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Services: Pending arrangements  
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### James Russell, Jr.

Age: 61  
From: Fergus Falls, MN  
Passed Away: Wed., June 25  
No services to be held  
Funeral Home: Karvonen Funeral Home  
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### Alesia Geifry

Age: 62  
From: Bertha, MN, formerly of Waite Park, MN  
Passed Away: Fri., June 27  
Where: Astera Health, Wadena, MN  
Celebration of Life will be held at a later date  
Funeral Home: Karvonen Funeral Home  
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### Aaron M. Tast

Age: 51  
From: St. Cloud, MN, formerly of Wadena, MN  
Passed Away: Fri., June 27  
Where: Essentia Health - St. Joseph Medical Center, Brainerd, MN  
Visitation: Sun., July 6, 4-7pm at Karvonen Funeral Home, Wadena, MN, and one hour prior to the service  
Funeral Service: Mon., July 7, 11am  
Location: Karvonen Funeral Home, Wadena, MN  
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### Lucille Eckhardt



On November 14, 1969, she was remarried to the love of her life, George Eckhardt. Together they built their dream home on Long Lake, where they spent their days side by side enjoying the beauty of nature, a shared love for simple joys, and deep companionship. Lucille enjoyed crafting, sewing, cross-stitching, watching birds, especially hummingbirds at the feeder, reading, or working on puzzles, and her presence brought warmth and calm. She also enjoyed gardening with her husband, cooking, and baking.

Lucille's life was deeply rooted in faith. Psalm 121 was her favorite, a source of strength and peace: "I lift my eyes up to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth..." This passage reflects her trust in God's constant care and her belief that He watched over her every step, even unto her final days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; all seven of her siblings — Milt, Arthur, Corrine, Fran, Alice, Arlene, and Marge; her husband George; and two sons, Jeffrey and Norman Everson.

Lucille leaves behind a legacy of love through her daughter, Barbara Holl of Lexington, KY; her grandchildren Melissa Mears and Krista Cassel (of Barbara), Joshua and Justin Everson and Jessica Gardner (of Norman), and Michelle Cassias, Kimberly Everson, and Heather Amundson (of Jeffrey); and numerous great-grandchildren who will carry forward the lessons of love, faith, and quiet strength she so beautifully modeled.

Her life was a testimony of grace, and her memory will continue to shine in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Visitation: 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at Olson Funeral & Cremation, Fergus Falls.  
Funeral Service: 11:00 a.m., Tuesday July 8, 2025 at Olson Funeral & Cremation  
Clergy: Reverend Craig Wentzel  
Interment: First Lutheran Cemetery, Battle Lake.

Arrangements provided by Olson Funeral & Cremation in Fergus Falls.  
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Lucille Kathleen Eckhardt, 98, of Fergus Falls, peacefully entered her heavenly home on Sunday, June 29, 2025, at PioneerCare. A woman of quiet strength, she lived independently until the last several weeks when various health issues brought her to long-term care where she spent ample time in her last days reminiscing, giggling and storytelling with her daughter, nieces, and caregivers.

Born on December 30, 1926, in Vining, Minnesota, Lucille was the beloved daughter of Sankey and Alma (Floen) Peterson. She was one of eight children and grew up on the family farm near Battle Lake, where she learned the value of hard work, humility, and caring for others. After becoming a proud graduate of Battle Lake High School's Class of 1945, Lucille found her calling in the field of nursing, dedicating her career to caring for others in various settings, including her work as a psychiatric aide at the Fergus Falls State Hospital. Her kindness and gentle nature touched the lives of many.

In June 1951, Lucille married Oliver Everson and faithfully supported him during his service in the U.S. Air Force, moving from Minnesota to Colorado and New Mexico. Together, they welcomed three children — Barbara, Jeffrey, and Norman.

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## SHADY STUFF

By Bev Johnson, WOT Master Gardener

Have you ever met a gardener who was happy with this year's garden? Never happens. The gardener's mantra is "it will look better/ different next year." They can always find a corner that needs improving or re-doing. The biggest problem for many gardeners is shade. If it is in heavy shade, where it gets no sun any time of the day, forget planting any plants. They will simply turn up their leaves and die. There are options, though. How about an Oriental garden? Spread different colors of mulch in a pattern. Or sand that you can rake into designs. Add a few interesting rocks or driftwood, or a statue. Or maybe a bird bath. Birds are attracted to water if there is shelter nearby where they can hide from bigger birds and the neighbor's cat. Maybe you have an interesting piece of machinery or a kid's old trike or wagon - use your imagination.

If you have partial or filtered shade, say under a mature tree, where the soil is thin, you can add about 2 to 3 inches of soil in the spaces between roots. This may be deep enough for shallow rooted plants like impatiens. Or wild violets. They are attractive when they bloom as are the leaves when they are done. Sillia bulbs will add spring color, or even crocus bulbs will brighten the area in the spring. If there is sun part of the day, morning is best, and you have several feet of soil, you have a whole nursery full of plants that will do well there. You can let your inner artist run wild. For a tall accent plant perennial astilbe. It gets about 18 to 24 feet tall. They have a feathery bloom in reds, pinks and white. Another tall gal is pink spike bugbane or Actaea. Foliage is deeply cut dark bronze-purple. The 4 to 5-foot-tall flowers are long bottlebrush-like and they smell good. Bleeding hearts will do well in part shade and add spring color. Coral bells come in many leaf colors. They add color and texture to shady spots. If you like a more natural look, native Solomon's seal has white edged green leaves on elegantly arched stems. Ghost fern has apple green feathery fronds that have frosty overtones and dark purple stems. Plant an Alexander's Great Brunnera with it. Its leaves are large, round, and silver with green veins. It will spread 30 inches and get a foot or more tall. Native ferns are nice, and you can usually dig them in a wooded area. Be aware that they tend to get out of control, which is fine in some places like a shady hill you can't mow.

Of course there are always hostas, the cast iron plant. They come in many shades of green from chartreuses, yellow, bright green, almost blue and striped. Some like Madam Woo are shrub sized; others are more civilized. You can split hostas almost anytime during the growing season, but spring is best as it gives them all summer to recover. Surprisingly, some hostas will do well in full sun if it is only part of the day. They will even grow in slightly soggy soil.

Want to try a pink border? Start with a dark pink astilbe fronted by a variegated Solomon's seal. Add some impatiens, ¼ dark pink, ¼ light pink and ½ medium pink. To prevent it looking like it was planted in the dark by a drunk, stick to pinks with white and green accents. Shade isn't always bad.

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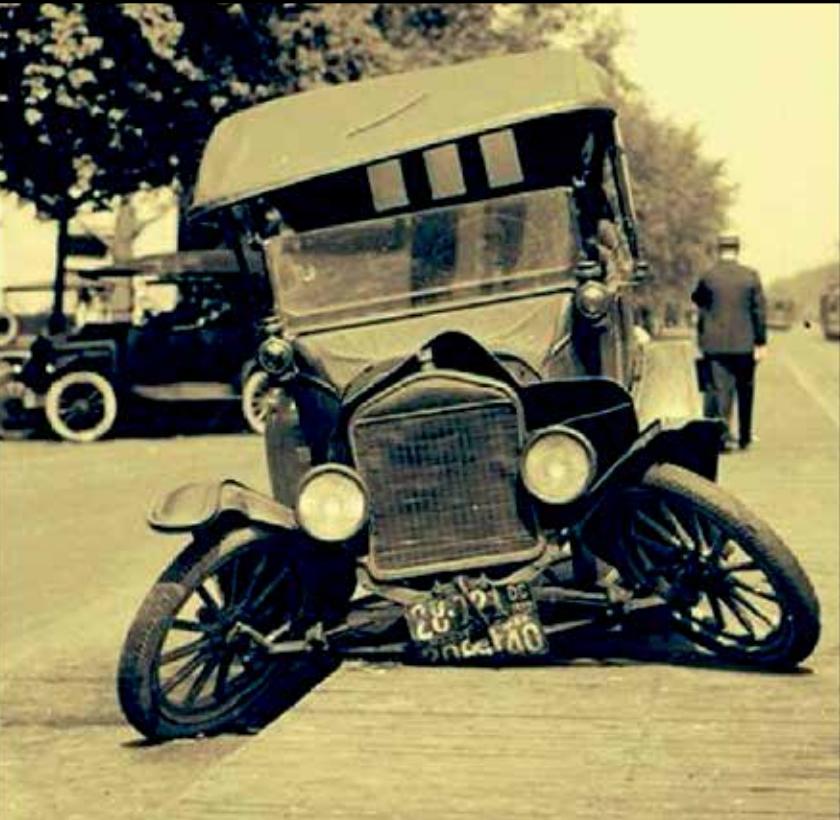
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