and crappie.

Gary enjoyed playing poker with his fishing buddies.

A kind and quiet man, Gary served as an example of loyalty to his friends and as an enduring model of patience and commitment to his family.

He is survived by his wife, Lois; son, Gary (Dawn) Holm, Hallock, Minn.; six grandchildren, Therese Holm, Anchorage, Alaska, Katherine Holm, Wahiawa, Hawaii, and Maria Holm, Christopher Holm, Andrew Holm and Genevieve Holm, all of Hallock; brothers and sisters, Tom (Phyllis) Holm, Marguerite Holm. Mark (Nancy) Holm and Connie Holm, all of International Falls, and Gus (Jean) Holm, Warroad, Minn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Wade Holm; and a nephew, Brent Holm.

Memorial services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday, May 1, with full military



rites, at Evangelical Covenant Church, International Falls.

Visitation will be one hour prior.

Interment will take place at Forest Hill Cemetery, International Falls.

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