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

Alice Elizabeth (Thompson) Burckhard, 99

Alice Elizabeth (Thompson) Burckhard, 99, of Fargo, N.D., died Monday, Dec. 8, 2014, at Bethany on 42nd.

Alice was born in Warwick, N.D., on Feb. 5, 1915, to John and Amelia Thompson.

She graduated from Warwick High School in 1933, where she was an outstanding girls' basketball player and developed her life long passion for the sport.

On June 4, 1938, she married the love of her life, Anton (Tony) Burckhard, in Devils Lake, N.D., and they were married for 65 years until his death in 2004.

While in Devils Lake, Alice worked for many years at Mann's Department Store, and upon moving to Fargo in 1962, she worked at Monson's Luggage until her retirement in 1976.

She loved baking, especially fruit pies; traveling to Arizona each winter, as well as trips on a tankful with her niece, Candis; penny ante poker; and al-

ways having a pot of coffee or a stiff drink ready day or night for friends or relatives whenever they dropped by her home.

In 2007 she moved to Bethany Towers, Fargo, and then to Bethany on 42nd last February.

She will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered by her son, Alan (Patricia) Burckhard, Glendale, Ariz.; two grandchildren, Jerrod (Beth) Shermoen, International Falls, Minn., and Kristopher (Tammy) Burckhard, Mesa, Ariz.; three great-grandchildren, Jeffrey Shermoen, Maria Shermoen and Kameron Burckhard; son-in-law, Jerry Shermoen, International Falls; and numerous nieces and nephews, especially Candis (Harley) Sommerfeld, Fargo, and Diane Young, Jamestown, N.D.

Alice was preceded in death by her husband; her daughter, Toni Marie Shermoen; her parents; all 12



brothers and sisters; and one grandchild, Jeffrey Alan Shermoen.

Memorials are preferred to Hospice of the Red River Valley or Bethany on 42nd.

A celebration of her life will be held in June in Devils Lake, N.D.

Arrangements entrusted to the care of Boulger Funeral Home and Celebration of Life Center, Fargo.

Online guestbook at www.bouglgerfuneralhome.com.

Gloria M. Stoltz, 85

Gloria M. Stoltz, 85, International Falls, Minn., went to be with her Lord and Savior Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2014, at Essentia Health-St. Mary's Hospital, Duluth, Minn. She was surrounded by her loving family.

She was born Gloria Marie Olson on June 26, 1929, in Strathcona, Minn., the youngest of eight children born to Ole and Ellen (Hagstrom) Olson.

She was the last surviving sibling of the family.

Gloria was an infant when her family moved to International Falls.

She married Anthony "Tony" Stoltz on Sept. 13, 1952, in International Falls.

She was a dedicated "stay-at-home" mom, and a devoted homemaker and loving wife, mother and grandmother.

She was a proud wife of a World War II veteran.

Gloria loved her flowers and enjoyed feeding and watching the birds in her yard, and enjoyed the outdoors in the summer.

She was a member of the Falls Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

Gloria was a gifted quilt maker and made numerous beautiful quilts for family.

She was very appreciative of her three children and loved her grandchildren and their families.

She always enjoyed time with her family, with the Fourth of July and Christ-

mas being most special, when her children and grandchildren came home and the house was filled with children and dogs.

As a good Swede, her house was always open for coffee, cookies and fellowship around her round oak table.

Her faith walk began in the Salvation Army, and progressed to acceptance of Jesus as Lord and Savior in the Christian faith.

Gloria was a kind, loving and generous woman who loved her Lord. She will truly be missed.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Anthony "Tony" in 1973; three brothers, Archie, Stanley and Oliver Olson; and four sisters, Lucille Norman, Eleanor Carnahan, Genevieve Rockwell and Audrey Bates.

Gloria is survived by her children — Larry (Lois) Stoltz of International Falls, Gregory (Nada) Stoltz of Trimont, Minn., and Debra (Jack) Scott of Salina, Okla.; eight grandchildren — Travis (Stacey) Stoltz, Hailey (Jason) Stoltz, Dan (Jessica) Seegert, Christopher Seegert, Jessica (Ryan) Houska, Kiley (Matt) Stoltz, Kaitlin (Destin) Stoltz and Colton Scott; five great-grandchildren — Kinsey Seegert, Tristan Toth, Dillon Rud, Dawson Morris and Sela Napper; many step grandchildren and step great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson, Jame-



son Ammarman; along with numerous nieces, nephews and friends, including special friend, Leona Larson.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at Evangelical Covenant Church, International Falls, with visitation one hour prior to the service at the church.

Pastor Randy Barstad will be the officiant.

Music will be provided by Donna Barstad.

Casketbearers will be Travis Stoltz, D.J. Seegert, Christopher Seegert, Matthew Kruger, Destin Ammarman and Joey Beitel.

A reception in Gloria's honor will immediately follow the service in the church social hall.

Interment will be at Forest Hill Cemetery, International Falls.

Mlaker Funeral Home, Cook, is in charge of arrangements.

Ramona Anderson, 75

Ramona Anderson, 75, of International Falls, Minn., passed away Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2014, at Good Samaritan Society-International Falls.

Mona was born July 25, 1939, in International Falls, the daughter of Archie and Ella (Tverberg) Anderson.

She graduated from Falls High School and made her career in the healthcare field, always taking care of others.

She spent most of her working years at Fairview-St. Mary's in Minneapolis, Minn., and after retirement returned to International Falls to be near her family.

Mona was a cheerful person who lived each day with a positive attitude. She enjoyed life to the fullest but will be especially remembered for her love of people, music, sports, and animals.

She made every family gathering fun by playing her guitar, singing and yodeling. She was a huge fan of country western songs and could sing them all and name the artist.

While she loved all ani-

mals, she had a soft spot for cats and dogs and carried dog treats in her pocket. In the same way, she loved and enjoyed children and there are generations of children who have their own special memories of Mona.

She lived modestly and gave generously. She was a nurse and always a caregiver. She valued everyone exactly as they were and had a way of making everyone feel special. She was loyal to her family and friends and shared her laughter and kindness with everyone.

While she will be missed by so many, she will live on in the hearts of everyone who was privileged to know her.

Mona was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Clifford, Donald and Dennis Anderson; and sisters, Jane Anderson and Deloris (George) Sirotiak.

She is survived by sisters, June Jackson Nelson and Doris (Robert) Pullar; sisters-in-law, Susan (Dennis) Anderson and June (Donald) Anderson; along with many nieces, nephews



and extended family.

Mona will be greatly missed by her family and friends — truly to know her was to love her.

A gathering of family and friends for a Celebration of Life will take place at a later date.

The family would prefer memorials to the Salvation Army or Falls Hunger Coalition.

Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com.

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

Rotary guests

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Recent guests at meetings of the International Falls Rotary Club included Terry Ehrman, who was the guest of Rotarian Sherrie Lessard. Registered nurse Ehrman, the nurse manager at Rainy Lake Medical Center, talked about a three-year grant that provides support to rural physicians through Avera Emergency Care. This service is provided at no cost to patients.

Nikki Turenne was the guest of Rotarian Donna McClellan. Turenne, who serves as president of the Borderland Humane Society, updated Rotary members on the new facility and services available through BHS.



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Terry Ehrman was the guest of Sherrie Lessard at a recent meeting of the Rotary.



Nikki Turenne was the guest of Rotarian Donna McClellan.

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