

## OBITUARIES

**Olive Grosz**

Olive M. Grosz, age 103 passed away on Thursday, April 22, 2010 at the Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Memorial services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Yankton with Rev. Dave Wildermuth officiating.

Visitations will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Lunch to follow after the service. Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton is in charge of the arrangements.

Olive Marie was born July 10th, 1906 to Julius and Maria (Brost) Schmiedt at Ashley, North Dakota. She married Solomon Grosz March 10th, 1926 at Forrestburg, South Dakota. They farmed near Olivet, SD until 1941 when they moved to Sacramento, CA where her parents and other siblings lived. In 1945, because of the war with Japan, they moved back to South Dakota purchasing a farm west of Yankton. In 1950, they moved to Yankton where Olive and Solomon purchased the Snack Bar on 3rd Street. She was a fabulous cook and cooked in



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restaurants many years, including the Coney Island and Our Place Two in Nebraska and the Gurney Hotel. She was also an elderly caregiver for many years. Even though Olive was much older than the people she cared for. In the early years of marriage, she had incubators in the basement of her home and hatched baby chickens for many people.

Olive is survived by her son, Raymond (Lou) Grosz of Omaha, NE; daughter, Doris Svendsen of Yankton, SD; daughter, Carolyn (Melvin) Barington of Mitchell, SD; Grandsons: David (Lisa) Grosz, Dan (Danette) Grosz, Steve (Heather) Grosz, James Grosz, all of Omaha, NE, Randy (Valerie) Svendsen of Volin, SD, Michael Barington of Sioux Falls, SD, and Marty (Mary Ellen) Barington of Mitchell, SD; Granddaughters: Linda (John) Hiller, Laura (Mark) Bashus, Beth Dohn, all of Omaha, NE, Pam (Jack) Winegardner of West Park, FL and Cindy (Shawn)

Dunlap of Red Lion, PA; 15 Great Grandchildren; 1 Great Great Grandchild.

Olive was preceded in death by her husband, Solomon, parents, Julius and Maria Schmiedt, brothers: Emil, Raymond, Herbert, Edwin, and Paul Schmiedt; sisters: Edna Eastman, Nettie Grosz, and Erna Triebwasser, also 4 siblings in infancy, son-in-law, Earl Svendsen, grandsons: Jonathon Grosz and Riley Barington, and her wonderful friend and dancing partner, Bill Rezac.

After church services on Saturday evening she was ready to go dancing — even at 101 years old. At 98 she was picked up for speeding and received a \$96.00 fine! We love and miss you Mom — Ray, Doris and Carolyn.

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www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com

**Stanley Matson**

Stanley James Matson, 76, of Sioux Falls, formerly of Springfield, passed away on Saturday, April 24, 2010 at the Royal C. Johnson Veterans Hospital in Sioux Falls.

Funeral services will begin at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at Heritage Funeral Home with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 1:00 p.m. Monday at Heritage Funeral Home with the family present from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Stan was born on September 15, 1933 to Roy and Viola Matson in Elk Point, SD where he attended and graduated from high school. After high school Stan served with the United States Air Force from 1953 until his honorable discharge in 1961.

Stan married Irene Fischer on September 29, 1962 and lived in Elk Point, Kaylor and Scotland before moving to Springfield, SD in 1971. Stan retired after serving 25 years as chief of police for the community of Springfield. In 2008 Stan and Irene moved to Sioux Falls due to Stan's failing health. Irene devotedly cared for Stan at the home until it was necessary to place him in Hospice/Palliative care at the VA Medical Center late last winter.

Stan enjoyed fishing and spent many evenings catching fish from the banks of the Missouri with close friends. Stan was instrumental in the construction of the Springfield Golf Course and spent many hours enjoying the game. On Sunday he could be found with his friends watching football or NASCAR. Stan was a practical joker and played many jokes on his friends and in return had many played on him. When his grandkids would stay with him on the weekends it became a ritual to go for a ride after getting a "Bear Claw" for the Casey's store in the mornings. Stan's humor and wit will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Grateful for having shared his life are: his wife, Irene, Sioux Falls; son Tim and his wife, Cindy, Hartford, and two grandsons, Spencer and Noah; two sisters, Betty Siebens, Port Angeles, WA;



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Nancy (Joel) Ryan, Elk Point, SD; a brother, Josef Matson, Clive, IA; two sisters-in-law, Barbara and Lois Matson, Sioux Falls and many nieces and nephews. His online obituary and register book can be viewed at www.heritagefsd.com.

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**Dorothy Engelbrecht**

Dorothy F. Roberts Engelbrecht passed away on April 24, 2010 in her home at The Inn on Westport, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Dorothy Fern Donley was born to Thomas and Frances (McKercher) Donley on January 3, 1920 on the family farm near Melham in Clark County, SD. She attended grade school in Melham and graduated in 1938 from Washington High School in Sioux Falls. She worked as a secretary for American News and Dr. Pepper Bottling Company following graduation.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husbands, parents, brothers LuVerne, Harry, Jack and Tom Donley, sisters Agnes Trent, Lois Tibke, Terry Greene, Stella Sorenson and grandson James Magorien.

Dorothy is survived by her children Kay (Kerry) Kasulka, Sioux Falls; Diane (Bill) Tschetter, Keystone, SD; Thomas (Linda) Roberts, Sioux Falls; James (Connie) Roberts, Sioux Falls; Irvin (Peggy) Engelbrecht, Jr, Lufkin, TX; 20 grandchildren, 38 great grandchildren and 1 great-great granddaughter; sisters-in-law Carolyn Jorgensen, Miriam Engelbrecht, brothers-in-law Lawrence Sorenson and Roger Tibke plus numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Tuesday, 5 p.m. at Barnett-Lewis Funeral Home with family present at 6 p.m. and a Scripture Vigil at 7 p.m. Funeral Service will be Wednesday, 11 a.m. at United Methodist Church in Wausa, NE.

A complete obituary and on-line registry is available at barnett-lewis-funeralhome.com.

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**George Powell**

WESSINGTON SPRINGS — George Marvin Powell, 88, of Wessington Springs died Saturday morning (April 24, 2010) at the Weskota Manor/Avera Health, Wessington Springs.

Funeral services are at 2 p.m. Tuesday at United Church of Christ, Wessington Springs, with the Rev. Sara Olson Dean officiating. Burial will be in Prospect Hill Cemetery with military rites by the Willman-Fea American Legion Post 14.

Friends may call at the Basham Funeral Home, Wessington Springs, at 5-8 p.m. today (Monday) and at the church on Tuesday one hour prior to the service. A Masonic Service will be held at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the funeral home.

**Dale Fryda**

SPRINGFIELD — Dale E. Fryda, 86, of Springfield died Saturday (April 24, 2010) at the Good Samaritan Society in Tyndall.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Vincent Catholic Church, Springfield, with the Rev. Ken Johnson of Our Savior Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in the Springfield Cemetery, with military honor.

Visitation is 2-7 p.m. Tuesday, with the family present from 6-7 p.m., at Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home, Springfield.

**Dennis Kaiser**

Dennis R. Kaiser, 80, of Yankton died Saturday (April 24, 2010) at Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton.

Arrangements are pending with Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Yankton.

**Alvin Ackerman**

Alvin Ackerman, 89, of Yankton and formerly of McLaughlin, died at his residence Saturday (April 24, 2010).

Services are pending under the direction and care of Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton.

"That seems to be the best time, because kids aren't involved in so many activities yet," she said.

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being in the middle school, I just decided I would do fifth-graders," Veldhuizen said. "When they get into middle school, that's when struggles really start, so I thought I should catch them before they got into middle school."

One of the reasons the class was established was so class

members and other residents might get involved in "Open Class" at the Yankton County Fair.

"You have to be a member of 4-H to exhibit and ribbon at the fair right now," Veldhuizen said. "So this year, I'm organizing an open class for food and nutrition for 7-year-olds through 18-year-olds so that anybody in Yankton County in that age bracket can bring something in the foods category."

She also hopes to hold another "Cooking Is Fun" course next spring.

**Donald Cisar**

SCOTLAND — Funeral services for Don Cisar of Scotland will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 27 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Scotland with Rev. David Ellis officiating. Organist will be Harriet Schaeffer. Interment will follow in Rosehill Cemetery, Scotland.

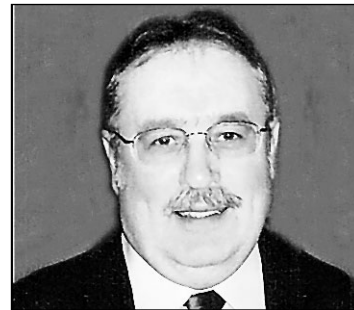
Honorary casketbearers are Don's co-workers at NuStar Energy and all of his family, friends and past co-workers. Casketbearers are Mike Bame, Billy Schneider, Corey Vaith, Whitey Stout, Richard Walloch and Jason Conrad.

There will be military graveside rites by the Paul Grossheusch VFW Post #2966 of Scotland and the South Dakota Army National Guard Military Funeral Honor Guard.

Visitation will be held on Monday from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Goglin Funeral Home in Scotland. There will be a prayer service on Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

Donald Steve Cisar was born on Thursday, December 7, 1950 at Yankton, South Dakota. His parents were Charles and Adeline (Placek) Cisar. He grew up in Scotland and graduated from Scotland High School in 1969. After high school, he was drafted into the Army and served from 1970 to 1971 in Vietnam. After his military service, Don attended Mitchell VoTech and earned a degree in Electrical Construction



Donald Cisar

and Maintenance.

Don was united in marriage to Barbara Mutschelknaus at Martinus Lutheran Church in Utica on October 28, 1972. Following his graduation from Mitchell VoTech, they moved to Gillette, Wyoming, where Don worked as an electrician in a coal mine.

Then in 1992 he began teaching the Electrical Construction and Maintenance program at Mitchell VoTech. Don spent the last years of his near 40-year career as an electrician working for NuStar Energy.

He was an active member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, where he served as a trustee. He was a lifetime member of the Scotland V.F.W. He served on the advisory board at Mitchell VoTech and was a member of the Scotland Volunteer Fire Department.

Don loved fishing and hunting, particularly for catfish and pheasants. He enjoyed smoking and barbecuing many different kinds of meats. Don shared each of his passions with his three boys, each in a special way. He also enjoyed

traps shooting on a local league. He was known for his perfectionism in his work and his willingness to help anyone that needed him.

Don died suddenly on Friday, April 23, 2010 at Lakes Regional Healthcare in Spirit Lake, Iowa, having attained the age of 59 years, 4 months and 16 days.

Don's memory will live forever in the hearts of his wife, Barb Cisar of Scotland; his three sons: Patrick (Jennifer) Cisar and their daughter, Georgia of Kansas City, Kansas, Topher (Amy) Cisar and their children Hannah, Hailey, Hadyson and Hudson of Sioux Falls and Jon Cisar of Sioux Falls; his mother, Adeline Cisar of Scotland; and his brother, Jim Cisar of Scotland. He is also survived by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Filmore and Darlene Mutschelknaus of Lesterville, his many brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, all of their families, and a multitude of friends.

Don was preceded in death by his father, Charles Cisar in 1985.

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**Helen Gearhart**

Longtime Anchorage, AK resident Helen E. Gearhart passed away April 23rd, 2010, under hospice care at the home of her daughter Lynette Bolle in Yankton, SD.

A memorial service will be 11:00 a.m. Tuesday April 27, 2010 at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton.



Gearhart

Mrs. Gearhart was born at Otis, Kansas, on October 25th, 1922, and relocated with her family to Bison, Kansas, where she graduated from Bison High School. After receiving her teaching credentials from Fort Hays State College in Hays, Kansas, Helen taught in one-room

schoolhouses in the area of Otis, Olmitz, and Bison, Kansas.

Upon completion of Business Administration courses, Mrs. Gearhart became the general manager for Parrish Hotel in Great Bend, Kansas. Helen met and married Leon Gearhart and they had a family of two boys and two girls while living in Great Bend. In 1968, Helen and Leon and the two girls were moved to Anchorage, Alaska, by Leon's employer, Dowell Oilfield Services.

In Anchorage, Helen worked as a bookkeeper for several paving companies, including Mero Paving and Quality Asphalt Paving. Helen was an avid bowler and was a member of several award-winning bowling teams. She was also active in the Stewart Street neighborhood social life. Her many friends and neighbors were a source of joy and companionship to her.

Mrs. Gearhart is survived by her children: Tom Gearhart of Eagle River, Alaska; Dennis Gearhart of Woodinville, Washington; Beverly Gearhart of Anchorage, Alaska; and Lynette Bolle of Yankton, South Dakota. She is also survived by eleven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. In addition, Helen is survived by 2 nieces and 2 nephews and many great nephews & nieces.

Mrs. Gearhart was preceded in death by her husband, Leon.

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ing site compatibility with species known to thrive under certain conditions.

"Our objective was to end up with a mixture that would have the characteristics of a native grass prairie," Jacobson said.

The new goal is similar. If farmers can pick fuel-producing plants adapted to the terrain that offer longevity and

require less fertilizer, herbicide and insecticide, they can produce nonfood ethanol feedstocks that can better compete with corn.

For instance, prairie cordgrass is well adapted to wet, salty soils where corn, soybean, wheat and switch grass wouldn't do well, Boe said. A plant such as switch grass would perform better upland.

Boe said the next step would be to overlay a management scheme for periodic cuttings and harvesting of the perennial crops.

The cellulose ethanol indus-

try remains in its infancy, and it's not yet known what kind of feedstocks ethanol producers will require. The long-range plan calls for a diversity of feedstocks, but if producers want uniformity such as only bales of switch grass, farmers will have to fit into that. "I don't think anybody really knows that yet," Boe said.

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Our care and concern does not end with the funeral service. This week we remember with family and friends the anniversary of the deaths of:

**Eugene P. Auch**  
who passed away on  
April 27, 2009

**Judy C. Burgi**  
who passed away on  
April 29, 2009

**Charles R. Donovan**  
who passed away on  
April 30, 2009

**Lois Willcockson**  
who passed away on  
April 30, 2009

**Lavonne Blakey**  
who passed away on  
April 27, 2008

**Joseph Kubal**  
who passed away on  
April 25, 1984

**Delmer Diede**  
who passed away on  
May 2, 2003

**Lawrence Walloch**  
who passed away on  
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