

# COMMUNITY

## A LOOK AT BORDERLAND

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### OBITUARIES

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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.

## Jessie Darlene Dahl, 80

Jessie Darlene Dahl, 80, of International Falls, Minn., passed away Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2013, at Littlefork Care Center, Littlefork, Minn.

Jessie was born Feb. 24, 1933, in Littlefork.

She grew up in Birchdale, Minn., and attended secretarial school in Los Angeles, Calif. She returned to Minnesota, and married Ivan Dahl on Dec. 26, 1953. They were married for over 50 years, and lived in the Loman and Birchdale area for most of their married life.

After Ivan's death, Jessie moved to International Falls in 2005 where she lived until she recently became ill.

She worked as a financial worker for Koochiching County Community Services for over 20 years, and retired in January 1997.

She was an active member of Bethany Lutheran Church, and volunteered for numerous organizations including Backus Community Center, Falls Hunger Coalition, Occupational Development Center, and the Indus School. She was a member of the Loman Senior Citizens.

She was a wonderful mother to her six children, and loving grandmother to her eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Jessie loved to read, walked over two miles daily, did Rosemaling, and attended as many concerts and local events as she could fit in to her busy schedule.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hilmar and



Lula Rud; husband, Ivan Dahl; brother, John Rud; and step-brother, Gary Cline.

Jessie is survived by her sons, Russell (Patty) Dahl, Ronald (Lavenda) Dahl; Vernon Dahl (Peggy Gordon) and Kenneth Dahl; daughters, Sonja (Scott) Pelland and JoEllen Dahl (Jeff Butts); grandchildren, Niki Kossow, Dustin Dahl, Gina Dahl, Peter Dahl, Ashley Dahl, Jacob Dahl, Phillip Pelland and Melissa Pelland; great-grandchildren, Aiston and Lennon Kossow; and sisters, Zelpha Crawford and Audrey Nelson.

A memorial service was conducted at 3:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, at Bethany Lutheran Church, Loman.

Interment will be at Riverside Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials would be preferred to Bethany Lutheran Church in lieu of flowers.

Condolences may be left at [www.greenlarsen.com](http://www.greenlarsen.com).

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

### FUNERAL

#### Irene Jensen, 63

Visitation for Irene Jensen, 63, of International Falls, who died Thursday, Dec. 12, 2013, at Rainy Lake Medical Center, took place from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, at Green-Larsen Mortuary.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, at Evangelical Covenant Church.

Officiating was Pastor

Darren Olson.

Pallbearers were Jeremy Alexander, Wyatt Jensen, Derrick Allen, Steve Rutledge, Jeremy Kuperus and Don Ewald.

Honorary pallbearers were Rick Sullivan and Waylon Jensen.

Interment is at Forest Hill Cemetery.

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

# Steps for staying safe on the roads over this holiday season

### BBB STAFF REPORT

The holidays are a time of good cheer, but they can also be a time for battling traffic and inclement weather all the way to the homes of your loved ones. Staying safe should be a top priority for all travelers, so Better Business Bureau of Minnesota and North Dakota recommends taking a few precautions before hitting the road this holiday season.

Every year, holiday travelers take to the skies and hit the rails, but most hit the road. In 2012, AAA estimated that 93 million Americans traveled more than 50 miles over the holidays – 90 percent of which drove.

“Because of increased traffic and the possibility of wintry conditions, staying safe on the roads over the holidays requires additional precautions,” said Dana Badgerow, president and CEO of the BBB

of Minnesota and North Dakota. “Make sure your car is in good shape and that you’re prepared for bad weather. While you’re driving, put down your cellphone and focus on the road ahead.”

BBB recommends taking the following steps for safe travel this holiday season:

**Create a car safety kit** – Holiday driving often includes the threat of dangerous winter weather. Snow and ice can lead to accidents, car troubles, long delays and road closures. You can be ready for bad weather by creating your own safety kit. Basics for the kit include a blanket, flashlight with extra batteries, radio, first aid kit, jumper cables, non-perishable foods like granola bars and nuts, bottled water, an ice scraper and warm gloves.

**Get a tune-up** – If your car is due for a tune-up, take it in before making that long haul. At the very least, check the car’s fluid levels,

wipers and tire pressure. Check the condition of your tires and, if you plan on driving through serious winter weather, consider getting snow tires.

**Take the BBB with you** – When you’re away from home or in the midst of an emergency, it’s hard to know which businesses – such as tow trucks and locksmiths – you can trust. The good news is that free BBB Business Reviews are optimized for smartphones. Now you can easily find businesses you can trust when you’re on the go and away from your computer by visiting [bbb.org](http://bbb.org).

**Start early and slow down** – The best way to fight holiday traffic is to give yourself some extra time to make the trip, and don’t speed. Also, if you’re caught speeding by law enforcement, that adds travel time and puts a dent in your holiday budget.

**Drop the distractions** – A lot of tragic and unnecessary

accidents take place when people are talking on their cellphone or sending text messages. When you’re behind the wheel, don’t text and drive. Pull into a rest area or a service station before sending a text message or making a call on your cellphone.

For more advice on staying safe over the holidays, visit online at [bbb.org/us/consumer-tips-holiday/](http://bbb.org/us/consumer-tips-holiday/).

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# LOOKINGBACK

### 25 YEARS AGO

Dale and Valerie Olsen announce the birth of their daughter, Jenny Rae, born today at Falls Memorial Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds and was 20 inches long.

Timothy Klein was named to the dean’s list at Bemidji State University for fall quarter.

### 40 YEARS AGO

A boy was born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. John Sirois.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hepner and two sons of the Falls were Sunday guests at the home of the Ronald Anderson family, Ray North Road.

### 50 YEARS AGO

A girl was born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Matuschowski, 7 pounds, 6 3/4 ounces, Leanne Marie.

Dear Santa — I hope all

yours elfs are working well.

My brother wants a Army set. My sister wants a dish set. My little sister well she might want a doll and my little brother wants a gun and all my cousins, uncles, aunts, a Merry Christmas. And people all over the world a happy Christmas. Me, I don’t know what I want so don’t get me anything. Merry Christmas, Santa. — Nola Tusow

At its recent scholarship convocation, Macalester College, St. Paul, announced that Patricia Morse, daughter of Mrs. Harold Morse, 401 1/2 Ninth St., is currently receiving the Macalester Scholarship and the Falls Citizens Scholarship.

Duane R. Krueger, seaman USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earle C. Krueger, 105 Park Ave., is serving aboard the destroyer USS John A. Bole.

### 60 YEARS AGO

Dear Santa — I have been a real good girl and I would like a play school set, a set of dishes, a play phone that rings and a children’s nightgown, size 7. — Sharon Walls, South International Falls

Mrs. Lena Rasmussen, Highway 53, was entertained at a birthday party at the home of Mrs. Ben Radell, Van Lynn Road.

Mrs. Louis Lagerstrom, Cozy Court Cabins, was honored at a surprise birthday dinner at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hardy, 304 Eighth St.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Castle, of Badger, announce the engagement of their daughter, Gladys Elizabeth, to Blake Cecil Napper, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Napper, Loman Route.

### 70 YEARS AGO

International Falls City Council members marked the approach of the holi-

days Monday evening by smoking Christmas cigars, the gift of D.J. Mongrain, caretaker of the municipal dump grounds.

Master Mechanic Frank Smith, of the M.D.&W. Railway, reports receipt of a Christmas present that is really worth while, a half bushel of oranges and grapefruit, from his friend Dr. Scheldrup, who is spending some time at his winter home in Miami, Fla.

Pfc. George Kaminski arrived this morning from Pine Camp, N.Y., where he has been stationed with a tank battalion, to spend Christmas at home.

Ralph M. Servis, seaman, 2/c, who is stationed at Faragut, Idaho, is spending a 15-day leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Servis, of Holler.

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## Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

**Tuesday, December 24th**

**First Lutheran Church**  
(across from Falls High School)  
4 PM & 10:30 PM

**Zion Lutheran Church**  
530 6th Street  
4:00 PM & 9:00 PM

**Bethany Lutheran Church**  
Loman  
8:30 PM Christmas Eve Service

*Zion's 4 pm service will be broadcast live on KSDM 104.1 FM & KGHS 1230 AM and repeated at 9 am on Christmas Day.*

*Wishing you Peace, Hope, Love and Joy this Christmas and throughout the New Year!*

From all of us at First, Zion & Bethany Lutheran Churches

Wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!



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