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Aitkin Riverboat Days revived with on-and-off rain

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Some members of the Northern Lakes Youth Hockey Association skated their way through the Riverboat Days Parade and won Best Kids' Float. Photo courtesy of Northern Lakes Hockey



Heroes of the Bible was the theme for the New Life Church float. Photo courtesy of Marilyn Johnson.

By ANN SCHWARTZ

"Overall, Riverboat Days went well, even with the rain," Taylor Erickson, Aitkin

Area Chamber of Commerce Director, said of the festival held the first weekend of August in Aitkin. "We are grateful for our sponsors, volunteers, parade float-makers and community members who turned out!"

A new event this year was a live concert Saturday night at the Huff Entertainment Center. The Center is a new venue in the former Pamida/ Shopko building in Aitkin.

Best Decades Float went to the Aitkin Fire Department 9.11 Memorial.

Best Kids' Float was Northern Lakes Youth Hockey Association and Best Overall Float was Mud Rhythm.





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The Aitkin Fire Department held a tribute for 9.11.01 and they won Best Decades Float. The 20th anniversary of the terrorism attacks is happening this September. Photo courtesy of



Aitkin's United Methodist float used a real lighthouse beacon to signal to parade-goers that Jesus is the light of the world. Photo courtesy of David Owen

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13th &14th - Deerwood Lakes Lions Rummage and Bake Sale, Deerwood Auditorium, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

14th -Deerwood Fire Summerfest 5K and 10K Run/Walk. 10K starts at 8:30 a.m.; 5K starts at 9 a.m.; Registration/check in at 7:30 a.m. at the Deerwood Fire Station.





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15th - Manna for Malawi Fund-Raising Event, 2 to 6 p.m. Live music with Johnny Holm, pork roast, raffle and silent auction at the Bridge Tavern located north of Crosby.

18th - 22nd Crosby Heritage Days Celebration. Entertainment, arts & crafts show, food vendors, car show, in Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

19th - Everyone is welcome to the Summer Reading Program Closing Carnival, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library in Crosby.

21st - Annual Corn Feed (all you can eat corn), will be held from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m., at Bethesda Lutheran Church in Malmo.



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Rep. Dale Lueck legislative update

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) is currently reviewing and revising Minnesota's K-12 Academic Standards for Social Studies Standards. State statute requires that Minnesota's K-12 academic standards be reviewed and revised on a 10year cycle on the wide variety of subjects taught in our schools.

This review is timely as of late there has been a lot of discussion within our communities on what is being taught in this area. The subject of critical race theory (CRT) has recently become part of that discussion. Here is some basic information on this topic.

CRT is not a part of Minnesota's K-12 school curriculum or academic standards.

Local school boards are responsible to provide the courses necessary for students to meet Minnesota's high school graduation standards.

Elected school boards, staff and parents are responsible for the specific curriculums and textbooks chosen to be used within their respective school districts.

The courses taught must meet the state academic standards for that subject area.

Recently, MDE posted the second draft of the social studies academic standards for public comment. This is an opportunity for citizens to see specifically what changes are being proposed and weigh in directly on those changes.

The 168-page PDF document and the details of the review process can be viewed/downloaded here.

Minnesotans can use the public comment survey to provide feedback on the second draft. The survey allows citizens to provide comments on individual elements of the standards and benchmarks, as well as the draft document as a whole. If you are unable to use the online survey there is also a provision for you to send your comments via email or postal mail.

Making sure that our children receive an excellent education is critical to the continued success of our local communities, to Minnesota and our nation. By design a major portion of the decisions on how Minnesota's individual school district operate rests at the local level, not

in Saint Paul. However, K-12 academic standards serve as statewide guideposts for parents and school boards, thus updating them is a statewide project.

The current social studies standards revision process provides an important opportunity for citizens to directly impact what is contained in those standards. Please consider participating in this important process, it sets the social studies academic standards for the next 10 years..

Representative Dale Lueck Minnesota House District 10B

Motivation is key

As of Aug 10, 2021, Crow Wing County Sheriff Scott Goddard continues to ban the fine officers of the Deerwood and Ironton Police Departments from his offices. This ban is tied to an unauthored article that disclosed the Deerwood Police Chief legally taped conversations with the former Crosby Police Chief Kim Coughlin. Goddard's dangerous, and childish response might be tied to the fact Goddard was attempting to rush the completion of a background check on Coughlin so he could hire her as the Sheriffs in-house background investigator. Despite the tumultuous job performance of Coughlin which has Crosby reeling in lawsuits from two failed attempts to fire an officer, seven false charges being filed against a mayor, Goddard thinks Coughlin would be a good fit for his department. Goddard has demoted, even fired officers for less but finds the actions of Coughlin acceptable.

It appears Goddard's priorities are marred by massive amounts of hypocrisy, maybe stupidity, if he believes his political career will survive this decision. Goddard's action has proven he is not fit to serve Crow Wing County as Sheriff. While he may be an elected official, our county commissioners must do all they can to bring about his resignation. There are way too many people who believe they are above reproach and can not be touched regardless of what they do. Our County Commissioners and We the People must apply pressure to bring about not only Goddard's resignation, but the resignation of Walz as well. They have given us motivation. Motivation is key. Our duty is difficult, it requires persistence and our voices. Call 651-201-3400 tell Walz to resign. Contact your County Commissioner, speak to Goddard personally, tell him his actions are unforgivable and he must resign.

Kelly Avelsgard, Deerwood

Man drowns in Waukenabo Lake

approximately 3:00 p.m., Aitkin County Dispatch received a 911 call of a male overboard on Waukenabo Lake. The call came from a member of the boating party, all family members from Colorado who are staying at an Airbnb on Waukenabo Lake.

William Hinricher, 63, had jumped off the pontoon boat and immediately began struggling in the water. Lake conditions were windy with small white capped waves

On August 10, 2021, at blowing from northwest to 5:30 p.m. Aitkin County northeast. Two life jackets were thrown to Hinricher and attempts were made to reach him by hand. Hinricher was unable to reach the life jackets or the outstretched arms.

> Sheriff's office personnel launched on Waukenabo Lake and assisted the family in returning the boat to the dock. Minnesota State Patrol flew over the lake surface in an attempt to locate the missing man. At approximately

Sheriff's Office, assisted by St. Louis County and Itasca County Search and Rescue, executed recovery operations until Hinricher was located at approximately 10:15 p.m. Underwater robots were deployed to retrieve the body, which was then transported to the Ramsey County Medical Examiner's office for autopsy.

Also responding were Minnesota DNR, Palisade Fire, and North Ambulance.

Crosby council has new changes



At their meeting on August 9, the City of Crosby Council accepted with regret the resignation of Jim Hunter as mayor. The council approved Acting Mayor Diane Cash as the new mayor and former council member Jim Traylor in the newly vacated seat on the council. Traylor had narrowly missed reelection to the council last November.

The council accepted gifts (above) of a log table for city hall and poster for the library from Doug and Joan Gillette. Doug Gillette said that the table is to be used in the council chambers for people to sit at while addressing the council and he couldn't be happier that the poster will be going to the library.



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OBITUARIES

TERRY HUSE

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Terry James Huse, 69, of Aitkin died on Sunday, August 1, 2021 at his home.

A Memorial Gathering was held on Saturday, August 7, 2021 at the New Food Pavilion at the Aitkin Fairground. He was born on January 7, 1952 to James and Arlene

(Nelson) Huse. Terry was an avid bowler and was an Aitkin area youth bowling coach.

Terry is survived by his son, James Huse of Aitkin; two daughters: Tammy (Paul Harrell) Thomas of Purdon, TX and Jeannette (Jeff) Laird of Papillon, NE; two brothers: Daryl Huse of Fairmont, Roger (Linda) Huse of Dodge City, IA; sister, Sharon Huse of Sherburne; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Preceding Terry in death were his parents; wife Nina; and brother, Alan Huse.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

ROGER CARLSON



Roger John Carlson, 88, of Palisade, died Sunday, August 1, 2021 at his home.

Services were held Friday, August 6, 2021 at Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home, Aitkin. Interment was in Fleming Cemetery.

He was born September 20,

1932 in Aitkin to Clarence and Alice (Hegman) Carlson. Roger married Lois Lehman on June 29, 1958 in Brainerd. Roger and Lois made their home near Palisade where they farmed and raised their family. Roger enjoyed gardening, cooking and going to social gatherings and "land improvement." He especially enjoyed time with his family. Roger was a member of the Aitkin Seventh Day Adventist Church, Palisade Oil Cooperative Board as well as the Palisade Creamery.

Roger is survived by his children: Cary (Dale) Pearson of Moberly, MO; Susan (Mearl) Gibbs of Salt Lake City, UT; Curt (Karen) Carlson of Palisade; Nancy (Tim) Krumholz of Davis Junction, IL; and Burt (Mindy) Carlson of Palisade; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Roger is preceded in death by his wife, Lois; parents; brothers: Leonard and Gordon Carlson; sister, Evelyn Tibbetts.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Leave online condolences at www.srtfuneral.com.

WILLIAM ELKIN



William "Bill" Martin Elkin, 77. of Aitkin died Saturday, August 7, 2021 after a courageous battle with cancer at his home with his family by his side.

Funeral Mass was Friday, August 13, 2021 at St. James Catholic Church in Aitkin with Father David Forsman officiating. Burial was in

Bennettville Cemetery. He was born December 7, 1943 in Minneapolis to Richard and Barbara (Kantack) Elkin. Bill

married Alice Johnson August 17, 1963 in Aitkin. He was a Minneapolis Police Officer retiring as Sergeant. He owned Elkin Consulting an accident reconstruction service. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, traveling, Amateur Ham Radio, boating, and spending time with his family. He was a member of the Moose Lodge.

William is survived by his wife Alice; sons and daughters-in-law: Robert Joseph Elkin (Joy) of Becker; Dennis Michael Elkin (Lynn) of Oak Grove; Kenneth Richard Elkin (Jill) of Fishers, IN; daughters and sons-in-law: Elizabeth Marie Blesi (Paul) of Andover; Diana Lynn Johnson (Mike) of Isanti; seven grandchildren; great-grandchild, Henry Eppel; brothers: Richard Elkin of Hutchinson and Martin Elkin of Gainesville, FL; sisters: Barbara Weakly of Buffalo and Dolores Nelson of Katy, TX;snd many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law: Howard and Mildred Johnson

Arrangements were with Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home & Cremation Services in Aitkin. to leave a message of condolence please go to www.srtfuneral.com

KATHY WIENER



Kathy Ann Wiener, 57, of Ironton died on July 26, 2021 at the Cuyuna Regional Care Center in Crosby.

A Memorial Gathering was held Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

She was born in Minneapo-

lis on September 13, 1963 to Paul and Beatrice (Himango) Blocker. She married Scott Wiener on June 15, 2015 in Ironton.

Kathy is survived by her husband, Scott; her mother, Jennie (Donald Neva) Pitlick of Crosby; and one brother, Clayton (Lana) Blocker of Elk

Arrangements are with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

JACQUELINE HOLMVIG



Jacqueline I. "Jackie" Holmvig, 77, of Crosby died on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at the Cuyuna Regional Care Center in Crosby.

A Memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, August 13, 2021 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby. Burial was at the Lakewood Cemetery

in Crosby. A visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday.

She was born on March 28, 1944 in Brainerd to John and Irene (Peterson) Heise. Jackie spent two years attending school in Grantsburg, WI and then came back to live with her grandmother, Hilda Peterson in Cuyuna. She graduated from the Crosby-Ironton High School, class of 1962. Jackie was a retired CNA with the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center and Hallett Cottages with 26 years of service. She was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby.

Jackie is survived by two sons: Butch (Robin) Holmvig of Aitkin and Brad (Jane) Holmvig of Deerwood; two daughters: Tamara Holmvig of Crosby and Julie (Travis) Mohs of Deerwood; three brothers: Donald Heise of Deerwood, Kevin Heise of Englewood, CO and Donald (Tina) Meyer of Baxter; 15 grandchildren,; nine great-grandchildren.

Preceding Jackie in death are her parents: brother, Jerry Heise; special grandmother, Hilda Peterson; sister, Gail Nicholson; and special friend and companion, Russell Ecklid.

Arrangements are with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

MARY SCHOEPF



Mary Therese (Hassman) Schoepf, 94, of Aitkin died Monday, August 2, 2021 at her home.

A Mass of Christian Burial was Monday, August 9, 2021 at St. James Catholic Church, Aitkin with Father David Forsman officiating. Interment

was in St. Thomas Catholic Cemetery.

She was born November 8, 1926, the youngest of six children of Benjamin R. and Barbara (Foley) Hassman. When attending her college roommate's wedding in Deming, NM, she met Charles Schoepf and they were married August 6, 1946 at St. James Catholic Church, Aitkin. After making their home in New Mexico for a number of years, the young family moved to a farm in Aitkin where she lived for the rest of her life. The family had raised Hereford cattle and raised and showed Quarter horses for many years. After her children were grown, Mary enioved her work in social services at Aicota Health Care Center for 20 years. Mary is survived by her daughter, Betsy (Max) Blaufuss; son, Chuck (Lynne) Schoepf: daughter-in-law, Sara Schoepf: eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Charles; parents; sons: Thomas and David Schoepf; brother, Richard Hassman; sisters: Charlotte Welshons, Caroline Ryan, Corrine Lynch Peterson and Margaret McConnell.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Leave online condolences at www.srtfuneral.com.

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ALLIANCE

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Baxter* — Pointway Alliance Church; Rev. Charles Bolstridge, 218-537-6505; 7756 Highland Scenic Road; Worship 10; www.pointway.org

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6 pm; Wed. Service, 6:30 pm. Glory* — Pastor Chris Meirose; 927-3678; SS 9:15; Worship

10:30 am.; Wed 6pm Glory Family night, KidMin grades kindergarten - 6, Mad4Christ grades 7-12. aitkinchurch.com Hill City — Pastor Lonnie Lee; 218-697-2645; Adult SS 9; Worship 10 am; Bible Study, Fri., 7 pm.

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10:00 and St. Mathias Sunday 8:00. Brainerd — St. Francis , Fr. Anthony Wroblewski, Sat. 5:00: Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 and All Saints Saturday 4:00

and Sunday 10:30. Cromwell/Wright — Immaculate Conception, Mass: Sat.

Crosby* — St. Joseph's, Fr. Anthony Craig, Mass: Mon. 8, Tues. Noon, Thurs. 6 pm, Fri. 8, Sun 8:30 & 10:30 (10:30 outdoors weather permitting)

Crosslake - Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www. ihmstemilys.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession

Emily - St. Emily, Mass: Mon. & Wed. 8; Sun. 10:30; Confession 1st Sat. 11 or by appt. 218-763-2101.

Garrison — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Anthony Craig, Mass Wed. 9 & Sat. 4 pm, Confession Sat. 3:30 - 3:50 pm Grand Rapids — St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483

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Grand Rapids — Solid Rock Church of God, Pastor Robert Kimberling; 218-326-0711; Sun. BS 9:30, Worship 10:30; Wed. BS 6:30 pm

Jacobson — Jacobson Community Church, Pastor George Collins, 218-252-5938, Sun. SS (All ages) 9:30, Worship 10:30; Family Time 2nd & 4th Sundays; Wed. BS 7 pm Kimberly - Nature Ave. Rev. Rick Perry; Worship 9; Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30; 218-927-6256.

McGregor — Amazing Grace Christian Church; Worship 10: 99 South 1st Street (at the McGregor United Methodist church [shared] in downtown McGregor) Pastor Joel

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Youth Group 6 pm; Adult Prayer 6:30 pm Malmo — Pastor Glenn Browning; SS 9:30; Fellowship 10;

Wright - Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30;

Worship, 10:30; Thu., Bible Study, 7 pm. HEBREW/MESSIANIC

Glen — Beth Shalom Tabernacle of Truth, Rabi Frank Dell, for information 320-684-2804

Aitkin - Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Rebecca Hinz; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month.

Aitkin - First* (ELCA) Pastor Reggie Denton, Pastor Jordan Gades; worship Sun. 9am In-person (Also available via livestream on YouTube - First Lutheran Church, Aitkin) This service will be broadcasted at 10am on KKIN 94.3 FM radio; take out community meal every Mon. & Thurs. 5pm and Tues. 12pm; food shelf 2nd & 4th Thurs. each month 9am-4pm.

Aitkin - St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor D. Becker; Worship Sun. 9, SS 10

Baxter — Christ Lutheran Church and Preschool (WELS). Pastor Bill Werth. Sunday Worship 9. Sunday School/ Adult Bible Class 10:15. 13815 Cherrywood Dr. in Baxter. (Corner of Inglewood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. www.christbaxter.com.

Sunday 9, Fellowship 10:15, Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am 218-829-7092 www.princeofpeacelutheran.church Beaver Township - Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st &

Baxter - Prince of Peace (LCMS); Communion every

3rd Sun., 10:30. Brainerd* — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church (AFLC), Pastor David Franz, find service info at www. goodshepherdfreelutheran.church, 5878 Pine Beach Road, Brainerd, 218-824-3052

Brainerd - Laestadian Lutheran Church; 1501 So. 8th St. Sunday Worship Services 10:30 am. (www.llchurch.org) Brainerd - Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1420 South 6th Street Brainerd - Pastor Hans Anderson Worship times September through May are 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.; Summer Worship time is 9:00 a.m. Phone: 218-829-5147 Website: www.trinitybrainerd.org Email: trinity@trinitybrainerd.org

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Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun. Crosby — Immanuel (LCMC, NALC) Rev. Paul Mattson;

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www.missionofthecross.org Deerwood - Salem (ELCA), Pastor Michael Briggs; Worship: 9; Sunday School 9:15.

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McGrath - Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship 9; SS 9. McGregor/Big Sandy Lake — Grace Lutheran Log Church (ELCA), Pastor Ericka Foss; Worship 9, Fellowship

follows, SS 10. McGregor — Our Savior's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua C. Reinke; Worship 9; SS 10; Bible Study Tue. 9, Wed. 7 pm Outing — Our Saviors ELCA; Pastor Peter Rosenkvist,

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Thor — Zion, Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through December.

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Center; www.crosslakepres.org McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann; Worship 9. McGregor/Round Lake — Pastor Talley; Worship Sat. 5 pm. Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.

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OBITUARIES

DONALD BOBICH

Donald Bobich, 83, of Brainerd died on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at Essentia St. Joseph's Medical Center in Brainerd.

No services are being held as Don requested. He was born on June 13, 1938 in Crosby to Rade and Mildred (Krinovich) Bobich. Don was a Crosby-Ironton High School graduate, Class of 1956. He was a retired Vice President of sales with Euclid, Inc. with 35 years of service. The Euc trucks were used extensively in creating the open pits that make up the lakes and hills that are now the prime destination for the mountain bikers. Don was responsible for world wide sales for Euclid and succeeded in delivering Eucs to foreign destinations including China, Australia,

Bougainville Island in addition to many locations in North America (Hanna Mining, U.S. Steel and others on the Mesabi Range.

Don is survived by his son, Timothy (Lynn) Bobich of Meadville, PA; grandson, Nicholas (Megan) Bobich of Grass Lake, MI; and son-inlaw, Randy Boose.

Preceding Don in death are his parents; wife Shirley in 2015; daughter, Rhondi Bobich; two brothers, Peter and George Bobich; and three sisters: Mara Grubich, Zorka Martin and Yelka

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby. To leave a message of condolence go to www.koopfuneralhome.com.

THOMAS BUTORAC



Thomas James "T.J." Butorac, 89, of Crosby died peacefully on Saturday, August 7, 2021 after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, August 16, 2021 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby with visitation at the

church one hour before the service. Burial will be at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby.

He was born the last of 11 children to Gust and Rose Butorac on November 28, 1931 in Crosby. After graduating in the Crosby-Ironton High School class of 1949 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He married Elaine Anderson on November 21, 1953. He worked at several different jobs in his lifetime with Satovich's Milk Company, The Range Feed Store, Crosby Ironton High School, the railroad, the mines and retired from the United States Postal Service in Crosby. He was a lifetime member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby and the Myrin-James American Legion Post #443, Ironton. He became involved with coaching basketball at St. Joseph's School and organizing Sunday evening volley ball and community tennis tournaments. He was also involved in politics, serving as the Mayor of Crosby and a member of the Crosby-Ironton School Board.

T.J. is survived by his wife of 67 years; three sons: Gus (Connie) Butorac of Bloomington, IL; John (Ellen) Butorac of Ramsey and Tony Butorac of Minneapolis; four daughters: Cheryl Brandt of Brainerd; Jeannie (Steve) Finley of Wickenburg, AZ; Mary (Lee) Pedersen of Brainerd and Nancy (Dan) Jacobson of Brainerd; 19 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; brother, George Butorac, of Mesa, AZ and sister-in-law, Jackie Butorac of Crosby.

Preceding T.J. in death were his parents; six brothers: Tony, Milo, John, Philip, Gust and Frank Butorac; and three sisters: Mary Butorac, Kay Smith and Ann Majerus and son-in-law, Steve Brandt.

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JACOB NIESEN



Jacob Bernard Vernon Niesen, 85, formerly of Prior Lake, longtime resident of Swatara died Thursday, August 5, 2021 at his farm in Swatara. Funeral Mass will be 10:00

a.m. on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at Saint James Catholic Church in Aitkin with Father David Forsman officiating. Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at Sorensen-Root-Thompson

Funeral Home in Aitkin and will continue one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial with full military honors will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at the MN State Veterans Cemetery at Camp Ripley, Little Falls.

He was born April 7, 1936 in Buffalo to Christ and Sophie (Gilles) Niesen. He grew up in Buffalo and graduated from Buffalo High School. He joined the MN. Army National Guard in 1956 and then the MN. Air National Guard in 1962 retiring on April 7 1996 as a Senior Master Sgt. While in the "Guards" he enjoyed traveling to many different countries, became an expert rifleman,

and learned the electrical trade, becoming a Lead Electrician. Jacob married Margaret Helen (Zwack) August 3, 1957 in Hopkins. He was a "Kids" Dad who enjoyed camping, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, and farming his land in Swatara. He was a Cub Scout Leader for Troop #339 in Prior Lake, a member of the Hill City American Legion Post #340, Aitkin County DFL, AFSCME Treasurer, and a devout Catholic.

Jacob is survived by his wife of 64 years, Margaret Niesen; children: Robert (Corla) Niesen, Debra Niesen, Duane (Theresa) Niesen, Steven Niesen, Jacob (Jennifer) Niesen, Nathan (Alisa) Niesen; 13 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters: John (Carol) Niesen, Joe (Rosemary) Niesen, Jerome (Midge) Niesen, Jerry (Margie) Niesen, Sophie (Leonard) Stoppelman, Fred Kiphuth; many other special relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Christ Niesen and Sophie (Gilles) Niesen Kiphuth, 2 brothers: Jim and Randy Niesen.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Leave online condolences at www.srtfuneral.com.

RUTH ANN EXSTED



Ruth Ann Exsted, 73, of Brainerd died on Friday, August 6, 2021 at Bethany Good Samaritan Village in Brainerd. She was born in Helen Township on March 4, 1948 to Benjamin and Jenella (Adams) Rolf.

A Memorial service was held at Thursday, August 12, 2021 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby. Burial was at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby.

Ruth Ann married Robert Exsted on October 14, 1967 in Glencoe. She was a retired employee of the Crosby-Ironton Courier, and was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby.

Ruth Ann is survived by her three sons: Jim (Trish) Exsted of Brainerd, Dan (Deb) Exsted of Deerwood and Steve (Molly) Exsted of Monticello; sister, Faye Miller of Brownton; five brothers-inlaw: Richard (Chris) Exsted, Randall (Sue) Exsted, Dale (Sandy) Exsted, Doug Exsted and Dean (Lynn) Exsted; and six grandchildren.

Preceding Ruth Ann in death are her parents; husband Bob in 2004; and one brother David Rolf. Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby. To leave a message of condolence go to www.koopfuneralhome.com.

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