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OBITUARIES

The Journal publishes paid obituaries in Wednesday and Saturday editions and on its Web site at www.ifallsjournal.com.

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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.

Robert Dwight Smalley, 66

Robert Dwight Smalley, 66, of International Falls, Minn., died Friday morning, April 10, 2015, at the Ranier Roost, Ranier, Minn., with his loving wife Dianne by his side.

Robert was born July 23, 1948, in Uxbridge, Ontario, Canada, to parents Wilbur and Joan Smalley.

Bob grew up in Marathon, Ontario, on the North Shore of Lake Superior.

As a member of the Boy Scouts he developed an avid interest in birding which led to several trips throughout Canada, the United States, Central America, and South America.

Following graduation from Grade 12, Bob moved to Stratford where he completed Grade 13. He then studied at the University of Guelph.

In 1973, Bob began his career with the Ontario Ministry of Corrections and simultaneously earned a bachelor's of arts degree with a legal studies option from the University of Waterloo, graduating with honors.

While employed by the Ministry from 1973 to 1977, Bob was a correctional officer at the Guelph Jail and the Kitchner Jail. In 1977, he was promoted to shift supervisor/operational manager and worked at the Wellington Detention Centre, Guelph Correctional Centre, and Guelph Jail. In 1997 to 1998 he was a young offender unit manager at the Wellington Detention Centre, and then became a systemic change facilitator at the Bell Cairn Staff Development Centre.

With a love for outdoor activities, especially fishing and hunting, Bob decided to end his career in Fort Frances. Before retiring, he received the Exemplary Service Award.

Bob also enjoyed dancing and in 2001 he met his dance and hunting partner, Dianne. They were married Nov. 23, 2002, in Ray, Minn., and made



their home in Borderland.

He spent about 10 years working for the Northland Counseling Center as a mental health practitioner.

Bob will be greatly missed by his family, friends and clients.

Bob was recently preceded in death by his father, Wilbur; uncle, Jake; and his father-in-law, Einar Sundin.

Bob is survived by his wife, Dianne Smalley; daughter, Jana Smalley (Mike Roozenburg) of London, Ontario; step sons, Bjorn Johnson of Milaca, Minn., and Leif Johnson of Bemidji, Minn.; siblings, Judy Wesley (John Harmon), Deborah (Tom) McCutcheon, Douglas (Laurie) Smalley, David Smalley (Lynda Shambra), Jan (Frank) Hertwig, Tracey Musset (Allan Rose), Nancy Voros (Paul Farrel), and Jeffrey (Luanne) Smalley; and extended family members of Smalley, Wiles and Sundin descent.

Memorial services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 2, with visitation at 10, at Green-Larsen Mortuary, International Falls.

Memorials would be preferred in lieu of flowers in Robert's memory.

Interment will be at Forest Hill Cemetery.

Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com.

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

Richard Mark Hopfner, 94

Richard Mark Hopfner, 94, of International Falls, Minn., and Englewood, Fla., passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, Monday, April 6, 2015, at Fawcett Memorial Hospital, Port Charlotte, Fla., under hospice care.

Richard was born Jan. 22, 1921, in Lake Lenore, Saskatchewan, to August and Ella (Rhône) Hopfner.

The family moved to Bemidji, Minn., and then to Deer River, Minn., where Richard graduated from high school and met and married the love of his life, Marjorie Yarno.

They celebrated 70 years of marriage with many wonderful adventures.

Richard entered the Army Air Force in 1942 where he served in World War II. He was a radio man for the 56th fighter control squadron and his travels included New Guinea and the Philippines.

He moved to International Falls in 1946 where he

assisted Swede Lundquist in operating the Standard Oil Station. In 1950 he purchased the D.X. station and in 1959 he partnered with Paul Constantine and opened the Texaco station and bulk oil. They built a new building in 1962.

In 1975 Richard and his family opened up the Voyageur Outpost Restaurant and Saloon.

In 1977 he traveled to Florida and fell in love with the warm weather. He purchased a house in Punta Gorda, Fla., in 1978. He lived there for 20 years and then moved to Englewood in 1998.

Richard was the beloved father of four children—Michael Hopfner (deceased), Greg Hopfner (deceased), Phil Hopfner (Wendy), Englewood, and Patty Selander (Jerry), International Falls; five grandchildren—Greg Eberhart (Kristi), Wichita, Texas, Kym Hopfner, Maui, Hawaii, Craig Selander, Cindy Gilbertson

(Ron) International Falls, and Trina Nyguen (Vince), Englewood; and nine great-grandchildren—Ashley Orr, Portland, Ore., Nicole Orr, Englewood, Chloe Hopfner, Maui, Michael Eberhart, Wichita, Mya, Riley and Ava Gilbertson, International Falls, and Grace and Aubrey Nyguen, Englewood.

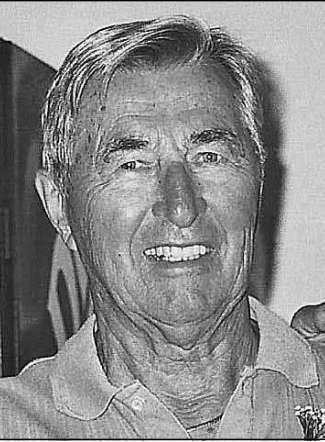
Richard enjoyed many years dancing with his wife.

He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, boating and sailing and mostly loved being with the family.

Overall, he experienced an amazing life.

He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Moose Lodge and Elks Lodge. He was a charter member of the Punta Gorda Elks, where he and Marge volunteered many hours.

Upon his death he was reunited with his wife Marjorie; his two sons, Mike and Greg; his parents; and



three siblings, Bernard Hopfner, Ann Cobb and Lillian Peterson.

A graveside service will be conducted in June in International Falls.

The family requests memorials to North Star Hospice, 900 Third St., International Falls, MN 56649, or Tidewell Hospice, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34238 (please state for Charlotte County).

Condolences may be left at Green-Larsen Mortuary Inc., International Falls.

Doris Leona Ginter (Dardis), 84

Doris Leona Ginter (Dardis), 84, of International Falls, Minn., passed away Thursday, April 9, 2015, at the Good Samaritan Society-International Falls.

Doris was born June 9, 1930, in International Falls, to Julia and Raymond (Dean) Dardis.

She graduated in 1948 from Falls High School and completed classes at Rainy River Community College where she eventually earned her associate of arts degree.

Doris was united in marriage to Gerald F.

Ginter on July 26, 1949, and together raised five children.

Doris enjoyed taking walks in her earlier days, attending her children's sporting events and spending time with family, especially her grandchildren.

She enjoyed her travels with Gerald and had a fondness for baseball and cotton candy.

Doris was preceded in death by her parents and her daughter, Janet Wagner.

She is survived by her husband, Gerald; sister, Gladys Harris of St. Jo-

seph, Mo.; four sons, Jerry (Carolyn) of Meridian, Idaho, Ronald (Jill) of Lakeville, Minn., David (Jane Slatinski) of International Falls and Patrick of White Bear Lake, Minn.

She is also survived by her 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

The family would like to thank the Good Samaritan Society for the great care that was given to Doris over the years.

Memorial services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at St. Thomas Catholic Church.

Condolences may be left



at www.greenlarsen.com.

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FUNERALS

Laura L. Ingram, 90

Funeral services for Laura L. Ingram, 90, of Littlefork, who died Saturday, April 4, 2015, were conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 9, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, International Falls.

Visitation was one hour prior to services.

Officiating was the Rev. Jacob Quast.

Music was by Zelpha Crawford.

Pallbearers were Kris Hilliard, Tim Brown and Gavin Loveless.

Honorary pallbearers

were Michael Hilliard and Anthony Tolle.

Interment was at Oakley Cemetery, Littlefork.

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

JoAnn Sue Bokovoy, 64

A memorial service for JoAnn Sue Bokovoy, age 64, of International Falls, who passed away Monday, April 7, 2015, was conducted at 1 p.m. Monday, April 13, at First Lutheran Church, International Falls.

Visitation was from 4

to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, April 12, with a prayer service at 5:30, in the Memorial Hall at First Lutheran Church.

Officiating was the Rev. Irv Arnquist.

Music was by Erin Lundin, Taylor Anderson and Erika Anderson.

A homage was given by Erika Anderson, with poems read by Angie Holenko and a reading by Randy Katrin.

Interment will be at Forest Hill Cemetery, International Falls.

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

Robert Norman Halgrimson, 87

Services for Robert Norman Halgrimson, 87, of International Falls, who died Tuesday, April 7, 2015, were conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, April 13, at First Assembly of God Church.

Officiating was Pastor Steve Kruse.

Music was by Donna Barstad.

Interment is at Forest Hill Cemetery, International Falls.

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

Congratulations on your Retirement!

Lauren Ellison - Parts Manager of Wherley Motors

Join us Friday April 17th and wish Lauren a happy retirement. Cake and coffee will be available 11-5pm.

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TEAM GRACIE BENEFIT

GRACIE'S STORY:

A precious girl, named Gracie Bahr, has recently been diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma. Her friends in International Falls have gathered to support Gracie and her family in this journey, and would like to invite you to the Team Gracie "Fight Like a Girl" Benefit. We hope you will join us.

WHEN: THURSDAY, APRIL 16th

TIME: 4:30PM TO 8:00PM

LOCATION: EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH - 1631 1ST AVE. E, INT'L FALLS

*Sloppy Joes, Chips, Uncle Frankie's Famous Beans, Desserts & Beverages

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