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

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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.

Nora Mae Cole, 86

Nora Mae Cole, age 86, of International Falls, Minn., died Sunday, May 17, 2015, at the Good Samaritan Society-International Falls.

Nora was born Aug. 13, 1928, in International Falls to Archie and Marguerite (Seeley) Kelley.

Nora attended school and graduated from Falls High School in 1946.

She made International Falls her life-long home.

She married Donald Cole on June 28, 1952, at the St. Thomas Rectory in International Falls.

Nora worked for the local Co-op Grocery Store and later worked for J.C. Penney's department store for several years.

She was a homemaker, mother, and loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Nora was an active member of the Catholic Church, Catholic Daughters, life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, and a member of the Moose Lodge.

Nora was preceded in death by her parents, Archie and Marguerite; three



sisters; and a baby brother.

She is survived by her husband, Donald; five children, Craig (Sue) Cole, Dorothy (Earl) McShane, Jack (Shawn) Cole, Kathy (Don) Wicks and Jim (Collette) Cole; 15 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Mass of Resurrection will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 21, at St. Thomas Catholic Church, with visitation one hour prior.

Interment will be at Ericksburg Cemetery, Ericksburg, Minn.

Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com.

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

Rose (Timmer) Olson, 93

Rose (Timmer) Olson, age 93 years, died Friday, May 15, 2015, at the Rainy Lake Medical Center, International Falls, Minn.

Rose was born in Melrose, Minn., on Oct. 7, 1921, to Mary (Pfau) and Joseph Timmer.

Her family lived for a time in Eagle Bend, Minn., and then moved to a log cabin south of Littlefork, Minn.

At age 17, Rose went to work for the Harold Haugland family of International Falls as a live-in cook and housekeeper.

At age 20, she was one of seven women who first worked in general labor for the Insulite plant.

On June 26, 1943, Rose married Stanley L. Olson.

During World War II they resided in Duluth, Minn., where Stanley was a welder in the shipyards.

During this time, their only child, Len, was born the day after Christmas, 1944.

After WWII, they moved



back to South International Falls.

Rose flourished in her life as a homemaker and created handmade quilts, canned jellies and pickles, baked lefse, cabbage rolls and perogies.

Guests at her home enjoyed her culinary skill, whether it was for a coffee break or playing card games.

Rose and Stanley enjoyed fishing on Rainy Lake and Rainy River.

She was a pitcher on fast-pitch ladies softball teams.

Both Rose and Stan were avid and accomplished bowl-



ers during their lifetime. Each attended National Bowling Congress Tournaments.

In their later years, Rose and Stan enjoyed senior bus trips and the camaraderie of fellow Borderland residents on those trips.

Rose became a resident of Good Samaritan Society-International Falls on June 21, 2007. During her years there, Bingo was her favorite activity. In 2008, fellow residents elected her Valentine's Day Queen. This title allowed her to enjoy a convertible ride in the Fourth of July Parade.

She endured physical and medical challenges but remained mentally strong to the very end.

Rose is survived by her son, Len (Carolyn) of Minneapolis, Minn.; sister, Flo Horness of Clatskanie, Ore.; and many nieces and nephews.

Rose was preceded in death by her husband, Stanley; parents, Joseph and Mary; brothers, Frank, Xavier and Simon; and sisters, Minnie, Ann and Della.

A memorial service will be conducted at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, at the Mark Jerstad Fellowship Hall, Good Samaritan Society-International Falls.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Good Samaritan Society-International Falls, 2201 Keenan Drive, International Falls, MN 56649-2152.

Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com.

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Noreen Hilfer, 84

Noreen Hilfer, International Falls, Minn., died Thursday, May 14, 2015, at Rainy Lake Medical Center, surrounded by her family. She was 84 years old.

The third of five children, Noreen Caroline was born Nov. 6, 1930, to Paul and Clara Balling on the family farm in Morton County, south of Mandan, N.D.

She attended a country school in Morton County until she moved to Tooele, Utah, to attend high school.

Upon her high school graduation, she completed a two-year teacher training

course, then taught in a country school back home in Morton County.

In 1952, Noreen married Casper Hilfer and in 1956 they moved from North Dakota to International Falls, where they stayed and raised their family.

She and Casper were rural mail carriers (Island View Route) for more than 30 years; then she served as a caregiver for vulnerable adults for 15 years.

She was a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish and the Catholic Daughters.

Noreen was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Clara Balling; husband, Casper; infant sister, Doris Balling; sister, Delores Gahnz; and granddaughter, Kallie Marble.

She is survived by sons, Jerry (Jean) Hilfer, Randy (Robin) Hilfer, Doug (Kathi) Hilfer, Tom Hilfer of International Falls, and Calvin (Reta) Hilfer of Bullhead City, Ariz.; daughter, Charlotte (Rodney) Marble of Ray; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; sister, Leora Graner of Bismarck, N.D.; brother, George Balling of Mandan; sister-in-law, Betty Hilfer of Mandan; and many nieces and nephews and longtime friends.

Memorial service was conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, May 18, at Green-Larsen Mortuary Chapel with Deacon Fran Zaren presiding.

Interment is at St. Thomas Catholic Cemetery, International Falls.



Condolences may be mailed to the family c/o Green-Larsen Mortuary, or left at www.greenlarsen.com.

Memorials may be directed to the Falls Hunger Coalition.

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Norma T. (Mundinger) Swenson, 88

Memorial services were conducted Monday, May 18, 2015, for Norma T. (Mundinger) Swenson, 88, who passed away Tuesday, May 12, at Abbott Northwestern Hospital, Minneapolis, Minn.

Norma was born Jan. 1, 1927, in Fort Frances, Ontario, to Louis and Regina (Landry) Mundinger.

Norma married Russell Swenson on Sept. 6, 1947.

Norma loved to knit and do crafts. She liked to travel and was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She was known for her sense of humor, and was an outgoing personality. She easily made friends with everyone she met.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Russell; her parents, Regina and Louis; and her brothers, Lawrence, Jack and Joseph Mundinger.

Survivors include her daughters, Lynn Swenson (Joseph Rizzo), Phyllis (Lloyd) Lundquist and Melody (Tim) Johnson; grandchildren – Jeremy, Kevin and Kirk Lundquist, Nicole Johnson, Breanne (DJ)



Spetz, Derek (Kristen) Rizzo and Stefan (Amy) Rizzo; and seven great-grandchildren.

She will be laid to rest in Forest Hill Cemetery.

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