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OBITUARIES

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Richard ‘Dick’ Rusch, 68

Richard “Dick” Rusch, of Robbinsdale, loving and devoted husband, proud father and grandfather, passed away Saturday, June 7, 2014, at age 68.

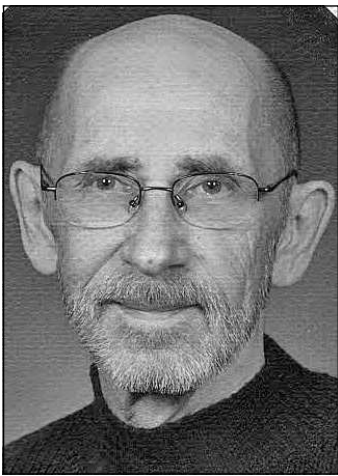
Richard embraced life and its many challenges with grace and humor.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia; and parents, Norman and El-dora.

He is survived by his daughters, Michelle (Brant) Ross, Kellie (Janice Jacobson) Rusch and Erin (Michael) Johnson; grandchildren, Rachel and Benjamin Ross, Joshua, Caleb and Seth Johnson; and brothers, Jim (Kathy) Rusch and Fred (Sally Judson) Rusch.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, June 13, at The Church of the Sacred Heart, 41st and Hubbard Ave. N., Robbinsdale.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, June



12, with prayer service at 7, at Gearty-Delmore Robbinsdale Chapel, 3888 W. Broadway, and one hour prior to Mass at the church.

Interment will be at Glen Haven Memorial Gardens.

Memorials preferred to donors choice.

Gearty-Delmore Funeral Chapels Inc. is in charge of arrangements.

www.gearty-delmore.com.

Jennifer Michelle Rud, 40

Jennifer Michelle Rud, age 40, of Superior, Wis., and formerly of International Falls, Minn., died Tuesday, June 4, 2014.

She was born May 20, 1974, at El Paso, Texas.

She graduated from Grand Rapids High School in 1994.

Jennifer is survived by her sons, Devin and Dylan Rud; father, Timothy (Carla Olson) Rud; mother, Linda Doss; brother, Jeffery Rud; sister, Emma Rud; and numerous aunts and uncles.

Memorial services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 11, at Green-Larsen Mortuary.

Interment will be in Forest Hill Cemetery.

If so desired, in memo-



riam donations in Jennifer's memory would be preferred to the Falls Hunger Coalition, 1000 Fifth St., International Falls, MN 56649.

Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com.

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

Ronald G. Brackin, 74

Ronald G. Brackin, age 74, of Coon Rapids, Minn., died Monday, April 7, 2014.

He was preceded in death by his son, Ronald Jr.; sister, Joan; brother, George; and parents.

He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Mary; children, Dawn (Mark), Tim (Christie), Tammy (Chad) and Rhonda (Mark); 12 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; siblings, Harvey (Ruby), Amy, Louise, Judy (Jim) and Kenny (Mickie); also by many loving relatives and friends.

He was with International Union of Operating



Engineers 49ers for 30-plus years.

A memorial service is planned for 1 p.m. Sunday, June 15, at Forest Hill Cemetery.

Ruby Darlene Morin, 57

Ruby Darlene Morin, 57, of International Falls, Minn., died Tuesday, June 3, 2014, at Hennepin County Medical Center.

Ruby was born June 7, 1956, at Clinton, Okla., to Clarence and Ruby Mae Poindexter.

Ruby was united in marriage on July 25, 1975, to Michael (Mick) Morin.

She worked as a certified nursing assistant for several years.

Some of her favorite activities included blueberry picking, puzzles, and spending time with her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Troy, Vernon and Mac Poindexter; and sisters, Judy Iwanski, Marlene Carver and Loetta Young.

She is survived by her husband, Michael (Mick) Morin; sons, Michael



(Stephanie Aaseng) Morin and Larry (Sarah) Morin; and her six grandchildren, including Brittany, James, Adam, Brandon, Matthew and Carly Jo Morin.

Per Ruby's wishes, no funeral services are planned.

Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com.

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

Catherine ‘Babe’ Esther Crandall, 88

Catherine “Babe” Esther Crandall, 88, of Bemidji, Minn., died Wednesday, June 4, 2014, at Goldpine Home, Bemidji.

Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 14, at Cease Family Funeral Home, Bemidji, with Lay Minister Dennis Wolf officiating.

Interment will be at Forest Hill Cemetery, International Falls, Minn., at a later date.

Cathy was born April 5, 1926, in Hillman, Minn., the daughter of John and Esther (Pettis).

She was raised in the Sugar Bush, Minn., area near Big Lake, Minn., until she was 8 years old.

During a couple moves, she attended Beltrami County Schools through fourth grade, Menahga Public School in fifth grade. In sixth grade, she moved to Grand Rapids, Minn., where she continued and graduated from high school June 2, 1944.

She married LeRoy Crandall on June 3, 1944, in Grand Rapids.

They moved to Interna-

tional Falls where they raised their children. She was always active doing things to help the family out.

She canned much of their food from their vast garden and also used it to barter for goods.

She sewed most her daughters' clothes, so well that they preferred them to store bought clothes.

She was also a fantastic cook and baker. She baked cakes for all occasions; weddings, birthdays and special events, the cakes she created were works of art.

They bought lake property on Big Lake in 1972 and to help pay for it, she worked for a time for Ric Jig Tackle in the Falls.

Big Lake became a central place for family and friends to get together. They even divided it into lots and gave each child a place to be. They eventually moved there after LeRoy retired.

She enjoyed old-time dancing and really enjoyed square dancing with LeRoy, as well as singing

and playing her harmonica with LeRoy on guitar.

She loved to do anything outdoors: Camping, gardening, deer hunting, swimming and shooting guns were fun to her but above all, she loved fishing.

In her less mobile years, she crocheted hundreds of doilies as gifts to family and friends.

Her kind and gentle spirit and the twinkle in her eye will be warmly remembered by all her family and friends.

She is survived by two sons, Lee (Emily) Crandall of International Falls and Larry (Carol) Crandall of Saginaw, Minn.; two daughters, Sherren (Duane) Foss of Walker, Minn., and Shelleen “Shelly” (Chuck Anderson) Crandall of Bemidji; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild on the way; a sister, Donna (Bud) Olean of Carlton, Minn.; three sisters-in-law, Vi Bachman of New Prague, Minn., Melva Bachman of Dennison, Texas, and Donna Bachman of Virgin-



ia, Minn.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband in 1987; three brothers, Herschel, Clifford and Lloyd; a sister, Beatrice; an infant brother, Cecil; and a granddaughter, Tanya Crandall.

Honorary pallbearers will be her grandchildren – Keith, Kevin and Kerry Crandall, Apryl Mullvain, Brittany Crandall, Jeremy Foss, Richelle Wallin, Jayson, Jeffrey and Joseph Grover, Michelle Read and Niccole Albertson.

Condolences may be left at ceasefuneralhome.com.

Arlyne Mardell Kelberer, 86

Arlyne Mardell Kelberer, age 86, passed away peacefully surrounded by family Sunday, June 8, 2014, at The Episcopal Home, St. Paul, Minn.

Arlyne was born Aug. 13, 1927, in Cloquet, Minn., to Harold and Borghild Evenson.

When she was 12 years old, the family moved to International Falls, Minn., where her father worked in the local paper mill.

After graduating from Falls High School, she went on to complete the Fairview Hospital Nursing Program in Minneapolis, Minn., and worked as a nurse at the Veteran's Hospital.

In 1949, Arlyne married John J. Kelberer, of Wirona, Minn.

Arlyne and John moved to the Middle East in 1950 where John held positions with the Trans Arabian Pipeline Company (TAPLINE) in Saudi Arabia and Beirut, Lebanon and later the Arabian American Oil Company (ARAMCO) where he served as Chairman of the Board in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia until his retirement in 1988.

Arlyne and John retired to Austin, Texas, where they lived until John passed away in 1991.

Arlyne then returned to Minnesota to reside in Minneapolis near her children.

Arlyne was a devoted wife, mother of seven children, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

Arlyne traveled extensively with her husband John and spent considerable time engaged in formal activities related to his position.

Throughout her life she was involved in many charitable organizations in the Middle East, particularly Catholic charities, as well as women's clubs and the schools her children and grandchildren attended.

Her hobbies were many. She enjoyed sewing for her children, singing in church choirs, was an excellent cook, and loved languages and classical music. She also played the bass fiddle in the high school band and orchestra, and played the violin in her youth.

Most of all, Arlyne deeply enjoyed family time,

especially the summers spent at their beloved home on Rainy Lake in northern Minnesota. Her loving presence will forever be felt in this very special place.

Preceding Arlyne in death were her parents, Harold and Borghild Evenson; and her husband, John J. Kelberer.

She is survived by her dear sister, Maxine Long of Spooner, Wis.; son, John Michael Kelberer (Nancy) of Roseville, Minn.; daughters, Mary Louise Renquist (Don) of Edina, Minn., Margaret Ann Kelberer (George) of Antananarivo, Madagascar, Barbara Jean McDonald (David) of Grand Rapids, Minn., Elizabeth Kelberer Kerr (David) of Edina, Minn., Kristine Joanne Currin of Wilmington, N.C., and Anne Marie Dircks (Aaron) of Minnetonka, Minn., Pam Van Couvering of Arden Hills, Minn. (daughter-in-law); Michael Currin of Wilmington, N.C. (son-in-law); 23 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A Catholic Funeral Mass will be conducted at 11 a.m.



Saturday, June 14, at The Church of St. Patrick – Edina, intersection of Gleason and Valley View Rd, Edina, MN 55439.

Visitation with the family will be one hour before the service at 10 a.m.

A private gathering and burial will be arranged at a later date in July at the St. Thomas Catholic Cemetery in International Falls.

In lieu of flowers, memorials gifts can be made to the Capuchin Mission — Attn: Panama Mission, Capuchin Mission Office, 1820 Mt. Elliott Street, Detroit, MI 48207.

Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com.

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

Carl Morris Norwig, 68

Carl M. Norwig, age 68, of Hastings, Minn., died Sunday, June 1, 2014, at his home surrounded by family.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 6, at Historic Ft. Snelling Chapel with interment at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery.

Arrangements were with Hoplin-Hitchcock Funeral Home of Glenwood.

Carl Morris Norwig, son of Kjell and Helen (Bailey) Norwig, was born Sept. 24, 1945, in Warroad, Minn.

He was the eldest son, and fourth child born into a family of 10 children.

He grew up on the family farm near Warroad and attended school in Warroad.

In May of 1966, Carl entered the United States Army, serving two years active duty in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged in 1968 and then served in the Army Reserve until 1972.

On Aug. 23, 1969, Carl was united in marriage to Joy Price at Two Harbors, Minn. Their marriage was

blessed with seven children.

Carl worked as heavy machine mechanic for Christian Brothers, building overhead power lines.

His job required the family to move often. Over the years they lived in several cities including Two Harbors, Minn., Thief River Falls, Minn., Baudette, Minn., Billings, Mont., St. Paul, Minn., the Philippines, and finally Hastings.

Carl and Joy later divorced but remained close over the years.

In recent years he suffered with various service-related ailments attributable to exposure to Agent Orange during his service in Vietnam. Just over a year ago he was diagnosed with cancer and given only weeks or, at the most, a couple of months to live.

With determination and loving care from his family and former wife, he lived over a year.

Carl passed away at his home, surrounded by family, Sunday, June 1, 2014,

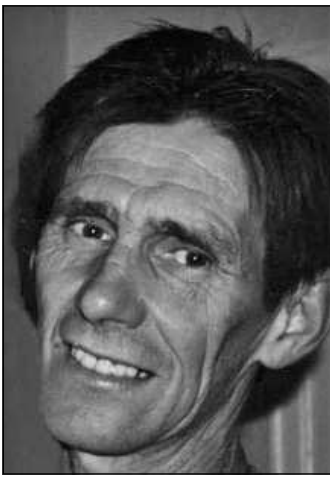
having lived to the age of 68 years.

In the 1990s, Carl served as a Neighborhood Resource Officer.

He also coached his sons' teams in baseball and enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping with his family.

He will be remembered by those who knew him as a loving, giving, supportive family man and friend.

Carl is survived by his former wife, Joy Norwig Lichtsinn of Hastings; seven children — James (Patty) of New Hampton, Minn., Michael (Cheryl) of Prescott, Wis., Alice (Corey) Koehn of Oakdale, Minn., Adam of Hastings, Minn., Matthew (Anna) of Hastings, Minn., Joshua (Kira Musolf) of Little Canada, Minn., and Sarah (Jeremy Evans) Norwig of Hastings, Minn.; 19 grandchildren; four great-granddaughters and a great-grandson; nine siblings — Joan (Robert Stroble) Melgaard of Thief River Falls, Minn., Carolyn (Spencer) Johnston of Salol, Minn.,



Esther (James) Wilhelm of Otis, Ore., Joyce (Dennis) Smith of Bismarck, N.D., E. Robert (Kathy) Fargo, N.D., Richard (Teresa) of Moorhead, Minn., Shelly (Anthony) Smith of Fargo, N.D., Anders (Sue) of Linwood, Minn., and Jeff of Linwood, Minn.; as well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Kjell and Helen Norwig; and a niece, Hannah Norwig.

Blessed be his memory.