

Obituaries & Memorials



MARY ANNE STEBBINS

Mary Anne Stebbins, 84 Silver Bay, died Sunday, January 1, 2023 at home surrounded by her family.

She was born on Dec 29, 1938 to Rose and Albert Bleninger in Clements, MN. She graduated from Waubun High School in



1956 as the Salutatorian. In her senior year, she was one of few chosen in the state to win the Betty Crocker award for excellence in baking.

She met her lifelong partner DuWayne (Bud) Stebbins in Detroit Lakes, MN. They dated for a year and got married at Assumption Catholic Church in Callaway, MN on September 25, 1957.

Mary Anne loved to garden, fish, camp, and bake; there were always chocolate chip cookies in the cookie jar. One of her favorite past times was working on crafts, she was a genius with a crochet hook and could conquer any pattern put before her. She loved making and giving holiday ornaments to her family and friends. She was an avid reader of books and also participated in volleyball, softball, was in a bowling league and was very active in working with the Girl Scouts. Although Mary Anne was talented in many areas, her greatest passions were her family, her Catholic faith and her volunteer work at the Minnesota Veteran's Home and her decades working as a precinct judge.

In Mary Anne and Bud's retirement years, they spent their winters in Mission, Texas. They often went out dancing and attended a variety of live entertainment programs. They went to many craft shows and spent hours playing games with their friends.

She is survived by her husband Bud of 65 years and four children: Michelle Stebbins of Duluth, Jodi Bradt (Stu) of St. Anthony, Kevin Stebbins (Darla) of Maplewood, Jennifer Tolo (John) of Saint Paul, 12 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Mary Anne was preceded in death by her parents: Rose and Albert Bleninger, brothers, Greg and George, and sister Elizabeth Moe (Ken) and three grand baby angels; Grace, Isabel and Gabriella Tolo.

Memorials preferred to the Minnesota Veteran's Home in Silver Bay.

Visitation will be from 9 AM until the 10 AM service on Monday, January 9, 2023 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Silver Bay. Burial will be in the Minnesota Veteran's Cemetery, Saginaw. To share your memories or condolences online please visit www.cavallinfuneralhome.com.

KENNETH EINO TUORILA

Kenneth Eino Tuorila, 85, Silver Bay, passed away at home on December 28, 2022.

Ken was born November 5, 1937 to Eino and Hazel (Hotakainen) Tuorila in Blowers Township. He graduated from Sebeka High School in 1955. After graduation he moved to the North Shore where he met the love of his life, Carol Nelson. They were united in marriage on June 18, 1960. Ken and Carol moved to Silver Bay where he was employed at Reserve Mining.

After his retirement from North Shore Mining, they became snowbirds and wintered in Mission, Texas. They enjoyed many musical shows with other Silver Bay snowbirds.

Ken enjoyed trap shooting, hunting, eating Carol's delicious cooking, watching Mariner hockey, Twins baseball, the Vikings, and spending time with family and playing with Lizzie, the family cat.

He was a member of Sychar Lutheran Church and the Silver Beaver Trap Club. Ken volunteered many years for the SBF, even serving as chief. He also served on the Board of Directors of NSFCU for many years.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents; in-laws, Carl and Violet Nelson; sisters, Annette and Arlene; brothers, Marv, Mike, and Ray; 5 brothers-in-laws; and a special nephew, Bob Kramar.

He will be deeply missed by his loving wife Carol; children Al (Vicky), Cathy, and Keith; special nieces, Deb, Denise (Frank) and Doreen; grandchildren Cody, Eric, Frankie John, Jenny, Josh, Justin, Laura, Neil, Timmy, and Tommy; and 13 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by sisters Shirley, Carole Jean (Debbie); brothers, Charlie and Roger (Vicky); sisters-in-law, Pat and Nancy; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Sychar Lutheran Church, Silver Bay Blue Line Club, or the Silver Bay Fire Department.

Visitation was from 1 PM until the 2 PM service on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at Sychar Lutheran Church in Silver Bay. Burial will be in Sawtooth Mountain Cemetery. To share your memories or condolences online please visit www.cavallinfuneralhome.com.



LIANA JEAN SIKKINK

Liana Jean Sikkink, 77, of Two Harbors, died Thursday, December 8, 2022 at St. Therese at Odilia Hospice in Shoreview, MN.

Liana was born September 28, 1945 to Richard and Thelma (Ewart) Walker Sr., in Pratt, Kansas. As a military family they moved to California when Liana was a child, where she graduated from high school in Sunnyvale. She married Eugene Sikkink in Carson City, Nevada in 1963, and they moved to Two Harbors, where they raised their family, and Liana worked as a certified nursing assistant.

Liana was a member of the United Church, where she taught Sunday School, the Loyal Order of Moose, and the S&B Sewing Club. She was also a volunteer with the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and PTA.

She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, handcrafts, baking, card games, socializing, and time with friends and family especially her grandchildren.

Liana was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene; an infant sister; and in-laws, Lloyd, Janice, Cynthia & Dean Sikkink, and Kathy Walker.

She is survived by her children, Gina Sikkink, William (Laura Gastaliturri) Sikkink and Karen (Kerry) Bouldan; grandchildren, Samantha, Brittni, Melanie, Bradly, Sydney, Casey and James; a sister, Julie (Phil) Roybal; brothers, Richard Walker Jr. (Susan) and Mark (Tammy) Walker; and in-laws, Ralph Sikkink Jr., Donna Thomas and Judy Sikkink; and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 1 PM on Saturday, February 18, 2023 at the United Church in Two Harbors. Lunch will follow at the Moose Lodge.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the editor-

I read with interest your Oct. 7, 2022 article, "What you need to know about Weatherization." I'd just like to urge everyone, especially widows/retirees to consider looking into energy assistance through AEOA. I believe that the energy assistance program is very underutilized by widows/retirees. AEOA's phone number is 218-735-6839.

Qualifications for energy assistance are measured in income of 3 month increments. However widows/retirees may find it easier to look at the issue in monthly increments, just to see if you qualify. For the 2022-2023 heating season, monthly income limits are; \$2547 per month for one person \$3331 per month for two people \$4115 per month for three people \$4899 per month for four people and so on.

I'm not sure many single widows/retirees have monthly incomes of \$2527 per month. Many are probably quite a bit less.

If you're not sure you could fill out the energy assistance application (it's pretty straight-

forward) have a trusted relative or friend assist you. Spending a few hours applying for fuel assistance could get you a grant of around \$300 to \$1,400 per year. The grant is paid directly to the utility and is then deducted from your utility bill.

Energy assistance is also available to renters. Even if heat is included in your rent, you may still be able to get assistance for your electric bill.

Applicants may also qualify for emergency energy grants and housing weatherization.

Widows/retirees (and others) probably paid taxes their entire working lives. Energy assistance is a great way for qualifying individuals/families to get some of that tax money back, and keep your home a little warmer. You can get the application on line at AEOA.org or give AEOA a call (218-735-6839), get an application, and see if the energy assistance program could work for you!

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