

OBITUARIES

David Kortan

TABOR — David A. Kortan, age 92 of Tabor passed away on Monday, August 9, 2010, at the Good Samaritan Center of Tyndall.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, August 12, 2010, at the St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, Tabor, with the Rev. Joe Puthenkulathil officiating with Msgr. Carlton Hermann, as concelebrant. Burial will be in



Kortan

the St. Wenceslaus Cemetery with military graveside rites by Kortan-Hatwan Post 183, Tabor.

Visitations will be from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, August 11, 2010, at the Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tabor with a 7 p.m. scripture service followed by rosary. Visitations will resume Thursday one hour prior to the service at the church.

David Kortan was born on December 8, 1917, to Vaclav & Mary (Caba) Kortan on the family farm South of Tabor. He attended Country School. On December 17, 1942 he enlisted into the United States Army and was honorably discharged on

December 7, 1945. After serving tours in Northern Africa and Southern Italy, he returned to work on the family farm. He married Eileen Kortan on January 11, 1955. They owned and operated "Lefty's Bar" for several years. He then began his career in carpentry until his retirement. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and watching sports on TV.

Those who will cherish his memory are his daughters: Elaine (Ken) Vaith of Lesterville; Diane Kortan of Yankton; sons: Roger Kortan of Yankton; Rich (Karla) Kortan of Tabor, Ron (Karen) Kortan of Fremont, NE; Tim (Ginger) Kortan of Yankton;

sister: Marie Schuch of Denver, CO; 16 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by Eileen his wife of 53 years; parents; brothers: John and Jim and 3 great-grandchildren: Nicholas Vaith, Colin Hauck, and Mallory Vaith.

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www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com

William Schmitz

William "Bill" Joseph Schmitz, age 87, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Monday, August 9, 2010, at his home in Yankton.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 13, 2010, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Reverend Mark Lichter officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery. Visitation is from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with music and time of sharing at 7:00 p.m.

Visitation will resume one hour prior to the funeral at the church on Friday.

Pallbearers are Jon Erickson, Chad Erickson, Christopher Schmitz, Eric Schmitz, Lee Schmitz, and William Osinski.

William was born February 26, 1923, in Foxholm, North Dakota, to Herman and Gertrude (Keller) Schmitz. He



Schmitz

was a veteran of World War II, having served in the Army in the Philippines. He worked for the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for over 30 years, retiring in 1979.

He is survived by his wife, Beatrice "Betty" Schmitz; son Alan (Dana) Schmitz; three daughters, Ruth (Fred) Koehler, Jean (Chris) Erickson, and Gail Schmitz; six grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; two brothers, Bernard and David; and two sisters, Carol and Aveline.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Leo and Alvin.

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Leonard Smith

Leonard R.D. "Smitty" Smith, age 86, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Monday, August 9, 2010, at Avera Sister Care Center in Yankton.

No local services are planned. A graveside service in Marcus Cemetery in Marcus, Iowa will take place at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Yankton.

Leonard was born June 3, 1924, in Plymouth County, Iowa to David and Nora (Luchterhandt) Smith. He was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in rural Marcus, Iowa. His family moved to Meriden, Iowa for three years and then moved to Larrabee,



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Iowa for three years, and then moved to Marcus, Iowa where, Leonard finished school. In 1943, he joined the Army Medical Corp. and served his country during World War II. After his basic training and medical training were completed, he was sent to the English Channel for the Normandy invasion, which he landed on Omaha Beach. Leonard was part of the 51st Field Hospital, which was the first hospital set up in the Normandy invasion. Leonard and the 51st Field Hospital followed the Army through five major battles: Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes (Battle of the Bulge), Rhineland, and Central Europe. The last assignment he had was to assist in the rescue of prisoners in a concentration camp in Germany.

After the war, Leonard returned to Marcus, Iowa in 1946. He married Audrey Hoxsie on April 13, 1947 in Elk Point, South Dakota. After their mar-

riage, Leonard went to work for Neilson Plumbing, Heating, Electrical, and Appliance Company, Addy Electric Company, and later Player Pianette Inc., until deciding to start his own business, Smith's Plumbing, Heating, Electric, and Appliance Service Company. He later attended the Brunswick Automatic Pinsetter School and became a certified auto pinsetter mechanic. Leonard and Audrey later moved to Yankton, South Dakota in 1965, where Leonard started working for Dale Electronics as a product engineer developing an electric piano play unit. Leonard retired in 1989, and spent his time driving a shuttle for Dale Electronics between the plants in Yankton, Norfolk, NE, and Columbus, NE. He would also drive employees and customers to and from the Sioux Falls, Sioux City, and Omaha airports.

He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in

Yankton, the Yankton VFW, and former member of Peace Lutheran Church in Marcus. Leonard was an avid fisherman, small game hunter, and loved being with his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife Audrey of Yankton; brother Alvin "Abe" (Donna) Smith of Marcus, Iowa; sister Phyllis (Harold) Nichel of Grandville, Iowa; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Elvera Dunn.

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Mildred Abdouch

WAGNER — Mildred V. Abdouch of Wagner died Sunday, August 8, 2010 at the Good Samaritan Society in Wagner. Mildred attained the age of 92 years and one month.

Mass will be held 10:00 a.m. Friday, August 13, 2010 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Wagner, with burial in the parish cemetery.

Visitation will be held 12 noon to 5 p.m. Thursday at the Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner, followed by a 7 p.m. rosary/wake service at the church.

Mildred Victoria Abdouch, daughter of James and Anna (Krsnak) Mareska, was born July 8, 1918 at Chicago, IL.

Mildred attended Wagner Public School and graduated from Wagner High School in 1936.

Mildred married George Abdouch in 1942. A son, Dean was blessed to their union. George died January 7, 1988. Mildred was lovingly cared for in her home by her son for many years. She entered the Good Samaritan Society on March 16, 2010.

Mildred worked for Northwestern Public Service in Wagner as a secretary/bookkeeper for 25 years. She retired in 1982, but remained a meticulous record keeper all of her life.

Mildred was a member of St. John Catholic Church, Altar Society, St. John's March Band, and the Northwestern Public



Abdouch

Service Retiree Group.

Mildred loved music and playing the piano, receiving numerous music awards. She also was known for her beautiful penmanship and received awards for it. Mildred enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, watching game shows, especially Jeopardy, and shows about geography and history knowledge. She loved visiting with her brother and sister, but will be remembered for her enjoyment of listening. Mildred will fondly be remembered by her son for her excitement of watching him watch Notre Dame sports.

Thankful for having shared her life are her son, Dean of Wagner; brother Wayne and wife JoAnn Mareska of Wagner; and sister Lottie Kelly of Vallejo, CA.

Mildred was preceded in death by her husband and parents.

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Tony Renner

Tony J. Renner, 91, of Yankton died Monday (August 9, 2010) at Avera Sister James Care Center. Anne, his wife of 67 years, and his children — Barbara Levenson, Ruth Kline, and John — were with him.

A memorial mass is at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, followed by a burial at Sacred Heart Cemetery with Military Graveside rites by Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post No. 791, Yankton.

A memorial wake is at 7 p.m. Sunday at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Don Peiman

DALLAS, Texas. — Don Peiman of Dallas, Texas, was born May 3, 1932, in Stillwater, Oklahoma, and passed away August 6, 2010, in Dallas, Texas.

Viewing to be held at Koehn Brothers Funeral Home in Armour, South Dakota, on Friday, August 13, 2010, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. with prayer service to follow. Funeral services will be on Saturday, August 14, 2010, at Redeemer Lutheran Church at 11 a.m.

Don graduated from Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska, with a degree in education. There is where he met his wife Virginia. Don and Virginia were married June 17, 1955. Don was in the armed forces for two years. He was a principal at a Zion Lutheran school in Amarillo, Texas, from 1957 to 1961. Lutheran schools took him to Rapid City, South Dakota in 1961. Don was a high school English, yearbook and photography teacher for Rapid City schools from 1962 to 1990. He retired as a teacher and moved to Dallas, Texas. There he worked part time as a travel consultant for Uniglobe Travel, auditor for cigarette companies and tax preparation for H & R Block and Jackson Hewitt.



Peiman

He is preceded in death by his wife, Virginia, of 55 years and four sisters.

He is survived by his two sons, Gregory of Dallas; James and wife Mary Jo; three grandchildren, Alex, Ashley and Jackson, all of Lincoln, Nebraska. He is also survived by one sister; Ruth Streit of Vernon, Texas.

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Alton Siecke

VERMILLION — Alton "Al" Leonard Siecke of Vermillion ended his 45-year dedication to funeral service on Monday, August 9, 2010, his 76th birthday, after a brief battle with cancer at Mercy Medical Center in Sioux City, IA.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, August 11, 2010 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Rohde Funeral Home in Kingsley, IA. Visitation will resume on Thursday, August 12, 2010 at First Baptist Church in Vermillion from 4:00-7:00 p.m. with a Masonic/prayer service. The funeral service will be on Friday, August 13, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Vermillion. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, August 14, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at Hillcrest Cemetery in Norfolk, NE with a video tribute and a luncheon to follow at his childhood church



Siecke

First Christian Church, 1408 East Benjamin Avenue.

Alton was born August 9, 1934 on the family farm to Leonard and Serena (Feldhahn) Siecke in Norfolk, NE. He attended and graduated from Norfolk High School in 1953, and also attended Norfolk Junior College following graduation. On December 28, 1956 he married Marilyn J. Heinold. Alton attended California College of Mortuary Science in downtown Los Angeles, CA, and graduated with highest honor in 1963. He and Marilyn moved to Nebraska where Alton worked as a funeral director in several areas, namely Franklin and Omaha, NE where he served as a preceptor for numerous young funeral directors.

Alton and Marilyn later relocated to Vermillion, SD where Alton bought Wagner-Iverson Funeral Home in Vermillion in 1981, and Anderson Funeral Home in Elk Point in 2002. For 16 years, he also held the position of Clay count coroner. In addition, he was the district president of Southeast South Dakota Funeral Directors. Alton was a member of the South Dakota Funeral Association, as well as Iowa and Nebraska's state Funeral Director Association.

In February 2008, Alton sold both funeral homes in Vermillion and Elk Point to Lori and Tom Kober. Alton continued working and being involved in funeral service until May 2010. Alton still owned, with wife Marilyn and daughter Tamera, the Rohde

Funeral Home in Kingsley, IA.

Alton was very involved in the community in Vermillion. He was a long-time member of the First Baptist Church, and he often held numerous positions within his churches. Alton was a worthy patron of the Eastern Star, a member of the Scottish Rite, and active in the Tangier Shrine. He also became a member of the York Rite Masons, Odd Fellows, and the Eagles Club.

Alton is survived by his wife Marilyn of Vermillion; daughter Tamera (Mark) Rohde of Kingsley, IA; son Mark (Bev) Siecke of Decatur, NE; grandsons Seth (fiancée Annie) Rohde and Tate Rohde of Kingsley, IA, and Tyler (Becky) Siecke of Omaha, NE; granddaughters Megan Rohde of Dakota Dunes, SD and Tanna (Nick) White of Waterloo, IA; brothers Doug (Phyllis) Siecke of Madison, NE and Leon Siecke of Ceres, CA; sister Judy Collins of Sioux City, IA; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents Leonard and Serena (Feldhahn) daughters Jacquilyn Kay and Sharilyn Sue; brother-in-laws Keith Collins and LaVerne Heinold; paternal grandparents Albert and Martha Feldhahn; and father and mother-in-law Adolph and Laura Heinold.

Iverson-Siecke-Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion is directing arrangements. Condolences may be sent online to www.koberfuneralhome.com.

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ON THIS DATE

75 YEARS AGO
Sunday, Aug. 11, 1935
No paper.

50 YEARS AGO
Thursday, Aug. 11, 1960
• A house-to-house census is being taken in Yankton for the purpose of determining the political affiliation of all adults of voting age, preliminary to the November general election.
• Joe Poindexter, a South Dakota

delegate to the Democratic National Convention, said today he would be forced to vote for Vice President Richard Nixon in the fall election. Poindexter, a native of Texas and an avowed Sen. Lyndon Johnson supporter, declared Sen. Kennedy was nominated by "ruthless and unscrupulous politicians."

25 YEARS AGO
Sunday, Aug. 11, 1985
No paper.

AG LINES

CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE
CHICAGO (AP) — Grains futures fell Tuesday on the Chicago Board of Trade.

Wheat for December delivery sank 17 cents to \$7.2675 a bushel, while December corn edged down 9 cents to \$4.09 a bushel and oats for December delivery dropped 8.25 cents to \$2.84 a bushel. November soybeans slid 13 cents to \$10.22 a bushel.

Meanwhile, beef futures traded lower and pork futures advanced on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

October live cattle slipped 0.15 cent to 95.32 cents a pound; October feeder cattle lost 0.2 cent to \$1.128 a pound; October lean hogs gained 0.77 cent to 74.07 cents a pound; and August pork bellies rose 4.5 cents to \$1.32 a pound.

LOTTERIES

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