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OBITUARIES

The Journal publishes paid obituaries in Wednesday and Saturday editions and on its Web site at www.ifallsjournal.com.

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

Valerie Jean Sjoblom, 68

Valerie Jean Sjoblom, 68, of International Falls, Minn., died peacefully Monday, Nov. 3, 2014, at Rainy Lake Medical Center, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born Jan. 14, 1946, at Kenora, Ontario, to Jack and Amelia Jean (McTavish) Walker.

The former Valerie Jean Walker was united in marriage to Bernard “Benny” Sjoblom.

Val spent her early years waitressing at Grandma’s Pantry and later was employed at Century Mathews, Custom Business Services and ended her employment years as secretary at Falls Family Dental.

Val enjoyed many craft projects including cross itching, sewing and macramé.

She also was a gifted piano player.

Val spent many winters snowmobiling with family and friends; her summers were spent at the lake.

In her youth, she enjoyed the beauty of Clearwater Lake, Ontario, with her family.

She adored her many special pets over the years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sister-in-law, Beverly (Archie) Bzdok; and brother-in-law, David Shipley.

Survivors include son,

Jason (Heather) Sjoblom; grandchildren, Josh, Owen and Celia; brother, David Walker; sister-in-law, Gail Shipley; brother-in-law, Duane (Tammy) Sjoblom; and many nephews and nieces.

Memorial services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, at First Lutheran Church.

Interment will be at Eric-sburg Cemetery.

In memoriam donations would be preferred to Borderland Humane Society, P.O. Box 543, International Falls, MN 56649 or to Little Free Libraries – Lindsey Goulet, 3131 County Road 112, International Falls,



MN 56649.

Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com.

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

Gene R. Slifer, 64

Gene R. Slifer, 64, of International Falls, Minn., died Monday, Nov. 3, 2014, at his home.

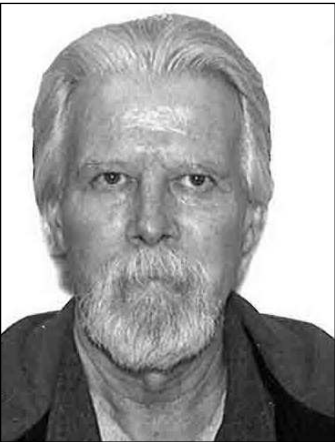
Gene was born July 31, 1950, to Ralph Slifer and the former Genevieve Schmidt in St. Paul, Minn., and lived in the metro area until moving to International Falls a few years ago.

Gene was a retired printer and press operator for the newspaper business.

He loved spending time with his sons hunting, shooting guns, watching old TV shows, and also liked drawing and playing computer games.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Genevieve Slifer.

He is survived by his sons, Trevor (Stacy) Slifer of Belle Plaine, Minn., and Samuel (Lorraine) Slifer of International Falls; step grandchildren, Dallas and Jesse Maki; grandchildren, Hannah, Jarred and Jazzman; brother, Joe



(Karen) Meagher; and sister, Christy (Walter) Roers.

Gene was always thankful for Caroline blessing him with his two sons.

Per Genes wishes, there will be no memorial service.

Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com or memorials to Sam Slifer, 809 Ninth Ave., International Falls, MN 56649.

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George L. Josephs, 80

George L. Josephs, 80, of International Falls, Minn., passed away peacefully at his home Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2014.

George was born May 18, 1934, to Peter and Anne (Joula) Josephs in Urness Township, near Kensington, Minn.

He graduated from Kensington High School in 1952 and enlisted in the United States Army in 1955, serving in both Germany and Korea.

After an honorable dis-

charge from the U.S. Army, George worked for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, where he earned many awards for outstanding service.

He retired in 1989 after 36 years of service to settle down and enjoy all the wonderful recreational opportunities provided by the area, including his favorite, fishing on Rainy Lake with wife, Edel.

George was preceded in death by his loving wife,

Edel; his parents; brother, Vern; and sister, Lucille.

He is survived by his children, Diana Josephs, Ellen (Dan) Downs, Bernard Josephs and George (Jan) Josephs; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; as well as seven brothers, three sisters, and their families.

A private service and interment are pending.

Those wishing to send memorials should direct them to the American Cancer Society or American



Heart Association.

Mary J. Mongrain, 68

Mary J. Mongrain, 68, of International Falls, died Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2014, at Good Samaritan Society-International Falls.

The funeral Mass of Resurrection will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 10, at St. Thomas Catholic Church, International Falls.

A Recitation of the Holy Rosary will begin at 10.

A complete obituary will be announced when arrangements have been completed.

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FUNERAL

LeToile ‘Polly’ Hickey, 86

Funeral services for LeToile “Polly” Hickey, 86, of International Falls,

who died Thursday, Oct. 30, 2014, were conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at First Lutheran Church, International Falls.

Visitation was one hour prior to services.

Officiating was the Rev. Irv Arnquist.

Music was by Joe Belanger.

Honorary casketbearers were all her loving grandchildren.

Interment is at Forest Hill Cemetery, International Falls.

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

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ISD 361 School Board Elect

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