

OBITUARIES

Sherriel ‘Sherry’ Diane Wold

Gramma Sherry passed away while gardening on Tuesday, May 27, 2014. She left this world doing something she loved.

Sherriel Diane Kerwin was born July 14, 1946, to Edward (Bud) and Helen (Nelson) Kerwin in Carlton, Minn.

She was soon followed by Steven Edward, Sanford Raymond (Butch), Susan Lynn, Sheila Mildred and Shirley Marie.

Sherry graduated from John Marshall High School and secretarial school in Rochester, Minn.

She married the love of her life, Terry Lee Wold, May 14, 1966.

In December of 1967, their only child, Robin Stephanie Rae, was born; her mother’s pride and joy, her father’s only boy.

Sherry worked at the Mayo Clinic until Terry’s job at Tractor Supply Company moved them to Spencer, Iowa. After just a year and a half the family moved back to Rochester where Sherry started working at Myron’s Hallmark stores at Apache Mall and then Rochester Materials Company (Romac).

In 1976, they thought country life would be bet-

ter, so they found a little hobby farm near Blooming Prairie, Minn. Sherry landed a job with the Blooming Prairie Public Utilities, where she thoroughly enjoyed every aspect of the job, especially interacting with the people. She worked there 24 years, retiring when Terry passed away in 2003, moving to International Falls, Minn., to spend more time with her younger grandsons.

Sherry was thankful for the years she was able to spend with her older grandsons, Brett and Scott, especially at humane society adoption days.

Sherry’s love of animals pulled her into volunteer work with the Steele County Humane Society, where she spoke for the animals who could not speak for themselves.

After moving north, Sherry became the bridge between the old generation and new generation of leadership of the Borderland Humane Society.

She worked briefly in the Falls at the Toll Booth, Hospice, Joy’s Floral and Faith United Church, before being diagnosed with pulmonary hyperten-

sion by her daughter who thought her blue lips must be a sign of something seriously wrong.

After an official Mayo Clinic diagnosis, she bravely fought the disease, happily spending her final years crocheting lap robes, watching TV, enjoying time with Kylan, Kaden and her cats and watching the seasons change on the Rainy River outside her windows.

Sherry was a wonderful mother who made holidays very special for her daughter. She saw the good in anyone and liked everyone. She loved music and gardening and was a talented artist who painted beautiful ceramic pieces throughout her lifetime.

Sherry is preceded in death by mother and father; husband; brother, Steve; brothers-in-law, Tom Lica and Jim Krampitz; and her beloved Great Dane, Isabel.

She is survived by her daughter, Robin Bjorkquist and husband Steve, their sons, Kylan and Kaden of International Falls, Brett (Lindsay) Bjorkquist of Owatonna, Minn., and Scott Bjorkquist of Mankato, Minn.; sisters Sheila



(Dale) Lamb of Holyoke, Minn., Butch (Kathy) Kerwin of Moose Lake, Minn., Susan Dahl of Owatonna, Minn., and Shirley Lica of Austin, Minn.; plus numerous aunts and uncles, nieces, nephews and friends.

The world will be a sadder place without her.

Memorials to Borderland Humane Society New Building Fund in Sherry’s honor are welcome.

Memorial Open House Parties honoring Gramma Sherry’s life are planned for noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 31, at the Town Hall, Holyoke, and from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, at Backus Community Center, International Falls.

Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com.

Ruby May Little, 85

Ruby May Little, age 85, of Willmar, Minn., died Sunday morning, May 25, 2014, at Betheda Pleasant View Nursing Home, Willmar.

Funeral services were conducted at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 28, at the Church of St. Mary, Willmar.

Interment is at the church cemetery.

Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church.

Arrangements were with Peterson Brothers Funeral Home; www.petersonbrothers.com.

Ruby May Little was born May 9, 1929, in International Falls, Minn., the daughter of Eugene and Mable (Bahr) Holler.

She grew up in International Falls, graduated from Falls High School and received her nurses training in Minneapolis, Minn.

Ruby returned to work in International Falls as a nurse at the hospital and nursing home there.

On Aug. 22, 1950, in International Falls, Ruby was united in marriage to Frank Archie Little. They lived in Seattle and Bremerton, Wash., and in International Falls and Faribault, Minn., while Ruby worked in the health care industry.

Ruby and Frank enjoyed traveling together throughout the United States before



moving to Willmar in 1986.

They were the caretakers of Westview Village for several years.

In 2001, Frank died and in 2009, Ruby moved into Bethesda Pleasant View Nursing Home.

Ruby’s hobbies included camping, fishing, dancing, music, embroidery, sewing and playing card games.

She cherished the times spent with her family and friends.

She is survived by three children, Cheryl Rae Strand of Bartlett, Texas, Sandra Kae Emerson of Rosemount and Kory Lynn (and Steven) LeBon of Kandiyohi; seven grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Also surviving is one brother, Darrell (and Jana) Holler of Sarasota, Fla.; and one brother-in-law, Charles Thompson of Yuma, Ariz.; besides other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one brother, Donald; two sisters, June Earley and Lois Thompson; and one grandson, Frank Peterson.

Wallace Haglund, 90

Wallace Haglund, 90, of International Falls, Minn., died Thursday, May 29, 2014, at the Good Samaritan Society-International Falls.

Wallace was born April 11, 1924, in International Falls, the son of Edward and Clairra (Reiners) Haglund.

He graduated from Falls High School in 1942.

After graduation, he attended Gustavus Adolphus College for a short time and then enlisted in the United States Navy. He was trained as a medic and spent most of the war on the island of Guam.

After the war, he returned to Gustavus Adolphus College and then completed his degree in teaching at Bemidji State College. He later returned to college and earned a masters in electronics and a masters in vocational

education.

Wallace taught several subjects in his 37-year career at Falls High School.

He was well known for his Clock Works program where he taught students how to make grandfather clocks. He also taught clock making to adults through Community Education.

Through his clock making career, he donated clocks to local charities, the Minnesota Department of Education, Falls Superintendent’s Office, Minnesota State Capitol, the White House, the Veterans of Foreign Wars on the island of Guam (in memory of his fallen brothers), and the main office of Boise Cascade in Boise, Idaho.

There were many news articles on Wally’s clock works including TV, newspaper, and a layout in a National Geographic book for children.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Clairra Haglund; brothers, Wayne and Myron Haglund; and stepson, Gary Wood.

Wallace is survived by his wife, Adeline; daughter, Susan (Larry) Dow of Tucson, Ariz. and Rainy Lake; son, James (Krys) Haglund of Sault St. Marie, Mich.; son, Michael (Armaly) Haglund of Minneapolis, Minn.; daughter, Lyn (Brad) Bruce of International Falls; son, Wallace Jr. (Kim) of Wausau, Wis.; daughter, Kelly Haglund of International Falls; stepson, Terry (Tony) Wood of International Falls; daughter-in-law, Tammy Wood (Dave); eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A special thank you to Dan Doherty for taking such good care of Wally.

Memorial services will



be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, June 23, at Zion Lutheran Church, with full military rites.

Interment will be at Forest Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Wally Haglund Scholarship Fund or the Good Samaritan Society-International Falls.

Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com.

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

Colin ‘Coke’ Clarke

With great sorrow, the family of Coke Clarke announces his passing Thursday, May 22, 2014, at La Verendrye General Hospital, Fort Frances, Ontario.

Coke was born June 20, 1944, to Mathilda “Billie” and Tom Clarke Sr.

He attended school in Fort Frances, and started playing hockey for the Jr. Royals while in high school. He was picked up by the Green Bay Bobcats for two seasons, then came home to play for the Fort Frances Canadians until the team folded.

Besides his hockey, Coke was involved in the Fort Frances Men’s Fastball League for many years, playing for Esquire, White

Pine, Ponderosa Steers, the Emperor Kings, to name a few.

He had a successful career in the construction business, working for several contractors in the Fort Frances area, and was well known for his carpentry skills.

He was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 29 in Fort Frances and the Loyal Order of the Moose Branch 1259 in International Falls.

His hobbies included bowling, both five-pin in Fort Frances and 10-pin in International Falls, fishing, watching all sports, and recently he was a very avid card player at Sister Kennedy Centre and the Royal Canadian Legion in

Fort Frances as well as the Elks Club, plus cards and bingo at the Moose Club.

Coke was predeceased by his parents, Billie and Tom Clarke; sister, Rosalie and brother-in-law Bob Rupert (International Falls); and brother, Tom Clarke Jr. (North Bay).

He is survived by his partner of 48 years, Maria Langenfurth; brother, Paul (Joyce) Clarke; and sister, Julie (Brian) Lowry, and families.

Cremation has taken place.

As per his request, there will be no service.

If desired, in memoriam donations may be made c/o Green Funeral Home to the Parkinsons Society, Central & Northern On-



tario, 4211 Yonge St., Suite 316, Toronto, ON M2P 2A9 or to a charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be offered at www.greenfuneralhomefortfrances.com.

Arrangements were with Green Funeral Home, Fort Frances.

Barbara Lee Chernugal, 63

Barbara Lee Chernugal, 63, Toivola Township, died Saturday, May 24, 2014, in her home.

She was born in Bigfork, Minn., on Aug. 8, 1950, to Gaylord and Lucille Magner.

Barb grew up in International Falls, Minn., and graduated from Falls High School in 1969.

She had been a waitress at Sportsmen’s Restaurant in Hibbing, Minn., and a member of Hibbing Christian Assembly Church.

Barb was very active in

Al-Anon.

She loved country western music and dancing.

She is survived by her husband, Gary Chernugal, of Toivola Township; a son, Kevin Tufvander of Brainerd, Minn.; a granddaughter, Hannahbeth Tufvander; a step-son, Matthew Chernugal of St. Paul, Minn.; a step-grandson, Connor Hay; four siblings — Gaylyn (Jan) Magner of Sauk Rapids, Minn., Daniel (Sue) Magner of International Falls, Sue (Konrad Sobkowicz) Magner of

Fort Frances, Ontario, and Gregory (Peggy) Magner of McGregor, Minn.; and by numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by a sister, Anida Montgomery.

Visitation was from 11 a.m. to the noon funeral service Friday, May 30, at Dougherty Funeral Home, Hibbing. The Rev. Rod Tuomi officiated.

Interment will be at Opdahl Cemetery, Newfolden, Minn., at a later date.



To leave an online message of condolence, please visit www.doughertyofhibbing.com.

Elva Mae Sater, 91

Elva Mae Sater, 91, of Littlefork, Minn., passed away Tuesday, May 27, 2014, at Littlefork Medical Center.

Elva was born Jan. 14, 1923, to Amos and Gertrude Tuttle.

She grew up and attended school at Kimbrae, Minn.

Elva married to Clifford W. Sater on April 17, 1943.

They operated a farm in Windom, Minn.

Daughter Patricia Ann was born to Elva and Clifford in 1944 in Windom.

In 1955, the family moved north to Loman, Minn., where they purchased a small farm.

They attended Littlefork Baptist Church.

Elva and Cliff loved to garden and preserve food for themselves and shared their extras.

In 1975 they retired and moved to Littlefork to be close to family and their church.

Elva was well known for her cooking and baking abilities. She made everything from “scratch.”

She really enjoyed deer hunting time when relatives came up from southern Minnesota to hunt.

She was very active in church activities and loved to sing.

She loved to spend time with her two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Elva is survived by her



daughter, Pat Erickson (Carl Erickson) of Buhl, Minn.; her great-grandchildren, Chris Gaetzke (Amanda Gaetzke) of Wisconsin, Kristy Larson of North Carolina and Kyle Larson of Rochester; and her two sisters, Clara of Heron Lake, Minn., and Irene of Pelland Junction.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Amos and Gertrude Tuttle; husband, Clifford; and grandchildren, Bradley Larson and Deborah Gaetzke.

She will be missed so much by her family and many, many friends.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, May 30, at Littlefork Baptist Church with visitation one hour prior.

Interment is at Oakley Cemetery.

Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com.

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

Gladys E. Misner

Gladys E. Misner was born Jan. 1, 1926, and raised on a farm just outside of International Falls, Minn.

She married Phillip Misner, also of International Falls, which lasted from 1946 until his death in 2001.

They had three children in International Falls, before Phillip was recalled to military service for the Korean War.

He was an aviator, both fixed and rotary wing, first for the Navy and later for the Army. As a result, the family moved frequently around the USA and also to Italy for three years.

Retirement in the beautiful beach country of Pensacola, Fla., was made possible by their judicious lifestyle.

They made prudent investment decisions together, but Gladys proved most effective at administering their finances.

She died Thursday, May 22, 2014, in Houston, Texas.

She will be interred with her late husband CW4 Phillip Misner at Fort Barrancas National Cemetery.



They insisted on diligent academic performance of their children, all of whom completed college or graduate school.

Raised to be independent, they are now all retired — Jerry, Maui, Hawaii; Jim, Portland, Ore., and Jean, Humble, Texas. Their prosperity would not have been possible without their support.

She also is survived by three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, all thriving in the Pacific Northwest.

Gladys was the last of her generation.

She will be greatly missed.