

JERRY L. MARTIN

Jerry L. Martin, 74, of Palisade passed away Sunday, September 25, 2011, at Riverwood Health Care Center in Aitkin. He was born September 7, 1937, to Clyde and Inez Martin. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Jerry was united in marriage to Karen Olson. He was self employed as an engineering architect.

Jerry is survived by four daughters and sons-in-law: Beth (Mark) Powers of Ramsey, Brenda Lee (Robert) Boone of Martinsville, Illinois, Linda Kittleson of Ham Lake, Laura (Dan) Culver of Higginsville, Missouri; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife Karen in April of 1980, three brothers, and his parents. Many other relatives and friends.

There will be no services. Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin assisted with arrangements. www.srtfuneral.com

LEMPI S. (RAUTIO) PAAJANEN

Lempi Sylvia (Rautio) Paajanen, 99, of Aitkin formerly of Palisade passed away Saturday, September 24, 2011, at the Aicota Health Care Center of Aitkin.

Lempi was born December 18, 1911, at Painsdale, Michigan the daughter of Matti and Anna (Takala) Rautio. She moved with her family at an early age to Mahtowa, Minn. and attended Barnum High School graduating in 1929. She then worked for a bank in Moose Lake for a time prior to her marriage. She married Wayne Paajanen on January 15, 1938, in Duluth, Minnesota. They lived in Tamarack, Kettle River, Mahtowa and settled in Palisade in 1952 where she raised



her family. As her children grew older she worked as a part time bookkeeper for the Palisade Oil Coop. In later years she and her husband wintered in Donna, Texas. After her husband's death in 1987 she continued living in Palisade and then moved to Aitkin and lived at the Aitkin Manor, the Riverwood long term care center and then to Aicota Health Care Center. She was a member of Bethel Lutheran Church in Palisade and was very active in the church's ladies groups. She also enjoyed traveling. She had been to Finland, Mexico, Hawaii, Alaska, China and had also wintered in Florida for a few years with childhood friends. She also was very active volunteering with different organizations in Palisade and Aitkin. She loved her crossword puzzles, knitting and crocheting, and she especially enjoyed the spelling bees which were held at the Aicota Health Care Center. Lempi was a very loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother.

Funeral services were held Thursday, September 29, 2011, at Bethel Lutheran Church at Palisade with Rev. William Sass officiating. Burial was in the Eagle Lake Cemetery south of Cromwell, Minn.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law: Wayne and JoAnne Alden of McGregor; daughter and son-in-law: Carol and Courtney Peterson of Virginia, Minn.; three grandchildren and spouses: Danae (Scott) Beaudette of Gilbert, Minn.; Jody (Brad) Clawson of Pittsburgh, Penn.; Janell (Scott) Sherr of Baltimore, Maryland; six great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Wayne, and 11 brothers and sisters: Toivo, Uuno, Edward, John, Jalmar, Vienna, George, Art, Elsie, Katrina, and Hugo.

Memorials may be sent to Bethel Lutheran Church at P.O. Box 50, Palisade, Minnesota 56469. To sign the online guest register please go to www.srtfuneral.com.