

Opening Fire



PHOTO: ROB BUECHLER/BRAVO BATTERY

This photo shows four of the eight Bravo Battery m270a1 multiple launch rocket systems (MLRS) live firing on Sunday evening at camp Ripley, Minnesota. The MLRS battery, based in Yankton, has spent

the last 12 days at its annual training, which was a complete success. The unit will be arriving in Yankton later this week in time to participate in the Riverboat Days parade and activities.

OBITUARIES

Vlasta Christensen

Vlasta Christensen, age 89, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Sunday, August 10, 2014, at Avera Yankton Care Center, in Yankton.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 14, 2014 at Calvary Baptist Church in Yankton with Reverend Rick Slattery officiating. Burial will be in the Volin Cemetery in Volin, South Dakota.

Visitation is from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 13, 2014, at the Wintz &



Christensen

Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with a prayer service at 6:30 p.m. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the funeral on Thursday at the church.

Pallbearers are Jerry Kleinschmit, James Christensen, Douglas Roy Kleinschmit, Adam Gall, Tom Teply, Dylan Steffen and Mason Steffen. Honorary

pallbearers are Crystal Christensen, Christian Gall, Brooklynn Gall, Carter Teply, Douglas Roy Kleinschmit Jr., Lucas Kleinschmit and Erik Kleinschmit.

Vlasta was born May 6, 1925, in Hartington, Nebraska to James and Marie (Konupek) Svarc. She grew up on the farm near Hartington and graduated from Liberty High School in 1947, in Pleasant Valley, Nebraska. She married Roy Christensen on April 25, 1947 in Hartington. They moved to

Yankton where Vlasta worked for the Human Service Center for a short time. Her main focus was on raising her family.

She kept busy volunteering at The Center in Yankton and was a member of Calvary Baptist Church and the VFW Auxiliary in Yankton. She loved visiting with people, reading, cooking, gardening, and was a wonderful hostess. She loved life and especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her two children: Sharon (Jerry)

Kleinschmit of Yankton and Leonard (Kathy) Christensen of Yankton; six grandchildren: Douglas Roy (Lori) Kleinschmit, Sheila Steffen, Sherri (Adam) Gall, Geraldine (Tom) Teply, James Roy Christensen, and Crystal Christensen; eight great grandchildren; sister, Olga (Dallas) Jorgensen of Yankton; brother, Lumir (Del Rae) Svarc of Volcano, California; sister-in-law, Kathy Svarc of Kirkland, Washington; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in

death by her parents, husband, Roy; and brother Stanley Svarc.

To send an online sympathy card, please visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com

Harry Batcheller

Harry Jay Batcheller, age 64, of Yankton, SD passed away Sunday, August 10, 2014.

A celebration memorial visitation will be 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, August 14, 2014 at the Yankton Elks Lodge No. 994, 504 West 27th Street, Yankton. Burial

of his cremated remains will take place privately with immediate family.

The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, is assisting with the memorial service details.

Harry was born August 25, 1949 to Paul and Mary Batcheller in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He attended

public school in Sioux Falls and later graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Business and Accounting from Mount Marty College. Harry became a Certified Public Accountant and established his own accounting firm in Yankton, where he practiced for 30 years.

Harry married Patricia Preheim on January 12, 1973

in Freeman, South Dakota. They made their home in Yankton for 41 years and were blessed with two children, Jill and Jay.

Harry's true passion was for the outdoors. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, and farmer. From African safaris to Alaskan fishing trips, Harry filled his life with many adventures shared

with great friends. His individuality and generous spirit will be greatly missed.

Harry is survived by Pat Batcheller of Yankton, SD; their children, Jill Batcheller of New York, NY and Jay Batcheller of Yankton, SD; his brother, Tom Batcheller of Sioux Falls, SD and his sister, Betty Usera of Denver, CO.

Harry was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Mary and brother, Dick.

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Erdis Raynie

Erdis Ann Raynie, age 85, of Yankton, South Dakota, passed away, Monday, August 11, 2014 at Avera Sister James Care Center in Yankton.

Funeral services are 10:30 a.m. Friday, August 15, 2014 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Yankton with Reverend David Lund officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton.

Visitation is from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 14 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton.



Raynie

Visitation will continue one hour prior to the funeral at church.

Pallbearers are Robbie Pieper, Chris

Pieper, Mark Gemar, Nate Hofstadter, Derek Van Heuveln and Dan Woodle.

Erdis was born on September 8, 1928 to Fred and Lena (Peterson) Kock. She grew up in rural Coleridge, Nebraska. After leaving

home, she lived in Des Moines, IA, Colorado, and Sioux City, IA. She married Leo Gene Raynie on February 18, 1951 in Coleridge. They moved to Hawarden, Iowa and started Raynie's Bakery. They relocated the bakery to Yankton in 1963. Following the sale of the bakery, she started working for M-Tron Industries until retiring in 1991. Erdis was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Yankton. She was involved in Cub Scouts and started Pack 258 in Yankton and the Sioux Council Lewis & Clark Day Camp. She was

an active member of Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Church Women United, Women of the Moose and Toastmasters International. In her retirement, she enjoyed traveling, reading and spending time with her family.

Erdis is survived by her four children: Deborah (Max) Pravecek of Freeman, SD, Rebecca (Rod) Pieper of Yankton, Douglas (Colleen) Raynie of White, SD and Michael (Shannon) Raynie of Sioux Falls; six grandchildren: Shannon (Nate) Hof-

tader of Ankeny, IA, Jennifer (Mark) Gemar of Tripp, SD, Erin (Derek) Van Heuveln of Maple Grove, MN, Robbie (Amantha) Pieper of Yankton, Roxanne (Dan) Woodle of Yankton and Chris Pieper of Yankton; eight great grandchildren; five brothers and sisters: Elaine Miller of Sioux City, IA, Gene (Judy) Kock of Sergeant Bluff, IA, Kenneth Dean (Donna) Kock of Crawford, NE, Dan (Mary) Kock of Coleridge, NE and Barbara (Stuart) Fluent of Cedar Falls, IA.

Erdis was preceded in death by her parents; hus-

band, Leo Raynie on January 16, 1988; two brothers, Larrell and Clayton Kock; and a sister, Juanita Rhoten.

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Franklin Lefler

Franklin Wayne Lefler, age 83, of Yankton, South Dakota, died August 10, 2014 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

Funeral services are 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 15, 2014 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with Reverend Jon Cooke officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery.

Visitation is from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 14 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will continue



Lefler

one hour prior to the funeral.

Pallbearers are Ross Lefler, Jacob Kern, Roger Auch, Gerard

Weinandt, Bud Leden and Justin Lyon. Honorary pallbearers are Doug Schoepf, Brad Schoepf, Clifford Schoepf, John Lefler, Dale Nix and Deone Hart.

Franklin was born February 3, 1931 on the family farm near Wakonda, South Dakota to John and Bertha

(Meyers) Lefler. He grew up in Wakonda where he attended country school and then graduated from Irene High School. Frank drove truck for Nash Finch for several years. On October 25, 1951, he married Dorie Cressy in Yankton. Frank then began his long career at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. He started out as a heavy equipment tire technician and his job took him all across the country. Frank retired as a regional manager in 1989 after 38 years of service. After retirement, Frank and Dorie moved to Yankton and

Dorie passed away on March 22, 1995. Five years later, Frank married Colleen Spencer on June 5, 2000 in Yankton. Frank loved many activities including hunting, fishing, boating, camping, hiking, bowling, dancing and riding his 4-wheeler. He also loved spending time at his cabin in the Black Hills. Frank was a true family man and will be greatly missed.

Frank is survived by his wife, Colleen Lefler of Yankton; four children: Peggy (Larry) Lyon of Emporia, KS, Susan (George) Korkames of Ottawa, KS, Mark Lefler of Yankton and Becky (Greg)

Kern of Cygnet, OH; five step-children: Becky Asper of Kalispell, MT, Doug (Pam) Schoepf of Aurora, NE, Brad Schoepf of Kalispell, MT, Nikki (Dale) Nix of Brea, CA and Clifford (Gail) Schoepf of South Sioux City, NE; 23 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; brother, Jack (Delores) Lefler of Rapid City, SD; and a sister, Sylvia Spiess of California.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Dorie; son, Terry Lefler; step-son, Kenny Schoepf; and a brother, Douglas Lefler.

The family would prefer

memorials to Discovery Church, PO Box 520 in Yankton.

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Max Quick

Max Quick, 87, of Gayville, South Dakota, passed away on August 11, 2014, at the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital of Yankton, South Dakota.

A visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., with a prayer service to be held at 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, August 14, 2014, at the Kober Funeral Home of Vermillion, South Dakota.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 15, 2014, at the Gayville United Methodist Church.

Burial will take place following the service at the Gayville Cemetery. Military Honors to be provided by the Gayville V.F.W. and the South Dakota Army Reserve Military Honor Guard.

Max was born on March

6, 1927, in a rural farmhouse in Gayville to Joseph and Maude (Brynn) Quick. He lived his entire life in the farmhouse in which he was born.

As a young man he served in the Korean War as an engineer. After his time in the service he returned home and soon married the love of his life, Elizabeth (Wibben) Quick, in 1955. The two remained happily married for close to 60 years. During that time he worked the family homestead as a farmer.

Max is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Quick of Gayville; his daughter, June Tripp of Gayville; his grandchildren, Julie (William) Babcock of Rapid City, South Dakota, David Tripp (Roxanna Hansen) of Gayville, and Traci (David P.) Golas of Yankton; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Maude (Brynn) Quick.

Services have been entrusted to the Kober Funeral

Home of Vermillion.

Condolences may be posted online at www.koberfuneralhome.com

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Jody Sage

Jody A. Sage, 50, of Yankton died Sunday, Aug. 10, 2014, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 15, at Calvary Baptist Church in Yankton with the Rev. Rick Slattery officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton City Cemetery in Yankton.

Visitation is 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, at the church with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the funeral on Friday at the church.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton.

To post an online sympathy message, visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

Donald Modereger

Donald G. "Don" Modereger, 92, of Yankton died unexpectedly Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2014, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Memorial visitations are 10 a.m.-noon Friday, Aug. 15, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton. Inurnment will be in the Garden of Memories, Yankton, with Military graveside rites by the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post No. 791 Honor Guard and the Army Military Honors Team.



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Kirstan DeAnna Roubideaux

10:30 AM, Thursday
St. George Catholic Church
Scotland

Vlasta Christensen

2:00 PM, Thursday
Calvary Baptist Church
Yankton

Donald W. Bonneau

10:30 AM, Saturday
Trinity Lutheran Church
Hartington



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