

OBITUARIES/CELEBRATION OF LIFE

THOMAS R. NELSON

Thomas R. Nelson, 79, of Grand Marais, MN, died on October 21, 2021 in Two Harbors at the Water View Shores Care Center.

Thomas was born in Oak Park, Illinois on May 4, 1942 to Roy A. Nelson and Joan (Helle) Nelson. He went to school in Chicago and University of Illinois. Later he moved to Duluth, MN where he became a regional manager for Sumatoma, which meant a lot of traveling from there. He moved to Silver Bay, MN with his 3 hunting dogs after a short stint in Chicago, again sold his house in Silver Bay and moved to Grand Marais, MN to pursue his love for hunting and fishing after some severe medical problems. He spent his last 5 years in the Hospital and Care Center where he passed away on October 21st due to complications from Covid.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother; and brother, Robert A Nelson.

He is survived by his wife, Ingelore (Geissler) Nelson; sons, Michael T. (Nikki) Nelson, and Daniel A Nelson; grandsons, Brian T. (Maya) Nelson, Max and Corey Nelson; brother, Frank (Gayle) Nelson; daughter, Jessica and family; stepchildren, Annette E. Yebba and son, Kyle, Yvonne (Mitch) Henderson and daughter Christa, Sven Eric Geissler and daughter Amara, and various nieces and nephews.

According to his wishes Thomas was cremated and a celebration of life will be held next year on his 80th birthday in 2022.

THOMAS R. PEARSON (THE BEAR)

Thomas R. Pearson (The Bear), 83, of Isabella passed away Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021 at his home. He was born July 11, 1938, in Minneapolis, to Ellis and Vivian (Thomas) Pearson. He was a graduate of Patrick Henry High School, class of 1956, attended UMD and was in the Air National Guard.



He married his beautiful bride Elizabeth Ann Mosack in 1962 in Duluth. They lived in Illinois and Minneapolis before moving their family to "God's Country" in 1983, where they owned and operated the Stony River Bait Shop and Café for the past 38 years.

Tom was a great conversationalist, storyteller and educator. He always lent a helping hand when someone was in need. He met many, many dear friends through the café and many people loved to stop in and see Tom and Liz over the years. What started out as a stop for something to eat, directions or needing help turned into lifelong friendships. Some were like family to Tom. He was always happy when "The Boys" were coming up.

Tom loved competition. Some of his favorite activities were golfing, hunting, fishing, watching sports, playing cribbage, "discussing" politics, listening to music, writing poems, and drawing. He had a passion for golf and he especially loved being at Deer Camp with his hunting partner, Jr, and family and friends.

Tom deeply loved and supported his family. He took great pride in being the overseer of his family, passing down his life stories, teaching the ways of the wilderness and sports, and sharing words of wisdom. He filled his family's and friend's hearts with love and their minds with knowledge. Those who knew Tom (The Bear), knew he was a wise man with a kind heart. He will be missed dearly.

Tom is survived by his wife Elizabeth Pearson; sister Vivian (Gary) Rolek; three daughters Beth (John) Aberle, Pam (Art) Ernest, Jill (Jason) Homer; grandchildren Matthew (Sam) Aberle, Erika Ernest, Caroline and Tommy Homer; great grandchildren Ava & Aliveah Aberle and Lexi Keller.

A celebration of Tom's life will be held on November 13th at 1:00 p.m. at Blackwood's Grill & Bar, 2525 London Road, Duluth, MN.

GERALD KEITH THIELING

Gerald Keith Thieling, 79, of Two Harbors, died unexpectedly on Thursday, October 28, 2021 at Waterview Shores while recovering from a recent surgery.



Jerry was born to Gilbert and Eileen (Young) Thieling on November 28, 1941 in Cazenovia, Wisconsin. He grew up in Barnum, MN and served in the Air Force from 1960 until 1964 where he was stationed in the Phillipines and met his first wife, Julieta. In 1987, he met and married his soulmate, Lovey and they enjoyed 23 years together. Jerry was employed by Reserve Mining Co. and later as a long-haul truck driver for many years.

He was well known for and enjoyed his long walks throughout town and especially enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents; second wife, Lovey; grandson, Devin Ball; step-daughter, Lori Buström; and brother, Gene Thieling.

He is survived by daughters Laurie (Darren) Ball and Lana Affloter; grandchildren, Rachel (Dexter) Hunsperger and Zacharias, Esebra, Gabrielle, and Oliver Affolter; step-children, Cindy (John) Jordine, Kristy (Jeff) Grosskurth, and Rick (Joni) Buström; step-grandchildren, Brook, Brittney, Dereck, Rachel, Tara, Lee, Kari, Graham, and Cameron; and sister-in-law, Ardell (Ken) Markee.

Private family services will be held, followed by burial at West Branch Cemetery in Kettle River. To share your memories or condolences online please visit www.cavallinfuneralhome.com.

AUDREE MARTINOVICH

Audree Martinovich, 83, of Two Harbors, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at Lake View Memorial Hospital.



Audree was born to Bernard and Solomae (Klava) Narlock on March 14, 1938 in Minto, ND where she grew up and graduated from high school. She moved to Virginia, MN where met the love of her life John "Jocko" Martinovich and were married on September 28, 1957. They lived in Eveleth for several years where they operated Jocko's Tavern and in 1976, they moved to Two Harbors. Audree was a homemaker through the years and a mother to the three sons she adored.

Audree was a member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

She enjoyed feeding and watching the birds, music, jigsaw puzzles, time with her family, her yard, and keeping and decorating a nice home.

Audree was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John "Jocko" Martinovich; brother, Abe Narlock; and sister, Rita Fabish.

She is survived by her sons, John of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, Tyler of Austria, and Robert (Linda) of Minnetonka; grandchildren, Adrian, Chiara, Jenna, Brice, Arianne, Lauren, and Elizabeth; great-grandchildren Ryan and Ella; and two sisters; Ramona Lizakowski and Connie Ray.

The family would like to thank Meghan Ulanowski, Connie Koss, and Louise Fransen who "went above and beyond" in their help to Audree and her family, and to Kristin Hill at Park State Bank.

Visitation will be from 10 AM until the 11 AM Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Two Harbors. To share your memories or condolences online please visit www.cavallinfuneralhome.com.

REV. DR. DENNIS P. BROSTROM

Rev. Dr. Dennis P. Brostrom, 71, Silver Bay, died Saturday, October 30, 2021 at St. Luke's Hospital.



Dennis was born to Donald and Marian (Johnson) Brostrom on March 15, 1950 in St. Paul, Minnesota where he grew up and attended school. He graduated from Northwestern College in St. Paul and Luther Seminary in St. Paul. He served his seminary internship in Warren, MN. Following his ordination, Rev. Brostrom served the Lord at Lutheran Churches in Cormorant and Twin Valley, Minnesota; Patterson, California; Bruce, South Dakota; Mahtowa, Minnesota and most recently in Silver Bay.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother James.

He is survived by his wife, Karen; a twin-brother, David (Sue) Brostrom of St. Paul; a brother, John (Stephanie) Brostrom of Duluth; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Faith Lutheran Church in Silver Bay or Lutheran World Relief.

Visitation will be from 10 AM until the 11 AM service on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at Faith Lutheran Church in Silver Bay. To share your memories or condolences online please visit www.cavallinfuneralhome.com.

JUDITH A. OLSON

Judith A. Olson, 78, passed away Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at Sunny Knoll Care Center in Rockwell City, Iowa.



Judy was born December 3, 1942, to Gunnar and Helga (Lehtonen) Johnson in Two Harbors where she grew up and graduated from Two Harbors High School with the Class of 1960. She was employed by the DM&IR Railway as a telephone operator for several years and later earned her bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Minnesota-Duluth. She married Anthony "Tony" Olson on September 9, 1966 and they raised a family in Two Harbors during which Tony worked for the telephone company. Tony's last position with the telephone company led them to Rockwell City, Iowa in 1992 before he retired in 1993. Tony & Judy made their retirement home in Rockwell City, but traveled as snow birds to Alamogordo, New Mexico each spring until Tony's passing in 2011.

Judy enjoyed knitting, playing cards (especially bridge) and golf. She volunteered her accounting talent and skill with numbers in many ways throughout the years, including but not limited to a tax preparer, congregational meals, bookkeeper for a couple of churches, a golf course and the THHS All-Class Reunion in 1982. She volunteered with the food shelf, church council and adult illiteracy programs. She quietly and anonymously helped those less fortunate in many other ways as well.

Judy was a lifelong member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Two Harbors and a member of the VFW women's auxiliary Post 49 in Rockwell City.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 45 years (Tony) in 2011 and her sister, Carol Peterson in 2021.

Judy is survived by her son Steve (Stacy) Olson of Two Harbors; daughter Becky (Ken) Osland of Lino Lakes, MN; foster son Karl (Dawn) Oman of Duluth; grandchildren, Madison Olson, Anthony "Tony," Kennedy, and Michaela Osland; brothers Larry "Gunner" (Vicki) Johnson and Scott (Francine) Johnson both of Two Harbors; special friends Bob Blasey and Rachel Bawden both of Rockwell City; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Services were held Monday, November 1, 2021, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Two Harbors. To share your memories or condolences online please visit www.cavallinfuneralhome.com.

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