

Obituaries

EDITH K. HOLLAND

Edith Kaye Holland, 71, of McGregor died Sunday, February 6, 2011, at North Memorial Medical Center in Robbinsdale. She was born March 21, 1939, in Becker to Arthur and Sadie (Hiscock) Negus. She graduated from Becker High School. Edith was united in marriage to Lester William Holland. She enjoyed bowling and horseshoes. She was a member of Our Saviors Lutheran Church in McGregor, National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, Gopher State Horseshoe Pitchers Association, and was inducted into the Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame.

Edith is survived by her husband Lester Holland of McGregor, two daughters and sons-in-law: Paula (Ronald) Mead of Rogers, Vicki (Bill) Halfrich of Maple Grove; one son and daughter-in-law: Thomas (Robyn) Holland of Dayton; eight grandchildren; six brothers and sisters: Jim (Vi) Negus of Princeton, Geraldine Hohlen of Elk River, Arile Negus of Eau Claire, Merlyn (Jerry) Jordan of Pennsylvania, Nancy (Del) Backhaus of Becker, Sharon Dupont of Monticello; many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandson Justin Halfrich, sister Deloris Stellmach, brother Laverne Negus, and her parents.

Funeral services were held Thursday, February 10, 2011, at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in McGregor. Reverend Henry Koopman officiated. Burial is in the Round Lake Cemetery.

Arrangements are with McGregor Funeral Home.
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RICHARD A. JOHNSTON

Richard (Dick) Alvin Johnston, age 88, of McGregor, Minn., passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Thursday, February 10, 2011, at Riverwood Health Care Center in Aitkin, Minn. Preceded in death by his wife, Catherine (Cathy); parents, Eben and Effie Johnston; sisters, Faye Fiske and Deloris Johnston; nephew, Robert (Bob) Fiske.

Survived by beloved children; Kay (Kim) Saunders of Pelham, AL, Doug (Sharon) Taylor of Forest Lake, Minn., Debbie Johnson of McGregor, Minn; grandchildren, Nickolas Saunders, Amber (Graham) Saunders Rowland, Lucas and Kelsey Johnson, Shelby Taylor; great grandchildren, Tailyn and Griffin Rowland; great niece Deena Eriksson and great nephew Paul Gable.

Dick attended North High School, Minneapolis, Minn. He enlisted in the United States Navy in 1942 and served on the USS Chester. He was honorably discharged as a Seaman First Class in 1946. In 1948, he joined the Lathers Union 190 and was a proud member for over 62 years. Dick was united in marriage to Cathy Dreier Taylor in 1968. They moved their family to Big Sandy Lake, McGregor, Minn., in 1973. Dick retired in 1976. He and Cathy then spent their winters in Panama City Beach, FL. His interests included golfing, fishing, hunting, playing cribbage, volunteering, entertaining and visiting with family and friends. His love, generous nature and acts of kindness were felt by many.

A celebration of Dick's life was held on June 11, 2011, at the Minnesota National Golf Course, McGregor, Minn.