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### Catherine ‘Cathy’ Marie (Sweeney) Cronin

Catherine “Cathy” Marie (Sweeney) Cronin was born in Grand Forks, N.D., Sept. 8, 1929, to Robert and Emma (Johnson) Sweeney.

She died Tuesday, April 28, 2015, at Sanford palliative care unit, Fargo, N.D., surrounded by her family after a brief illness.

Funeral is set for 2 p.m. Monday, May 4, at St. Mary’s of the Lakes, near Detroit Lakes, Minn.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, May 3, with a 6:30 Rosary, followed by a prayer service at 7 at David-Donahower Funeral Home, Detroit Lakes.

Visitation will continue at the church one hour prior to the Mass.

Interment will be at St. Jude’s Cemetery, near Thompson, N.D., at a later date.

Catherine spent her childhood on her parents farm north of Manvel attending a one-room school often riding three miles on horseback between her two brothers to keep their little sister warm.

She later attended and graduated from St. James High School while living in a boarding house in Grand Forks.

She was always Cathy to her many friends but always Catherine to her siblings and the many nieces, nephews and their families.

She was preceded in death by her parents; 7-month-old first child,

Robert John “Bobby-Jack”; sister, Patricia “Patsy”; and brothers, John and Gerald Sweeney.

Catherine was married to her husband John “Jack” Cronin, who survives her, on June 10, 1952, at St. Timothy’s Church in Manvel.

Catherine is also survived by her sister, Margaret (John) Hoopes; brother, Daniel (Helen) Sweeney; daughter, Carol (Charles) Bruzzone; and sons, David (Nancy) and Patrick (Dawn) Cronin.

She is also survived by her seven grandchildren — Rachel Bruzzone (S. Douglas Olson), Daniel Bruzzone (Jessica Buchholz), John (Christie) Cronin, Crystal Cronin, Brian (Becky) Cronin, Laura (Tony) Schanilec and Justin (fiancé Sadie Doggett) Cronin.; her six great-grandchildren — KayLynn Cronin, Cammie and Jack Cronin, Aubrey and Drew Cronin and Avery Schanilec; and many nieces, nephews and their families.

Catherine was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Her family was the most important thing in her life. If you knew Cathy, you knew the entire flock no matter how much time you had to learn of them. There was no person more proud of each and every one of them.

Cathy did everything she could to improve her

family’s lives, tirelessly working many jobs and balancing being a great mother and wife.

Her working outside the home too helped allow husband Jack to be able to assist his success in becoming an electrician and their moving off the small family dairy farm into Thompson.

Catherine took a huge leap of faith enrolling at the University of North Dakota at age 40, attending full-time with traditional students “young enough to be my kids.” She graduated in four years with an accounting degree in 1973, spending the remainder of her career working at UND in the graduate school and purchasing office.

Cathy was deeply involved in community service in Thompson, especially also in General Federation of Women’s Clubs, later becoming the North Dakota state president.

She was always ready, willing and made herself available to serve and help at the parishes she belonged to, even being church secretary at St. Mary’s of the Lakes for 19 years after retiring with Jack to the lake home they built on Lake Eunice near Detroit Lakes. She was proud of their home “that Jack built” and loved the changing seasons at the lake.

Cathy and Jack loved traveling especially in their retirement, proud-



ly having been to all 50 states, 11 trips to Europe and through the Panama Canal.

They were inseparable, especially in their wonderful retirement years. When their health allowed they would spend winters in Myrtle Beach, S.C., Galveston, Texas, and Hot Springs, Ark., up until recently.

Her family is proudest of her tireless unwavering dedication to her husband Jack. Especially these last few years prior to his recent move to The Fairmont Eventide Garden Square Memory Care in Moorhead, Minn.

Cathy would prefer memorials directed to the Thompson, N.D., school, citing the wonderful start it gave her children, St. Jude’s Cemetery, or St. Mary’s of the Lakes parish.

Funeral arrangements are with the David Donahower Funeral Home, Detroit Lakes.

#### OBITUARIES

The Journal publishes paid obituaries in Wednesday and Saturday editions and on its Web site at [www.ifallsjournal.com](http://www.ifallsjournal.com).

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Obituaries can be faxed to the Journal at 285-7206; e-mailed to [tammiec@ifallsjournal.com](mailto:tammiec@ifallsjournal.com); or mailed to The Journal at 1602 Highway 71, International Falls, MN 56649.

We encourage electronic delivery of obituaries and any accompanying photos.

If desired, The Journal will e-mail or fax a proof of the obituary to the funeral home handling the service.

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

### Edith M. Lenertz, 92

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 9, 2015, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Cloud, Minn., for Edith M. Lenertz, 92, of St. Cloud, who passed away Saturday, Jan. 3, at St. Benedict’s Senior Community, St. Cloud.

The Rev. Janine Olson will officiate.

Friends and relatives may call one hour prior to services at the church Saturday, May 9.

Burial will be at noon on Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 10, at Memorial Park South Cemetery, Grand Forks, N.D.

The Rev. Carla Coen-Tuff of United Lutheran Church will officiate.

Arrangements are entrusted to Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home, St. Cloud.

Edith was born May 15, 1922, in Niagara, N.D., to George and Alpha (Herum) Bjorge.

She was married to Carl Georgesen who passed away in 1944.

Edith married Aloys Lenertz and he passed away in 1991.

She was a business owner in Grand Forks for many years, operating the Pink Hanger, an upscale consignment shop. Edith took pride in her business and was respected in the community.

She moved from Grand Forks to Waite Park in 1996, where she became a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Family was Edith’s main passion and priority in her life. She also enjoyed golfing, playing bridge, cooking for family and friends and fishing.

Survivors include her daughters, Jane (Gary)



Marsden of Clear Lake, Barbara (Don) Wetter of Crosslake and Nancy (Steve) Shermoen of International Falls; grandchildren, Steven (Cindy) Marsden, Jennifer (Paul) Marsden Uren, Bradley Wetter, Scott Wetter, Chris (Tamra) Wetter, Mike Shermoen, Andy (Kelly) Shermoen and Matt Shermoen; and great-grandchildren, Matt and Mike Marsden, Harper Marsden Uren, Chloe Wetter, Hannah, Logan, Austin and Megan Wetter and Will, Charlie and Sam Shermoen.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alpha and George Herum; husbands, Carl Georgesen and Aloys Lenertz; and siblings, Marion Brager, Bob Bjorge, Rhoda Neumann Herness, Elaine Karna and Betty Brands.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at St. Benedict’s Senior Community in St. Cloud for the loving and wonderful care that was given to Edith.

Memorials are preferred to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Waite Park, Minn., or St. Benedict’s Senior Community, St. Cloud.

Obituary, Guest Book and Video Tribute available online: [www.williamsdingmann.com](http://www.williamsdingmann.com).

### AARP TAX AIDE VOLUNTEERS



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AARP tax aide volunteers gathered for an end of year luncheon recently after providing free income tax assistance and preparation to area residents for the 2014 tax year. Clients served numbered 1,399 with 2,528 returns completed. Volunteer hours totaled 3,572. Tax preparing volunteers included, Joe Gust, Mike Bjorkquist, Les Bjorkquist, Orin Simon, Eugene Pierce, Betty Ericson, Darlene Tomczak, Stephanie Shoquist, Annette Vollrath, Jane Barthell, Mary Bartlett, Susan Dion, Alice Mannausau, Felicidad Bruers, Betty Simon and Agnes Henrickson. Not pictured are Joan Pearson and Bernice Brown.

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DOZER: '93 Cat. D4C LGP w/ cab & heat.  
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