

OBITUARIES

**Anthony DeMaro**

Anthony (Tony) DeMaro, age 87, of Yankton passed away on Sunday, April 18, 2010 at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Memorial Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at the United Church of Christ (Congregational), Yankton with Rev. Joe Schulte officiating.

Visitations will be two hours prior to the service at the church. Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, is in charge of arrangements.

Tony was born to Jimmy and Marquerite (Moutard) DeMaro on November 26, 1922 in Nebraska City, NE. He grew up in Nebraska City and attended St. Mary's Grade School, graduating from eighth grade in May 1936, before graduating from St. Bernard's Academy High School in Nebraska City on June 2, 1940. Tony entered the University of Nebraska (Peru campus) in August 1940 and later graduated with a music major in August 1946.

After the United States entered World War II, Tony was called into service with the U.S.

Army in 1942. He was shipped to Fort Knox, KY for 8 weeks of Basic Training before being shipped to Fort Meade, MD. While there, he had the opportunity to play with many professional musicians in the Fort Meade Post Band. The army then shipped Tony to Camp Shanks, NY which was a port of debarkation and reassigned to the 8th Armored Group. He boarded the Santa Paula (a converted cruise ship), which sailed 14 days in the "coffin corner" of a convoy of 41 ships to Cardiff, Wales.

Upon landing in Cardiff, he boarded a train to Kiddeminstor, England and was later trucked to Stourport-on-the-Severn where he was barracked in the hospital huts until D-Day plus 6 (June 12, 1944). His unit conducted intense training while in England, but Tony managed to take a pass to Birmingham, England and was scheduled for another one in London that was canceled because of the invasion of Normandy (D-Day) on June 6, 1944. He boarded an LST on June 12, 1944 and landed at Utah Beach, just outside St. Mere Eglise, France.

Tony's unit was assigned to the 20th Corps (General Walker's Ghost Corps) under General George Patton's 3rd Army and traveled across France, Germany and Luxembourg, while staying in chateaus, before running out of gas at Metz, France. Tony's unit was moved up into the Battle of the Bulge where his tank was blown up and his crew all killed. Tony was injured from the blast but was saved when he was blown from the tank. For his actions that day, Tony was decorated with the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star Medals.

His unit ended up at Kelheim, Czechoslovakia on the Blue Danube River at the War's end in May 1945. He was then shipped to cigarette camps in Cherbourg, France in preparation to be shipped home. Tony then boarded the USS George Washington for a 4 day sailing trip back to the United States. The ship docked at Fort Miles Standish in Boston,



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MA on his birthday on November 26, 1945. He was processed and boarded a train to Fort Leavenworth, KS and was discharged and arrived home on December 1, 1945.

After the war, Tony finished his college degree in music and social studies/physical education and graduated on August 2, 1946. He met his first wife, Betty Petty, on campus and they married on August 7, 1946. His first teaching job was in Scranton, IA as a band director and it was here that his first two children were born: daughter, Toni in 1947 and son, Randy in 1949.

Tony was recalled into U.S. Army for the Korean War on October 1, 1950 and shipped to Fort Lewis, WA for training. He was assigned to Fort Myers, VA for training before being assigned to the Letterman's Army Hospital in San Francisco, CA to work with the wounded arriving from Korea in the Physical Reconditioning Clinic (PRC). He was then sent Brook Army Medical Center in San Antonio, TX and graduated 2nd in his class with a certification as a Physical Reconditioning

Technician. He then returned to San Francisco and continued work in the PRC until he was discharged on August 7, 1951.

Tony came home and was hired in 1951 as a band director in Rockwell City, IA where his son Rick was born in 1954. He moved on to become band director in 1955 at Grinnell, IA where his son Chris was born in 1961. Later on in 1965, he became the band director at Douglas High School in Rapid City, SD. He worked on a Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling at Drake University in Des Moines, IA and Creighton University in Omaha, NE finishing in 1970 at South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD. Tony and his family moved to Yankton, SD in the summer of 1968 and in the fall became a counselor at the Yankton Middle School until his retirement in the spring of 1990. Tony married Joyce Savage in the chapel of the Congregational Church on June 21, 1980 in Yankton.

Through the years, Tony loved taking trips and traveled to California, Hawaii, Minnesota, Wisconsin, the Black Hills,

Maine, Nebraska, Iowa, Virginia, New England, Oregon, Canada and abroad to France, Italy, England and Scotland.

Tony is survived by his wife, Joyce DeMaro of Yankton; daughter, Toni (Joe) Anderson of West Newberry, MA; sons: James (Linda) DeMaro of Belvidere, N.J., Rick (Nancy) DeMaro of Byfield, MA and Chris DeMaro of Omaha, NE; 10 grandchildren and many loving great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, George (Theresa) DeMaro of Cozad, NE; and stepchildren: Kim (Bob) Dickson of Minneapolis, MN and Chris Savage of Yankton, SD. He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family requests that memorials be directed to the Yankton School District 63-3 Foundation, P.O. Box 1048, Yankton, SD 57078.

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www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com

**William Wiedenfeld**

William Robert Wiedenfeld, age 30, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Saturday, April 17, 2010 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.



Wiedenfeld

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with Reverend Mark Lichter officiating. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery in Yankton. Visitation is Tuesday from

3:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home with a vigil service, time of sharing, and video tribute at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the funeral on Wednesday.

Pallbearers are Tracy Lammers, John Lammers, Jesse Lammers, Eric Bynum, Jason Bynum, Dustin Olson, Justin Uthe, and John Fitzgerald. William "Bill" Wiedenfeld, was born November 17, 1979, in Mitchell, South Dakota, and was adopted by Robert and Jacqueline (McCoy) Wiedenfeld of Yankton. He grew up and attended school in Yankton graduating from Yankton High School in 1998. He attended Northeast

Community College where he graduated with a degree in mechanics in 2000. He worked at various locations in Yankton, most recently he was employed at John's Service in Yankton as a mechanic.

He loved to ride motorcycles, collect relic guns, he was an avid gamer, and loved spending time with his friends and family, but especially his children, who he loved dearly.

Survivors include his five children, Dylan, Rasen, Jackson, Cora, and Kami; step-daughter, Lily; fiancé, Jackie Lammers of Yankton; sister, Sandy Wiedenfeld of Yankton; niece and nephew, Hayleigh and Ashton of Yankton; birth mother,

Jan Ragland of Ada, Oklahoma; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

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**Dorothy Maruska**

Funeral services for Dorothy Irene Maruska of Yankton and formerly of Scotland will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 21 at the United Methodist Church in Scotland with Pastor Kathy Kluis officiating. Organist will be Jeanine Herman. Interment will follow in St. George Cemetery, Scotland.

Casketbearers will be Marlin Kocourek, Ryan Kocourek, Arnie Kocourek, Steve Maruska, Jim Maruska and Mark Grambihler. Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., with the family present to greet visitors from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Goglin Funeral Home in Scotland. Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

Dorothy Irene Maruska was born Thursday, October 25, 1934 in Hutchinson County near Olivet, South Dakota. Her parents were Albert and Anna (Zweifel) Kocourek. Dorothy was united in marriage to Francis "Blubber" Maruska in 1953 in Olivet. She worked for a time at Gurney's in Yankton and the creamery in Scotland. She always kept a wonderful garden that provided fresh produce for her and Blubber. He passed away in 1985. Dorothy loved her dogs, and she enjoyed going out to eat with her relatives and friends. Her sisters-in-law, Nellie Maruska

and Marge Turner, helped Dorothy during the last 10 years that she was able to stay in her home in Scotland. Due to advancing ill health, she spent the last four years in nursing care in Yankton. Dorothy passed away on Saturday, April 17, 2010 in Yankton, South Dakota, having attained the age of 75 years, 5 months and 22 days.

Dorothy is survived by one brother, Louis Kocourek of Sioux Falls; four sisters-in-law: Marge Turner of Scotland, Nellie (Norman) Maruska of Scotland, Carol (Ray) Grambihler of Ethan, and Deanna (Gerald) Maruska of Mission, Texas; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Dorothy is preceded in death by her husband, Francis "Blubber" Maruska; one brother, Francis Kocourek; and two sisters: Shirley Ulmer and Diana Volmer.

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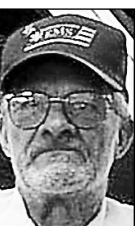
**Gary Steinbach**

Gary D. Steinbach, age 68, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Friday, April 16, 2010, at his residence in Yankton.

Memorial services will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, April 23, 2010, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with Reverend Oliver Omanson officiating.

Gary worked for various local car dealerships in Yankton in the parts department. He married Donna Dougherty on April 8, 1984, in Yankton. Gary worked for the City of Yankton as a jailer for four years and also as an EMT for Yankton County EMS for 19 years.

his country during the Vietnam War. After the war, he moved to California where he worked as a shoe salesman for four years until moving to Yankton in 1968. For many years, Gary worked for various local car dealerships in Yankton in the parts department. He married Donna Dougherty on April 8, 1984, in Yankton. Gary worked for the City of Yankton as a jailer for four years and also as an EMT for Yankton County EMS for 19 years.



Steinbach

He was a life member of the Yankton VFW, where he served on the honor guard. He loved bowling, hunting, fishing, his dogs, spending time with his friends and family, and was a great storyteller.

Survivors include his wife, Donna of Yankton; four step-children, Shelly Grosshuesch of Yankton, Shaun Habeger of Yankton, Galen Slagle of Vermillion, South Dakota, and Michael Slagle of Rapid City, South Dakota; four grandchildren, Kellee Ashes, Robert Grosshuesch, Justin Grosshuesch, and Aidan Slagle; great granddaughter, Kiana Irvin; and special cousin, Muriel

"Midge" Hall of Elk Point, South Dakota.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Richard and Charles Steinbach.

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**Harold Korves**

FAIRFAX, Va. — Harold Judson "Corky" Korves, Master Chief Petty Officer E-9 USCG Retired, passed away at Fairfax, VA on April 12, 2010 at the age of 90 years. He was born in Yankton, SD to Albert J. and Ethel M. Korves.

Wake services will be held at the Everly Funeral Home in Fairfax, VA on Wednesday April 21 with Mass of Christian Burial at noon on Thursday, April 22nd at

St. Michaels Church in Annandale Va. Interment with Full Military Honors will be held in Arlington National Cemetery.

He is survived by his children, Corky (Jeanie) Korves Doug, Patricia

Hayes (John) Frank (Pierra) and Mary Korves, brother, Aubrey Vernon (Aub) Korves of Sacramento, CA, twelve grandchildren and six great grandchildren. He was predeceased by His beloved wife Patricia (nee

O'Connor) Korves and siblings, John E. (Ted) Korves and Helen (Korves) Turen.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Christ House, 131 South West St., Alexandria, VA 22314.

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**Dawn Starlin**

SANTEE, Neb. — Dawn LaVere Starlin, 46, of Santee, Neb., died

Sunday (April 18, 2010).

Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Oyate Oyanke Community Center, Santee, with Ron Thomas officiating. Burial will follow at the Congregational Cemetery, Santee.

Prayer services start at 7 p.m. today (Tuesday) and continue Wednesday at the community center.

Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton, is in charge of the arrangements.

SCHOOL

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Other business included: • Certifying the results of the recent school board election held last Tuesday. Chris Specht and Jim Fitzgerald were confirmed as the two new board members;

• Adopting the high school handbook. Significant changes include amending the graduation requirements for incoming freshmen per new state laws and moving some policies to online availability only;

• Adopting the K-12 music curriculum. Changes include splitting the combined grades 4-5-6 orchestra curriculum into individualized fourth, fifth and sixth grade curriculum because of the diversity of skills in the

three grades; • Adopting the Classified Employee Handbook, which clarifies the duties and classifications of all classified positions within the district; and,

• Adding a voluntary disability insurance option to the voluntary supplemental insurance options and an optional debit card for the flex plan program.

The next meeting of the Yankton School Board will be held 5:30 p.m. Monday, May 17.



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**Sister Ethel Sprakel**  
11:00 AM, Wednesday  
Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel  
Yankton

**Gary D. Steinbach**  
2:00 PM, Friday  
Wintz & Ray Funeral Home  
Yankton



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