

Deaths

Marie L. Doroff

Marie Louise Bachel Doroff, 100, of Virginia, died on Thursday, Oct. 14, 2010, at St. Michael's Health and Rehabilitation Center in Virginia. A Mass of Christian Burial was said on Tuesday, Oct. 19 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Virginia with the Rev. John O'Donnell as celebrant. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Virginia. Arrangements were with Landmark Funeral Home of Virginia.

She is survived by eight children, Dolores Turene of International Falls, Mary Lou (Larry) Cuffe of Virginia, Alberta (Lee) Anderson of

Bear River, Jackie Hall of Eveleth, Carole Langer of Virginia, Shirley Ott of Merritt Island, Fla., Dianne (Red) Beel of Virginia and Donald (Toni) Doroff of Lake Vermilion-Tower; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and one sister, Irene Doroff of Cook.

Willard O. Hendrickson

Willard "Bill" O. Hendrickson, 86, of Tower and formerly of Babbitt, died on Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2010, at St. Michael's Nursing Home in Virginia. A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct.

23 at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Babbitt. Arrangements are by Range Funeral Home of Virginia. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a charity of one's choice.

He is survived by six children, Gary (Sue) Hendrickson of Antioch, Ill., Cheryl (Kevin) Daly of Normal, Ill., DJ (Helen) Hendrickson of Chardon, Ohio, Diane (Todd) Ahlquist of Chandler, Ariz., Ed Hendrickson of Eveleth and Steve (Lisa) Hendrickson of New Folden; stepsons, Dale, David, and Don Paavaalinen; 13 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; eight step-

grandchildren; cousins, nieces and nephews.

Thomas I. Lewis

Thomas I. Lewis, 54, of Blaine, formerly of Ely, was taken from us unexpectedly as a result of a car accident. A memorial service was held on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Kozlak-Radulovich Blaine Chapel. Further services were held on Monday, Oct. 11 at First Lutheran Church in Ely. Arrangements were entrusted to Kertz Funeral Home in Ely.

He is survived by his loving wife, Doreen; children, Ashley, Kayla, Brandon and Wade; mother, Beverly

of Ely; sisters, Patricia (Michael) Vukelich and Peggy Hartshorn; many nieces, nephews and friends.

Alice M. Pasmick

Alice M. Pasmick, 87, of Fall Lake, died peacefully at her home on Saturday, Oct. 9, 2010. Funeral services were held on Thursday, Oct. 14 at Grace Lutheran Church in Ely. Arrangements were entrusted to Kertz Funeral Home of Ely.

She is survived by her son, Wayne (Sue) Pasmick and their children, Laura and Brooke; and a sister, Wilma Chern.

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Left: Longtime Lamppa Manufacturing employee Bill Hiltunen applies paint to a furnace cover.

Herb's father, who started building sauna stoves 70 years ago. Lamppa Manufacturing still produces wood and electric sauna stoves and both types are widely sold.

The company sold their first Kuuma wood furnaces back in 1977. By 1982, they had developed the Vapor Fire line, which burned remarkably cleanly. While air emissions were not as big a concern back then, the danger from creosote build-up was, and that was the biggest factor driving their effort to improve efficiency of the burning process. "We wanted to protect homes and save lives, and make wood burning easier," said Daryl. Testing on those early Vapor Fire stoves showed they exceeded even today's more

stringent requirements, and they produced very little creosote.

Yet neither Daryl nor Herb were content to rest on their laurels. They noted that at times, when their stoves were burning well, they produced no visible smoke—which meant no creosote—so they decided to find a way to maintain such a clean burn all the time.

Over the years, the two made countless refinements, and conducted thousands of test burns, to find just the right air mix for a near-perfect burn. Eventually, they replaced manual draft controls with a computerized version, to ensure proper airflow from start to finish, resulting in combustion efficiencies ranging from 98.1 to 99.4 percent.

Interest growing

Word of the remarkable test results has

slowly gotten out, and that has already stepped up the pace for this small manufacturer and its half dozen employees, who operate in a small, dimly-lit plant on the south side of Tower. The first story on the stove appeared in the September issue of *Farm Show Magazine* and Daryl says the phone has been ringing steadily ever since. "And I have six guys just chomping at the bit who want to sell them," he added.

At this point, the Lamppas have no plan to take on outside dealers, at least for now.

"We couldn't produce fast enough to start working with dealers," said Daryl. Still, he isn't ruling out working with dealers in the future, and he's thinking about possibilities for expansion. "We are interested in ramping up production down the road," he said.

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