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In Memoriam

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February 16, 1947 – June 27, 2016

Delores Shelley, 69, of Fergus Falls, died Monday, June 27, 2016 at PioneerCare in Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

Delores Ester Shelley was born February 16, 1947 to Eino and Lorriane (Baakkonen) Anderson in at Wesley Hospital, Wadena, MN. She was baptized in 1947 and confirmed in 1963 at New York Mills Apostolic Lutheran Church. Delores graduated from New York Mills High School, the class of 1966. She married Lee John Shelley December 28, 1974. She loved kids, family and grandkids.

Delores worked several years at Medallion Kitchens and most recently at Burger King. She also babysat, helped friends with their kids and did house cleaning. She was a member of the Senior Center and Salvation Army. Delores loved Garfield funnies, cats, country music, decorating for the holidays and flowers. Her hobbies include bingo and collecting birds. She was a Minnesota sports fan, especially Vikings. Delores always had a smile on her face, helped others in need, was a hard worker and was strong in her faith.

She is survived by her children, Jeff Shelley of Alexandria, Joy Shelley of California, and Carmel Shelley of Fergus Falls; three grandchildren Ashley, Zachery and Emily; two sisters, Darlene Anderson and Shelia Anderson; numerous family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Lee in November, 2002, daughter Tania Shelley, and sister Sharon Anderson.

Funeral Services: 1 PM, Thursday, June 30, 2016 at First Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls
Visitation: one hour prior to the service at the church
Clergy: Pastor Jennifer Rose
Cemetery: First Lutheran Cemetery, Fergus Falls
Funeral Home: Glende-Nilson Funeral Home, Fergus Falls
Greg Raymond Erickson

February 28, 1948 – June 1, 2008

Greg Erickson, age 60, of Perham, MN, died Sunday, June 1, 2008, at the Perham Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be held Friday, June 6, 2008, beginning at 11:00 am at Schoeneberger Funeral Home, Perham, with Pastor Paul Anderson officiating. Burial will follow in the Perham Village Cemetery. Visitation will be held Thursday, June 5, at Schoeneberger Funeral Home from 4:00 - 6:00 pm and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Greg Raymond Erickson was born February 28, 1948, in Wadena, MN, the son of Raymond and Marjorie (Hunter) Erickson. He graduated from New York Mills High School in 1966 and joined the US Army in 1968. He worked for Tuffy's in Perham, MN, for most of his life. Greg enjoyed listening to country music, watching football, baseball, and Nascar races on TV and having coffee in the lounge of his apartment building with the other residents.

Greg is survived by his children, Kristen Brown, Perham, MN; Pamela Erickson, Perham, MN; Jason Erickson, Frazee, MN; Travis (Jessica) Erickson, Perham, MN; and Rebecca (Todd) Tagtgren, Perham, MN; six brothers, Duane (Jessie) Erickson, Rodney (Kathy) Erickson, Royce (Shelly) Erickson, Gerald Erickson, Eldon (Alice) Erickson, and Curtis Erickson; three sisters, Marylce (Derry) Long, Janice (Allen) Erickson, and Sharon Erickson; six grandchildren and many aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

Preceding Greg in death are his parents; wife, Anna; son, Justin; a sister, Loretta; a grandson and a granddaughter.

Janis Mae Isaacson

August 4, 1948 – October 31, 1995

Funeral services were held for Janis Isaacson of St. Paul on November 3, 1995 at the Spielman Mortuary in St. Paul with the Pastor Orval Osmundson officiating. Hymns were sung by Patti Poss. The pallbearers were Barbara Klossner, Mary Strum, Sue Maher, Becky Finkle, Marree Boland, and Dori Vaughan.

Funeral services were also held on November 4, 1995 at the Apostolic Lutheran Church in New York Mills with the Pastor Don Salo officiating. Hymns were sung by Charles Johnson accompanied by organist, Tim Johnson. The pallbearers were Jeff Isaacson, Jay Isaacson, Syd Nelson, Brian Matson, Joe Johnson, and Leo Klinnert. Janis was laid to rest in Woodland Cemetery, New York Mills. Arrangements were by the Karvonen & Son Funeral Home, New York Mills.

Janis Mae Isaacson was born August 4, 1948 at the University of Minnesota Hospital, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Her parents are Roy and Mae Isaacson. Janis grew up in New York Mills and graduated from the New York Mills High School in 1966. She attended Moorhead State University and received a Bachelor’s Degree in English, Speech, and Theatre in 1969 and attended graduate school there for three years. Janis taught English, Speech, and Theatre in Herman, Minnesota. In 1973 she moved to St. Paul where she started working for the Minnesota House of Representatives where she worked presently until her illness.
Her favorite hobbies were reading, and she loved to research the Civil War. Janis passed away on October 31, 1995 at St. Joseph's Hospital Hospice Care in St. Paul after receiving numerous surgeries to remove a cyst from her pituitary gland at the base of her brain, she was 47 years old. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

Preceding her in death are her grandparents, Wilhelm and Selma Isaacson and Charles and Amanda Kulla.

Surviving are her parents, Roy and Mae Isaacson of New York Mills; a brother, Keith and his wife Mary Isaacson of Coon Rapids, Minnesota; and nephews Jeff and Jay Isaacson of Coon Rapids, Minnesota.

[Editor’s note: After Janis’ passing, her family and friends funded the Janis Mae Isaacson Memorial Scholarship that funds one or more Mills school graduates who seek a major in English, Speech, and/or American History.]

Sheila (Jacobson) Wilhelm

October 19, 1948 – December 4, 1993

Memorial services were held for Sheila Kay Wilhelm on Wednesday, December 8, 1993 at the Werness Brothers Chapel, Minneapolis.

Sheila was born October 19, 1948 in Wadena, Minnesota. She passed away at her home in Minneapolis on December 4, 1993 at 45 years of age.

She was a graduate of New York Mills High School and was employed as Human Resource Manager at Norwest Bank.

Survivors include her husband, Michael L.; two sons, Jason and Jordon; parents, Russ and Shirley Jacobson of New York Mills; brother, Brad and wife Connie Jacobson of Perham; sister, Rhonda and husband, David Rudolph of New York Mills; nephews, Sam and Phillip Jacobson and Neil and Garrett Rudolph; and niece, Valerie Rudolph.

A complete obituary will be published in next week’s issue of the Herald.
Howard Daniel “Danny” Maunumaki
July 1, 1948 – September 17, 2002
Howard “Danny” Maunumaki, 54, of New York Mills, died Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2002, at Perham Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, at the Apostolic Lutheran Church in New York Mills. Visitation will be on Friday from 4 to 8 p.m., with a prayer service at 7 p.m., at Karvonen and Son Funeral Home in New York Mills, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Howard “Danny” Maunumaki was born on July 1, 1948 in Wadena, the son of Linda M. (Fraki) Maunumaki and the late Howard E. Maunumaki. He grew up on the family farm in Leaf Lake Township, rural New York Mills, and graduated from the New York Mills High School with the class of 1966. He served in the United States Army from April 29, 1968 to April 20, 1970. In 1972, he and his brother, Donald, took over the family farm in Leaf Lake Township where he had farmed his entire life. Mr. Maunumaki enjoyed drawing, horses, reading, music and had a really good sense of humor. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Howard; a brother, James Arthur Maunumaki; and great-niece, Melissa Joy Loween. Survivors include his mother, Linda Maunumaki of New York Mills; two brothers, Ronald Maunumaki and Donald Maunumaki, both of New York Mills; six sisters, Judith (Duane) Johnson of Frazee, Kathleen (Berndt) Loween of Coon Rapids, Carol (Arnold) Saarela of Delano, Janice Meyers of Alexandria, Nancy (Dennis) Peyerl of Henning and Wanda (Michael) Erickson of Anoka; 16 nieces and nephews; 14 great-nieces and nephews; four aunts; an uncle; and many cousins, other relatives and a host of friends. Funeral services were Saturday at the Apostolic Lutheran Church in New York Mills, with the Rev. Don Salo officiating. Burial was in Woodland Cemetery in New York Mills, with military honors provided by the Charles D. Center V.F.W. Post 3289 of New York Mills. Karvonen and Son Funeral Home of New York Mills was in charge of arrangements.

Kenneth Ralph Ryckman
January 23, 1948 - May 14, 2014
Kenneth Ralph Ryckman, 66, passed away in Jacksonville, FL on May 14, 2014. He was born in Columbus, Mississippi on January 23, 1948 to Alma [Schmidt] Ryckman and the late Alvin Ryckman. Kenneth proudly served our country in the US Navy for 4 years active duty, and 22 years reserve duty, retiring July 1, 1998. Kenneth worked for Rochester Public Utilities (Minnesota) from 1978 to 2006 upon relocating to Jacksonville in August of 2006. He attended Ft. Caroline Baptist Church, and loved yard work, gardening, and landscaping. Family members include his loving wife of 45 years, Elaine [Norlien] Ryckman; daughter, Kimberly Ann [Ryckman] Johnson (Chris); son, Brent Jay Ryckman; mother, Alma [Schmidt] Ryckman; sister, Priscilla [Ryckman] Karvonen (Tom); grandchildren, Ethan, Erica and one on the way; and nieces, Meagan and Tracey. A Graveside Service will be held at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, May 22nd in the Jacksonville National Cemetery, with military honors. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Salvation Army, Samaritan's Purse, or the organization/charity of your choice.

Services: A Graveside Service will be held at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, May 22nd in the Jacksonville National Cemetery, with military honors.
Constance Melanie “Connie” (Trupukka) Grams

March 10, 1948 – November 3, 2003

Memorial services were held for Connie Grams of Ottertail, Minnesota on Friday, November 7, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. at the Karvonen & Son Funeral Home in New York Mills, Minnesota with Lorn Hilman officiating. The music was provided by Andy and Janet Tumberg. The honorary pallbearers were Richard Piekkola, Allen Andrews, Gary Muckala, Jerry Muckala, Clarence Smerud and Ron Onken.

Constance Melanie Grams was born on March 10, 1948 in Wadena, Minnesota. Her parents are Irene (Nurmi) Heslien and the late Walter Harold Trupukka. Connie grew up in the family farm in Newton Township, rural New York Mills. She graduated from the New York Mills High School with the class of 1966. Connie attended Fergus Falls Community College and Wadena Technical College where she studied cosmetology. She worked with her mother, Irene in Ottertail and Wadena, Minnesota, and then they purchased the Inn Towne Beauty Shop in New York Mills where she has been in business for almost 30 years. On August 29, 1989 Connie was united in marriage with Curtis Dale Grams in rural Eagle Bend, Minnesota. Connie and Curt have resided in Ottertail, Minnesota. Connie loved living on the Ottertail river and lake. She enjoyed quilting, crafts, going to auction sales, collecting antiques and she especially loved her family, her grandchildren were so special and dear to her. On Monday, November 3, 2003 Connie passed away at her home in Ottertail, Minnesota at 55 years of age. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends. Preceding Connie in death was her father Walter H. Trupukka, her grandparents: Jacob W. Nurmi, Martha Nurmi, Fred Trupukka and Mary Trupukka.

Connie is survived by her husband, Curt Grams of Ottertail; daughter Stacy (Trupukka) Langer and her husband, Mark of Wadena; mother, Irene Heslien of New York Mills; step-mother, Lorraine Trupukka of Mesa, Arizona; step-daughters: Amy (Paul) Grams Haugesag of Mankato; Jessica (Mark) Makarrall of Lamberton; grandchildren: Tyler, Rylie, Savanna, Jasmine, Isaac, Abby; many other relatives and a host of friends.

Arrangements were provided by the Karvonen & Son Funeral Home of New York Mills, Minnesota.

Louise (Wiirre) Berg

April 13, 1948 – September 17, 2005

Louise Adrienne Berg, 57, of Farmington, died Saturday, Sept. 17, 2005, at Our Lady of Good Counsel. She was born to Oswald and Elvira Wiirre April 13, 1948, in Wadena.


Louise worked as a seamstress, mother and draftsperson. She was a member of Farmington Lutheran Church.

Louise is survived by her husband, Allen; daughter, Antonia (Thomas) Pierce; son, Matthew Berg; sisters Lenore (Chuck) Olson, Corrine (Rick) Halladay and Sheila Wiirre; and brothers Miles (Cathy) and Leon Wiirre. She is preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services for Louise Berg were held Thursday, Sept. 22 at Farmington Lutheran Church. Internment was at Farmington Lutheran Cemetery. Casket bearers were Dan and Josh Berg, Jason Lowe, Paul Warren, Dan Pearce and Joe Coggin.