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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.

Paul Robert Schanno II, 53

Paul Robert Schanno II, age 53, of Eagan, tragically passed Saturday, March 1, 2014, after being involved in a snowmobile accident.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Joan Schanno.

He will be dearly missed by his devoted wife, Dawn; his daughter, Valarie (Ben) Bates-Heath; his grandsons, Nathaniel, Isaiah and Judah; his sisters, Bobbi (Gior-gio) Schanno-Zadini and Cynthia Schanno; nephews, Alex and Max; niece, Jo-anna; aunt Sharon (Nanew) Thesenvitz and her partner, Ed Vogel; along with extended family and friends.

Whether fishing on Rainy or snowmobiling at Jack's, Paul was an avid outdoors-man with a passion for "his" Vikings

He loved grilling his "catch of the day" and spending long summer days on the water with family and friends.

But most of all he loved spoiling his bride.

He was a wonderful man, filled with only kind words for all those he crossed paths with and he will be



deeply missed by those who loved him.

Paul's family takes com-fort in knowing his last days were spent with life-long friends, outdoors, doing what he loved most.

The family would like to thank the emergency responders who worked so hard to bring Paul home.

At Paul's request, family gathered Tuesday, March 4, for a private service.

A Celebration of Life reception is planned for this spring. Details will follow.

Memorials are preferred to The Heart Association, The National Down Syn-drome Society or The Fisher House Foundation.

Twin Cities Cremation, 612-866-6711.

FUNERAL

Geraldine 'Geri' Ann Radford, 67

Mass of the Resurrection for Geraldine "Geri" Ann Radford, 67, of International Falls, who died Friday, Feb. 28, 2014, was conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, March 3, at St. Thomas Catholic Church.

Officiating was Fr. Kris McKusky.

Music was by May Ann Kalar and Nita Ringhofer.

Special music was by Ga-via Yount and Pat Bjorum. Readers were Renee Rad-

ford, Rich Hindman and Polly Hebig.

Presentation of Gifts was by Katie Valentine and Julie Hindman.

Eulogist was Susie Val-entine.

Pallbearers were Jack Valentine, Jason Mohn, Noel Kleindl, Rich Hind-man, Jim Long and Albert Long.

Eucharistic minister was Phyllis Karsnia.

Frank Watkinson served as the usher.

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

Leslie Ralph (Les) Bowman, 88

Leslie Ralph (Les) Bow-man, 88, of International Falls, Minn., passed away Sunday, March 2, 2014, at Rainy Lake Medical Center hospital campus.

Les was born in Virginia, Minn., on Oct. 29, 1925, the oldest of 12 children.

He grew up in Carp, Minn., approximately 15 miles south of Baudette, Minn., and attended the Carp School and the North-west School of Agriculture in Crookston, Minn.

By the time he was 14, he was traveling the country with his father working construction as the Ameri-can economy moved out of the Great Depression and onto a wartime footing.

In 1942, shortly after his 17th birthday, like so many other young men of that time, driven by poverty and patriotism, Les enlisted in the United States Navy. He was trained as a signal man and spent most of World War II operating a signal light on the bridge of a Landing Ship Tank (LST), a 328-foot-long ship that land-ed troops and equipment di-rectly onto island beaches in the South Pacific.

Les built a home and raised his young family there across the highway from Palisade Head near what is now Tettegouche State Park.

By 1969, the construc-tion boom on the North Shore was over so Les moved his family north to International Falls to work for his father and broth-ers at Bowman Construc-tion Company and later for Wagner Construction Company.

Les enjoyed gardening and fishing but his main hobbies were ham radio and computers. His com-munications training in the military fueled his lifelong fascination with amateur radio and, eventually, with computers.

His interest in computers started in the 1980s when he

crashing planes full of ex-plosives onto the decks of American ships.

Les is a Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2948 and Ameri-can Legion Post 66.

At the conclusion of World War II, Les married Delphine Palmquist, his childhood sweetheart from Baudette, with whom he had five children.

Delphine passed away in 2005.

Les was a member of the International Union of Op-erating Engineers, Local 49, and worked as a heavy equipment operator for over 40 years.

In the 1950s, he worked for Hunkin-Arundel-Dixon as one of the thousands of construction workers who built the city of Silver Bay on the North Shore of Lake Superior.

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used a Commodore VIC 20 to target his ham radio an-tenna at the Space Shuttle so that he could talk to shuttle astronauts as they orbited the earth.

Because the space shuttle passed overhead so quickly, he used a computer pro-gram to calculate its orbit and automatically control the rotation and elevation of his antenna to follow the shuttle as it passed. His computer controlled antenna allowed him to successfully talk to the astronauts and lock in his signal as they flew by.

At that time, his comput-er was just a tool to make his radio work more efficiently. Eventually his interest in computers eclipsed his interest in amateur radio. The internet fascinated him. He loved having so much information avail-able at his fingertips and he loved email.

Les was known as a character and independent thinker who touched the lives of many people. He was kind and generous but he did not suffer fools gladly and was sometimes known to "use a little French" when he judged something foolish.

Les considered "bs-ing" to be an important skill and he often expressed his fond-ness for people with good natured teasing and ban-ter. He got along best with people who would "give him the business" back as well as they took it.

Les is survived by daugh-ters, Leslie (Don) Wilson and Stephanie Bowman. He is also survived by sons, Ron Bowman and Ric (Ju-lie) Bowman, six grand-



children and seven great-grandchildren.

Les was preceded in death by his wife, Delphine (Palmquist) Bowman; an infant son, Roland; his par-ents, Ralph Bowman and Anna (Williams) Bowman; brothers, Bob, Lyle, Frank, Delbert and Ralph; and sis-ters, Lee Nemiste and Carol Linder.

The family wishes to thank the people at River's Edge Villa and the Good Samaritan Society for their kindness and compassion — Brenda Sueker, Gay-le Haugland, Stephanie Knaak and Ryan Chezick for assisting and comfort-ing Les when he needed it most; Jen Dahlin for always making Les smile; and Dr. Jeri Vergeldt for treat-ing Les and enjoying his banter.

Les asked to be cremated and that there not be a for-mal funeral service. How-ever, the family intends to celebrate Les' life this sum-mer with extended family and friends when they inter his remains.

LOOKING BACK

25 YEARS AGO

Bronco swim team mem-bers Jeff Baron and Noel Misner earned their second trips to the state meet as a result of their Section 7 AA performances last week in Grand Rapids.

40 YEARS AGO

Champions of the third-fourth grade basketball league were the Falls Knicks. Team members are Troy Buness, Bob Wolfe, Kent Hoffman, Kent John-son, Mark Johnson, Don Svir, Don Rolando, Kurt Przybilla, Jay Bartkowski and Jeff Portuque. Coach is Jeff Friendt.

The Independent Order of Foresters recently opened a new district office in In-ternational Falls. Donald Halling of Fort Frances has been appointed manager of the office which is located at 218 Fourth Ave.

John W. Bowser, district director for the U.S. Immi-gration Service, St. Paul, has announced the appointment of Eugene L. McLinn to fill the position of immigration

inspector. McLinn will take the post vacated by Kermit F. Olson, who was recently ap-pointed Immigration Inspec-tor in charge of the Falls.

50 YEARS AGO

Members of Star of the North Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, at their annual election last night at the Ma-sonic Temple, elevated Mrs. Milton Tonn to the position of worthy matron for the ensuing year.

The initiatory degree will be conferred on Fred Hen-dee and Mark Richmond at the next regular meeting of MacNeil Chapter, Order of DeMolay.

Individual women bowl-ing champs are: Rose Ol-son, all events, 1,663; Opal Tessier, singles, 579; and Marlys Holm and Nellie Rostie, doubles, 1,175.

Eight Sawmill Addition residents are homeless today as a result of an afternoon fire which destroyed two homes which were side by side. Homeless are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Begg and four children and Mr. and Mrs.

Raymond Moone. Begg is a patient at Falls Memorial Hospital having suffered a heart attack a week ago. The Begg's children are Vicky, 1; Holly, 2; Steven, 3; and Kim, 4.

60 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. George Biondich, Point O'Pines, left today for an extended vacation in the south and southwest. Well-known log-ger, Biondich completed his winter harvest of pulpwood in the Arbutus area last week.

Twins, a son and a daugh-ter, were born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Hoken-son, Papermakers Colony. The girl, born at 3:13 a.m., weighed 4 pounds, 5 ounces; the boy, born at 3:34 a.m., weighed 4 pounds, 15 ounces.

Cpl. Peter J. Grandaw, a member of the 652nd engi-neer pontoon bridge com-pany with headquarters in the border city, received active duty orders last week and left this morning for Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Marlin W. Olson, 19, son of Mrs. Nellie Olson, Lo-man Route, has successfully completed the initial phase of his aviation cadet train-ing program and has been graduated from the USAF Pre-flight school, Lackland Air Force base, San Anto-nio, Texas.

70 YEARS AGO

Peter Krogseng, senior at Falls High School, was awarded a superior rating at the district speech tourna-ment Saturday.

In keeping with the Red Cross drive, Miss Helen Malvey's home economics V class are making Red Cross service kits.

Following the business meeting of Troop 11 last eve-ning in the courtroom, Miss Ann Havluck, troop leader, entertained at a surprise birthday party for Mary Her-man, who will celebrate her 12th birthday March 12.

Pfc. Emmett Machula, who has been spending a 15-day furlough here at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Machula, returned last eve-ning to Lemoore Field, Calif., where he is stationed with the Army Air Corps.

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Charlie Albright

7:30 p.m.

Friday,

March 14, 2014

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Backus 5:00-7:00 p.m.

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Prayer Service at 7:00 PM

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Mar. 19

First Lutheran Church

Mar. 26

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Apr. 9

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