

Obituaries & Memorials



MARVIN J. CHRISTENSEN

Marvin J. Christensen, 73, of Silver Bay, MN and formerly of Durham, NC, died at his home Saturday, November 26, 2022.



He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Linda, daughter Audra (Craig) Leisdon, son Waylon (Lynn) Christensen, grandson Arlo Christensen, brother Arnold (Marsha) Christensen, sister Charlene (Mike) Ferrell, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Marvin was preceded in death by his parents, sister, brother, and a dear nephew.

Marvin proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force and was a Vietnam Veteran.

A memorial service with military honors is planned for spring 2023.

PRC CLIFFORD THEODORE "TED" HANSON

PRC Clifford Theodore "Ted" Hanson, US Navy Retired, 91, died Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at Lake View Hospital in Two Harbors.



Ted was born December 23, 1930 to Clifford and Ethel (Johnson) Hanson at the family home in Larsmont, where he grew up. He attended schools in Two Harbors, and after high school, entered the U.S. Navy and served his country from 1948 to 1968. In 1951, Ted married Lela Kate "Lee" Harrell in Elizabeth City, N.C. While aboard the USS Randolph CV-15, he was proud to be part of the helicopter crew on astronaut rescue missions, and later the Cuban crisis of 1962.

Returning to Two Harbors after leaving the Navy, he managed the London House in Duluth and later the American Legion in Two Harbors. With his wife, Ted designed, built, and operated Penmarallter Campground in Two Harbors until retiring in 1992. During this time, he also operated a John Deere dealership for several years.

After retiring, Ted and Lee enjoyed adventures and making new friends in the Honey Bees motorhome club, and visiting old military friends. He enjoyed many hours snowmobiling, hunting, and the outdoors with his shack partners, family and friends. He also enjoyed rebuilding and showing his vintage cars.

Ted had many hobbies and was known in the family for his carpentry skills, especially building curio cabinets for his children, kitchen sets for his granddaughters and kitchen squirrels.

Ted was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, the American Legion, and the Loyal Order of Moose where after 50 years, recently was honored as life member.

Ted was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Lela Kate "Lee" in 2013; and sister, Rosalyne Mattson.

He is survived by his children, Pennie (Stan) Burton, Clifford Allen Hanson, Marilyn (Chris) Deg, and Terry Gilbertson; grandchildren, Shanna, Sherri, Curtis, Heather, Stephanie, Jackie, Katie, James, and Laura Kate; 14 great-grandchildren and another expected soon; a brother, Adrian (Cheryl) Hanson; a special cousin, Wayne (Carolyn) Johnson; and nieces and nephews.

Services were held on Thursday, December 29, 2022 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, followed by burial with military honors in the Veteran's section of Lakeview Cemetery. To share your memories or condolences online please visit www.cavallinfuneralhome.com.

Christmas Tableaux Returns for its 8th Year

By Haley Searls

Every year, a collaboration of local actors comes together to perform a Christmas Tableaux at the United Church of Two Harbors. Director Katya Gordon describes the tableaux as, "It's really a wonderful coming together of people of all denominations. This is what we all have in common, and can together act out a story we consider sacred and foundational."

The tableaux begins with the appearance of the angel Gabriel to the aged priest Zacharius. Gabriel reveals the startling news that Zacharias and his wife, Elizabeth, will have a son, though they are both elderly. The scene then changes to that of the Annunciation, where Gabriel appears to Elizabeth's young

cousin, Mary, and tells her she will miraculously bear the Christ child. A singer then sings the "Magnificat" live, the haunting music adding to the ethereal scene.

As the scenes progress, the Christmas story is told, accompanied by a musical interlude and Scripture reading for each scene. We watch as Mary and her betrothed, Joseph, travel to Bethlehem under the taxation mandate from Caesar Augustus. We see Mary lie the infant Jesus in a manger, a feeding trough for animals, because there was "no room in the inn." We see a host of angels appear to frightened Judean shepherds, telling them their long-awaited Messiah has been born.

We watch as the infant Jesus is presented in the temple, and is rejoiced over by the elderly Simeon and the prophetess Anna. We watch as magi from the east embark on their quest to seek for the Christ child. They come to Jerusalem, where the king, Herod, learns of this baby born to be King. We watch as the magi present magnificent gifts to the child Jesus, and we watch as first the magi, then the Holy Family, leave Bethlehem without alerting Herod.

We watch in horror as the infuriated Herod, determined to destroy the Christ child to ensure his position as the only king of Israel, issues the violent edict that all children aged two and under were to be slain. Dramatic music plays as we see the women of Israel frozen in horror at this command.

Finally, we watch as Mary and Joseph return to their homeland with the child Jesus after the death of Herod.

A tableaux differs from an ordinary play in that the characters, once in position for their scene, freeze for the duration of the scene while it is read. Many actors participate in the tableaux every year and enjoy really getting into their parts. According to Gordon, "One participant told me that when he was quaking under the eyes of Gabriel he truly felt a presence of comfort and love coming his way, and it influenced his gestures. Another actress told me that the more she did the poses, the more she thought about her character, and the more the whole story started to mean to her."

Katya Gordon also says, "Human characters that are frozen even as their speech is being read aloud is mesmerizing and somehow, I believe, helps us to access the humanity of the characters and the remarkableness of the story from a more heart-centered part of our brain."

Get ready for a cold slap in January

by Northern News Now meteorologist Dave Anderson

Facebook fans have been chuckling lately at a meme that says, "the inventor of the wind chill factor has died; he was 82 but he felt like 64." Sure, it's a funny gag but in real life, the inventor of the wind chill factor only lived to be 60. A hard life of research in Antarctica probably did him in early.

Paul Siple was his name and from 1928 to 1957, he went on six south polar expeditions. Part of those jobs was to design cold weather gear for the military.

The forecast for January for our region indicates polar weather for us with several outbreaks of chill rolling down from the North Pole. January 1st-4th should be cold and snowy. January 5th-13th could be a very cold arctic outbreak. The 14th to 17th should be sunny and cold. The 18th to 23rd may be cold and snowy. Finally, the 24th to 31st should be cold with flurries.

In the end, January temperatures should average two to seven degrees cooler than normal. Precip is expected to be normal which this time of year mean about 10 inches of snow for the month. As this is being written on December 26th, the month was 5.2 degrees colder than normal. But, a warm spell was expected to start on the 27th. So, next month we should be able to see if December went colder than normal or warmer than normal when all the data was settled. We'll also find out if the year 2022 was colder or warmer than normal, too. Stay tuned!

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The Sudoku answers can be found on page 11 of this week's Northshore Journal.

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