

OBITUARIES

PATRICIA IRENE NORDIN (O'CONNELL)

Patricia Irene Nordin (O'Connell) of Silver Bay, Minn., passed away peacefully on August 22, 2020 in amazing hospice care at Carefree Living. She was born November 21, 1931 in Lead, SD. She was the youngest of 10 children.

Pat went to Gustavus in St. Peter, Minn., for nursing and did training at Bethesda in St. Paul, Minn. She met the love of her life, Roland "Red" Nordin, in Moose Lake, Minn., during a nursing rotation there. They married in 1952 in Mahtowa, Minn. They lived on a farm outside Barnum, Minn., for several years before settling in 1956, in Silver Bay, Minn., where they were beloved members of the community for over 60 years.

Together, Pat and Red raised four children, Kathy Lynse, Cheryl Nordin, Diane Erdahl, and Daniel Nordin. Pat was preceded in death by her cherished husband, Red Nordin, her parents, Martin and Alice O'Connell, her daughter, Cheryl, and many brothers and sisters.

Pat was a one of a kind-spirited, generous, kind, strong, hilarious, loyal, and fun. She was a treasured wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend; a nurse, active at Sychar Lutheran Church, a gardener, a golfer, a bridge player, an enthusiastic dancer, a quilter, a sports fan, and a wonderful conversationalist. She made those around her laugh and feel loved, and she will be very missed.

A Celebration of Life for Pat will be held on Friday, June 4th at 11:00 at Sychar Lutheran Church in Silver Bay.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE MEMORIAL SERVICE

Please join us for a memorial service for
Mel and Irene Schlatter
All friends and family welcome
June 19, 2021 from 1-4 pm
The Cremation Society of Minnesota
Funeral Home
7110 France Ave South, Edina, MN
Visitation from 1-2, Service begins at 2pm

GAYNELLE AND SHELLEY JOHNSON



Gaynelle M. Johnson, 72, Duluth, formerly of Two Harbors, passed unexpectedly Sunday, February 9, 2020 in Essentia Health St. Mary's Medical Center from a medical condition.

Shelley Ann Johnson, 64, Duluth, formerly of Two Harbors, passed away Tuesday, May 12, 2020 in Essentia Health St. Mary's Medical Center due to complications from a lengthy battle with Parkinson's Disease.

A Gathering of Family and Friends will be held for both Gaynelle and Shelley from 1 PM until 4 PM, with a program starting at 2:30 PM on Saturday, June 5, 2021 at the AAD Shrine Meeting and Event Center, 5152 Miller Trunk Hwy, Hermantown, MN 55811.

ROBERT (BOB) ANTHONY MURRAY JR

Robert (Bob) Anthony Murray Jr passed away peacefully May 15, 2021, with Joan, his wife of 65 years - as always - by his side. Bob was father to Cathy, Christine, and Greg; grandfather to Natalie (Hanson) Lares and Emily Hanson, Philippe Tousignant, Patrick Tousignant and Isabelle Tousignant, Peter Murray and Margaret Murray and, great grandfather to Ava Lares. In addition to Joan, Bob is survived by his sisters, Jane (John) Buzzelli and Mary Alice (Mike) Haverland.

Bob was born In Duluth, Minnesota October 14, 1931, to Robert and Georgianne Murray and spent most of his youth on the Iron Range, graduating from Hibbing High School. After attending the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN, he went on to medical school at the University of Minnesota. He married Joan Marie Infelise August 20, 1955. Shortly thereafter, they moved to Hawaii where Bob served as a flight surgeon based at Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii. Upon returning stateside, Bob completed residency training in pathology at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Following his training, he began a long career at St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud, MN.

His nearly 90 years on this earth represent a life well-lived. From the perspective of his children, this meant many things:

A love of everyday adventure: from creating wonderful, stop motion films of them as babies (definitely ahead of its time!), to designing and building their childhood home on the Mississippi River where summers were spent cruising in the river, water-skiing and fishing off the dock and winters of skating on a rink lovingly created and tended to by dad on his tractor, or speeding around on snowmobiles. He patiently repaired boat propellers after collisions with one of the many hidden deadheads in the water or snowmobile dents sustained by overly exuberant trail rides.

A love of travel: vacation adventures included car trips to historic sites (who can forget the blisters?!), helicopter rides in California, surprise trips to visit old haunts in Hawaii. The family travelled the upper-Midwest in their GMC motorhome and through Europe in a red VW van - all without

cellphones or Google maps!

An appreciation of the arts: while his children may not have fully appreciated these opportunities at the time, they were lucky to have their parents bring them to live performances of the Metropolitan Opera and concerts featuring the U.S. Marine Corps Band where Bob enjoyed silent chuckles as their sleepy, nodding heads snapped to attention at the sound of cymbals crashing! He loved to play all sorts of music at home - mostly wonderful - but with a bit of eye rolling from the family when he played his favorite Souza marches at top volume on the stereo!

An appreciation of the North Shore: Bob and Joan's retirement to the "Norwegian Riviera" (a/k/a, Knife River on the shore of Lake Superior) led to more adventures and memories as big family gatherings included bonfires by the lake and rock hunts. All the grandchildren loved visiting there, even as they grew into adulthood, spurred on by Bob's love of the lake. He delighted equally in sunny, sparkling waters and majestic storms with giant waves. Watching the freighters and boats go by was a favorite pastime.

From the community perspective, Bob's life was one of dedication and hard work providing decades of thoughtful medical care. It was a life of good deeds and generosity as a member of the Catholic Church and Rotary International, and philanthropy to educational institutions and charities.

Reflecting on his life as it ends, the family is grateful for the time we had with him and the legacy he left us. His life well-lived ultimately meant a unique combination of complete love and dedication to his wife and children above all; faith in God and a constant and unwavering strength and presence in all of our lives.

We are so thankful for the staff at Benedictine Living Community - Marywood and the Essentia Health Hospice team, especially Therese, who shepherded Bob with dignity through these last challenging weeks with the utmost professionalism, warmth and compassion.

There will be a small, private Mass of Christian Burial, Friday, June 4, 2021; reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Benedictine Living Community Foundation (Duluth).

JANICE M. CLARKE

Janice M. Clarke, 83, Silver Bay, died Monday, May 24, 2021 at St. Luke's Hospital.

Janice was born to Henry and Grace (Stauty) Osse on June 23, 1937 in Duluth, growing up and attending school in Proctor. She married Curtis Clarke in 1957 and they lived in Newport, Rhode Island during his Navy service. They returned to Duluth in 1959 and made their home in Silver Bay since 1963. Jan was a homemaker through the years and an Avon lady for 31 years.

Jan was a member of Sychar Lutheran Church, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, and the Red Hat Society.

She enjoyed playing cards, especially Bridge.

Jan was preceded in death by her parents and grandson, Jim Waller.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Curtis; sons, Roger (Gloria), Craig (Leinel), and Brian (Carol King); grandchildren, James Matthew and James Steven Friddle, Jennifer Hamilton, and Chad Waller; and a brother, Ronald Osse.

Services will be held at a later date. Please look for the service time and date to be published later.

To share your memories or condolences online please visit www.cavallinfuneralhome.com.



GERALD V. DOWNEY "JERRY"

Gerald V. Downey "Jerry", age 84, of Silver Bay, MN, was called home to be with OUR Lord on Sunday, May 16, 2021. Jerry died of natural causes surrounded by his family of loved ones at home. Jerry was born



to Vern and Annabelle Downey of Saxon, WI; which is where he grew up and graduated from Saxon High School. While still in school, he worked on the Pipeline going through Saxon before going into the Army for two years.

He met the love of his life Karen Swanberg of Bessemer, MI and they married in 1957. They moved to a newly started town called Silver Bay, where he started working for Reserve Mining and later named Northshore Mining, retiring in 1999; having two sons and a daughter. He had many interests and hobbies, a few of them including...Jerry had a passion for a variety of sports which he also played especially fastpitch softball which he played for years. He also loved watching and cheering on the girls fastpitch team in town being a regular behind the fence and keeping the umpire honest. He loved riding his motorcycle with family and friends all over the United States putting on thousands of miles yearly even through his eighties. He loved the outdoors, whether it was hunting, fishing, four wheeling or playing some cards with his friends daily. Being always active and social, the dust never settled long on Jerry. But the biggest passion of all was his family and relatives being supportive and active in all his grandchildren's activities; no matter what it was he loved them so much and also them loving him even more dearly. Jerry was a member of The St. Mary's Catholic Church and various other groups and organizations through the years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Karen; son, Timothy; parents, Vernon and Annabelle; sisters, Jeanne Novak and Marlene Betthausen.

He is survived by his son, Shayne; daughter, Colleen; brother, Michael (Lois) Downey; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; along with other aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Silver Bay with visitation one hour prior. Burial will take place at Sawtooth Mountain Cemetery. Arrangements by the Cremation Society of Minnesota Duluth.