

OBITUARIES

Gayle Pattison

Gayle Pattison of Gold Canyon, Arizona, passed in the early morning hours of Feb. 7, 2022.

Gayle was the daughter of Noel and Martha Girard of St. Paul. She married Henry Pattison, and they settled in Cloquet, where they owned Pattison Veterinary Hospital for many years as well as a location in Moose Lake. She and Dr. Pattison raised their family in Cloquet before moving to Sturgeon Lake to enjoy the evening sunsets across the lake. Gayle and Henry would spend several years in retirement between Sturgeon Lake and their winter residence in Arizona.



She is survived by her daughter, Teri Pattison, and her son Isa; son Tom, and Missy Pattison and their daughter Keeley and son Michael; son David, and Carolyn Pattison and their daughter Greer and son Kellan; and son Mark, and Laura Pattison and their daughter Jemma and son Jack.

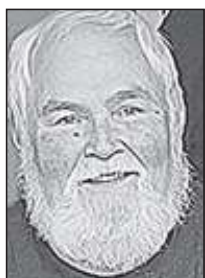
Gayle requested no services be held and, in lieu of flowers, that you please donate to your favorite animal charity.

Gayle will be buried alongside her husband, Henry, at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis.

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Rickey Joe Nynas

Rickey Joe Nynas, born July 28, 1952, passed away suddenly at home Feb. 21, 2022. He was raised in Esko on the Nynas Road and graduated from Esko High School in 1970. He went to school for forestry and worked at Jay Cooke State Park. Rick started work at Conwed in 1971, then USG 1985-2015, and retired after 44 years. He married Jan Fisher in Scranton, North Dakota, on Aug. 7, 1976. He was a member of St. Francis Catholic Church in Carlton and the Moose Lodge 1274. Rick was an enrolled member of the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. Family was everything to Rick, especially family trips. His hobbies were taking road trips, gardening, and Friday night card playing with Rod, Char and Dorothy. His most joy came from being Santa Claus — “He was the real thing!”



Rickey was preceded in death by his parents, Wayne and Geraldine (Ganter) Nynas; infant sister, Elizabeth; daughter, Erin (Nynas) Schutt; son-in-law, Adam Schutt; grandchildren Robbyn, Chad, and Logan; and his father-in-law, Kenneth Fisher.

He is survived by his wife, Jan (Fisher) Nynas; son, Corey (Anna); grandchildren Spencer (Tiara), Wyatt, Emma and Nathan; great-granddaughter, Oaklynn; brothers, Steven (Lois) and David; sister-in-law, Wanda (Louis) Rose; and mother-in-law, Genevieve Fisher.

Visitation: 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial Friday, Feb. 25 at St. Francis Catholic Church in Carlton. Interment will be held in St. Francis Catholic Cemetery. To leave online condolences, visit www.nelsonfuneralcare.net.

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Leslie Dougherty

Leslie “Old Man” Dougherty of Saginaw died unexpectedly Friday, Feb. 18, 2022, with his loyal dogs, Bacon and Holly. Leslie was born March 16, 1960, in Duluth, son of Laurel “Sonny” and Betty Dougherty.

Leslie took over Dougherty’s Trucking and Aggregate when his father passed away in 2004 and also worked in Jeep parts. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed fishing when he was able. No matter where Leslie was, Bacon was never far behind him, following in the pawprints of the shop dogs of the past that Leslie had loved and cared for.

He was preceded in death by his father, Laurel “Sonny” Dougherty; stepfather, Lou Davis; grandparents, Orel Dougherty and Lucy and Art

Borman; brother-in-law Mike “Pudgy” Couture; and other family and friends.

Leslie is survived by his sons, Jesse (Chrystal) Dougherty and Josh (Missy) Dougherty; mother, Betty Davis; sister, Kim (Steve) Amatuzio; brother, Lyle (Tracy) Dougherty; significant other, Peggy (Rose) Dougherty; grandson, Elijah Hauser; and several cousins and friends.

A memorial service will be held at a later (warmer) date, as Leslie despised winter. Arrangements entrusted to Atkins Northland Funeral Home, Cloquet. To sign the guestbook and leave an online tribute see, www.atkinsnorthlandfuneralhome.com.

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Gerald “Jerry” Raymond Maki

Gerald “Jerry” Raymond Maki passed away Jan. 14, 2022 in Englewood, Florida. Jerry was born May 5, 1938, to Emil and Helen Maki. Emil was a Merchant Marine turned carpenter and Helen was from a farm family in Floodwood. Jerry and his sister Charlene grew up in Cloquet.

Jerry graduated from Cloquet High School in 1956, then attended the University of Minnesota Duluth and studied to be a high school shop teacher. Shortly before he finished college, and in the midst of the Vietnam crisis, a friend convinced him to join the Air National Guard. After basic training, and more than a year of training in Denver for his radar specialty, he returned to the Midwest and found a job as a shop teacher in Kenosha, Wisconsin. There, he met Cindy Hosken in September 1962. They were married June 15, 1963. They moved to Madison, Wisconsin in July, where he started a new teaching job in September. Three years later, their first child, Eric, was born, and 18 months later Craig followed.

Jerry returned to college to get his master’s degree in home design in 1970, and went to work as an architect in Madison. He then returned to teaching and moved to Jackson, Minnesota to teach drafting at the vocational school. Ryan was born in 1971, and a year later they had their

fourth child, daughter Jennifer.

While teaching, Jerry became restless and wanted to design homes rather than teaching how to draw them. At the time they were making trips to Englewood, Florida to visit Cindy’s mother, and in 1981 he decided to move his family of six there, where he designed and built their final home in 1988. Jerry found great success in designing many homes in Boca Grande, Palm Island and the surrounding area, as well as commercial buildings. As his building designs became more impressive, he joined and received many awards from the American Institute of Building Design, and his homes were showcased in homebuilding magazines.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 58 years, Cynthia Maki; his sister Charlene Hagen; his four children, Eric Maki, Craig Maki, Ryan Maki and Jennifer Tucker; as well as his six grandchildren, Brooke Maki, Brendan Maki, Olivia Maki, Kaitlyn Tucker, Lauren Maki and Ashton Tucker.

A Celebration of Life was held Jan. 23 at the Lemon Bay Funeral Home in Englewood.

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Mitchell Rontti

Mitchell Rontti passed away Feb. 5, 2022. Mitch was born in Duluth to Joyce Carlson. He grew up in Cloquet and graduated from Cloquet High School in 1977. He graduated from Dunwoody college in 1979, followed by his first job where he worked in Hibbing for two years before relocating to the Twin Cities area, where he worked 30-plus years for the Custom Conveyor Corporation. Mitch and Deb (Cabak) were married Aug. 19, 1986. Mitch resided in Elk River for most of his adult life before moving to Rogers in 2015. He was a tough but proud coach to his boys, Drew and Matt, in their years of youth football and baseball. He then became a baseball umpire and football referee after Drew and Matt moved into high school sports. Mitch loved to travel with Deb to many places throughout the country and to visit his military son, Drew, wherever he was stationed, including when Drew and his family were most recently in Germany. Mitch was the proudest military dad. Mitch was also incredibly proud of Matt, who followed in his footsteps through his high school

football career and passion for engineering and, after graduating from the University of Minnesota, has gone on to work numerous jobs in the mechanical engineering field. Mitch’s happy place was his cabin in Wright, on Lake Tamarack. He loved to hunt, fish, boat, snowmobile and go four-wheeling. His favorite part was probably the sauna, and seeing whether he could get it to higher temps and follow up with a dip in the lake no matter the temperature.

Mitch is survived by Deb, his loving wife of 35 years; his sons, Drew (Kacie) and Matt (Anna) Rontti; his mother, Joyce Carlson; brother, Chad Carlson; father-in-law, James (Erma) Cabak; his four grandchildren, James, Joel, Owen and Arlo; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

He is preceded in death by his father, Richard Carlson.

A celebration of life will be had both publicly and privately at various times.

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DEATH NOTICE

Ronald Edward Peterson, 90, of Carlton passed away peacefully Jan. 31, 2022, in his home. Visitation: 11 a.m. until the noon celebration of life service Saturday, March 5 in Bethesda Lutheran Church, Carlton. A luncheon will follow in the church social hall. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Cemetery in Moose Lake in the spring. Arrangements entrusted to Atkins Northland Funeral Home, Cloquet.

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