

OBITUARIES

Steven Schweitzer

Steven Francis Schweitzer, age 67 years, passed away Saturday, August 16, 2014 at his home surrounded by his family after a four month struggle with cancer.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Yankton, SD with Rev. Ken Lulf officiating. Burial will be approximately 4:30 p.m., Wednesday afternoon at the St. Boniface parish cemetery, Idylwilde.

Visitations will be begin at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday evening at St. Ben's Catholic Church, Yankton, with a rosary at 7:00 p.m. and a Scripture service at 7:30 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church. The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, is assisting with service details.

Pallbearers will be: Matthew Miller; Genevieve



Schweitzer

Schweitzer; Casey Skillingstad; Brady Skillingstad; Sarah Schweitzer; Maddie Schweitzer. Honorary Pallbearers

will be his additional grandchildren and great grandchildren

Steve was born November 19th, 1946 to Francis and Adeline (Moeller) Schweitzer in Yankton, South Dakota. He was the oldest of fourteen children. His early life consisted of studies at District 27 School, Salem Township. He also worked for his father and Uncle Bill on their family farms in Turner County where he developed a work ethic that served him well all of his life. He graduated from Freeman High School and Freeman Junior College before attending South Dakota State University where he attained a bachelor degree in Electrical Engineering. A desire for

empathetic living drove his passion for learning. His devotion to this was nurtured by reading, attending and facilitating self-improvement seminars, and in later years taking classes in theology and psychology, earning his Master of Arts degree from Mount Marty College in Yankton, SD.

After graduation from SDSU, Steve established a very successful career in power systems operations at the Western Area Power Administration. He worked in the Huron, SD; Watertown, SD; and the Billings, MT offices before finishing his career in Denver, Colorado as Chief Operating Officer responsible for a six state Mid-west power grid.

Steve met his future wife Mary (Allen) Harvey at a Parents Without Partners cake-walk in Billings, Montana. They married on June 5, 1976 and moved to Watertown, SD, where they lovingly raised their seven children. Family outings were many, including hunting, fishing, backpacking, biking, and a general pursuit

of all things outdoors. His children carry on many of these traditions with their families and friends.

Retiring in 1996, Steve and Mary moved back to Yankton where his story began. Helping family and giving back to the community were two pillars of his retirement life. He appreciated assisting his brother on the family farm, working the same lands he had years before with his father and uncle. He enjoyed time visiting with family; attending grandkid's activities; going on MS bike rides; hiking; fishing; and hunting. He volunteered for and served on the boards of the House of Mary Shrine and the South Dakota National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). His retirement years focused on what he had learned was important in life: family; helping others; and making this world a better place.

He was "Weed" to his childhood pals for reasons he couldn't remember or wouldn't divulge; "Steven" to his brothers, sisters, mother and

father; "Mr. Schweitzer" at work; "Honey" to his wife; "Pa" to his children; and "Grandpa" to his grandchildren. Regardless of how he was called, everyone knew him as a man who cared greatly for others; always gave and rarely asked; and worked daily at being a good man, a loving son, brother, husband, father, relative and friend. He provided a model life for us to emulate and try to follow. We will miss him dearly.

Steven is survived by his wife of 38 years, Mary. His children: Bill (Melanie) Schweitzer of Chanhasssan, MN; Noleen (Curt) Skillingstad of Yankton, SD; Tracy (Earl) Horton of Pipeston, MN; John (Stacie) Harvey of Lawrenceburg, IN; Tim (Carol) Harvey of Colorado Springs, CO; David (Rattanamom) Harvey of Bangkok, Thailand; Adam Schweitzer of Yankton, SD; his mother Adeline Schweitzer of Yankton SD; brothers: Allen Schweitzer, Michael (Suk) Schweitzer, Bruce (Sandy)

Schweitzer, Randy Schweitzer, Brian (Sherry) Schweitzer, Darrold (Lori) Schweitzer, Kevin (Kara) Schweitzer; sisters: Angela (Randy) Schaefer, Donna (William) Cap, Mary (Doug) Baumiller, Pamela Jensen, Charlene (Gerry) Hora, Vicki (Garrett) Pachl; 12 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; and relatives and friends too numerous to mention.

Steve was preceded in death by his father Francis, daughter Kayleen, and granddaughter Cassia.

In honor of Steve's memory, the family requests memorials be directed to NAMI South Dakota, PO Box 88808, Sioux Falls SD, 57109; House of Mary Shrine, Lewis and Clark Lake, PO Box 455, Yankton, SD 57078; or a charity of your choice.

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Art Hasker Jr.

Art Hasker, Jr, age 81, of Yankton, passed away Thursday, August 14, 2014 at Avera Queen of Peace Hospital, Mitchell, SD.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, SD with Rev. Mark Lichter officiating. Private family interment of the cremated remains will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery,



Hasker Jr.

& Crematory, Yankton, with a rosary at 7:00 p.m. followed by a Scripture service at 7:30 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service

at the church.

Pallbearers will be Dan Specht, Maynard Justa, Rob Winchell, Tom Rockne, Ken Haas, and Jim Simpson.

Art was born April 11th, 1933 to Arthur and Erma (Kirschenman) Hasker Sr. He was baptized and confirmed in Sacred Heart Church, Yankton, SD. He attended Model School in 1942 at Mount Marty College. He graduated from Yankton High School in 1951. Art joined the US Navy in 1951, where he served in

ADAK in the Aleutian Islands in Alaska and then finished his service in California. After four years of service, Art was Honorably Discharged from the Navy and remained living and working in Napa, California until 1956. Art then returned to Yankton, SD, where he opened a grocery-meat market with his father, Arthur Sr. Art married Patricia Fitzgerald on September 27, 1959 in Napa, California. After their marriage in Napa they returned to Yankton, where

Art operated his own store for 35 years. He would later go on to work for Hy-Vee for the last 17 years. Hobbies of Art's ranged from flying airplanes, building and running model trains that he collected, working in his rose garden, traveling to Lake Tahoe for vacations, and reading books about World War II. Art loved his family and all of his friends and co-workers at Hy-Vee.

Art is survived by his wife, Patricia Hasker of Yankton, SD

and his daughter, Joan Rochelle Hasker of Yankton, SD.

Art was preceded in death by his mother, father and his sister, Sharon Huitema.

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Travis Hayes

Travis Gustav Hayes, age 21, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Thursday, August 14, 2014 as the result of a car accident west of Yankton.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 19, 2014, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton provided by the Sioux City Gospel Hall. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton.

Visitation is from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, August 18, 2014, at the Wintz and Ray



Hayes

Funeral Home with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the funeral on Tuesday. Pallbearers are Tyson Hayes, Ersel Hayes, Nathaniel Hayes, Charles Hayes, Cory Venables, Tyler Rauscher, Robert Lindsay, Ryan Olson, and Dennis Olson. Honorary pallbear-

ers are Kamaria Hayes, Melissa Hayes, Miranda Olson, Jill Ristau, and Shelby Jansen.

Travis was born August 31, 1992 in Sioux City, Iowa to Ersel Roosevelt Hayes and Mary Olson. He grew up in Yankton, South Dakota and attended Webster Elementary, Yankton Middle School and then graduated from West Central High School in Hartford, South Dakota in 2010. He moved back to Yankton and worked at McDonald's, Taco John's and most recently at

Lewis & Clark Ford. Throughout those years he would also help his mother, Mary, driving for River City Cab.

Travis loved fishing, playing basketball, music, dancing, but most of all hanging out with his brothers and friends. He had a heart of gold and was always looking out for everyone else. He could always make you feel better by his great smile. He loved his family and enjoyed spending time with his nieces and nephews.

Survivors include his

mother, Mary Olson of Yankton; four brothers: Tyson Hayes of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Ersel (Jessica) Hayes of Yankton; Nathaniel Hayes of Yankton; and Charles Hayes of Yankton; two sisters: Melissa Hayes of El Dorado, Arkansas and Kamaria Hayes of Yankton; 19 nieces and nephews; two beloved pets: Taz and Baloo; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ersel Roosevelt Hayes; paternal grandparents, Sam and Betty Hayes, mater-

nal grandparents, Charles and Dorothy Olson; two uncles, David Hayes and Ron Wood; and cousin, Daniel Williams.

To post an online sympathy message visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Albert Gall

Albert J. Gall, age 93 years, 5 months, and 21 days passed away Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton, SD.

Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton, SD with Pastor Bob Cappel officiating. Burial of his cremated remains will be at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at



Gall

the Garden of Memories, Yankton, SD with Military Graveside Rites by the SDARNG Honor Guard and the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post #791 Honor Guard. Visitations will be 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, August 18, 2014 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral

Home & Crematory, Yankton, and then one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Albert was born February 24, 1921 to Henry H. and Lydia (Mehrer) Gall in Lester-ville, SD. He entered the U.S. Army September 10, 1942 and spent the next 35 months in the Signal Corp in the US, North Africa and Italy until October 17, 1945. He married Ivy May Wood in Los Angeles, CA on December 20, 1942. To

this union, two sons and a daughter were born. Albert was honorably discharged on October 17, 1945.

When Albert returned from Italy, he started Gall Gas & Oil in Lesterville and expanded the business over the next 19 years. He sold the business December of 1964 and moved to Yankton where he sold Mutual Funds, was a car salesman for Wudel Chevrolet and was an insurance adjuster. Albert was a

lifetime member of the VFW and enjoyed playing golf.

Albert is survived by his wife, May of Yankton, SD; son, Terry Gall of Sioux Falls, SD; daughter, Patricia (David) Jones of Glenrock, WY; 3 grandchildren: Christopher David (Kim) Jones of Clear Lake, MN, Stacie (Mike) Porter of Casper, WY and Jennifer (Rod) Robinson of Dayton, WY and 9 great-grandchildren.

Albert was preceded in

death by his parents, son, Douglas Gall, sister, Idella Magstadt and brother, Walter Gall.

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Twila Tripp

Twila Kathleen Tripp, 85 of Yankton, SD passed away on Saturday, August 16, 2014 at the Avera Yankton Care Center.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, August 22, 2014 at the Gayville United Methodist Church. Burial will follow in the Volin Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, August 21, 2014 with a prayer service beginning at 7 p.m. at the Hansen Funeral Home in Irene.

Kathleen was born to Johnathan and Stella Grace (Billups) Chancellor on June 16, 1929 in Scotland County, Missouri. Kathleen married Dennis Tripp on October 29, 1950. Together they raised 8 children, 4 boys and 4 girls.

Kathleen held a variety of jobs over her lifetime; her first was a school teacher in Mis-

souri after graduation. After moving to South Dakota she was a baby sitter for others, seamstress, meat wrapper at a grocery store in Vermillion, Cook at the Volin School, owned and operated the Volin café, worked at Sacred Heart Hospital in the kitchen and then after retiring from the hospital, she went back to her favorite job which was cooking at the Gayville Volin School so that every day she could see most of her grandchildren. She was also participated in the 3rd Grade Senior Buddy program at the school and was usually pared up with a grandchild, which made it a very special time for all.

Her hobbies were sewing, reading, fishing, going to events that her children or grandchildren were in, and loved animals and most of all enjoyed family gatherings where she could catch up on everyone's lives.

Kathleen is survived by her 2 sisters, Mary Norton, Olathe KS, Garnet Tripp, Kahoka, MO and her 8 children. Wes (June) Tripp, Gayville, SD; Alvin (Martha) Tripp, Utica,

SD; Tim (Kim) Tripp, Hartford, SD; Pam (Rex) Bye, Gayville, SD; Tammie (Doug) Ruffle, Nashville, TN; Scott Tripp, Volin, SD; Janet (Darrell) Haas, Volin, SD and Crystal (Doug Romshek) Henrichs, Bellwood, NE. She is also survived by 17 grandchildren-Julie Babcock, David Tripp, Traci Golas; Jessica Tripp, Nick Tripp, Tom Tripp, Adam Tripp, Bob Bye, Terry Bye, Christopher Roozen, Kerrie Roozen, Amanda Frazier, Krista Tripp, Cameron Tripp, Jeremy Tripp, Megan Haas and Melody Starkey. She is also survived by 15 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband Dennis Tripp, one infant child, her parents, her brothers Max, Paul, Lee, Miles, Joe and Lyle Chancellor. For obituary and online condolences visit hansenfuneralhome.com/.

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Helen Koupal

Helen Koupal, 107, of Mitchell died Thursday, Aug. 14, at the Firesteel Healthcare Center, Mitchell.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. today (Monday) at Holy Spirit Catholic Church,

Mitchell, with Fr. Michael R. Schneider officiating. Burial is in Graceland Cemetery, Mitchell.

Visitations are one hour prior to service at the church.

Arrangements are under the care of Basham Funeral Service, Woonsocket.

Lucille Frank

Lucille J. Frank, 87, of Wessington Springs died early Saturday morning, Aug. 16, 2014, at the Weskota Manor/Avera Health.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20, at Our Savior's Lutheran

Church with the Rev. John Paulson officiating. Burial will be in Prospect Hill Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Basham Funeral Home in Wessington Springs Tuesday from 5-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 7 p.m.

Solitaires

A social group of ladies who have lost their spouse which meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Hospitality Center on the grounds of Wintz & Ray Funeral Home.

Please join us for our next social on
Wednesday, Aug. 20th

6:00pm Potluck
6:45 Guest Speaker:
Bernie Hunhoff, South Dakota's
125th Birthday Celebration



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(Mrs. William C.)
who passed away
August 14, 1961

Dale 'Ole' Hansen
who passed away
August 19, 2013

Betty Lou Grow
who passed away
August 19, 2012

Gail Guthmiller
who passed away
August 23, 2010

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