

## ROBERT K. RASMUSSEN

Robert K. Rasmussen, 79, of McGregor, died Tuesday, September 6, 2011, at the Riverwood Health Care Center in Aitkin.

Robert was born September 4, 1932, at Luck, Wisc. the son of Hans and Kirstine (Neilsen) Rasmussen. He grew up and attended school at Luck. He then worked on the family farm before serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He married Betty Jean Torino in North Carolina and they moved to St. Paul, Minn. and made their home. He worked as a Truck Driver and also drove bus for Greyhound Bus Lines. He was a member of the McGregor VFW Post.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, September 23, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at the McGregor VFW Post. The McGregor VFW Larson-Deneen Post will provide the military honors.

He is survived by two sons: Bob (Joanne) Rasmussen of Rush City, Minn.; Jerry Rasmussen of Los Osos, Calif.; daughter: Darlene Levasque of Andover, Minn.; 12 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren; brothers: Harry Rasmussen of Luck, Wisc., Hans Rasmussen of Ione, Iowa, Magnus Rasmussen of Danbury, Wisc. And sister: Gloria Cooper of Ione, Iowa. He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Debby, one brother John and one sister AnnaBelle.

The McGregor Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. To sign the online guest register please go to [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com).

## ALLEN A. DOWNER, JR.

Allen Alfred Downer Jr., 75, of McGregor, died Tuesday, September 13, 2011, at the St. Luke's Hospice Unit in Duluth, Minn.

Allen was born February 8, 1936, at Newburyport, Mass. the son of Allen and Dorothy Downer. He grew up and attended schools in Newburyport, Mass. He then enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1953 and served for 20 years having served in Korea and Vietnam as well as other countries throughout the world and bases in the United States. He married Theresa Delores Silverio on September 12, 1954, at Beverly, Mass. He retired from the Army in 1973 and they moved to the McGregor, Minnesota area. He then worked for Diamond Tool in Duluth and also part time for Aitkin County Human Services as a driver. He was a member of the VFW and American Legion Posts.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held Tuesday, September 20, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. from the Holy Family Catholic Church in McGregor with Fr. Paul Fruth officiating. Burial will be in the



Minnesota Veterans Cemetery near Little Falls at 2:00 p.m.

He is survived by his wife Theresa Downer of McGregor; son and special friend: Charles J. Downer and Danita Slosson of Duluth, Minn.; two grandchildren: Lisa Downer and Ryan Olson; eight great-grandchildren; two brothers: Raymond Downer of Newburyport, Mass.; John Downer of Las Vegas, Nev. and sister: Dorothy Root of Worcester, Mass.; and special friends: Mike and Laurie Decker of Mahtowa, Minn. and Robert and Sheila Merritt of McGregor. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother Richard.

Arrangements are with the McGregor Funeral Home, McGregor, Minn. To sign the online guest register please go to [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com).

## HAROLD J. ANDERSON

Harold John Anderson, 91, of McGregor, died Monday, September 12, 2011, in Viewcrest Health Center in Duluth. He was born October 25, 1920, in the Sheriff Lake area near McGregor to John and Selma Anderson. He attended a one-room school house that would later be remodeled into his home. During his teen years Harry was employed in the grain fields of North Dakota. He was drafted into the army in 1942. He served overseas in the Central Europe Campaign where he was a heavy mortar crew man. During a battle he was wounded, captured, and held as a P.O.W. After his honorable discharge on October 17, 1945, he was awarded a Good Conduct Medal, Expert Infantry Badge, Two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart.

He returned to the Sheriff Lake area where he took over the family farm. Harry started milking cows in 1945 and didn't miss a milking until he sold the cows in June 1982. Harry worked closely with his twin brother Rueben helping each other farm and forming a special bond between twins that lasted a lifetime.

During his retirement he helped his nephews with their hay business. He drove the baler and was on the tractor for the last time in September 2009 at 88 years old. Harry was always willing to lend a hand and was a second dad to his nephews.

Harold was preceded in death by sisters, Mildred Sundberg and Minnie Haapanen.

He is survived by his twin brother, Rueben (Erma) Anderson; nieces, Elaine (Randy) Johnson and Jan (Ken) Seibert; nephews Richard (Debra) Anderson, Leonard (Rebecca) Haapanen and David (Tammy) Haapanen.

Harry will be greatly missed by his family and friends but we all rejoice that he accepted Christ last January and now his new home is in Heaven.

Arrangements entrusted to Atkins-Northland Funeral Home. To sign the guestbook and leave an online tribute, see [www.atkins-northlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.atkins-northlandfuneralhome.com)

