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OBITUARIES

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Jeffery Smith

It is with great sadness that the family of Jeffery Smith would like to announce his sudden passing Monday, Nov. 4, 2013, in Brainerd, Minn.
Jeff was born Feb. 15, 1967, in Waconia, Minn.
Jeff leaves behind his parents, Richard Smith of Bemidji, Minn., and Mary Ann Lien of International Falls, Minn.; his sons, Brandon (Kayla) and Brooks (Charley), and grandson, Jayden, all of Brainerd; daughter, Meagan of St. Cloud, Minn.; sisters, Pam of International Falls and Rhonda and Dave of Fort Frances, Ontario.



A small service for immediate family was conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, in Brainerd, with Pastor Crowe officiating.
Rest In Peace -
Until we meet again.
Love and miss you very much.
From your family

Theodore Edward St. Germain, 82

Theodore Edward St. Germain, 82, of International Falls, Minn., died Thursday, Nov. 14, 2013, at his home.
Theodore was born April 11, 1931, at home in Border, Minn., delivered by a nurse midwife.
He grew up in Border.
Theodore served in the United States Army, and moved to International Falls in the 1950s.
In 1960, Theodore married Gail Shoquist in Niagara Falls, N.Y.
He worked as a millwright at Boise Cascade for many years, and worked for the local cable company

as a lineman.
Theodore was an avid hunter, enjoyed fishing, and loved to cook and bake.
Theodore and his wife Gail enjoyed spending winters in Arizona.
He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Rial and Georgianna St. Germain; brothers, George, Dennis and Rial St. Germain; and sister, Bertha Black.
Theodore is survived by his wife, Gail St. Germain of International Falls; son, Blayne St. Germain of Detroit Lakes, Minn.; daughter, Deborah Withrow of International Falls; grand-

children, Nicole Anderson, Rachel Baldwin, Tyler Withrow, T.O. St. Germain and Ashley St. Germain; 10 great-grandchildren; brother, Norm St. Germain of Oregon; sisters, Doris Kopke of International Falls and Florence Martin of Nevada; nephews, Trace Bartlett and Troy Johnson of Keewatin, Minn.; niece, Melissa Ruelle of International Falls; and many other nieces and nephews.
Mass of the Resurrection was conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19, at St. Thomas Catholic Church with military rites.



Visitation was one hour prior to the Mass.
Interment is at St. Thomas Catholic Cemetery.
Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com.
Arrangements were with Green-Larsen Mortuary Inc., International Falls.

Eva Lorraine Treat, 84

Eva Lorraine Treat, 84, of Big Falls, Minn., died Sunday, Nov. 17, 2013, at her home in Big Falls.
Private family services will be conducted at a later date.
Cease Funeral Home of Blackduck assisted the family with arrangements.
She was born Dec. 9, 1928 in Bigfork, Minn., to Edmund and Edna (Scheer) Raberge.
She attended Littlefork-Big Falls School, graduating in 1946.
She married Donald Treat on Sept. 21, 1946, in International Falls, Minn.
She enjoyed cooking, baking and reading.
She was a member of Big Falls Evangelical Free Church.

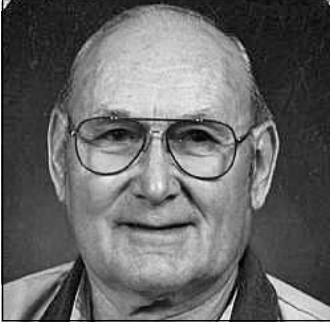
Gretchen (Adam) Ahlstrom of Blaine, Minn.; four great-grandchildren, Anissa and Carson Wimmer and Liam and Amelia Ahlstrom; and three sisters, Kay (John) Hopkins of Baudette, Minn., Mae Lindberg of Cambridge, Minn., and Grace (Tom) Frye of Blackduck, Minn.
She was preceded in death her parents, Edmund and Edna Raberge; two brothers, Allan Raberge and Wayne Raberge; and one sister, Ethel Rorman.
The family would like to thank the friends and neighbors who have helped them and offered to help them at this time. Thank you also to all who have sent such beautiful cards. Special thanks to the hospice workers and to Donna Dauphinas for all the help she gave the family when they needed someone. You are all greatly appreciated. Thanks again.
Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneralhome.com.

Clarence John ‘Sonny’ Matthews, 90

Clarence John “Sonny” Matthews, 90, of International Falls, Minn., passed away Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2013, at Essentia Health St. Mary’s Medical Center, Duluth, Minn.
Clarence was born Nov. 24, 1922, in Hallock, Minn.
He moved to South St. Paul, Minn., and then to International Falls in 1936.
Clarence served in the United States Navy from 1944 to 1946.
He moved to International Falls where he worked as a mechanic.
From 1950 to 1967 he worked as a mechanic in

Guam, Greenland, Cambodia and the Middle East on the oil fields. In 1967, he moved to St. Paul, Minn., where he worked construction across the country as a crane operator.
Clarence had a passion for cars and loved working on them.
He was preceded in death by his parents, Willard and Anne Matthews; brothers, Willis, Willard Jr. and Jack; and sister, Genave.
Clarence is survived by his sons, William “Bill” Matthews of International Falls and John (Donna) Matthews of Chugiak, Alaska; daugh-

ter, Kathleen LaFrance of International Falls; grandchildren, Michael (Margaret) Matthews of Holland, Mich., John Matthews of West Chester, Pa., Jennifer Matthews of Inver Grove Heights, Minn., Garrett LaFrance, Dylan LaFrance (Ashley Klemetsen) and Colton LaFrance, all of International Falls, and Ben Matthews and Anna Matthews, both of Chugiak, Alaska; and one great-grandson, William Michael Matthews of Holland, Mich.
A memorial gathering will be conducted from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22, at Green-Larsen Mortuary.



Interment will be at Riverside Cemetery, Loman, Minn.
Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com.
Arrangements are with Green-Larsen Mortuary Inc., International Falls.

Marian E. Franklin, 90

Marian E. Franklin, 90, of International Falls, Minn., passed away Sunday, Nov. 17, 2013, at Essentia Health St. Mary’s Medical Center, Duluth, Minn.
A memorial service will be conducted at 10 a.m.

Friday, Nov. 22, at Green-Larsen Mortuary.
A complete obituary will follow.
Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com.
Arrangements are with Green-Larsen Mortuary Inc., International Falls.

John A. Simonis, 77

Retired Master Sergeant of the United States Air Force, John A. Simonis, husband, father and accomplished artist, passed away at his home the morning of Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2013. Always the punctually minded, he chose to slip out at precisely 9:15 a.m. during a brief interlude between visiting family members.
As it had been his desire not to make the transition alone, in attendance at the time were three of his four children — Jocelyn, Catherine and Raymond — along with John’s old friend, Joan Sipherd.
John, who was also referred to as Jack, especially by everyone in his

family as well as close friends, had inevitably succumbed to the effects of cancer.
Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 18, at St. Philips Catholic Church, Bemidji, Minn., with Fr. Don Braukmann officiating.
Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church.
Inurnment is at St. Charles Borromeo Cemetery, Trail, Minn.
He is survived by three loving daughters, Andrea, Catherine and Jocelyn (Chris); his loving son, Raymond; eight grandsons; and sister, Vicki (Garth).
He is also survived by members of two communi-

ties — one is International Falls, Minn., and the other is the small mid-west farming community surrounding Trail. It was in these communities as well as many others that he left behind an extensive group of cousins and friends who will all miss him dearly.
John was a caretaker and provider to the very end; he always cared for and respected others whether they man or beast.
This day also happened to be John’s date of birth; he was 77.
He was preceded in death by his wife, Marion Simonis; parents, Millie and Michael Lucachick; brother, William Lucachick; and grandson,



Nicholas Nacey.
Online guestbook is at www.olsonschwartzfuneralhome.com.
Olson-Schwartz Funeral Home, Bemidji, was in charge of arrangements.

Hazel P. Sweney, 91

Hazel P. Sweney, 91, died Monday, Nov. 18, 2013, at the Ranier Roost.
A complete obituary will be announced when arrangements have been com-

pleted.
Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com.
Arrangements are with Green-Larsen Mortuary Inc., International Falls.

Carole Anne Cress, 67

In the early hour of Friday, Nov. 8, 2013, Carole Anne Cress, 67, passed away peacefully in Eveleth, Minn.
To all her family, friends, and acquaintances who didn’t get to say their farewells, she was remembering you in her last days. She asked that you respect her request of no funeral, but a celebration of her life planned for 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov.

30, at Ranier Community Building.
Along with all of you, she will be most greatly missed by her husband, Joseph Cress; daughters, Kris (Rocky) Hell, Karla Carmody and Kathy Cress; four granddaughters; a grandson; three great-grandchildren; a very special aunt, LaReyne Frank and family; numerous sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and

great-nephews of the Quad Cities and central Minnesota.
Preceded in death by her parents, William and Madeline (Dumais) Bernard.
A longtime resident of International Falls, Minn., she raised her family here and worked in many area businesses.
She liked her many crafts and volunteering.
A well known person in our community, always



helping and sharing.
Please remember her in all her goodness.

Randy Noojin performs ...

Hard Travelin' with Woody
(Woody Guthrie)

AND ... following intermission ...

Hank Williams

Sunday, December 1 | 2:00 pm

Admission by free-will donation

All proceeds to benefit Community Café

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FUNERALS

Carl M. Stone, 84

A memorial service for Carl M. Stone, 84, who died Thursday, Oct. 31, 2013, in Rogers, Minn., was conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15, at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, International Falls, Minn.
Officiating was the Rev. Lynn Naeckel and Deacon Lee Grim.
Music was by Joe Belanger.
Readers were Mavis Tanem and Kay Herman.
Greeters were Georgeanne and Andy Wright.
Military rites were ac-

corded by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2948. Flag presentation was by Wayne Sampson and Derek Briggs.
Interment was at Forest Hill Cemetery.
Arrangements were with Green-Larsen Mortuary Inc., International Falls.
Evelyn Rountree, 99
Mass of the Resurrection was conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, 2013, at St. Thomas Catholic Church for Evelyn Rountree, 99, of International Falls, who died Sunday, Nov. 10, at Good Samaritan

Society-International Falls.
Officiating was Fr. Kris McKusky and Deacon Fran Zaren.
Music was by Erin Persons, Betty Opdahl and Joe Belanger.
Scripture readings were by Colleen Lucachick and Marian O'Brien.
Readers of prayers were Evelyn’s great-grandchildren. Presentation of Gifts was by Kristen Janowiak, Tammy Makhoulf, Stephanie Knoedler and Stephan Ridenour.
Eucharistic ministers were Cheri Niles and Judy Potter.

Remembrances were by Tom Alich.
Pallbearers were Tom, James and Peter Alich, Brian, Dan, Sean and Kevin Persons and Tim Grams.
Ushers were Frank Watkinson, Paul Mongrain, Andrea Simon and Keith Simon.
Altar servers were Carolann Stone and Tom Doris.
Interment was at St. Thomas Catholic Cemetery.
Arrangements were with Green-Larsen Mortuary Inc., International Falls.