

# Hiles News

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I want to wish everyone a belated Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I had good intentions in December but as usual life completely got away. So I'll try and make up for it now and wrap up last year and hopefully bring in a happy New Year.

2021 was definitely another crazy year. We lost many good friends but also made many new memories. Unfortunately for us, much of December was spent dealing with Covid. My husband Dan got sick Thanksgiving, was hospitalized the beginning of December, and to our great sadness passed away December 28th. It was a long month with many ups and downs for us but also a month of being overwhelmed with support from our town family. I was reminded once again how blessed we are to live in Hiles; because I can't thank everyone enough for what has been done for our family. And I also know that as we continue to heal, we'll be ok. His funeral will be this Saturday at noon at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crandon with visitation from 9am to noon at the church. A luncheon after mass will follow at the Hiles Town Hall. Dan is survived by myself, our five children Brianna, James, Ceara, Grace and John, and his sisters Peggy (Jeff) Gelhar, Eileen (Burt) Green and Mary (Tom) Day along with their children and many extended cousins.

Our town also lost two other friends within the last month or so. One of them, while not a resident of Hiles, was often seen in Hiles and always managed to show up at any event that was going on. Chester or Chet Twardowski was born in Goodman and ended up in Eagle River. He is survived by nieces Peggy (Jay) Jameson and Helen (John) Houts of Wabeno and nephews Chuck (Kris) Twardowski and John (Dawn) Twardowski and their families and many friends. The other one we lost was Terry Rausch. Terry and his brother Eddy who preceded him in death were both long time residents of Hiles. I'm sure everyone who knew him will remember his Elvis impersonator. He would smile and morph into Elvis at the drop of a hat. We will miss him as well.

For 2022, I am excited to announce that the ice skating rink will once again be available at the Hiles park by the Hiles Town Hall. Keep your eyes open for it! Thank you to the Hiles Fire Department for once again putting this on for everyone. I know of one of mine especially who will love it!

Have a great week everyone! Keep us all in your prayers as we go forward in this new year. We are looking forward to 2022 as a whole being better than ever for everyone.