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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.

Elroy Burton Olson, 73

Elroy Burton Olson, 73, died Saturday, July 20, 2013, at his home in Northome, Minn., surrounded by his family.

Memorial services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 27, at Northome High School, Northome, with Pastor Linda Guderian officiating.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

Cease Family Funeral Home, Blackduck, Minn., assisted the family with arrangements.

He was born Sept. 4, 1939, in Englewood Township, near Northome, to Belford and Vera (Hart) Olson.

He attended school in Northome and was a logger in northern Minnesota from 1959 until he retired in 1995.

He married Peggy Jo Henson on Feb. 20, 1960, in Northome.

He was in the United States Army and served one tour of duty in Germany.

He was a member of Hope Lutheran Church, Northome, and enjoyed spending time with his family, hunting, fishing, playing slots and sports.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy Olson of Northome; daughters, Sharon (Dale) Ol-



son of Bagley, Minn., Julie (Jeffrey) Hoegger of Woodruff, Wis., Wanda Leon of Lancaster, Calif., and Bobbie Jo (Mike) O'Loughlin of Warroad, Minn.; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; siblings, twin brother, Elmer (Ione) Olson of St. Francis, Minn., Doris Brammeier of Bemidji, Minn., and Ivan (Katie) Olson of Eucha, Okla.; sisters-in-law, Tina Olson of Bigfork, Minn., and Mamie Olson of Blackduck; and many nieces, nephews, relatives and lifelong friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Odean Olson, Bernard Olson, Marlan Olson and Belford Olson.

Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneralhome.com.

Jim McKelvey

The family Jim McKelvey invite you to his Celebration of Life from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at the Bob Walls Memorial Union Hall, with Time for Reflections at 2 p.m.

Bring your memories and stories to share with his family and friends.

Mabel Carlson

Mabel Carlson was born Aug. 3, 1912, to Knute and Beata Noss in the Sturgeon River area, eight miles west of Big Falls.

Her parents were homesteaders who settled there in 1900.

She grew up on the farm and attended the county grade school in Big Falls.

When she married her first husband, Van Vleck, they moved to Oregon. Several years later, she returned to Big Falls, and then married her lifetime friend, Carl Carlson.

She loved cooking and baking — when she owned and operated the Fargo Cafe in Big Falls, her customers appreciated her talent.

She was the last survivor of a family of 10 — four brothers and five sisters — when she died Feb. 8, 2013.

Both husbands and a daughter and an infant son preceded her.

Survivors are two daughters, Bonnie Culbertson, living in California, and Carolyn (Smitty) Smith in Florida. She will also be missed by four grandsons — Gregory (Renee) Henkel, California; Jay (Teresa) Henkel, St. Cloud; Bradley (Georgette) Henkel, Vining; T.J. Culbertson, California; and two step grandsons in Minneapolis — David Colby and Douglas (Pamela) Colby. She has five great-grandchildren — Brian, Brett, Christian, Dominick and Ana Leza Henkel; and five step great-grandchildren — Michael, Alexsa, Mariah, Alex and Madeline Colby. In addition, she was loved by numerous nieces and

nephews.

After her retirement, she began babysitting, and several families adopted her as their grandmother.

In addition, she continued staying active by volunteering in her church, St. Paul Lutheran, and at Koochiching County Historical Museum.

She worked hard all her life, but declared, “I had a wonderful life.”

Mabel enjoyed her years at West Falls Estates, making new friends and enjoying visits with new and old friends alike.

Above all, she cherished her visits back to her hometown, renewing old friendships, and her Big Falls friends flocked to see her.

Hundreds of people from near and far filled Smokey Bear Park to celebrate



Mabel's 100th birthday Aug. 3, 2012. Mabel was determined to have that “kegger in the Park,” overcoming many obstacles along the way.

A final Celebration of Life is planned for 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1324 Ninth St., International Falls. Graveside services will be conducted at 4 p.m. at Evergreen Cemetery. Big Falls.

FUNERALS

Mary Jo Gerlach, 61

A Celebration of Life Mass for Mary Jo Gerlach, 61, of International Falls, who died Friday, July 12, 2013, at her home, was conducted at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, at St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

A balloon release followed. Presiding at the Mass were Fr. Kris McKusky and Deacon Fran Zaren.

Music was by Joe Belanger. Readers were Traci Saari and Melissa Crandall. Altar server was Orin Simon. Remembrances were given by Tiffany McGillis and Torun Grace.

Presentation of Gifts were by Tiffany McGillis, Torun Grace and Shelley Hedlund.

Ushers were Frank Watkinson and Gary Loop. Eucharistic ministers were Betty Villalta, Jim Cowlshaw and Phyllis Karsnia.

Honorary pallbearers were the Knights of Columbus, Kelsie and Kevin McGillis, and Jeremy and Jay Hedlund.

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

Nicholas ‘Nick’ S. Kantos, 75

Memorial services for Nicholas “Nick” S. Kantos, 75, of International Falls, who passed away Saturday, July 13, 2013, at his home, were conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 18, at Zion Lutheran Church.

Officiating was the Rev. Stephen Olson. Music was by Joe Belanger.

Honorary pallbearers were Jack Franz, George Crow, Randy Borden, Jim Roberts, Cliff Rasch and Gary Davison.

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

Glenn A. Earnest, 55

A memorial service for Glenn A. Earnest, 55, of San Jose, Calif., who died Monday, June 17, 2013, in San Jose, was conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 18, at Green-Larsen Mortuary.

Officiating was Pastor Darren Olson. Interment was at Forest Hill Cemetery.

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

Eugene W. ‘Gene’ Percy, 89

Funeral services for Eugene W. “Gene” Percy, 89, of International Falls, who passed away Thursday, July 11, 2013, at his home, were conducted at 10 a.m. Friday, July 19, at Littlefork Lutheran Church.

Officiating was Pastor Andy Berry.

Music was by Kathy Siltman and Linda Nordlund.

Casketbearers were Dale Peterson, Kevin Sather, Don Cole, LeRoy Burmeister, Craig Cole and Gunder Hallan.

Honorary casketbearers were Jerry Bowman, Tony Munch, Iler Popejoy and Jon Lattu.

Interment was at Oakley Cemetery, Littlefork. Arrangements were with Green-Larsen Mortuary Inc., International Falls.

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