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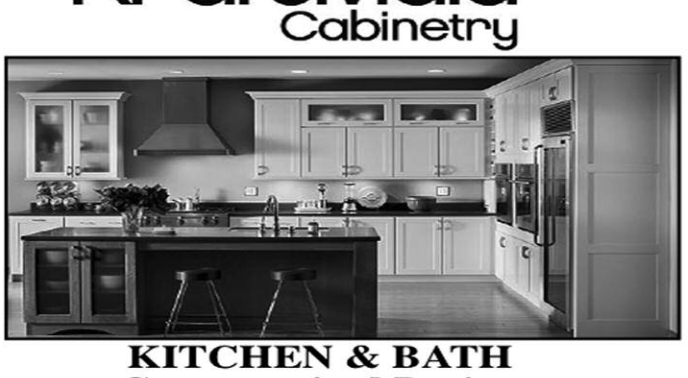

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Sis Paulsen

Arbutus "Sis" (Milligan) Paulsen , age 98, of Brimley, Mich. died Thursday April 3, 2014. Sis was born Dec. 15, 1915 in Brimley, Mich. to William and Mae (Charles) Milligan and was a lifetime resident of Brimley. She worked several years at Passmore's Hardware Store.

Sis is survived by her granddaughter, Jackie Morgan of Gladwin, Mich.; great-grandchildren, Bryce Paulsen and Emily Morgan of Gladwin; sister, Jessie Atkinson of Brimley; brother, Ted Milligan of Brimley; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edwin Paulsen, and three sons, Donnie, Larry, and Terry.

Memorial services took place at Hovie Funeral Home on Friday, April 11 with Pastor Rod Case officiating. Memorials may be left to the Brimley V.F.W. Post 9023.

Darrin Postma

Darrin Jake Postma, 43, of Rudyard, Mich., died unexpectedly at his home on March 14, 2014. He was born July 9, 1970 in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., to Jake R. and Carol J. (Jeske) Postma. A lifelong area resident, Darrin was a 1988 graduate of Rudyard High School. He was a member of the Brimley Baptist Church and enjoyed reading, hunting, and following NASCAR events.

Darrin is survived by his daughter, Dallis Postma; parents, Jake and Carol Postma of Rudyard; sisters, Misty (Doug) Murdock of Kincheloe, Mich. and Stacey Postma of Rudyard; nephew, D.J. (Danielle) Murdock of Kincheloe; niece, Mandelle (Charles) Burge of Kincheloe; great nephews, Bishop, Johnel, and Traiden; and great nieces, Beatrice, Stephanee, and Braylyn. He is also survived by aunts and uncles, Chris (Marilyn) Postma, Vern VanSloten, Alice (Dale) McDowell, Patricia (David) Whyte, John Jeske, and Eda (Jeff) Palo; and many, many cousins.

Darrin was preceded in death by brother, Kurtis Postma; sister, Marcy Postma; grandparents, Chris and Tina Postma and Bert and Amanda Jeske; and several aunts and uncles.

Burial will be in North Rudyard Cemetery in the spring.

Shirley Forrest

Shirley Ann (Synett) Forrest, 81, of Brimley died March 21, 2014. She was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. on November 11, 1932.

Shirley was a beloved mother, wife, sister, grandmother, aunt, cousin, friend, and follower of Jesus Christ.

As an active parish member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Sault Ste. Marie, she was raised to remain strong in her faith no matter what circumstances life threw at her. She grew up eager to work hard and enjoy the life God had provided her. She made it her mission to set a great example for all of her younger family members by being a passionate, hardworking woman in everything she was involved in. She loved waitressing at the old Manhatten, dancing the night away with her sisters to Elvis, and playing softball or bowling with her brothers. She was incredibly outgoing and could be identified by her laugh from a mile away. Shirley was quick to tell that the most proud moment of her life was January 20, 1961, when she gave birth to her son Joey. From that point forward, the center of Shirley's life had been him and nothing and no one was more important. Eight years later, Shirley met the love of her life, Harry Forrest. She and Harry spent 45 wonderful years together, raising their seven children. Relatives and friends of Shirley will tell you that very seldom were Shirley and Harry seen apart; they were a perfect example of what a beautiful marriage looks like – "in sickness and in health, for better or for worse." Shirley consistently put others' needs in front of her own and was always encouraging others to pursue their dreams, without reservation. She was an incredibly strong woman, with a "never back down" attitude. She inspired those who knew her to never give up the fight for your life and to "give thanks in all circumstances." The precious legacy Shirley left behind will be remembered forever in Brimley and the surrounding region.

She is survived by their children, Joe (Carey) Synett, Rodger Forrest, Ross (Janet) Forrest, Robert Forrest, Richard Forrest, Raymond Forrest, and Rachelle Forrest; grandchildren, Samantha and Jimmy Synett, Ivy Forrest, Andrew Forrest, Ashley Dobrie, John West, Eric and Desiree McCurdy, Jordan, Janelle, and Jamie Forrest; great-grandchildren, Astin Forrest and Adlee Forrest; siblings Maxine Forsythe, Phyllis Synett, June Landrum, George (Bonnie) Synett, and Gerald (Edith) Synett; in-laws, Pam Synett and Mike Queen; and a countless number of beloved nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elizabeth and Joseph Synett; siblings, Peter Synett, Pat Synett, Duane Synett, Gary Synett, Terry Synett, Larry Synett, Janice Synett, Joan MacInnis and Mary-Ellen Queen; nieces, Claudette Synett and Elizabeth (Chicki) Lipponen; and nephew, Mike MacInnis.

Online condolences may be left at www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com.

Adeline Leigh

Adeline (Gregg) Leigh of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. died at Hearthside Assisted Living on April 4, 2014. She was born in Manistee, Mich. on Dec. 28, 1920 to Burt W. and Edna (Bennidict) Cooper. She enjoyed her volunteer work with the V.F.W. and American Legion. She also enjoyed riding bicycle, playing Bingo, fishing, and gardening.

Surviving Adeline are her children, Donna (Jim) Greenfield of Bark River, Mich., Paula Boutillier of Hillside, N.J., Chuck Leigh and Mike Leigh of Kinross, Mich., John (Kathy) Leigh of Sault Ste. Marie, Renee Crisp of Sault Ste. Marie, Brenda (Jimmy) Leigh of Brimley, Cindy Leigh of Sault Ste. Marie, and Rhonda (Joe) Cottleit of Pickford, Mich. Also surviving are 15 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Adeline was preceded in death by her husband, James Leo Leigh, and her grandson, Bobby Leigh.

Memorials may be left in care of the Salvation Army. Arrangements are in the care of Hovie Funeral Home.

Roland Behnke

Roland Arthur Behnke of West Point Birch Loop in Brimley, Mich. died March 21, 2014. He was born to Anne Marie and Carliss Behnke on Nov. 6, 1959 in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Roland enjoyed fishing, hunting, bowling, NASCAR and pool league.

He is survived by his mother, Ann Marie Behnke of Sault Ste. Marie; sister, Kim (Jerry) Stephens of Sault Ste. Marie; and brother, Bruce (Angela) Behnke of Virginia. Roland is also survived by nephews, Chris, Dustin and Nathan; great nephews Warren and Nicholas; special friends, Greg, Julia, Adam and Jordan Shubel; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Roland was predeceased by his father, Carliss Behnke; brother; Diamond; grandparents, Diamond and Jewel Mayer and Roland and Lucille Behnke; and cousin, Nick.

Services have taken place with the assistance of Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home and Cremation Center.

Brent Aikens

Brent Michael Aikens, 47, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. died March 25, 2014. He was born Oct. 20, 1966 to Bernard L. Aikens and the late Sara L. Aikens.

Brent is survived by his children, Stephanie Carrick (Matt Phipps) of Tennessee, Christopher Person (Catherine Collins) of Sault Ste. Marie, Carrie, Brent Jr., Thomas, Amber, Autumn and Victoria of Bay Mills; grandchildren, Christina Person, Caden Collins, Iris Aikens; his siblings, Bernard (Terry) Aikens of Orlando, Fla., Laura (Bill McKay) Kempfert, Leslie (Henry) Boulette, and James (Andrea) Aikens, all of Sault Ste. Marie; and many nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts and cousins. He was truly blessed. And special friend, Beverly Carrick, love of his life and there to the end.

A celebration of Brent's life will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be left at www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com

A Celebration of Life Memorial will be held for Lloyd Campbell, who died Dec. 26, 2013. The memorial will take place Saturday, May 17 at 2 p.m. at the Brimley VFW.

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