

# COMMUNITY

## A LOOK AT BORDERLAND

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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.

## Nancy (Cousineau) Wilkins, 74

Nancy (Cousineau) Wilkins, of Minneapolis, died Monday, Aug. 4, 2014, at North Memorial Hospital, after a short battle with cancer. She was 74 years old when she passed away.

Nancy was born in 1940, the first of four daughters born to Earl and Dorothy Cousineau of International Falls.

Nancy moved from her home in International Falls to Minneapolis soon after graduation from high school.

She worked in the health care profession, most recently at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in the business office until her retirement.

She loved to cook; was an avid reader, and her greatest love was taking care of her cats. She couldn't resist making a home for any stray that came into her yard.

Nancy had a great sense of humor and was a fun person to be around, making friends easily.

She was preceded in death by parents, Earl and Dorothy Cousineau; life partner, Cletus Vernier; and sister, Mary



Cousineau.

She is survived by her sisters, Earlene (Robbie) Williams and Cathy Cousineau; niece, Michelle Nevanen; nephews, Rob Williams, Marty Bilben and Josh Bilben; grand nieces, Lauren and Katie Nevanen, Ivy and Scarlett Bilben; and grand nephews, Jack, Joe and Charlie Williams.

A memorial service is planned for 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, at Cremation Society of Minnesota, 7835 Brooklyn Blvd., Brooklyn Park (763-560-3100).

Visitation will be at 10:30.

In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to the Animal Humane Society.

## Dorothy Bernice Brown, 95

Dorothy Bernice Brown (nee Thompson), age 95, of Fountain Hills, Ariz., formerly of International Falls, Minn., passed away Thursday, July 10, 2014, at

Fountain View Assisted Living.

A memorial service is planned for 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, at Zion Lutheran Church, International Falls.

## Margaret 'Peggy' Ann (Marvin) Johnson, 68

Margaret "Peggy" Ann (Marvin) Johnson, wife, mother, and community volunteer, died Tuesday, July 29, 2014, at her home in Warroad, Minn., surrounded by her family and dear friends after fighting a courageous battle with Multiple Myeloma. Peggy was 68 years old.

Peg was born Nov. 27, 1945, in Warroad, the eldest daughter of William S. and Margaret (Wallin) Marvin.

She graduated from Warroad High School in 1963 and Bemidji State University in 1967 with a degree in physical education.

Peggy was a cheerleader at BSU.

Before returning back home to her beloved Warroad, Peggy spent two years teaching physical education in Mora, Minn., and then was hired to teach and coach in International Falls, Minn. It was there that she coordinated the very first girls track and field program at Falls High School. The Bronco ladies brought home the 1972 State Championship title under her coaching.

Peggy also served as the Falls High cheerleading advisor and she and Sam made many trips hauling the cheerleaders around the state to cheer on the Bronco athletic teams.

Peg was united in marriage to Paul "Sam" Johnson on Aug. 9, 1969. They would have celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary this August. They spent their early married years together in International Falls.

They moved to Warroad in 1974, where they have resided since.

The community of Warroad had always been important to Peggy, and she served it in countless ways. Peg was a member of JayCee Women, serving as State Vice President in 1979. Shortly after, she received the Key Woman Award for her dedication and work.

Peggy was a Brownie Scout leader, Girl Scout leader, and Cub Scout leader. She served on the Warroad Care Center Board, volunteered for the Summer Theater, and was a member of the Warroad Alumni Association. Alongside her mother, Margaret Marvin, Peggy planned the Warroad Library and Heritage Center. After the floods of 2002, she was instrumental in organizing the Warroad Area Community Fund through Northwest Minnesota Foundation.

Zion Lutheran Church was very important to Peggy where she and Sam have been active members for 40 years. Her faith in the Lord and love for His people drove her active service toward ministering to others in all sorts of capacities. She served as Sunday school teacher, President of Women of Zion, and was an active member of the Deborah circle.

She spent time serving refugee families by teaching them English and helping them learn and adapt to American culture. She was instrumental in establishing a Parish Wellness Program at Zion, and served in countless other ways.

Peg gave much of her life to education. She enjoyed several years of substitute teaching in the Warroad school district and also

spent time as a golf coach and youth volleyball coach. She later served as a board member of the Bemidji State University Alumni Association.

Peggy was a member of the Concordia College Board of Regents, where she worked on the Student Affairs Committee and the Presidential Search Committee. She also served as a board member of the Minnesota State Historical Society.

Peggy loved spending time with her kids and grandkids, making numerous trips to visit them in Zimmerman and Fargo. She adored her "Fab Five" and connected with each one of them in very meaningful ways.

Peggy and Sam enjoyed traveling to wonderful places with special friends and family.

Alongside Sam, she enjoyed fishing for walleye on Lake of the Woods, golfing in couple's league, and hosting friends and family in her home.

She took pleasure in her daily walks with her dear friend Teresa, and delighted in spending quality time with her beloved sister Susan.

Although Warroad was her favorite place on earth, her home on the island of Kauai became a very special winter retreat for her and Sam for the past 12 years. She treasured the island people, its beauty, and shared "Aloha" with all kinds of Minnesotans who came to visit.

Peg was preceded in death by her parents, William S. and Margaret Marvin; her mother-in-law, Helen Johnson; and father-in-law, Paul



Johnson.

She is survived by her husband, Paul Samuel "Sam" Johnson of Warroad; son, Jeffrey (Danyl) Johnson of Fargo, N.D. and their children, Connor and Tate; daughter, Paula (Ted) Heppner of Zimmerman, Minn., and their children Cole, Cameron and Paige; siblings: Frank (Margaret) Marvin, John "Jake" Marvin, George (Mary) Marvin, Susan (Keith Schwartzwald) Marvin and Robert "Bob" (Loralee) Marvin, all of Warroad; aunt, Mimi Marvin of Minneapolis; brothers-in-law, Duayne (Nancy) Johnson, Richard (Irene) Johnson, Daniel Johnson and Robin (Carla) Johnson. She is also survived by several cousins, nieces, nephews and many friends.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, at Zion Lutheran Church, Warroad.

Visitation was from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1, at William S. Marvin Visitor Center, Warroad, with a devotional service at 6. Visitation continued Saturday for one hour prior to the funeral at the church.

# LOOKING BACK

### 25 YEARS AGO

The children of Moritz and Emma Steinbach invite you to share in the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary, Aug. 13 from 1 to 4 p.m., at Bethany Lutheran Fellowship Hall.

The newest teens and ladies' fashions in Borderland opening tomorrow at 9 a.m. — M&M Fashion Alley, located behind Genuine Auto next to Maxine's Hair Design.

### 40 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. Aad Tone were honored at a dinner party last evening at Island View Lodge in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary.

Danny M. Johnson, Neal R. Martin and Mark R. Raboin graduated July 26 from the Telephone Communications Technology Department at Wadena Area Vocational-Technical Institute.

David E. Heem, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Heem of the Falls, is attending a six-week basic military training course at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. He enlisted in the Air Force July 17.

### 50 YEARS AGO

The engagement of Miss Marlene Annette Thomasson, daughter of Mrs. Elsa Thomasson, 1207 Sixth St., and the late Algot Thomas-

son, to Jack Dunbar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Dunbar, 817 Sixth St., is announced by her mother.

Mrs. Don Randolph of Wildwood Resort entertained at a 10 o'clock coffee Tuesday morning for Mrs. Vayne Lord of Omaha, Neb., a summer visitor at the resort.

A boy was born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rask, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

### 60 YEARS AGO

Walter E. Freden of Loman Route, a paper mill employee, recently completed a course in pulp and papermaking offered by International Correspon-

dence Schools of Scranton, Pa.

A son was born today at Littlefork Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Popejoy; weight, 6 pounds, 7 ounces; name chosen, James Brenton.

Mr. and Mrs. Sven Sjoblom, Rogers Route, announce the engagement of their daughter, Beverly Ann, to Archie Bzdok, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Bzdok, Island View Route.

Mrs. Sidonia Schickling, former resident of International Falls, celebrated her 100th birthday Thursday in Minneapolis where she makes her home with a daughter.

### BACKUS COMMUNITY CENTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Visit us — [www.backusab.org](http://www.backusab.org) — or FaceBook — Backus AB

August 8 .....	Mullet River Boys Concert is CANCELLED
August 9 .....	Backus Rainy Lake Triathlon is CANCELLED
August 12 .....	New to Medicare 10:00 am – Noon Presented by Senior LinkAge Line
August 13 .....	Active Streets Meal Backus Dining Room 5:00 – 6:00 pm
August 15 .....	No Open Gym today
August 19 – 20 ...	Dance Registration – 4:30 – 7:30 pm
August 22 .....	Last day of Backus Kids Club

**MULLET RIVER BOYS –**  
Concert scheduled for August 8  
Has been CANCELLED due to a car accident

**COMMUNITY MARKET –**  
Through October 4 Backus/AB 3rd Street Parking Lot  
Wednesdays – 4:00 – 6:30 pm ~~ Saturdays 9:00 am – Noon

**SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM –**  
Monday – Friday 11:45 am – 1:15 pm  
Free meals – Ages 1 – 18  
Open Gym – Free – 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

**COMMUNITY CAFE –**  
Free Meals – Tuesdays & Thursdays – 5:30 – 6:00 pm

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Friday August 8, 2014      Saturday August 9, 2014

**7:00 pm**  
**ICE BOX RADIO THEATRE**  
Ranier Community Building

8:00 pm  
John Streiff-King Of The Road  
Entertainment  
Ranier Muni

**Saturday, August 9**  
**8am-11am**  
**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
Fundraiser at Community Building  
Sponsored by County Market

**PARADE**  
12 pm Pooch BYODog  
MAIN PARADE TO FOLLOW  
Contact Berta 218-286-3382  
Floats/Entries Wanted

**MUSIC**  
Following parade  
**RAINY LAKE ORCHESTRA**  
ON THE BOARDWALK

**1 pm-4 pm**  
**VNP North Canoe Rides**  
SPRUCE STREET DOCK  
FINSTAD AUTO-MARINE  
SHOP TOURS  
CLASSIC BOATS ON THE BAY  
ANTIQUE BOAT MODELS  
HISTORIC PHOTOS  
CLASSIC CARS IN THE PARK  
KID'S BARREL TRAIN RIDES

**Adult Games**  
• Egg Toss • Frozen Knickers and More!  
RUGRAT CORNER across from Ranier Park  
Saturday 10-Noon, 1:30-8 pm

**5:15 pm**  
**Treasure Hunt**  
Ranier Park

**Little FREE Library**  
Book Donation & Collection  
Book Signings,  
Facepainting, Original Art,  
Community Yard Sales

**11am**  
**BEER GARDEN &**  
**Tropical Drink TIKI BAR**  
Ranier Muni

**3 pm**  
**Lawn Mower Drag Races**  
Duluth Street  
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8 pm  
John Streiff-King Of The Road  
Entertainment  
Ranier Muni

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