

Tributes



VELA SWANSON

Vela Swanson, 85, of McGregor died Tuesday, May 24, 2011, at the Aitkin Health Services in Aitkin, Minnesota.

Vela was born October 12, 1925, at Middletown, Ohio, the daughter of Lionel and Edith Marie (Hack) Gephart. She grew up and attended schools in Kentucky. She married David Livingston on July 19, 1942, at Las Vegas, Nevada. They made their home in California. David died in 1949. Vela continued to live and work in California and then married Robert P. Swanson Sr. on January 6, 1956, in Las Vegas, Nevada. They lived in California until 1970 at which time they moved to McGregor, Minn., where they operated a gas station. She also worked for the sewing factory, was a hostess for the Chamber of Commerce and did baking and care giving. She enjoyed boating; fishing, dancing and loved to watch her boys play basketball as they were growing up.



A memorial service will be held Friday, June 3, 2011, at noon from the Big Sandy Community Alliance Church near McGregor with Rev. Steve DeMars officiating. Burial will be in the Pine Needle Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the church Friday.

She is survived by children: Robert P. Swanson Jr. and Ann of Grand Marais, Minn., Rahn Cory Swanson and wife Sharon of East Bethel, Minn., David H. Livingston and wife Debbie of Lodi, Cali., John S. Livingston and wife Jeannie of Burlington, New Jersey, Joyce Ann Burdick and husband Russ of Tamarack, Minn.; one sister: Velma Olson and husband Bill of Olympia, Washington; 17 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands David Livingston and Robert Swanson, one daughter Barbara Livingston, one grandson, one great-grandson, one brother and two sisters.

Arrangements are with the McGregor Funeral Home. To sign the online guest register please go to www.srtfuneral.com.

ARNOLD C. MANNINEN

Arnold Clarence Manninen, 81, of Wright died Tuesday, May 24, 2011, in Cardinal Courts in Cromwell. He was born Nov. 29, 1929 in Cloquet to William and Hulda Manninen. Arnold grew up in Cromwell and attended Eagle Lake schools. On Feb. 20, 1946, he married Delores Gravelle. Arnold worked for the railroad, the creamery, and he also hauled milk before going to work for Lundin Construction where he worked as a truck driver and loader operator until his retirement.

Arnold enjoyed bowling, playing horseshoes, deer hunting, and polka dancing.

The memorial service is on Tuesday, May 31, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. in the Atkins Northland Funeral Home, 801 14th St. in Cloquet. Visitation is one hour prior to the service. A time of fellowship and refreshments will follow in the Fireside Room of the funeral home. Inurnment will be in the Wright Public Cemetery in Wright.

He was preceded in death by his wife; four brothers, Raymond, Roy, Tony and George; and one great-great-granddaughter, Payton Waldemarsen.

Arnold is survived by one son, John (Joyce) Manninen of Wright; two daughters, Dianna (Jim) Frank of Wright and Pat (Les Metso) Schleret of Sawyer; his very special friend, Doris Coughlin of Moose Lake; eight grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandson; and his beloved dog, Goldie.

To sign the guest book and offer an online tribute, see www.atkinsnorthlandfuneralhome.com



NORMAN D. HENSLIN

Norman D. Henslin, 75, of McGregor formerly of Shoreview, Minn. Died Friday, May 27, 2011, at the Riverwood Healthcare Center in Aitkin, Minn.

Norman was born on June 9, 1935, in St. Paul, Minn., the son of Delbert and Lorraine (Cline) Henslin. He grew up and attended schools in St. Paul graduating from Humboldt High School in 1953. While in school he started working for a printing company. He then served in the U.S. Army from 1957 to 1959. He then worked as a lithographer for many years and retired from the Mellosmello Printing Co. He began coming to the McGregor area in 1992 and he moved here permanently in 2002 and has lived here since. He enjoyed fishing and helping people any way he could.



A celebration of life will be held Saturday, June 4, 2011, at the Fireside Restaurant in McGregor starting at 4:00 p.m.

He is survived by his daughter Tracy Lynn Henslin of La Mesa, Calif.; sisters: Priscilla Gillen of South St. Paul, Minn.; Marlis Floe of McGregor, Minn. and Merv Henslin of North St. Paul, MN, and nieces, nephews and many close friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Billie Davis and brother Stan Henslin.

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