

Obituaries

ARNOLD JOHN HAKALA

Arnold John Hakala, 49, of Cromwell died Monday, July 16, 2007, at his home. He was born in 1957 in Cloquet to Arnold and Dorothy Hakala. Arnold graduated from Cromwell High School in 1976. He worked at Michigan Peat, Burlington Northern Railroad, Palmer Logging, Gordon Peterson Logging, Manney's Shopper, and he enjoyed doing carpentry work for other people. Arnold loved fishing, carpentry, hunting, working on cars and helping others, especially the elderly, and he loved spending time with his four grandchildren.



Arnold was preceded in death by his father, Arnold M. Hakala, and a nephew, Casey Hakala. He is survived by three children, Timothy Hakala of Cromwell, Teresa (Glen) Line of Cloquet, and Nicole Hakala of Cromwell, and their mother, Sue (Ben Anderson) Prevost of Cloquet; his mother, Dorothy (Louis Wise) Hakala of Sawyer; brothers, Bill (Ruth Holly) of Floodwood and Thomas of Cromwell; sisters, Lola (Randy) Schliauter and Nancy (Martin) Burch both of Cromwell, and Jill (Donald) Laatsch of Duluth; four grandchildren, Jacob, Zachary, Timmy, and Alexis; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends on Monday, July 23, 2007, at Northland Funeral Home in Cloquet. Internment was in Forest Hill Cemetery in Cromwell. To sign the guest book and offer an online tribute, see www.northlandfuneralhome.com

MARY J. CURITS

Mary J. Curits, of McGregor, died suddenly at the age of 76 at the McKenzie-Willemette hospital in Springfield, Oregon. Mary was born on November 14, 1930, in Princeton, Minnesota. She was the daughter of Anton and Esther Hedstrom.

On June 1, 1949, she married Donald Curis in Isanti, Minnesota. They later divorced. Mary and Donald made their home in Isanti, until 1972 when they purchased Don & Mary's Bar (many know as the Prairie River Inn). Mary worked at several of the local restaurants and bars as a cook and waitress. She loved to do crafts, knitting, needlework, quilting and painting of her many hand crafted wood figurines and lawn ornaments. She also had a passion for flower gardening. Mary had recently moved to Springfield, Oregon, after the passing of her long time companion Ernest Niemi in September 2006.

A celebration of life service will be held at the Grace Lutheran (Log) Church on Thursday, August 2, at 11:00 a.m. Internment will be at Rice Lake Cemetery, Braham, Minnesota, at 2:00 p.m. that same day.

She is survived by her son Anton (Tony) and wife Betty of Bremerton, WA, two daughters Jane and husband Russ of Springfield, OR, and Dawn Gefroh and husband Joe of Bloomington, MN; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, three sisters Bernice Sandberg of Princeton, MN, Alice and husband Ralph Hunt of Howard Lake, MN, and Helen and husband Jerome Beastrom of Avon, FL; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother Floyd Hedstrom; granddaughter Heather Downs.

Arrangements are with The Major Family Funeral Home, Springfield, Oregon. (541) 746-9667

ROBERT W. QUINN

Robert W. Quinn, age 86, of Crosby, formerly of Duluth and McGregor, died Thursday, July 19, 2007, at the Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin.

Robert was born September 17, 1920, in McGregor, MN. He grew up and attended schools in McGregor. He served in the U.S. Army during WW II, serving in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe. Upon his discharge he returned to McGregor where he worked and trapped. He then went to work for the railroad and was a dispatcher on the ore docks in Duluth. He and his wife moved most recently to Crosby where they have lived for the past year. He was a member of the McGregor Larson-Deneen VFW Post.



A graveside service was held Saturday, July 21, 2007, at the Woodland Cemetery in McGregor with Fr. John Fleischhacker officiating. The McGregor Larson-Deneen VFW Post provided military honors.

He is survived by his wife Carol Quinn of Crosby.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Evelyn and four children.

Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home, McGregor, Minnesota.

FRED L. BOZVAY

Fred L. Bozvoy, age 87, of McGregor, formerly of St. Paul, died Wednesday, July 18, 2007, at the Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin.

Fred was born July 22, 1919, at Aberdeen, South Dakota, the son of Paul and Alma (Powell) Bozvoy. He grew up and attended schools at Clear Lake, South Dakota. He married Dorothy J. Synhorst on March 6, 1939, at Milbank, South Dakota. They lived in Ortonville, MN, where he worked in a stone quarry. He then moved to Milwaukee, WI, where he worked for the Allis-Chalmers Co. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1944 and served until his discharge in 1946. Upon his discharge he returned to the Ortonville area where he farmed for a time. He then moved to the Twin Cities and worked as a machinist in various factories. He retired in 1981 and moved to McGregor where he worked for Shamrock Township for another 20 years. He was a member of the McGregor United Methodist Church, the Minnewawa Sportsmen's Club, the Tamarack Sno-Flyers Club, and the McGregor Larson-Deneen VFW Post. He enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, snowmobiling, playing bingo and pool.



Funeral services were held Monday, July 23, 2007, at 11:00 a.m. at the McGregor United Methodist Church. Military honors were provided by the McGregor Larson-Deneen VFW Post. A gathering of friends and family will be Friday, July 27, at the Oakland Cemetery Chapel in St. Paul from 10:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. service time.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy Bozvoy of McGregor; four children and spouses: Shirley and Jean Nelson of Waubun, MN; Ronald and Ruth Bozvoy of St. Paul; Janet Denzer of Glenville, MN, Craig Bozvoy of St. Paul, MN; 11 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter Karen, one son-in-law: Harvey and one great-great-grandchild Savannah.

Arrangements are with the McGregor Funeral Home, McGregor, Minnesota.