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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.

Genevieve ‘June’ Gedney, 95

Genevieve “June” Gedney, 95, of International Falls, Minn., passed away Monday, Jan. 20, 2014, at the Ranier Roost, Ranier, Minn. June was born Aug. 31, 1918, in Fort Frances, Ontario, Canada, where she grew up and attended school.

In 1941, the former June Readman met the love of her life at a hockey game in Fort Frances.

On Aug. 31, 1941, she married Carlton M. Gedney and they lived in the International Falls area ever since.

June enjoyed doing the bookkeeping for her and her husband’s coin machine business for many years.

June especially enjoyed living at their house that they built on Rainy Lake.

She enjoyed fishing and bowling.

June also had a love for flowers and gardening. She enjoyed reading, sewing and crafts. She also loved her dolls and her little dogs.

June was a volunteer for the hospital auxiliary and also a volunteer for the library.

She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church.

June was preceded in death by her parents, Robert Edgar and Ella Readman; husband, Carlton Gedney (1979); brothers, Robert William and Charles Percy Readman; and her little special Shih Tzu, “Sparky.”

June is survived by a daughter, Helen Gedney of Minneapolis, Minn.; a twin sister, Josephine Mae Jorlin of International Falls; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, at Green-Larsen Mortuary.

Interment will be at Forest Hill Cemetery.

Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com.

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

Beverly McCool

Beverly McCool (nee Wagner), of Fort Frances, Ontario, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2014.

A full obituary will be

published when arrangements have been completed.

Green Funeral Home, Fort Frances, is in charge of arrangements.

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John Charles Mastin, 61

John Charles Mastin, 61 years young.

Born to life May 21, 1952 — Entered everlasting life Jan. 20, 2014.

For the greatest thing that remains in the hearts of those he leaves behind ... is his character.

On Monday afternoon of Jan. 20, 2014, John Charles Mastin, in his recliner at his home in Custer, S.D., quietly closed the final chapter of his amazing life.

A life filled with trials and triumphs, great travels, and much love from family and immeasurable friends.

John is now rejoined with his father, Obie Mastin, his mother, Doris Mastin, and his older brother, Geno Mastin — all whom he loved and missed.

Although born in Arcata, Calif., John grew up in International Falls, Minn., alongside his brothers.

He leaves behind his last brother, Dave Mastin in Big Falls, Minn.

By the grace of God, John rose up from challenges that faced him, found his calling in law enforcement, and started his career as a police officer for the city of International Falls before transitioning to county deputy and moving his family to Big Falls, Minn.

There, John lovingly served the people of Koochiching County for 34 years as deputy, under sheriff and sheriff with great pride and honor, changing the lives of many in all the local communities.

In addition, throughout his career, he touched the

lives of so many throughout the local communities by serving on the school board, the Lions Club, teaching D.A.R.E., and as the county juvenile officer and investigator.

He had great faith in his community and the kids and families in it.

During this time he raised a family with his first wife, Mary Mastin, whom also entered into rest recently.

His first son, Rich (Carr) Mastin, now proudly follows in his footsteps and serves the city of International Falls as an officer. His daughter, Jennifer (Randy Tessen), resides in Appleton, Wis., with a wonderful family of her own. His son, John (Lacie) Mastin, resides in Cheyenne, Wyo., where he has fostered a successful business career.

At 39, John met and married his beautiful wife, Carolyn Mastin, whom he now leaves behind.

Carolyn proved to be John’s perfect match and true companion. It was with Carolyn that John truly came to life as a cowboy. They spent their time riding, driving, training, and horsing around with campers and fellow riders.

They created their business, Pinewood Stables, together, traveled the country on their beloved Harley Davidson’s, and bringing to all of us John’s youngest son, Garrett Mastin, who resides in Cheyenne, Wyo., and serves in the Army

National Guard while working on his law enforcement degree.

With John’s recent retirement two years ago, it was their dream that they purchase their small ranch in Custer, S.D., to enjoy the Black Hills. John and Carolyn loved the West; the history, riding motorcycles, horses, ATVs, and even their antique tractors in the Hills. The beauty of the area even brought John’s mother-in-law, Dorothy Buescher (Ray Anderson), whom he loves dearly, out West after Vergal’s passing, and now resides in Rapid City.

John’s greatest asset is his family. In his wisdom, with strong hand, yet never ending love, he instilled in us that family is the most important thing. We all love you in return ... more than words could ever express.

John leaves behind his grandchildren whom he adored — Chad (Karley) Mastin, Josh Mastin, and Kirsten and Travis Tessen.

He and ‘grandma’ Carolyn showered them with love, gifts, and fun activities each time they were able to spend time together.

Lastly, we cannot forget his beloved pets — “Custer,” his cattle dog, “Ditty” the cat, and of course, his horses, “Dark Justice,” “Kasanova” and “Noble.”

John created great bonds with close friends and neighbors — too many to mention. He did cherish those friendships in return.



Please join us in celebrating his life and sharing memories of John by bidding him a final farewell with his wife and family at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, at Big Falls Community Building.

His burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Big Falls.

After, we will be holding a potluck dinner back at the community building. All are welcome. Please bring a dish to pass if attending the potluck.

Condolences may be left with Green-Larsen Mortuary Inc., International Falls, and are greatly appreciated to help cover the high costs of funeral services and transportation back to Minnesota.

Life is a Journey — enjoy the ride — and that he did! Now a new Journey in Heaven begins.

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LOOKING BACK

25 YEARS AGO

Ted L. Bernard, a maintenance employee for Boise Cascade, has retired from the company after 37 years of service.

Shane Stillar, Mike Budak and Brad Larson competed in the first Frostbite Falls Fat Tire Frolic Saturday. Four bikers entered this year’s race, which was the first for Ice Box Days. Scott Leseman, 11, raced himself, as the only student to participate in the race.

Federal Express, based out of Grand Forks, N.D., recently established a full-time service for the city of International Falls. Sanford Reim is manager of the local service.

40 YEARS AGO

The play of Jim Lundquist, former schoolboy hockey star from Falls Senior High School, is one of the chief reasons Brown University’s freshmen

hockey team is currently sporting an unblemished 7-0 record.

The Rev. Fred Smyithe was named president of the Falls Citizens Scholarship Foundation to succeed Einar Sundin who served two terms.

50 YEARS AGO

The total number of cases of scarlet fever reported to date to W.F. Cantwell, M.D., city health officer, is 20.

B.J. Derr was elected president of the Falls Citizens’ Scholarship Foundation, Inc. at the annual meeting Monday night in Falls Junior High School.

Steve Carr, 16, 1604 Fifth Ave. E., landed a 10-pound, 6-1/2 ounce walleye while fishing through the ice on Ash River Saturday.

Milo Jensen of the Mando industrial relations staff was elected chairman of the Koochiching County chapter, American Red Cross,

to succeed Paul Kinports.

60 YEARS AGO

A daughter was born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Gauthier, South International Falls; weight, 7 pounds, 14 ounces; name chosen, Paula Marie.

A son was born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Christensen; weight, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

Victor Soboleski retired from Minnesota and Ontario Paper Company last week. His last shift in the sulphite department marked the end of a 43-year association with Mando — a service record few active Mandonians can match today.

Brownie Troop 132 met last night in Bethlehem Church with the following in charge of the meeting: Julie Bartkowski, president; Janis Corrin, vice president; Betty Domish,

secretary; and Janet Flaa, treasurer.

70 YEARS AGO

Sgt. and Mrs. Francis J. Pileggi of Holler are parents of a son, Anthony Francis, born today at the Laurion Maternity Home. Mrs. Pileggi is the former Genevieve Johnson.


Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Belanger announce the birth of a son today at the Littlefork Hospital.

Miss Helen Kotilinek was elected secretary at a meeting of the Rainy Lake Figure Skating Club last night at the Falls High School. She takes the place of Miss Lilly Ann Reich who resigned.

Morris Longballa left for Pasco, Wash., where he will be employed as a senior clerk by a construction company.

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