

Child Sex Abuse Cases Going To Trial

PIERRE (AP) — The state Supreme Court has ruled that two cases of plaintiffs who say they were abused decades ago by a former staffer at a Catholic mission on the Rosebud Indian Reservation should go to trial.

The high court reversed a lower court's ruling this week on the two cases, but affirmed the circuit court's judgment against other individuals who had sued.

A handful of plaintiffs sued several Catholic organizations that oversaw the St. Francis Mission, saying they failed to safeguard children from abuse. The circuit court said the suits were barred by a 2010 law change.

But the Supreme Court ruled these two cases are different because the women only recently recalled or understood their abuse.

Plaintiffs' Attorney Michael Shubeck says the ruling could spur entities to better report abuse.

Wildfire Has Consumed 200 Acres

WALL (AP) — Emergency crews in western South Dakota are fighting a wildfire that has consumed more than 200 acres north of Wall.

The Pennington County Sheriff's Office says deputies were called to the "Denke Fire" around 10:30 a.m. on Thursday morning.

Fire units and first responders from several Pennington County agencies are on scene in addition to units from Phillip, Elm Springs and Ellsworth Air Force Base.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Nebraska

State May Repeal Death Penalty

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LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska is considering repealing the death penalty amid a shortage of lethal injection drugs, with legislation to eliminate capital punishment clearing a major hurdle Thursday.

Lawmakers voted 30-13 to advance the bill that would replace capital punishment with life imprisonment in first-degree murder cases. If that support holds, death penalty opponents would have enough votes to override Republican Gov. Pete Ricketts' promised veto.

A coalition of Republicans who voted for the bill cast the death penalty as a wasteful and bungling government program, but Ricketts released a statement urging them to reconsider.

Nebraska hasn't executed anyone since 1997 and has no way to carry out sentences for the 11 men sitting on death row because its supply of sodium thiopental, an anesthetic that's part of its execution protocol, expired in December

2013. Ricketts and Republican Attorney General Doug Peterson have vowed to find a solution, but the Department of Correctional Services has yet to obtain a new supply.

Death penalty states across the nation have been forced to find new drugs and new suppliers because pharmaceutical companies, many of which of which are based in Europe, have stopped selling them for executions. Some states are looking at alternatives. Tennessee passed a law last year to reinstate the electric chair if it can't get lethal injection drugs, and Utah has reinstated the firing squad as a backup method.

In Oklahoma, lawmakers have sent the governor a bill that would allow the state to use nitrogen gas hypoxia. That comes as executions there are on hold while the U.S. Supreme Court considers whether the state's three-drug method of lethal injection is constitutional. Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and Wyoming joined Alabama in a

court filing Wednesday urging the court to uphold the use of the sedative midazolam in executions.

If Nebraska's repeal passes, the state would join six others that have abolished the death penalty since 2000. The Delaware Senate voted last month to end capital punishment, but the bill faces an uphill battle in the House.

The Nebraska vote reflects a growing sentiment among some conservative residents that the state will never execute an inmate again.

"The question of the death penalty has been moving from one of whether you find it morally justifiable to one of whether you trust the government to carry it out properly," said Robert Dunham, executive director of the Death Penalty Information Center, a group that is critical of how the death penalty is carried out.

The bill must advance through two more rounds of voting in the one-house, nonpartisan Legislature, and death penalty supporters are still working to block the legislation.

OBITUARIES

Wilfred Kuehler

Wilfred L. Kuehler, age 81 of Hartington, Nebraska died on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 with family by his side at Park View Haven nursing home in Coleridge, NE.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Hartington with the Rev. Jeffery Loseke officiating. Burial will be at St. Michael's cemetery in Hartington.

Visitation will be on Friday, at church, from 5-8:00 p.m. with a vigil service at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will continue on Saturday at church one hour prior to services. Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington.

Pallbearers will be Jeremy Wuebben, Zach Wuebben, Michael Wuebben, Garret Dietze, Jon Van Bochove, Adam Van Bochove, and Christopher Van Bochove.

Honorary pallbearers will be Ashley Wuebben, Kim May, Erika Dietze Alexandra Kuehler, Breanne Kuehler, Steve Kuehler, Mark Kuehler, Steve Keiser.

Wilfred Louis Kuehler was born on May 22, 1933 to Louis and Rose (Schumacher) Kuehler on the home place southeast of Crofton. He graduated from Crofton Community School in 1951. After graduation



Kuehler

he joined the United States Air Force. He served during the Korean Conflict and witnessed the testing of the nuclear bomb. Upon returning home in 1955, Wilfred took over the family farm. Wilfred married Ann Marie Bart on September 8, 1964, and to this union four children were born. In addition to farming, he worked at Cimples in Yankton, SD and the NFO collection point in Hartington. He also raised Purebred Charolaise cattle. Wilfred overcame an accident shortly after this marriage that left him physically impaired. He was determined to overcome these many obstacles and challenges in his life and it left a lasting impression on his family and friends. Wilfred and Ann then moved to an acreage southwest of Hartington in 1973.

Wilfred was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church and held a perpetual adoration hour for many years. He was also a member of the Hartington VFW Post #5283 and the Wynot American Legion Post 31. Wilfred helped with 4-H years ago. He enjoyed listening to his kids play the piano and

playing Sheephead.

Wilfred is survived by his wife Ann of Hartington; four children and their significant other, Marsha and Duane Wuebben of Bow Valley, Marilyn Dietze and Sonny Crawford of Lake George, CO, Myron Kuehler and Shana Tennant of Fort Worth, TX, Laura and Brett Van Bochove, Sioux Falls, SD; 12 grandchildren; one great grandson; one sister Marge Wuestewald of Yankton, SD; mother-in-law Irene Bart of Crofton.

He was preceded in death by his parents Louis and Rose Kuehler; brother Harold and wife Elizabeth "Betty" Kuehler; brother-in-law Frank Wuestewald; and father-in-law Walter Bart.

In lieu of flowers the family prefers memorials be sent to the wishes of the Wilfred Kuehler family.

To send an online message to the family, please visit [www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com).

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Helen Mischke

Helen Mischke, age 89, of Yankton, SD passed away on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at her residence at Majestic Bluffs in Yankton.

Funeral service will be 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 18, 2015, at First United Methodist Church in Yankton with Reverend Ron Johnson officiating. Burial will be in the Frankfort Cemetery in rural Crofton, NE.

Visitation is from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 17, 2015, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the funeral on Saturday at the church.

Pallbearers are Gloria Smith-Rockhold, Arlene Drew, Val Parsley, Gail August, Randy Mischke, Barry Mischke, Tom Gilmore, Duane Wilken, Dean Wilken, Cam Lind and Vern Lind. Honorary pallbearers will be Helen's grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Helen was born May 7, 1925 in Bloomfield, NE, to Henry W. and Emma (Ermels) Jensen and was the second of five daughters. She was baptized on June 28, 1925 at First Trinity Lutheran Church in Bloomfield and confirmed on April 2, 1939 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Bloomfield by Rev. Rhode. She attended rural schools in different counties in Nebraska. She remembered her days at Pleasant Valley, NE near Hartington, NE and later at Liberty High School near Pleasant Valley. She transferred to Bloomfield High School for her Junior and Senior years, graduating in 1942. She began her teaching career at the age of 17 and taught four years in rural schools. She worked at Ross's Confectionery in Crofton, NE during the summer vacations. During her teenage years,



Mischke

every summer was spent living with her grandmother and grandfather Ermels helping them on their farm. The fun times were going along with her Aunt Louise and Uncles Joe and Albert, while they played for barn dances at the farm homes of neighbors. She took a leave of absence from teaching and moved to Omaha, NE where she worked in the office for Union Pacific Railroad. Not caring for large cities she returned to Crofton and resumed teaching.

On September 1, 1946, she married Cyrus Mischke in Sioux Falls, SD at the Lutheran Church by Rev. Harry Gregorson. Five children were born to this union: Steven, David, Beverly, James and Lisa. After her marriage, she joined the Evangelical Church of rural Crofton which later became the United Methodist church after their congregations joined. She became very active in many facets of the life of the church including teaching Sunday School, as a lay delegate to the State Conference in Lincoln, and as a Northeast District Representative to the Committee on Nominations.

Helen was a 4-H leader of the Lakeside Ramblers for many years while her children were members. She spent 25 years being her mother-in-law's helper and was responsible for caretaking of her parents for 8 years. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Yankton and a member of the United Methodist Women.

She enjoyed sewing, watching sports, the Nebraska Cornhuskers, and traveling. Her traveling included two trips to attend the Olympic Games, Los Angeles in 1984 and Calgary in 1988. During her years in assisted living, her caregivers referred to her affectionately as "Miss Helen."

Survivors include her five children: Steve (Linda) Mischke of Gillette, WY; David Mischke of Worland, WY; Bev (Don) Reimer of Broomfield, CO; James (Robin) Mischke of Thermopolis, WY and Lisa Mischke (Tom Harner) of Lincoln, NE; 7 grandchildren: Seth, Ben, Heidi, Mia, Sarah, Laura, and Cyrus; 11 great grandchildren: Brooklyn, Tanner, Micah, Lane, Wyatt, Arlo, Esai, Parker, Mesa, Avery, and Fisher; sister, Lucille Brown of Dallas, TX and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of nearly 64 years, Cyrus; her parents, Henry and Emma Jensen; grandson, Brian; daughter-in-law, Susan; and three sisters: Evelyn Lind Pogany, Elmira Remp Pesicka and Gladys Heger Cooper.

Memorials may be directed to the United Methodist Women's Mission Outreach or Habitat for Humanity.

To post an online sympathy message visit [wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://wintzrayfuneralhome.com). Sympathy cards for the family may be directed to the funeral home.

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Darold Lammers

Our dad hated obituaries! He would say "I don't understand why people do a resume for an obituary." "It never captures the spirit of the person."

Darold Lammers had such a big spirit. He had such a big personality. The only thing he would have wanted was for everyone to know that he had great parents (John & Darlene Lammers), wonderful siblings (Rose Schieffer, Daniel Lammers, Donna Kramer, Kevin Lammers & Duane Lammers), three beautiful kids (Adam Lammers, Chriss McGraw & Laurie Lammers) and two grandchildren (Payton & Parker Lammers) that (in his eyes) have never done anything wrong in their lives.

Dad was a proud person and he had every right to be. He trained at least a 1,000 men the importance of utility line safety and he spent countless hours teaching the Lineman Apprentice Program. One thing he taught every man was that there are two groups of people. The first group of people



Lammers

are those that do the work and the second group are those that take the credit. He would say, if you know what is good for you, be in the first group as there is less competition.

The facts are that dad was born on May 3, 1954, and he passed on April 11, 2015, at the young age of 60.

Funeral service is scheduled at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 25, at St. John

the Baptist Catholic Church in Fordyce, NE. Please help us celebrate the life of a great person that had ears that truly listened, arms that always held, and a man that had love that was never ending.

The visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Friday, April 24, at the church with a wake service at 7 p.m.

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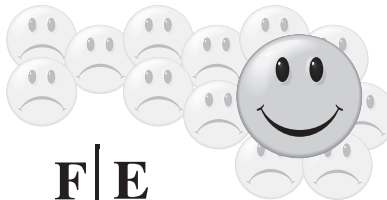


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