

# Obituaries & Memorials

## DARREN ROGER DAVIDSON

Darren Roger Davidson, 49, of Two Harbors, died Sunday, August 28, 2022 at home surrounded by family and friends, after a short but courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Darren was born November 6, 1972 to Roger Davidson and Gloria Swanson in Two Harbors, where he was a lifelong resident. After graduating from high school in 1991, he attended St. John's University, then worked at various positions, and for the past several years was self-employed, traveling the U.S. constructing and installing cooling systems in large retail stores.

Darren was known for being generous and creative, he spent many years coaching youth hockey and was always willing to lend a hand to anyone with a project. He enjoyed fishing, the outdoors, and time with family and friends.

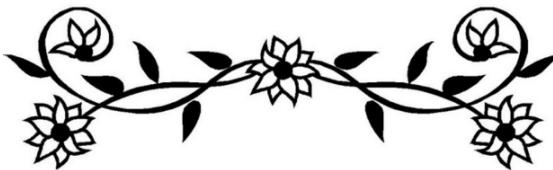
Darren was preceded in death by his father, Roger.

He is survived by his sons, Jack and Cole; his mother, Gloria Swanson; sisters, Kendra (Chris) Wright, Kara Davidson, Natalie Newman, and Shawna Davidson; a brother, Ron Davidson; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins, and numerous friends.

The family would like to thank the staff of St. Luke's Oncology and Hospice, and family and friends who cared for Darren and allowed him to stay at home throughout his illness.

Memorial are preferred and will be given to fund cancer research.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1 PM on Saturday, September 24, 2022 at the American Legion in Two Harbors. To share your memories or condolences online please visit [www.cavallinfuneralhome.com](http://www.cavallinfuneralhome.com).



## THUREEN

Grace Louise Thureen, 83, of Two Harbors died Thursday, October 14, 2021 at Chris Jensen Health in Duluth.

Ronald D.C. Thureen, 89, Two Harbors, died Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth.

A gathering of family and friends will be held at 1 PM on Saturday, October 1, 2022 at Cavallin Funeral Home in Two Harbors.

## CHLOE NOELLE HIETALA

Chloe Noelle Hietala, 20, of Two Harbors passed away tragically from injuries sustained in a car accident in South Carolina.

Chloe was born December 9, 2001 to Derrick and Anita Hietala.

She grew up in Two Harbors, where she graduated from Two Harbors High School in 2020. Chloe was very active in school sports, her favorites being hockey and volleyball. She continued to play these sports in college, attending Crown College, and was close to graduating with a degree in Biology. She planned to continue her studies and become a Physician's Assistant. Chloe was very goal oriented and had many dreams. She never missed a day in the gym, fitness being her life. She was also amazing at photography and drawing, leaving us many beautiful pictures and memories. Chloe had the most loving, caring heart. She also knew how to speak her mind and carried herself with great strength. Her personality was one of a kind. She had strong convictions and a passion for Christ. Chloe was born again, and we know God needed her beautiful soul home with Him, but she is greatly missed here.

Chloe is survived by her parents; Anita and Eric Frantz, and Derrick and Sarah Hietala; her siblings, Ricky, Grace, Adriana, Isaiah, Scarlett, and Ziggy; her dog, Rocky; her grandparents, Doug Cook, Dena Cook, Vicky (Cal) Lidmark, Jerry Hietala, Mitch and Nancy Churness; a special aunt and uncle April and Kyle Imholte (April was her kindred spirit and second mom); her amazing best friend, Rheo Johnson; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family.

Visitation was from 11 AM until the 1 PM funeral service on Monday, September 19, 2022 at First Baptist Church in Two Harbors. To share your memories or condolences online please visit [www.cavallinfuneralhome.com](http://www.cavallinfuneralhome.com).



## REV. JOHN HANSON REPPE

Rev. John Hanson Reppe passed away on Monday, September 12, 2022 at Waterview Shores in Two Harbors, MN. He was 98 years old.

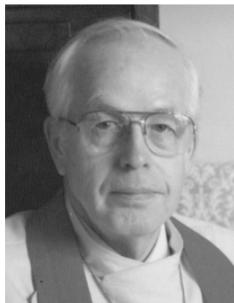
He was born on May 17, 1924, in Menomonie, Wisconsin to Clara and Ole Reppe, the oldest of 6 children. After graduating from Stanley High School in Stanley, Wisconsin, Pastor Reppe attended St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN and then went on to Luther Seminary in St. Paul. He married Imogene Anderson May 18, 1952. Following his ordination in June of 1953, he was called to the North Shore where he served the congregations of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Two Harbors, Knife River Lutheran Church, Bassett Congregational Church in Brimson, and Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Castle Danger. After retiring in 1990, he served as an interim pastor at Zion Lutheran (Spirit of God Lutheran) in Duluth, and First Lutheran in International Falls.

Pastor Reppe loved his family, hiking in Gooseberry State Park, the Green Bay Packers, playing football in the Turkey Bowl (until he was 80- then he refereed), walking, skating, reading, history, and humor. He enjoyed serving his congregations as well as the community. He was involved in the Rotary Club, Lake County Ministerial Association, Lake County Council for Youth Development, as well as the Two Harbors Planning and Zoning Committee.

He is survived by his children, Chris (Jerry) Hoganson of Zumbrota, MN, Becky (Wayne) Pedersen of Woodbury, MN, Kyle (JoAnn) Reppe of Two Harbors, Heidi (Al) Chmielewski of Victoria, MN, Lon (Chris) Reppe, of Two Harbors, and Tim Reppe also of Two Harbors. He has 14 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Naomi Dickrell of Sheboygan, WI and sister-in-law, Ruth Reppe of Zumbrota, MN. He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Imogene, his parents-Ole and Clara, brothers-Paul, Jim and Robert and sister, Janet.

Visitation will be from 11 AM until the 1 PM service on Tuesday September 20, 2022 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Two Harbors. Burial will follow at Lakeview Cemetery.

The Reppe family would like to thank the good people at Barross Cottages and Waterview Shores in Two Harbors for their wonderful care. Memorials may be given to the churches mentioned above or to a charity of your choice. To share your memories or condolences online please visit [www.cavallinfuneralhome.com](http://www.cavallinfuneralhome.com).



## SANDRA ANN MCDONALD (MATTILA)

Sandra A. McDonald, 76, Silver Bay, passed away peacefully Thursday, September 15, 2022 at Essentia St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth.

She was born February 25, 1946 in Appleton, Minnesota to Evelyn and Walt Mattila. Sandy was raised in Silver Bay and graduated from William Kelley High School in 1964. She met her best friend and the love of her life, Merle McDonald and they married on June 19, 1976. They retired and returned to Silver Bay where they have resided for 19 years. They are active members of Sychar Lutheran Church.

A true Finn, Sandy enjoyed a sauna and had plenty of "sisu"! She loved their trips to Arizona in their RV and hikes in the desert. Of course, it always ended with a picnic lunch! She loved her large family and truly did enjoy the forced fun of crafting and weekly dominoes with her sisters. Sandy loved to follow the sporting events of her son and grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Walt and Evelyn, her brother Alvin, sister Dorothy and daughter Melissa. Sandy is survived by her husband Merle, her son Phillip (Amanda) of Hibbing, Minnesota; Grandchildren Mason and Mara; her sisters, Carol Warrick of Silver Bay, Dianna Wicks (Larry) of Silver Bay, Sharon Babbitt (Bob) of Burnsville; brothers, Jon Mattila (Chris) of Silver Bay, Bill (Jody) of Silver Bay and Jim (Shelly) of Blaine.

Visitation at 10 until 11:00 AM at Sychar Lutheran Church and service to follow on Friday, September 23, 2022. Private burial at Sawtooth Mountain Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations to Sychar Lutheran Church. To share your memories or condolences online please visit [www.cavallinfuneralhome.com](http://www.cavallinfuneralhome.com).



## Rebranding Silver Bay

By: Rick Evans

Silver Bay has long been known as a mining town. With the temporary closure of the North Shore Mining facility, city leaders are moving forward with plans that will amount to a rebranding of the city.

There are several projects in the works that are designed to help the city transition to a place with a new identity. In a well paced meeting last Monday night, the City Council discussed various phases of current and proposed development.

Earlier this month the proposal to start phase 2 construction on the Multi-Modal Trailhead Center was approved. When completed, there will be an increase in the number of tent and RV camping sites that are available at the Center. The site will also feature a gathering and special event venue for the local community. This work, in conjunction with the development of the Black Beach Campground, is expected to meet the high demands being placed on the Silver Bay area by outdoor enthusiasts. Being able to accommodate the expected influx of tourist dollars promises to be good for the local

economy.

Other efforts to address the changing times that Silver Bay is facing include redesign work for parts of downtown, a subsidy program for new housing construction and a housing development plan on Penn Avenue. The Penn Avenue work will be done in conjunction with the Lake County Housing and Redevelopment Authority and is designed to help meet the need for affordable, workforce housing in Silver Bay.

Losing a major industry can be devastating to any town. The City Council should be lauded for their forward looking vision to address the temporary closing of North Shore Mining by expanding the ability of Silver Bay to meet the growing demands of the tourism industry.

The Council also approved CELO Command Academy training for Police Chief Cole Ernest. This is essential training for Minnesota police chiefs. Key areas of this training include, policy development and strategic planning, data practices, media relations and State and Federal budgeting mandates.