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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.

## Jacqueline ‘Jackie’ Veryl Surface, 84

Jacqueline “Jackie” Veryl Surface, age 84, of Grand Rapids, Minn., died Friday, Nov. 7, 2014, at Grand Village, Grand Rapids.

She was born in 1930 to Fred and Florence Hiatt in Duluth, Minn.

She grew up and attended schools in Ball Bluff Township, Minn., and Grand Rapids.

On April 3, 1949, Jackie was married to T.W. Surface in Grand Rapids where they made their home.

Jackie was an active member of Grace Bible Chapel and a volunteer for many years at Itasca Memorial Hospital in Grand Rapids.

She loved traveling with her family, knitting, reading, and gardening (especially her flowers).

Jackie was also an avid Twins fan.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Terry in 1998;

two sisters; and a brother.

Jackie is survived by three daughters, Verlle “Punky” Stadum of International Falls, Minn., Marlene (Chris) Schol of Hibbing, Minn., and Colleen Edelman of Bismarck, N.D.; two grandchildren, Jodi (Brian) Tyler of Rosemount, Minn., and Brandi (Ben Arbach) Edelman of Hensler, N.D.; three great-grandchildren, Gretchen and Bridget Tyler and Theron Arbach; two sisters; one brother; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Friends and family gathered from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10, at Rowe Funeral Home, Grand Rapids.

Visitation was from 1 until the 2 p.m. memorial service Tuesday, Nov. 11, at Grace Bible Chapel, Grand Rapids.

To sign the online guestbook or send condolences, visit [www.rowefuneralhomeandcrematory.com](http://www.rowefuneralhomeandcrematory.com).

## Katherine Marie Perala, 79

Katherine Marie Perala, 79, of Ash Lake, Minn., died Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2014.

A memorial Mass is planned for 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 17, at St. Thomas Church, International Falls, Minn.

Visitation will be at 10. A luncheon will follow.

Memorials in Katherine’s memory would be preferred to the National Parkinson’s Foundation, St. Thomas School, or a charity of the donor’s choice.

Cremation services were provided by the Cremation Society of Minnesota.

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## Mary Jane Mongrain, 68

Mary Jane Mongrain, 68, of International Falls, Minn., passed away Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2014, at Good Samaritan Society-International Falls.

She was born July 19, 1946, to Gilbert and Mary Custer of South International Falls, Minn.

Mary was married for 49 years to Paul Mongrain of International Falls.

She was a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in International Falls.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Gilbert Custer Jr.



She is survived by her husband, Paul; children, Rebecca, Kevin and Cindy; grandson, Henry; sisters, Carol Custer, Barbara

Custer and Marilyn Hell; brothers, Daryl Custer, Richard Custer, Dennis Custer, Ronald Custer and Thomas Custer; as well as many loving nieces and nephews.

Mass of the Resurrection was conducted at 11 a.m. Monday Nov. 10, at St. Thomas Catholic Church, International Falls.

A Recitation of the Holy Rosary began one hour prior.

Officiating was Fr. Victor De Gagne’ and Deacon Fran Zaren.

Music was by May Ann Kalar and Cathy Lucca.

Readers were Barb Custer and Kevin Mongrain.

Presentation of Gifts was by Emily Shoquist, Ian Blummer and Henry Mongrain.

Pallbearers were Kevin Mongrain, Henry Mongrain, Daniel Ross and Frank Watkinson.

Eucharistic ministers were Judy Potter and Barb Custer.

Usher was Frank Watkinson.

Interment is at St. Thomas Catholic Cemetery.

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

## Mary Ann Chezick

Mary Ann Chezick passed away peacefully in her home the afternoon of Monday, Nov. 10, 2014.

She was born in International Falls on Aug. 24, 1933.

She graduated from Falls High School.

She married Paul Chezick on May 28, 1955.

She worked as a legal secretary prior to raising a family. Later, Mary Ann worked for United Farm Realty and sold real estate.

In 1990, she graduated

from Rainy River Community College.

She enjoyed gardening and was very involved in church and Women’s Aglow.

Mary Ann was a loving daughter and mother.

She was very active and loved fishing.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Jacob Chezick; and her sister, Josephine (“Jo”) Iraci.

She is survived by her eight children — Frances (Chezick) Brady, There-

sa Chezick, Paul Chezick, Mark Chezick, Virginia Chezick, Joseph Chezick, Anthony Chezick and Edward Chezick; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A wake will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, at Lindford Christian Fellowship.

A funeral service is planned for 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15.

For directions, call 218-240-1864.



## Russell Eugene Svingen Jr., 54

Russell Eugene Svingen Jr., 54, of Missoula, Mont., passed away Monday, Oct. 6, 2014, at his home of natural causes.

Russ was born May 25, 1960, in Eugene Ore., to Russell Sr. and Arlene Svingen, wonderful parents, picked by God. Russ’s childhood was filled with adventures on the farm, hunting birds, fishing and inviting all of his friends over for mischief.

After high school, Russ moved to Missoula to live with his uncle and aunt, Andy and Loretta Stenberg, to test his wings of freedom. He was soon finishing concrete and realized that he was a master of the art of



concrete.

On Feb. 14, 1983, he married Lisa Marie Bond. They were blessed with three wonderful children. Russ loved his children with his whole heart and taught his children his values of hard work, honesty and most of all, love — and to be a true Norwegian.

In the year of 1993,

Russ started his own business, Valley Concrete Inc. Through the years, Russ created a legacy of being the best concrete finishing company in Missoula and the surrounding areas.

Russ’s favorite pastimes were hunting, camping, fishing, and being around his favorite grandson, Brody Jay Sept. That’s Papa’s boy!

Russell was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Arnold and Alice Stenberg; and his paternal grandparents, Peder and Lauretta Svingen.

Survivors include his wife, Lisa Marie of Missoula; two sons, Bryce Alan and Zachary E. Svingen

of Missoula; his beautiful daughter, Chrystal Michelle Sept (Jake) of Lolo, Mont.; grandson, Brody Sept; his parents, Russell E. and Arlene Mae Svingen and Mark (Tracie) Svingen; his sister, Debbie Svingen of Eugene; his nieces, Kelsy Harshbarger, Mollie Svingen, Emilie Svingen and Sam Svingen of Eugene; and many other family members too numerous to mention.

Russ, in the arms of Jesus we let you go. Standing on our faith that we will see you again in Heaven — praise God.

A memorial service was conducted Monday, Oct. 13, in Missoula.

## Florence P. Rask, 82



Florence P. Rask, 82, died Saturday, Nov. 8, 2014, at Good Samaritan Society-International Falls.

She was born in Bayfield, Wis., on Sept. 21, 1932, to Edward and Veronica Gordon.

Florence married Kenneth Rask Sr. and enjoyed being a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her

husband; brothers, Lawrence Gordon (PeeWee), Don Gordon (Bradum), Ed Gordon Jr. (Sonny) and George Gordon (Babyboy); sisters, Louise Raati (Packy) and Mary Juntunen; and son, Edward (Bud) Gordon.

Florence is survived by sons, Kenny R. Rask Jr., Leonard Rask, Marvin Rask, James Rask, Edward Rask and Dean Rask; daughter, Kelly Rask; nine grandchildren; brother, Richard Gordon; and sis-

ters, Gerty Deragon, Veronica Mathews and Gorla Kraus.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, at Green-Larsen Mortuary, International Falls.

Interment will be at Forest Hill Cemetery, International Falls.

Condolences may be left at [www.greenlarsen.com](http://www.greenlarsen.com).

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