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Tommy L. Anderson, 60

Tommy L. Anderson, 60, died Monday, Aug. 26, 2013, at Sanford Heart Hospital, Sioux Falls, S.D.

Tommy Lee Anderson, the son of Leland and Aune (Pihlaja) Anderson was born Aug. 23, 1953, in Littlefork, Minn.

He graduated from Littlefork-Big Falls High School in 1971. Tommy then went on to Rainy River Community College in 1973, and then Moorhead State University in 1976.

Tommy worked his way through college in the restaurant business and it became his passion. He was employed at the Ground Round Restaurant in Fargo, N.D., Sioux Falls, S.D., and Bismarck, N.D., and the John Barley Corn Restaurant in Grand Forks, N.D. Tommy was currently the manager of the Old Chicago Restaurant in Sioux Falls, a position he held for over 10 years.

Tom was a great golfer and spent many countless hours golfing with his twin brother, Tim. He was always gone for entering a tournament or traveling near and far to be able to check out which golf course was the best.

Tom also loved coming up north in the fall. He looked forward to four-wheeling with “Mustard” (brother-in-law and friend), staying at the cabin, sitting

around the camp fire and also tried to get a few partridge now and then.

Tom also loved fishing and the times in Canada will be fondly remembered. Many times he would make the long trip from Sioux Falls to go ice fishing with the guys – those times will stay in our hearts forever.

Tom would always be excited when he got to come home for the holidays. He cherished the times with his nieces and nephews and loved getting to know his “great” nieces and nephews. He adored all of them.

A visitation took place Thursday, Aug. 29, as a request by many employees from the Old Chicago, who were not able to attend the memorial Friday, Aug. 30.

After the visitation at Miller Funeral Home, the family was treated to a meal put on by Old Chicago.

We, the family, were speechless and overwhelmed by the love shown to Tommy – he touched hundreds of lives in the 22-plus years he was in Sioux Falls. From teenagers to the elderly, it was truly amazing.

A memorial service was conducted Friday, Aug. 30, at Peace Lutheran Church. Special music was by Autumn Sather.

Honorary pallbearers were all of Tommy’s employees of Old Chicago.

Tommy — you were an



inspiration to all of us. You will live forever in our hearts.

Grateful for having shared his life are his sister, Vonna (David) Sather; his twin brother, Tim; several nieces and nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leland and Aune (Onie) Pihlaja Anderson; and two sisters, Janet (Martin) Reller and Debbie (Al) Pochelon.

A local memorial service is planned for 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 13, at Littlefork Lutheran Church.

The family has requested that memorials be directed to the Sioux Falls Old Chicago Employee Helping Hand.

Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com.

Local arrangements are with Green-Larsen Mortuary Inc., International Falls.

OBITUARIES

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Obituaries must be submitted by 10 a.m. Tuesdays to be published in the Wednesday edition, and by 10 a.m. Thursdays to be in the Saturday edition.

All obituaries must be prepaid before they are published.

Obituaries can be faxed to the Journal at 285-7206; e-mailed to tammiec@ifallsjournal.com; or mailed to The Journal at 1602 Highway 71, International Falls, MN 56649.

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.

Donald Leo Chowan, 76

Donald Leo Chowan, 76, died peacefully at his home in International Falls, Minn., Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2013, with his family by his side after a courageous battle with cancer.

Don was born April 11, 1937, in International Falls, to William and Blanche Chowan.

A lifelong resident of International Falls, Don graduated from high school in 1955.

On June 22, 1957, he was united in marriage to Sally Pearson.

They made their home in International Falls and raised three children.

Together, they shared a love of traveling, including many trips to Alaska and Arizona.

Don worked many years for the International Falls Street Department before completing Moler Barber School in Minneapolis, Minn. In 1968, he began his 42-year career, retiring in 2010 as the last barber in town. He truly loved the shop camaraderie and working with all the different customers; many of whom he considered friends.

An avid outdoorsman throughout his life, Don enjoyed fishing, hunting and just spending time at the shack. He was well known for his wild game

feeds and triple F’s (fabulous fish fries).

Don was a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, the Jaycees, Elks Lodge 1599, Downtown Business Association, Philosopher’s Club, and the Rainy Lake Sportsfishing Club, where he served as a past board member. He was especially proud of the club’s efforts to establish a sustainable sturgeon population in the Rainy River.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Blanche Chowan; mother and father-in-law, Parker and Marge Pearson; and son, Todd Chowan.

Don is survived by his wife of 56 years, Sally; daughter, Deb Chowan of Eagan, Minn.; son, Scott (Carrie Aho) Chowan, Boston, Mass.; Joel Lunde of Eden Prairie, Minn.; grandchildren — Jeremy (Mindy) Taschuk, Fort Frances, Ontario, Patrick Taschuk, Benton, Ark., Garrett (Cara) Taschuk, International Falls, Minn., Tyler (Leanne) Spry, Fort Frances, Ontario, Caitlin Fitzchowen, St. Peter, Minn., and Madeleine Fitzchowen, Laramie, Wyo.; 12 great-grandchildren; sisters, Clara (Tom) Hardy, Linda Oustad, Jean Madsen and Carol (Chuck) Lepper; sisters-in-law,



Nancy (Roy) Jones, Sue Clarity, Georgeann (Andy) Wright and Linda (Dennis Christenson) Shannon.

He is also survived by his beloved pup “Sadie” and life-long fishing partner, Jim Kuryla, who was like a brother to him.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9, at Green-Larsen Mortuary.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church with a Rosary one hour prior.

At Don’s request, memorials can be made to Rainy Lake Sportfishing Club, Community Cancer Walk Fund, St. Thomas School and North Star Hospice.

Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com.

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