

# OBHS News

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**THE OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup> BEGINNING AT 6:00 PM AT THE MAPLE TOWN HALL. We will start with our potluck supper, followed by our Program: OBHS Members BRIAN PAULSON & RON HENDRICKSON with some help from Jim Pellman will have slides and an interesting talk on the ORIGIN OF PLACE NAMES OF COMMUNITIES AND OTHER SITES IN OUR REGION.** Our Business Meeting will follow the talk. Thanks to our presenters, to the Town of Maple for use of their Town Hall. Thanks to all who bring refreshments and food to share.

Welcome All, and please bring a friend

**THIS COMING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>, STARTING AT 1:30 PM WILL BE OUR 2<sup>nd</sup> VALENTINE MUSIC BENEFIT EVENT FOR MSMA AT THE KROBAR IN BRULE.** Dean Baillie will be our host providing a spaghetti dinner as we listen to many top local musicians play in the Valentine spirit. Tickets \$10 at the door, \$5 for children, good for GRAND PRIZE DRAWINGS, with door prize tickets \$1 each for prizes donated by local businesses and individuals, and a 50/50 drawing. Come on out & enjoy the music, food and friends as we support the push to complete the OBHS Monticello School Museum & Archives in Maple. Contact Jim P. for advance tickets. You need not be present for the Grand Prizes.

## FROM THE EDITOR:

Thanks to the hard work and the generosity of many we have the means this spring and summer to bring OBHS much closer to our permanent home-working site for the Old-Brule Heritage Society. It will also add to the list of places we sponsor as a group which help us tell the story of a past that is extremely ancient, coming from a post glacial time near the greatest of the Great Lakes at the heart of these vast western island continents with small human groups occupying this region that responded to changing global conditions, times of cold and ice and then the seasonal cycle of warm and cold of today. These earliest known people here used their skills of survival in hunting and gathering and harvesting what the earth and its Creator provided. The materials they mastered from among the forests, from the animal and plant life, and directly from the earth itself, including even native copper, revealed the secrets of their usefulness. These skills of technology use and sensitivity to life and climate, and how to live with one another were preserved in Traditions that went back millennia, even to the vast land mass beyond the Pacific as traced in recent DNA studies.

From those early times to this day we still rely upon this keeping of Traditions, and the mastery of our surrounding world, where we find ourselves still in our "small platoons", for in day to day life that is how we live in and beyond our fleeting, finite lives. We live and work and worship in congregations. Would-be civilizers find us not as dispersed individuals, but in our cradles of life, and what they do with them and our mothers and the families around them tells us more about the depth of the civilizers than the tools (and weapons) they bring with them. It is "small platoons" working together with a vision of the importance of our past and its Traditions that is carrying us in life. I hope to see many from our own "small platoon" in Brule at the KroBar for the MSMA Music Benefit on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> & at Maple Town Hall on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> at our potluck dinner and Brian and Ron's program on where many of the names of our local places came from. -Jim Pellman

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**ARCHIVES/COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE.**

The Archives/Collection Committee would welcome more volunteers to help in this important part of our OBHS mission. Our continuing project is learning to use the computer in support of our work, scanning, interpreting and indexing documents and photos, storing clippings and records and creating databases. The future holds more work on temporary and permanent exhibits using items in our collection, which the MSMA school space will permit. Our thanks go to our loyal committee members and document and artifact donors, to the Town of Maple for continuing Archive storage space, for meeting and fund raising space, and to our members and financial donors. If you enjoy exacting work and interesting conversation please join us, we hope soon, under the Monticello School. Next meeting is yet to be determined. We expect our old routines to change as we transition to our MSMA site over the next few months. Please call Jim at 715-363-2549 to confirm our next Archives Committee meeting time and place. WELCOME!

**Unapproved MINUTES for the DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING  
 OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.  
 Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 6:00 p.m.  
 Amnicon Town Hall**

Attendance: 31 signed the attendance roster.

Everyone enjoyed a delicious potluck supper, thanks to all of the OBHS chefs who brought their fine fare for all to enjoy. Thanks to Mary Ann and others who decorated the tables for our Holiday event, to Dennis for making arrangements for the Town Hall, and to everyone who helped to set up for the event and/or who cleaned up afterwards.

After the dinner, Board Member Bruce Carlson, with some help from Jim Pellman, provided an interesting talk on the History of the Stinson Tractor which was built for a time in Superior shortly after the end of World War I. Bruce grew up in Cloverland on the farm of Eugene and Margaret Carlson. After a stint in the Peace Corps, he returned to work in our area in production settings-- a shipyard in Superior and at the PV Foods taco plant in Poplar. He has collected materials on the Stinson Tractor for many years, information which is difficult to find. Bruce lives in Superior, but maintains his John Deere tractor on a country forty-acre lot where he also has a thrashing machine that he has restored and a Bell Circular Saw which he is bringing to life. Thank you, Bruce, for sharing this story of the Stinson Tractor.

Jim Pellman shared some of the photos that are featured in the 2019 Old Brule Calendar which will be available shortly.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Dennis Hill called the meeting to order at 7:58 p.m.

**MINUTES:** Mary Ann moved to approve the Minutes, published in the December 2018 *OBHS News*, of the General Meeting held on October 10, 2018 at the Brule Town Hall. Following a second by Jody, the minutes were approved.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Treasurer Matt Miller provided the following report of current balances effective 12/12/18, along with supportive data:

**2018-12-12 OBHS TREASURER’S REPORT**

<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND:</b> (Cash on hand: \$21.44)	\$3,805.48 Last meeting: \$3,805.07 (\$0.41) Income: Dues--\$25; 2019 Calendar sponsors--\$200; Expenses: Newsletters--\$212.50; Non-newsletter stamps and envelopes--\$12.09 Outstanding debt: Sauna fund--\$1,850.00; OBHS Scholarship--\$250; Outstanding income:
<b>WINDMILL FUND:</b>	\$3,777.36 Last meeting: \$3,808.27 (-\$30.91) Expenses: Utilities--\$30.91; Outstanding debt: Paver engraving--\$40.00
<b>MSMA FUND:</b>	\$4,198.25 Last meeting: \$4,174.58 (\$23.67) Income: Bud LaPole memorials--\$35.00; Expenses: Utilities--\$11.33; Outstanding debt: Repayment to CD--\$1200.00;
<b>DEPOT FUND:</b>	\$16,095.00 Last meeting: \$16,095.00 (\$0.00)

<b>CD:</b>	\$4,676.86	Last meeting: \$4,676.86 (\$0) Outstanding income: MSMA fund repayment--\$1200.00
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<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$32,552.95	Last meeting: \$32,559.78 (-\$6.83)

#### Other items

1. The General Fund balance minus the Sauna earmarks (\$1,850.00) & scholarship (\$250) is \$1,705.48.
2. The MSMA Fund balance minus the remaining utilities budget (\$777.34) and debt to CD (\$1200) is \$2,220.91.
3. Sent letter of intent to the Northwestern High School regarding OBHS funding a \$250 scholarship in 2019. (It was noted that the check is needed by NWHS by April.)

John Deterling made a motion, seconded by Doreen, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion was approved.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE/COMUNICATIONS:**

Routine auto-billing and membership updates.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **COMMITTEE REPORTS;**

**ARCHIVES/WEBSITE:** This committee is inactive until working space is available at MSMA. Thanks to Earl for updating our Website from his home computer. We continue to accept items for our collection and field information requests.

**MEMBERSHIPS:** Membership renewals for 2019 are now due. Dues remain at \$15 for individuals; \$25 for families. Membership continues to remain constant. For reports on total membership, all categories (individual, family, and business, are summed up by individual count.

**MSMA PROJECT:** Jim sealed the openings around the front doors, leaving one door available for access for winter projects. The MSMA soffit was painted before the real cold hit, but outside work on the front porch and handicap ramp could not be completed. Footings for the ramp will be done next spring. Jim P. reported that work will be done inside with heaters again for now. Window restoration, framing and installation and inside wall construction can move forward as time permits in preparation for the heating system installation; and upstairs, as time and funds permit. A careful cost estimate can now be done to know how far we can proceed. John Tuura's continued help will be important with the heating system. Within the limits of our budget our front slab will gain the look of a wooden platform. Despite some health issues, John remains interested in helping us. He engineered the Pex tube placement in the basement slab and the cement-encased subfloor plumbing, donating the latter materials and labor. Jim is working on drawings on the handicap ramp scaled down from the ramp at Fairlawn mansion, and done in treated wood to handicap specs.

**WINDMILL/GROUNDS:** Painting of the windmill walls is scheduled for 2019. Bridge work remains to be completed. Decisions will need to be made if a roof is needed for the bridge (historical integrity vs. functionality/upkeep). Mary Ann showed a T-shirt that had been left at the Eskolin House Door, hoping to find its owner.

**BLUEBERRY DEPOT PROJECT:** WIDOT has agreed to exchange parts of OBHS and State land ownership at the site, allowing us to move the depot and sauna onto the Windmill Site. We expect to learn results of the required Environmental Study soon. The Blueberry Depot must be moved by June 1. One bid received thus far to move the depot to the Windmill site is \$4,500 for the depot. Additional bids will be sought.

**SAUNA PROJECT:** Once costs for a green-treated floor and a cement slab are obtained, a decision will be made for the sauna location. The one bid received thus far to move the sauna to the Windmill site is \$2,500.

**MERCHANDISE:** Jim should have the 2019 Calendar done and ready for the printer this week. Lila is getting all corrections for the existing text of *Sisu and Sauna*, so that she can organize corrections to be incorporated in advance of republication. Shirley worked on a book and merchandise inventory before her AZ departure. Book orders need to go out. The Calendar book with Jim and Nan Wisherd is on hold until May 2019. Nan's book *The Boys of the Brule* is now available. She will give us a 40% discount from the cover price of \$ 18.95. We need to decide how many of these books to order.

At their November meeting, the Board approved selling packets of past calendars at \$15 (1/2 the price as previously listed). These calendars are now available. We will be ordering 150 2019 calendars @ \$9.00. This is the same number and price as last year when, with the included ads, allowed to more than break even.

**FRIENDS OF OBHS FACEBOOK GROUP SITE:** This site has about 840 members and is independent of *OBHS*. Because of the increasing popularity of social media, Jim suggested that linkages to this site or a supplemental site under our own OBHS name needs examination. It could be used for more formal functions such as unapproved minutes, with

shorter summaries placed in our *OBHS News*, or the reverse, allowing for more historical articles and developed historical reports & discussion; vigorous fund-raising efforts & acknowledgements; and reports, responses to historical questions, etc.

**2018 ANNUAL MEETING PROJECTS:**

**2019 CALENDAR DATES:** The following dates have been approved and will be incorporated in the Calendar:

1. General & Board Meetings will continue to be held on the second Wednesday of each month, beginning at 6:00 p.m., with the exception of the June meeting which will be held on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, and the time of the Annual Meeting will be 12:00 noon.
2. The Scandinavian Dinner—Saturday, June 22 with related activities at the Mill on Friday and Saturday.
3. The Annual Meeting—Sunday, August 11, at the Lake Nebagamon Auditorium at 12:00 noon.
4. The Annual Flea Market—Saturday, August 24

No date has been selected for the Annual MSMA Benefit Music Fest and Spaghetti Dinner. It was suggested that we attempt to schedule it on February 9, 2019, but availability of Krobar and the musicians is a determining factor. The musicians have shown interest. Advance sale of tickets is advised, incorporating the meal ticket with a grand prize.

**PROJECT COMPLETION FOLLOWUP:** The secretary will include current projects/tasks that have previously been determined by motion, but not completed in the Minutes.

**UPDATE OF OBHS BY-LAWS AND JOB DESCRIPTIONS:** The Board or a committee needs to examine existing by-laws and job descriptions for potential changes.

**BUDGET DEVELOPMENT:** The following members have met this past month to begin developing a budget for 2019: Matt Miller, Ron Hendrickson, Dan and Dorothy Bergsten, Mary Ann Gronquist, and Jim Mattson. The following budget for income and expenses was developed:

**2018-2019 OBHS Budget**

Cash flow	Budget Item	Aug 2017-Jul 2018 Budget	Aug 2018- Jul 2019	2018 Aug-Dec	2019 Jan- Jul	Remaining
Income	Memberships	\$1,585	\$1,600	\$445.00	195.00	\$960.00
	Midsummer meal	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00
		\$2,685	\$2,700	\$445.00	\$195.00	\$2,060.00
Expenses	Utilities - Windmill	-\$360	-\$480	-\$178.61	\$0.00	-\$301.39
	Utilities - MSMA	-\$800	-\$1,100	-\$32.75	\$0.00	-\$1,067.25
	Insurance	-\$1,030	-\$1,330	-\$700.57	\$0.00	-\$629.43
	Lawn mowing	-\$525	-\$600	-\$225.00	\$0.00	-\$375.00
	Newsletters	-\$1,500	-\$1,500	-\$581.81	\$0.00	-\$918.19
	Calendars	-\$1,050	-\$1,050	\$218.96	\$284.48	-\$1,553.44
	OBHS scholarship	-\$250	-\$250	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$250.00
	Donations to affiliates	-\$60	-\$60	-\$25.00	\$0.00	-\$35.00
	PO Box	-\$54	-\$54	-\$54.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		-\$5,629	-\$6,424	-\$1,578.78	\$284.48	-\$5,129.70
	Shortfall / Surplus	-\$2,944	-\$3,724	-\$1,134	\$479	-\$3,070

**OTHER OLD BUSINESS:** Randy Jones will attend the January Board Meeting so that the Board Members can be updated about the status of the Pollari Memorial railroad map project that Randy has done previous work on.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ENCOURAGEMENT AND SYMPATHY:** Sympathy to the family and friends of Norman (Bud) LaPole and Bill Whittaker. Continued encouragement to Velma Doby who now resides at the Walker Methodist Health Center in Mpls.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:** Wednesday, 6:00 p.m., February 13, 2019. Place TBD.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** Wednesday, 6:00 p.m., January 9, 2019 at the residence of Dennis and Arlene Hill.

**ADJOURNMENT:** John Deterling moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Audrey. President Dennis Hill adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Following the meeting, participants in the Gift Exchange selected their gifts.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lila Ronn, Secretary

**FUND-RAISING MERCHANDISE FOR SALE**

The Society has available regional history magnets, plus Davidson Windmill memorabilia: mugs, caps, tee shirts, sweat shirts, key chains, buttons and photos for sale. Early issue magnets are going for \$1 each, or 6 for \$5.00, proceeds to our General fund. Windmill mugs, caps & tee shirt proceeds go into the Windmill Fund. **SEE OUR WEB SITE** ([www.oldbrule.org](http://www.oldbrule.org)) **FOR CURRENT SALE ITEMS AND PRICES.** Our Windmill vests are for sale for \$24.00. Popular has been our zipper front, hooded, *I've Been Through the Mill* sweatshirts and tee-shirts.

Our book, *Wisconsin Far Northwest*, and Nan Wisherd's books, *Brule River Country* (HC \$25.95, SC \$18.95) and *Pathways* and *Echoes*, Lakeside's *Sisu and Sauna*, (out for now) and *Amnicon From the Beginning*, are available for \$20.00 a copy + \$3.50 shipping. Wisconsin sales tax is included in all of our prices. Shipping and handling for mugs, caps and tee shirts is a \$4.00 minimum. All items are also available for purchase at our meetings or by contacting an OBHS member. Our booklet, *Davidson Windmill History* by Jim Pellman and Gene Davidson is available for \$8.00 (+\$2.00 shipping). Leigh P. & Richard Jerrard's expanded and revised edition of *The Brule River of Wisconsin* is available at \$20.00 (+\$3.50 shipping). See our calendar ad above. Jane Pearson Grimsrud has released small and large print versions of *Brule River Forest and Lake Superior Cloverland Anecdotes*. Both are available for \$20.00 (+\$3.50 shipping). Poplar Hardware also has an inventory of most of our titles. Please check ahead for current availability. Also please contact our members for more info.

**Unapproved MINUTES for the January Board Meeting  
OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.  
Wednesday, January 9, 2019, 6:00 p.m.  
Dennis and Arlene Hill Residence, Town of Amnicon**

**In Attendance:** Bruce Carlson, Mary Ann Gronquist, Audrey Hakkila, Dennis Hill, Trish Hursh, James Mattson, Jim Pellman, Lila Ronn. Visitors: Randy Jones, Ron Hendrickson, Brian Paulsen, Arlene Hill.

Thanks to Dennis and Arlene Hill for hosting our dinner and meeting and to all who brought food to share.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Dennis Hill called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS:** At the request of the Board, Randy Jones presented us with an overview of the Pollari Memorial Map Project to date. It is our intent to recharge this project which has stalled over the past years. Randy was paid for earlier work but has donated significant time to this undertaking over time, but needs direction from us regarding the scope of the project. Certain problems have surfaced, including discrepancies when lining up information from different maps. Thus far, Randy has digitized 630 historical points. Not only does he wish input to ensure accuracy, he also was concerned that the result is a cluttered and overcrowded map. Randy reported that up-to-date GIS (Geographic Information Systems) Mapping Technology can be accessed through Douglas Count as well as LIDAR imagery.

After considerable discussion, Jim Mattson made a motion that Randy prepare two proofs (24" x 36" and 11" x 17") of a railroad map of Douglas County which would include all known railroad lines, existing and historic. In addition, a pdf file would be made available for OBHS. The total cost of these proofs plus the file would not exceed \$50.00. After a second by Bruce, the motion passed.

OBHS is very thankful for Randy's donation of time to this project to date, and appreciates his further commitment at this time when he is especially busy.

**MINUTES:** Jim Mattson moved to approve the Minutes of the previous Board Meeting held on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at the home of Doreen and Jody Swanson in Brule. These minutes were published in the December 2018 *OBHS News*. Motion seconded by Audrey and approved.

**TREASURER'S RESPORT:** Treasurer Matt Miller was unable to attend the meeting, but provided the following report, effective 01/09/19, via telephone:

<u>CURRENT BALANCES</u>	
<b>GENERAL FUND:</b>	<b>\$ 4,535.85</b>
<b>WINDMILL FUND:</b>	<b>\$ 3,777.36</b>
<b>MSMA FUND:</b>	<b>\$ 4,588.25</b>
<b>DEPOT FUND:</b>	<b>\$16,095.00</b>
<b>CD</b>	<b>\$ 4,676.86</b>
<b>CASH ASSETS</b>	<b>Total \$ 33,673.32</b>

The above balances include \$ 1,200 in the MSMA Fund which needs repayment to the General Fund. It also includes \$1,850 in the General Fund which are designated for the Sauna Fund (no separate account established).

Income received this past month includes \$294.48 -- calendars & miscellaneous; \$195.00—dues; MSMA donations--\$390.00.

Mary Ann moved to accept the Treasurer's Statement as presented. Second by Trish. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Routine auto-billing and membership updates.
2. Calendar donations.
3. Several 2019 Calendar advance orders.
4. Some direct donations toward Jim Pellman's MSMA Friends of OBHS Birthday fund raiser. Money order from Jean O'Neil of Canada, catching up on membership and \$100 donation to the MSMA Facebook Fund Drive done in honor of Jim Pellman's birthday. Total raised will substantially surpass the \$200 goal which Jim has matched. Funds to go toward handicap ramp and front porch restoration. Well over \$500 generated to date.
5. Jim submitted the follow-up report required for our MSMA Finlandia Foundation National Grant for 2018 (\$5,000).
6. Contacts with Arrowhead printing. All of their operations have moved to Duluth.
7. Dennis has been in touch with ECE which needed the Depot location address.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**ARCHIVES/WEBSITE:** This committee is waiting for available working space at MSMA. Thanks to Earl for updating our Website from his home computer. We continue to accept items for our collection and field requests for information.

**MEMBERSHIPS:** Membership renewals for 2019 are now due. Dues remain at \$15 for individuals; \$25 for families.

**MSMA PROJECT:** Jim P. provided an update of work to be done on the MSMA. Work has moved indoors. Jim distributed and explained a sketch of the MSMA Ground Floor Plan and ramp, with expected outside work to be done beginning in the spring. This work includes a porch, inner front doors; 3 or possibly 4 windows, and three landings at different levels. Two ramps will connect the landings. The concrete slab will have a "wood look". Green-treated wood will be used for the railings which will have a picket fence appearance common in the late 1880s. John Tuura is expected to work on the heating. Dennis suggested that a contact be made with Ray Colburn from Superior Glass to get a cost estimate for period window frame restoration.

**BLUEBERRY DEPOT:** If we accept the Woodhull bid to move the Depot, they do not anticipate any problems. The proposed route will be County Road O to Autio Road to Highway F to Pellman Loop to State Highway 13. Dahlberg Light and Power may have to lift two wires on Highway 13 and must be present during the entire move from the Depot's current site to the Windmill site parking lot where Brian and Ron will get it placed in a good spot on footings. There is a possibility that Dahlberg's may donate their labor. Greg Mussman wants to be present when the building is moved; Maria Lockwood from *Superior Telegram & Duluth News Tribune* has also asked to be informed. When the exact date has been determined (sometime in January or February), all Board members have requested notification.

Jim M. had a motion that OBHS proceed with Woodhull's as the mover. Lila seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**SAUNA PROJECT:** The earlier bid to move the sauna from Woodhull's was \$2,500. It would be cost effective if the concrete work could be done at the same time as it is done for the depot and before the sauna is moved. Then, the cost for moving the sauna will be only \$2,000. If a second move is required at the site, it will cost an additional \$500.

**MERCHANDISE:** Jim has picked up 150 2019 Calendar which are now available at \$9.00. This is the same order as last year, which with the included ads, allowed us to more than break even. The Board previously approved selling packets of 12 past calendars at \$15 (1/2 the previous price) and these are now available as well.

Lila is seeking corrections for republication of the *Sisu and Sauna*; Shirley completed a book & merchandise order before leaving for AZ; & the Calendar book with Jim & Nan Wisherd is on hold until May. Nan's book *The Boys of the Brule* is now available with a 40% discount from the cover price of \$18.95. Jim ordered six copies of which two have gone to Poplar Hardware & one to Jim.

Lila expressed concern that work on the History of Brule book completely stopped two years ago after the illness and passing of Laila Magnuson. While there are monetary resources available, no one is available at this time able to finalize the project for printing.

**FRIENDS OF OBHS FACEBOOK GROUP SITE:** With over 870 members, this site is independent of OBHS. Jim has suggested that linkages to this site or a supplemental site under our own OBHS name be examined.

#### **2018 ANNUAL MEETING PROJECTS:**

**2019 CALENDAR DATES:** General Meetings: (February, April, October, December) and Board Meetings (January, March,

May, July, September, November) are scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. The June General meeting will be held on Thursday, June 20, followed by the Scandinavian Dinner and related activities on June 21-22. The Annual Meeting will be held beginning noon on Sunday, August 11, at the Lake Nebagamon Auditorium. The Annual Flea Market is scheduled for Saturday, Aug.24.

**The ANNUAL MSMA VALENTINE MUSIC FEST AND SPAGHETTI DINNER** was re- scheduled to February 10, 2018. Dean Baillie is providing the spaghetti dinner at the Kro Bar. Volunteer musicians for this event are being informed. It was suggested that the dinner be served from 1:30 – 5:00 p.m. The Planning Committee (Jim P., Mary Ann, Audrey, Trish, Tina S., and Lila) will meet a 1:00 p.m. on Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, at Aroma's in Maple.

**PROJECT COMPLETION FOLLOWUP:** The secretary will include current projects/tasks that have previously been determined by motion, but not completed in the Minutes.

**UPDATE OF OBHS BY-LAWS AND JOB DESCRIPTIONS:** The Board or a committee needs to examine existing by-laws and job descriptions for potential changes.

**BUDGET DEVELOPMENT:** The following members met in October to begin developing a budget for 2019: Matt Miller, Ron Hendrickson, Dan & Dorothy Bergsten, Mary Ann Gronquist, and Jim Mattson. A tentative budget was presented at the December 2018 General Meeting and appears in the December minutes published in the February 2019 *OBHS Newsletter*. This Committee plans to meet again to finalize their work and submit a final budget.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

**ENCOURAGEMENT AND SYMPATHY:** Sympathy to the families of Harold "Mickey" Munson, Nels Hursh, Agnes Mihalak, and Todd Nykanen. Encouragement to Bob & Ruth Baillie. Continued encouragement to Velma Doby who now resides at the Walker Methodist Health Center in Minneapolis.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:** Wednesday, 6:00 p.m., February 13, 2019 at the Maple Town Hall. Ron Hendrickson will organize the program around the theme of "History of Local Geographical Names", i.e. how Wentworth was named.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at the residence of Dennis and Arlene Hill.

**ADJOURNMENT:** President Dennis Hill adjourned the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Lila Ronn, Secretary**

#### 1998 to 2005, 2006 to 2019 LOCAL HISTORY PHOTO CALENDARS FOR SALE.

The Brule History Research Group, organized in 1995, produced its eighth and final calendar in 2005 with pictures of Brule's past. Proceeds from these annual calendar sales since 1998, when the first one was produced, are being used for the publication of the history of Brule, to be completed soon, slowed by the loss of Laila Magnuson. Limited numbers are available. Please contact Janet Follis, P.O. Box 114, Brule, WI 54820, at (715) 372-4948. Our 2019 Old-Brule Heritage Society History Photo Calendars are for sale at \$9.00 each. Earlier individual issues are also available at \$5.00 (2006 - 2016), 2017 at \$6.00, & 2018 at \$7.00 in limited numbers, & ~~\$30~~ \$15 on sale for a packet of all of the first 12 years. An e-mail address for more info: [musketeer6@cheqnet.net](mailto:musketeer6@cheqnet.net), and by phone: 715-363-2549, or please check our Website at [www.oldbrule.org](http://www.oldbrule.org). Shipping & handling: \$3.50 each, less for each for larger orders. We thank our donor businesses whose cards we display in the back of each calendar, and to those local businesses that are selling them for us, this year yet, at Twin Gables & Round Up North in Brule, Poplar Hardware, Aroma's Restaurant in Maple but sadly, with the Poplar Village Market, now closed permanently. Or check with Jim in Maple at 715-363-2549. We also seek more advertisers. The 2019 issue is priced again at \$9.00.

#### Area History: No. 126

*This picture and text appear for the month of January 2019 in our OBHS Annual Historical Calendar.*

**Three Linked Horse Teams Plowing Snow, c. 1918.** This photo, courtesy of Fred Renman, shows the answer to snow blocked roads in the Berg Park area back in 1918. Local residents in the neighborhood gathered their horses and manpower to pull a homemade wooden plow. The picture belonged to Fred's grandfather, J. Fred Renman, who built the wooden snow plow being pulled. If the snow was deep enough the men would have to shovel a path for the horses. The plow was filled on top with boulders to hold it closer to the road, and sometimes neighborhood children would jump onto the rocks for the ride and to help the effort.



**ATTENTION:** *In the interest of helping save eyesight of those reading the hardcopy of the OBHS News we are adding pages 9 & 10 on a separate enclosed flyer which will contain our "Notices" & Obituaries.*

**RETURN ADDRESS:****OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.**

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All interested in joining the Old-Brule Heritage Society are encouraged to attend any of our meetings and programs. To join they may also contact any member of the Board at the return address above, or our Treasurer, Matt Miller, at the same address. Our annual dues are \$15.00 for individuals, and \$25.00 for families, \$50 for businesses, payable after each Annual Meeting in August for the twelve months of the following year. Higher levels of support are always welcome.

**New Members and Visitors are Always WELCOME!**

**CALENDAR.**

**February 10**, Sunday, 1:30 p.m. Valentine Music Benefit for MSMA at KroBar in Brule. Spaghetti dinner. Drawings.

\$10 admission ticket good for the music, meal and Grand Prizes, \$5 for children. \$1 tickets for Door Prizes & 50/50.

**February 12**, Tuesday. Lincoln's Birthday.

**February 13**, Wednesday, 6 p.m. OBHS Feb. General Meeting, Maple Town Hall. Pot Luck Dinner. Program: Brian

Paulson & Ron Hendrickson talk with slides on the Historical Sources of Place Names in the OBHS Region.

**February 14**, Thursday. Valentine's Day.

**February 18**, Monday. Presidents' Day

**February 22**, Friday. Washington's Birthday.

**March 6**, Wednesday. Ash Wednesday.

**March 10**, Sunday. Daylight Saving Time Begins.

**March 13**, Wednesday. 6 p.m. OBHS Board Meeting.

**March 16**, Saturday. St. Urho's Day.

**March 17**, Sunday. St. Patrick's Day. Deadline for turning in material for the April *OBHS News*.

**March 20**, Wednesday. First Day of Spring.

**OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY WEB SITE ON LINE**

The Website Committee has been maintaining our Web site ([www.oldbrule.org](http://www.oldbrule.org)). **Earl Granroth** continues to make regular updates, and **Jon Winter** of **Winter Systems** in **Superior** is our Web host at no charge to us.

**Thanks again to Earl G. and Jon W.**



## ~ NOTICES ~

**We are enlarging our type in this issue but retaining our booklet format of eight pages, now with the addition of our "Notices" on this separate flyer enclosed with the booklet, calling it the "Page 9 flyer".**

**MEMBERS:** Dues collection for 2019 began at our August Annual Meeting & continues into 2019. Please complete your volunteer hours on your Blue Sheets for 2017-2018 for turn in now if you haven't. The new hour tally runs from Aug.1 (2018) to July 31, 2019. Please contact our Secretary or Jim for a new Blue Sheet or see our website for forms.

**THANK YOU'S & RECOGNITIONS:** Thanks to all who have paid their dues for 2019. An annual thankyou to the Towns & Villages for use of halls. Thanks to the generous donors toward publication of our 2019 History Calendar. We couldn't do it without their support. Thanks to Judy Lahti, to Joyce Luedke & Peggy Trojan for archive materials. Thanks especially for their IDs of people in the old photos. They become more priceless with names & dates.

**OUR ENCOURAGEMENT & SYMPATHY:** Encouragement to all with cold weather ailments. Finally our sympathy to family & friends of the many, listed here, whom we have lost recently:

**Rosemary "Rosie" Alice (Keup) Hietala**, 76, Poplar & Florida, who passed away February 2, 2019 at Essentia Health in Duluth, born in Superior in 1942 to Peter and Dehlia (Abrahamson) Keup, a 1961 graduate of Superior Central High School, worked for the Maple School District as a cook, ran the Hamburger Hut in Poplar for ten years before moving to Florida, preceded in death by her parents, by Ernie Hietala, the father of her children, brothers Charlie, Lester, Gene and Floyd; survived by daughter, Jean Hietala, sons, Frank (Kara) Hietala, Poplar and Steve Hietala; siblings, Loren (Denise) Keup, Ben (Gail) Keup, Esther Krause, Irene (Dick) Eskleson & Joyce (Jim) Follis

**Dale Ernest Grothe**, 75, Lake Nebagamon, who died February 1, 2019 at home surrounded by family, born in Chippewa Falls in 1944, son of Ernest and Verna (Holtz) Grothe, graduate of Chippewa Falls High School, served in the United States Air Force, graduated from UWS and worked for SWL&P, married to Cynthia Nelson for fifty years who survives him, also survived by daughter Renee Reynolds, sons, Kyle Grothe, of Lake Nebagamon and Kenneth (Cassie) Grothe, Superior, and five grandchildren; brother, Kenneth (Karen) Grothe; sisters, Susan (Mike) Berry, and Joanne (Gerald) O'Brien; step-sister, Joan Schneider; preceded in death by his parents; & half-brother, Roland Grothe.

**Harold C. Becker**, 95, Superior, who died January 30, 2019 (his birthday) at Essentia Health St. Mary's Hospital in Superior, served in the US Army during World War II in France, Normandy, Rhineland and Central Europe, was an engineer for the Burlington Northern Railroad for many years, survived by sons, Thomas J. Becker and John H. (Karen) Becker, preceded in death by his wife Audrey.

**Francis "Ed" Stein**, 94, Superior, who died January 23, 2019, a WWII Veteran, served 2 stints in the US Army as part of the 8th Armored Div. in the European Theatre, retired from the Superior Fire Dept., with his wife Phyllis were an integral part of Superior's Solid Rock Mission (Haven), preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, his parents Tom and Ida Stein, and his brother Harvey, survived by 3 daughters Linda "Cookie" O'Hara (Dan), Cindy Davies (Chuck) and his caregiver Suzy Jarvis (Dick Raymond). 4 grandchildren, sister Lorraine Pashibin & sister-in-law Irene Stein

**Robert L. Alholm**, 71, Kenosha, who passed away January 21, 2019 at Grande Prairie Nursing and Rehab in Pleasant Prairie, born in 1947 in Superior to the late George and Elsie (Anderson) Alholm, graduated from Mary D. Bradford High School and UW Madison, enjoyed the art of painting, preceded in death by his brother Richard and his parents, survived by sisters Peggy (James) Crum of Clintonville WI and Betty (Randy) Byford of Bristol WI.

**Beverly Jane (Wedenoja) Willoughby**, 90, Iron River, who passed away January 22, 2019 at Essentia-St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth, born in Oulu in 1928, daughter of Eino and Rose Wedenoja, graduated from Port Wing High School, married Wesley W. Willoughby in 1948 & celebrated 70 years of marriage before his passing in 2018, a self-taught artist, a member of Bad River Auxiliary Unit 25 at Odanah, preceded in death by her parents and husband; and sister, Lucille Johnson; and brothers, Kenneth, Harold, and Melvin Wedenoja; survived by daughter, Patricia (John) Shepard of Superior; sons, Dwight (Kathy) of Superior, Jeffrey of St. Paul, MN, and Todd (Kari) of Iron River; 8 grandchildren, 16 great- & 2 great-great grandchildren.

**Dwight E. Johnson**, 70, Port Wing, who died January 22, 2019 of cancer, born in 1948 in Ashland to Evald and Hulda (Jardine) Johnson, Mayor of Port Wing for 34 years; former Fire Chief for Port Wing and a self-employed electrician, married Louise Nicoletti in 1965 and they celebrated fifty-three years of marriage, survived by wife, three daughters, Tina Johnson, Teresa Johnson-Hals, and Angela (Bob) Kazmierski, nine grandchildren, two great-granddaughters, three brothers, David (Joyce) Johnson, Port Wing, WI, Darryl (Kaye) Johnson, Ironwood, MI and Donald (Pat) Johnson, Iron River, WI, preceded in death by his parents and brother Dennis Johnson.

**Bonnie L. (Bates) Thoorsell**, 76, Superior, who died January 7, 2019 in her home, born in 1942 in Superior to Everett and Naomi (Dougherty) Bates, graduated in 1960 from East HS in Superior, attended UWS, married George Thoorsell in 1963, an active member of First United Methodist Church and more recently Faith United Methodist Church, worked with the Meals Outreach Program connected to both First United and Faith United Methodist Churches, in 2016, she received recognition with the Presidents Volunteer Service Award from the United Methodist Church Women where she served as President several times. She also received the Citizen of the Year Award in 2009, survived by two daughters, Pamela (Ronald Weiss) Thoorsell, Superior and Georgeann (Fred) Flatten, Webster, WI; one son, Chris Thoorsell, Superior; eight grandchildren, James Patzer, Amanda (Michael) Strauman, Jr., Leighann (Tony) Mensen, Justin Patzer, Brittany (Niels) Van Viet, Emily Flatten, Alfred Flatten and Frances Bates, preceded in death by her husband, parents and brother John Bates.

**Lorraine E. (LePage) Okerman**, 93, Superior, who died January 17, 2019, at Solvay Hospice House in Duluth, born in Superior in 1925, daughter of Henry & Helen LePage., preceded in death by her husband, Roy Okerman; her parents; 6 brothers and 3 sisters, & is survived by her children, Linda Janz, Jean (Ron) Rueckert, and Jeffrey (Dana) Okerman, 8 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandson.

**Robert "Bob" J. Baillie**, 89, Brule, who died January 12, 2019 at Encompass Assisted Living in Superior, born in 1929 in Superior to Alexander & Ida (Follis) Baillie, grew up in Brule with brother, Don, and cousin, Billy Follis, graduated from Iron River High School in 1947, joined the United States Army and was stationed in Texas, Indiana and Germany, married Ruth Heino in 1950 and celebrated sixty-eight years of marriage, joined his father and brother in the family business, Baillie Oil Co, owned with Ruth the Brule River Cabin Court which they also expanded into an RV park, survived by wife, Ruth; daughter, Marlene Lawton, four sons, Mark (Becky) Baillie and Dean (Cindy Colby) Baillie., Neil (Diane Dau) Baillie, & Bill (Nadine Lohman) Baillie, eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; one brother, Donald Baillie, Brule.

**Eugene P. Davidson**, 86, Lakeside and Maple Grove MN, born in the Town of Lakeside in 1932 to Lena Riitimaki Davidson & William Davidson, preceded in death by sisters, Helen Marie, Alice Elizabeth, Joanne and brother, Robert William, survived by wife, Agnes, daughter, Jean Marie & grandson, Jacob Adams; niece, Eileen (Lena) Davidson; nephews, Douglas Welter, Joel Welter & Jim Erickson; enlisted in the Navy during the Korean War and attended Electronic Tech School followed by being stationed on Adak Island and then Bremerhaven Germany & following discharge, he, with the help of his father, rebuilt the Davidson Windmill; worked in temperature control systems in Duluth and had his own company... a member of the Old-Brule Heritage Society, the US Naval Cryptologic Veterans Association and also at St. Vincent's church in Maple Grove with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

**LaVonne Mable (Goeke) Mehtala**, 88, Superior, who died January 10, 2019, at her home surrounded by family, born in Adrian, MN, in 1930, daughter of Helmer and Jennie Goeke, married Leslie Mehtala in 1948, a pharmacy clerk at North Star Drug & member of Bethel Lutheran Church, preceded in death by her parents; husband, Leslie; and siblings, Lorayne, Ione, Melvin, Willard, and Jeanette, survived by her children, Terri (Scott Abrahamson) Mehtala and Mark Mehtala; seven grandchildren.; five great-grandchildren; great-great-grandson, Caden; and sister, Darlene Rivard.

**George Gott**, 93, New Perspective Memory Care, Superior, and Lake Nebagamon, who died January 7, 2019 at Essentia Hospital, a poet, writer of over 800 published poems & four books of poetry, born in 1925 at Glen Allen, Missouri, the son of Alfred and Elizabeth (Conner) Gott, was married to Dorothy (Jantzen) Gott and is survived by daughter, Patricia Gott (Tim Ziegenhagen), step daughters, Nancy (Tatge) Andrews (Steve) and Mary (Tatge) Musselman (Ken) and step grandchildren and great grandchildren, worked on the family farm, in the family store, and in the factories of St. Louis, served in the Pacific

Seventh Fleet during WWII and again on the ships during the Korean conflict, taught school for seven years before coming to UWS where he taught for 36 years.

**Bernice Marion (Rantala) Taipale**, 86, Maple, passed away Monday, January 7, 2019 at Prairie Point Rehabilitation Center in Altoona, WI, born in 1932 in Superior to Audina & Eino Rantala, graduated from Iron River High School in 1949, on July 4, 1949 married Walter Taipale, raised six children on their farm in Maple on FF not far from homes of others from the N. P. Johnson clan, active in community organizations including 4H and Homemakers, loved to sing, and in her younger years sang at weddings, funerals & other events, owned & operated The Recovery Room, a furniture upholstery business with close friend, Arlene Makela, at age 55 went to WITC to study word processing, then worked for 8 years at the WDOT in Superior before retiring; survived by son Larry (Carol) Taipale, Maple; daughters Karen (Palmer) Rask, Eau Claire, Peggy Johnson, Iron River, Jan (Mark) Tyson, Rosemount, MN and Sue (Geoff) Couling, Bloomington, MN; adopted daughter Cindy McLane, Taylors Falls, MN; 12 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren; and many, many more relatives and friends; preceded in death by husband Walter, son Thomas, daughter-in-law Kathy Taipale, son-in-law Chris Johnson, her parents & brother Robert Rantala

**Agnes M. (Friedman) Mihalak**, 98, Poplar, who died January 6, 2019 at Essentia-St. Mary's Hospital in Superior, born in Moquah, WI in 1920, daughter of Stephen and Anna Friedman, a farmer who enjoyed working on her farm and had worked for the Maple School District Lunch Program, a member of St. Anthony's Altar Society, the Poplar PTA, and the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP); preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Louis; daughter, Delores Hepburn; son-in-law, Thomas Kubarek; sisters, Veronica Friedman, Ann Sandor, Mary Guernsey, Margaret Gerbozy, Verna Opatik; and longtime family friend, Robert Salomaki; survived by her children, Jean Mihalak of Bloomington, MN, Donald (JoAnn) Mihalak of Poplar, and Joan Kubarek of Poplar; 6 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren.

**Harold "Mickey" Munson**, 73, of Poplar, who died December 27, 2018 at Essentia Health-St. Mary's Medical Center, Duluth, born in 1945, son of Harold "Mike" Joseph and Luella Marion Munson, worked in the forest industry as a pulp cutter and he also worked as a long haul truck driver & and as a caregiver for disabled adults, preceding him in death his parents and two brothers, Stanley and Joseph, survivors include his wife Donnajean Hursh, his son, Harold "Joe" (Janet) Munson-Bex; daughters Sara Pearson and Nellie Taylor, step-sons Clyde (Patricia) Hursh, Bert (Katy) Hursh, and Robert (Laura) Hursh; stepdaughter, Kathy (Randy) Ronchi; as well as 17 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren; his sisters, Dorothy (Daniel) Bergsten, Arlene (John) Martin, and several nieces

**George J. Groos**, 66, South Range, who died December 29, 2018 at Solvay Hospice House in Duluth, survived by his daughters: Jennifer Pinto, Connie DaSilva and Xylina Groos; granddaughter, Elektra Ringer; and five sisters and brothers-in-law. He is preceded in death by his parents, burial from the Lakeside Baptist Church.

**Harold "Harry" E. Bennett**, 102, of Superior, who died December 29, 2018, at Essentia Health-St. Mary's Hospital, Superior, born in 1916 in Landing, New Jersey, son of David M. and Mabel F. (Elston) Bennett, moved to Superior in 1978, a career welder, and traveled throughout the U.S. working on various construction projects, attended Bayside Baptist Church, Superior; survivors include wife, Betty M. (Wick) Bennett; daughter, Gail (Ronald) Morehart, Bellville, Pennsylvania; son, Frank (Jeanie) Bennett, Greenville, North Carolina; 4 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren, burial later in at the Lakeside Cemetery, Town of Lakeside, Wisconsin.

**Todd D. Nykanen**, 45, Maple, who died December 20, 2018 unexpectedly at the family farm, born in 1973 in Kenosha, WI, the son of Donald and Michele (McDonald) Nykanen, graduated from Northwestern High School in 1991, survived by his parents; one brother, Bradley (Amii Priem) Nykanen, Poplar, four nieces and nephews, Taylor and Carsen Nykanen, Tyler Hood and Libby Priem (who he loved teasing); special Aunt and Uncle and Todd's Godmother, Kathleen and Richard Vogelsang, preceded in death by his uncle, Hugh McDonald; and his grandparents, Nester and Lillian Nykanen and Eugene and Dorothy Garrity.

**Nels Orlo Hursh**, 79, Superior, who died December 25, 2018, at his residence, surrounded by family, born in 1938 in Superior, son of Sylvester Clyde and Evangeline Ruth Amy (Lind) Hursh, served with the Minnesota Air National Guard for 30 years, worked 30 years for Georgia Pacific as a boiler room operator, and worked as a farmer, raising cows and pigs, preceding him in death his parents; survivors include his wife, Carol, sons, Clyde (Patricia) Hursh, Bert (Katy) Hursh, and Robert (Laura) Hursh; daughter, Kathy (Randy) Ronchi; 11 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; brothers, Sylvester (Irene) Hursh, and Joseph (Linda) Hursh; several nieces and nephews; his children's mother, Donnajean and friend, Mickey; and Carol's 5 sons, Brian, Michael, Patrick, Robert J. and Greg Plunkett and their spouses, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**James H. Dobis**, 70, Lake Nebagamon, who passed away November 30, 2018, at his residence, born in Minneapolis in 1948, son of Alvin and Geraldine (Nuwash) Dobis, graduated from Hibbing High School and attended St. Thomas College, earned his Medical Degree from the U of M for family practice, retiring in 2011, employed by the VA in Superior for ten years, the VA in ST. Cloud, and a clinic in Buffalo, MN, had previously worked in the Mines in Hibbing, MN, survived by one daughter, Jill (Jason) Mattson, Colfax, WI; two sons, Jason (Terri) Dobis, Spring Creek, NV and Jonathan (Tammy) Dobis, South Haven, MN; eight grandchildren, his mother, Geraldine Dobis, Hibbing MN; two sisters, Mary (Brian) Rengstorf, Hibbing and Ann (Steve) Albrecht, Hibbing; one brother, Paul (Jill) Dobis, Moorhead, MN and several nieces and nephews, preceded in death by his father, Alvin Dobis; and brother, John Dobis.

**Helen Erickson**, 99, Northlake, IL, Port Wing, WI, who died December 8, 2018 at Benedictine Health Center in Duluth, born in 1919 in Chicago, IL to Elsie Swanson and John Nelson, graduated from Amundsen High School in Chicago, married Ellwood Erickson in 1946. married for 45 years, until his death in 1992, volunteered extensively throughout her life in church, schools, and community, in particular for many years with the Campfire Girls in Northlake, the Fig Leaf in Iron River, WI, and the Port Wing Historical Society, and the Swedish Vasa Order in Chicago, survived by her daughter Jean (Michael Ciagala) Erickson of Chicago, her son Russell (Laura) Erickson of Duluth, three grandchildren, preceded in death by her husband, Ellwood, sister, Arlene Shawver, and brothers, John Clarence Nelson and Stanley Nelson.

**Frank H. Giesen**, 86, Solon Springs, Nashville, Chicago, who died December 12, 2018 following a long illness, a co-founder of the Lucius Woods Performing Arts Center, worked tirelessly to support Douglas County, his efforts helping to save the then-Murphy Oil refinery in Superior and bring Hidden Greens Golf Course to Solon Springs, born in Superior in 1932, the son of Irving and Tracy (O'Donnell) Giesen, graduated from Cathedral High School in 1951 and Marquette University in 1955 with a degree in civil engineering, married high school sweetheart Mary Girouard, daughter of Joseph and Edna (Hicks), in 1955, his specialty wastewater treatment and during his career he oversaw numerous projects including the treatment facility in Duluth and many projects in Chicago, in retirement returned to Solon Springs, became active in promoting and developing Douglas County, Superior and Solon Springs, with his wife Mary they combined their love of music and Solon Springs to start the Lucius Woods Performing Arts Center, served as chair of the Town of Solon Springs; survived by daughter, Tracy (Don) Tredinnick, Savage, Minn., sons, David (Lauri) Giesen, Libertyville, Ill.; Stephen (Yvonne) Giesen, Pagosa Springs, Colo.; Robert (Linda) Giesen, Rogers, Ark.; a sister, Clare Giesen, New Orleans and 13 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Mary and daughter Mary Patrice Giesen-Lamm.

**And who have we missed or forgotten. May they all Rest in Peace.**