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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.

Doris A. Halverson, 83

Doris A. Halverson (DorisAnn, DeeDee), 83, of International Falls, Minn., died Monday, Oct. 6, 2014, at Littlefork Care Center, Littlefork, Minn.

Doris was born in International Falls on Nov. 21, 1930. She was fourth of six kids to Joseph and Frances Vellieux.

She was a lifelong resident of International Falls.

She graduated from high school in 1949 and began her career working at Woolworth's.

Doris also loved bowling. She bowled for Holler Liquor for more than 30 years. She traveled around the country for tournaments and playoffs in her younger years and her team mates also became close friends throughout the years.

She met Alvin (Cubby) Halverson in 1954 while she was out with her girlfriends at the "old" Flame Club. She eventually fell in love with Cubby and they were married April 9, 1956.

She had four boys and was very happy being a homemaker while my dad worked for Wagner & Ewald Construction.

She attended St. Thomas School and Church. Her faith was unmovable. She not only talked the talk, but walked the walk.

She volunteered working

at the church for funerals, cleaning and was also president of the Tabernacle Society for several years. Doris also had a very special bond with the "Virgin Mary."

Doris and Cubby were a true team and worked well together. Where one person lacked physical ability, the other picked up the slack.

Doris went to work for Border Bar Pizza making pizzas in the kitchen. She worked for 17 years and retired from there.

Doris also loved being outside. Her passion would become fishing on Rainy Lake and River. She taught us how to jig a hook with either minnow, worm or night crawler.

She and my Dad loved to be out in the boat. Being on the lake was almost a religious experience to them. And they brought home their limits, more times than not. (Mom was sort of a "Tom-boy").

She also taught us how to ice skate and swing a baseball bat. She picked up the slack when my Dad could not. He had broken his back once before in his early years which limited his mobility.

In their later years, Doris and Cubby would drive around the country visiting friends and family in other states. Usually during late

fall/early winter to avoid some of International Falls' cold winters.

During the summer you would usually find them sitting on the front deck, reading the paper or having lunch. Friends would stop by and visit when they saw them to check on them or bring them a fresh jar of homemade salsa or a new pickle recipe to try.

They were both very good people and would give the shirt off their backs to help others out when in need.

Doris was truly an Angel on earth.

Doris was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Cubby/Alvin; two sons, Michael (1966) and Brian (1999); parents, Frances and Joseph Vellieux; grandson, Aaron (September 2011); three brothers, Robert, Ronald and Thomas; and one sister and her best friend, Gloria.

Doris is survived by two sons, Tim Halverson of Sacramento, Calif., and Kevin Halverson of Woodbury, Minn.; sister, Marylou (Larry Schaaf); granddaughter, Deana Haynes; two great-grandchildren, Mathew and Brianna; along with many cousins, nieces and nephews.

A memorial Mass will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, at St.



Thomas Catholic Church, with Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 10:30.

Interment will be at St. Thomas Catholic Cemetery following the Mass, weather permitting.

Also, a very special blessing to Chris and Liz Grazulis and Orin and Bette Simon, who shared many of my parents' memories for many years, and helped me whenever I needed them.

Thank you to all the wonderful staff at Littlefork Care Center for the love and attention they gave both of my parents; and a special thanks to Holly as well as Mary, Sherry, Alicia, Kathy, Carmen, Pam, Lynnell, and so many others.

In memoriam donations would be preferred to St. Thomas School.

Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com.

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

Richard Bernard Hedtke, 73

Richard was born Jan. 29, 1941, to Bernard and Ruth (Frohreich) Hedtke in Baudette, Minn. He passed away peacefully Sunday, Oct. 12, 2014, at Essentia-St. Mary's Medical Center, Duluth, Minn.

Richard grew up and went to school in Baudette, Minn., graduating in 1959.

He moved to International Falls in 1961.

Richard married Karen (Olson) in Bemidji, Minn., on July 5, 1963.

He began work at Boise in 1961 and worked at the Insulite plant until its closure in 1984.

In 1988, Richard and his wife Karen bought the Tee Pee Motel and have owned and operated it since then.

He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Richard enjoyed gardening, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and especially riding his scooter.

He had two Maltese dogs that were the love of his life.

He and Karen liked to travel as often as they could in the motorhome and loved to spend time in Pharr and South Padre Island, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Karen; son, Michael (Denise) Hedtke; daughter, Michelle (Eric) Hebner;



grandsons, Cooper Hedtke, Nicholas Hedtke and Colin Hebner; and granddaughter, Tayler Hebner — all of International Falls, Minn.; one sister, Dian Bauer, Elko, Minn.; as well as a niece and nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, International Falls.

Visitation will take place one half hour before the service.

Honorary pallbearers will be his four grandchildren.

Interment will be at a later date.

Cremation services were provided by the Cremation Society of Minnesota.

LOOKINGBACK

25 YEARS AGO

U.S. Army Captain Mark V. Lessard, 1st Brigade Assistant S-4, is home on leave visiting his parents, Butch and Lorraine Lessard, enroute to Quartermaster School at Fort Lee, Va.

Falls High School seniors Jennifer Miketey and Duane Gray were named September students of the month.

40 YEARS AGO

A girl was born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Christensen.

Local telephone company employees Dean Gelineau and Eugene Holt have been awarded certificates for recently completing courses in installation, wiring and repair of telephone systems.

Alan Sheridan of the Falls is a newly appointed member at large of the Minnesota Committee on 1974 Constitutional Amendments.

50 YEARS AGO

Steve Ross, Tim Sheehy

and Brian Toder are leading applicants for the Falls Bronco middle linebacker job left vacant Wednesday when Ray LePage became ineligible on his 20th birthday.

More than 50 fellow workers and other friends honored Joseph Rokke, supervisory customs inspector, at a retirement party at Rainy Lake Lodge Saturday evening.

60 YEARS AGO

Pvt. James Lemieux,

son of Mr. and Mrs. L.P. Lemieux, 921 Sixth St., arrived this morning from Ft. Lewis, Wash., for a 10-day leave at home.

Mrs. Sy Wolk was honored at a stork shower at the home of Mrs. Dan Haponuk, 501 Ninth St.

Mrs. John Klow, general clerk at the Northern Pacific station, left Saturday for a vacation with relatives in California. Mrs. Erna Mae Covell will substitute in her absence from the railway

office.

A silver wedding anniversary party honoring Mr. and Mrs. Romeo Karsnia was held in the Happy Hollow Community Hall Sunday night with about 125 guests attending.

70 YEARS AGO

Bill Blais, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Blais, who enlisted in the Merchant Marines, left for Minneapolis.

Verna and Shirley Holmestad, children of Mr. and

Mrs. O.J. Holmestad, are recovering from an attack of flu which confined them to home for a week. Verna attends the eighth grade at Alexander Baker School, and Shirley entered kindergarten this fall.

Mrs. Leonard Heibel was feted by a number of friends at the home of Mrs. Arthur Samuelson, 907 Sixth St.

Thirty friends honored Mrs. Emil Kalar at a shower given at the home of Mrs. Joe Kantor.



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REASONS WHY I CANNOT SUPPORT REPRESENTATIVE DILL

Voters think they know something about Mr. Dill. They all say the same thing, "He is a moderate". Not really. Dave talks conservative up here then goes to St. Paul and votes for big government. He has voted:

- Against wise tax policy 133 out of 148 times.
- For the largest budget (15% increase) and biggest tax increase (\$4 billion) in Minnesota history.
- For Metro interests like endless light rail projects, then proclaims: "We have a transportation mess and we'll have to raise business taxes".
- For constructing a Senate Office Building. This \$90 million monument is an icon of government waste.
- For spending \$160 million on Mnsure. It has failed and become the poster child of incompetent Obamacare websites.
- Against a bipartisan bill removing legislator's immunity from DWI arrests.
- With Twin Cities environmentalists forcing 25% alternative energy into the power grid - a major factor in our skyrocketing electricity bills.
- For funding the Vikings Stadium with electronic pulltab revenue. When that failed, the bailout plan was to tax cigarette smokers.

None of Dill's 52 bills addressed our most critical problems: household income tens of thousands of dollars below state average and population (tax base) erosion. The above actions promote unsustainable government growth. Does Mr. Dill's record above demonstrate concern for the shared values of our community? Is this the voting record of a moderate?

Prepared & Paid for by Tom Smith, International Falls

Thank you from Island View Lodge

Island View Lodge would like to say thank you to all of the wonderful people who supported us during the 2014 season. From the winter that seemed to never end, through the summer flooding, and finally on into a more normal setting later in summer, you were always there to enjoy the beauty of Rainy Lake. So sadly and somewhat relieved, we said good-bye to the summer of 2014 with many of you this past weekend when we closed for the season. Thanks again!

We also would like to offer special thanks to the many volunteers that worked around the clock during the spring floods, and in fact saved Island View Lodge from the high water.

We can never hope to fully express our sincere gratitude for everything that all of you did for us. We could not have done this without you.

Special thanks also to Robert Thompson of Northern Lumber, Greg Nicholson of Nicholson Garden Center, Jim Miggins, Boise Paper, Wagner Construction, the staff at Island View Lodge, and the International Falls Fire Department.

Finally, a very special thanks to Koochiching County Sheriff Brian Jespersen who showed tireless dedication to our community while organizing and directing the sandbagging effort during the flooding.

Ron and Trella Opp thank you and look forward to seeing all of you in 2015.