

## OBITUARIES

**Charles Cowman**

Charles G. Cowman, age 73, of Gayville, SD passed away Friday, August 14, 2015 at Centerville Care and Rehab, Centerville, SD.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at the Gayville Lutheran Church, Gayville, SD with Rev. Ken Johnson officiating. Burial will be in the Gayville Cemetery.

Visitations will begin at 5:00 p.m. Monday, (today), August 17, 2015 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a Scripture service at 7:00 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

On-line condolences can be sent at [www.opsahl-kostel-funeralhome.com](http://www.opsahl-kostel-funeralhome.com).

Charles (Chuck) Galyn Cowman was born November 7, 1941 in Yankton, SD to Manford and Edith (Eide) Cowman. His mother died

**Cowman**

on September 23, 1952 when he was only ten years old. Chuck graduated from Gayville High School in 1959 and lived in Gayville his entire life. He attended the University of South Dakota for two years. He married Judi Garvey on June 24, 1961 and to this union, five children were born: Tim, Todd, Tamara, Troy and Terry. They were married for 43 years and divorced in 2005.

Chuck worked at Feed Bin (later Zip Feed Mills) in Yankton while helping his father farm land east of Gayville. He started his own business, Cowman Farm Service, in Yankton in 1972. The business closed in 1986 and he continued to farm until renting out the farm

land in the 1990s. During his tenure in the Ag industry he served as President of the South Dakota Fertilizer and Agriculture Association.

Chuck served on the Gayville-Volin School Board in the 1970s and early 1980s, acting as board president for many years. He was a member of the Yankton Jaycees, Toastmasters and Elks Lodge in the 1970s. He also took flying lessons and was a member of the Gayville Lutheran Church.

Chuck enjoyed going to the local café for coffee and playing cards. He enjoyed traveling, especially to Cowman family reunions. He had several extended stays with family on the west coast when the weather was cold in South Dakota. His favorite pastime was cherished moments with his grandchildren. He also enjoyed playing pinocle and debating politics.

Chuck is survived by his four sons: Tim (Kim) Cowman of Vermillion, SD, Todd (Lori) Cowman of Yankton, SD, Troy Cowman (fiancé, Tosha Ptak) of Yankton, SD and Terry (Sarah) Cowman of Winterset, IA; one daughter, Tamara (Duane) Lee of Gayville, SD; two sisters, Karen Olson of Yankton, SD and Ruth (Jerry) Wuebben of Gayville, SD; fifteen grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren, many nephews, nieces and close cousins.

Chuck was preceded in death by his mother, Edith (1952), father, Manford (1990) and sister, Judy (1996).

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**Mary Ellen Lowe**

Mary Ellen Lowe, age 91, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Friday, April 14, 2015 at Avera Sister James Care Center in Yankton.

Funeral services are 10:30 a.m. on Monday, August 17, 2015 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Yankton with Reverend Kwen Sanderson officiating. Burial will be in the Zion Cemetery in rural Volin, South Dakota.

Visitation is one hour prior to the funeral at church. Arrangements are under direction of the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Yankton.

Pallbearers are Heath Wilcox, Beth Wieseler, Kelly Wieseler, Benjamin Pinter, Melissa Menke, and Kyle Repp.

Mary Ellen was born on March 26, 1924 to Bernard and Anna (Lien) Garvey of Gayville. After the death of her mother in 1934 she lived

**Lowe**

with her grandmother, Ella Lien, in Volin. She was baptized and confirmed in the Volin Lutheran Church and graduated from Volin High School in 1941 and from Yankton College in 1945 with a BA in Education. She married Leslie "Bud" Lowe on December 29, 1944 at Zion Lutheran Church of rural Volin. She taught High School at Irene, South Dakota and Orchard, Nebraska while Bud served in the Occupation Army in Japan. On his return they moved to the family farm in the Volin area and they lived there until after his death in 1976. She returned to teaching during the teacher shortage in the 1960's and taught in Mission Hill, Wakonda, Volin and Grove Schools. She spent the

last 22 years in the Yankton Public School system with 3 years at Webster School and 19 years at Stewart School retiring in 1988. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Mary Circle, Delta Kappa Gamma and the Yankton Retired Teachers. Her interests were travelling, reading, playing cards and visiting with friends. Mary Ellen especially loved spending time and caring for her family.

Survivors include her children: Anne (Jeff) Pinter of Winner, South Dakota; David (Marilyn) Lowe of Bloomington, Illinois; daughter-in-law, Joni Lowe of Volin, South Dakota; Anne's children: Beth (Kelly) Wieseler of Lincoln, Nebraska; Heath (Amanda) Wilcox of Roca, Nebraska; and Benjamin Pinter of Winner; Dave's children: Jonathan (Barbara) Lowe of Singapore, and Melissa (Brandon) Menke of Bloomington; six great grandchildren:

Myles and Mason Wieseler, Tara Wilcox, Olivia and Violet Lowe, and Falynn Menke; and many other dear family members and precious friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bud, son Brian, special cousin and travelling partner Evelyn Brewster, as well as other close family members.

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

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**Elizabeth****(Bettie) Kiser**

Elizabeth (Bettie) Ellen Dawson Kiser died the morning of August 14, 2015. She was born on April 30, 1922 in Vermillion, South Dakota, the daughter of Joseph Charles Dawson IV and Mabel Geneva Armstrong Dawson. Bettie graduated from Vermillion High School in 1940 and received her bachelor's degree in Home Economics Education from South Dakota State University in Brookings in 1944. She met James Joy Kiser in 1946 in Chicago where he was coaching the SDSU livestock judging team. They were married in Vermillion on September 15, 1947.

Jim and Bettie moved to Ames in 1951 when Jim was hired as a professor of Animal Science at Iowa State University. Bettie went to work the following year at ISU in 4-H Extension. Kathy was born in 1954 and Janice in 1955. After her daughters were in school, Bettie re-entered the professional world in 1962 at ISU following her passion of working with young people as a freshman advisor in the college of Home Economics.

Bettie was actively involved

**Kiser**

in her daughter's lives taking on such duties as church choir mother, Camp Fire and 4-H leader, dance recital costume maker, and chauffer extraordinaire. She never missed a concert, recital or event. One of her favorite family activities was riding horses with Jim, Kathy and Jan. Bettie had SO many interests. Among them she loved sewing Chanel suits with matching shoes, baking pies of all kinds, arranging flowers from her garden in a cut-glass vase, and decorating her home for Christmas.

Bettie belonged to professional organizations such as Faculty Women's Club and AAUW. She was an advisor for the Animal Science Student Wives. Bettie was an avid bridge player and enjoyed playing in several women's clubs, plus she and Jim were part of a beloved couples dinner bridge club. They also enjoyed dancing, founded a square dance group, and were long-time members of Red Friars.

Bettie's family includes her loving and devoted husband of 67 years, Jim, daughter and son-in-law Kathy and Jay Light, daughter and son-in-law Jan and Bruce Frank, Jay's son Richard Light, granddaughter Abby Frank and grandson Evan Frank. She is also survived by her younger sister Marilyn Maurice Dawson Woolridge. Bettie was preceded in death by her parents, sister Evelyn Dawson Park Lee, and brother Joseph

Charles Dawson V.

Funeral arrangements are being made by Adams and Soderstrum Funeral Home, Ames Iowa. There will be a visitation for Bettie on Thursday, August 20, at 1:00 p.m. followed by a memorial service at 2:00 p.m., both at Collegiate United Methodist Church, 2622 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa.

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be directed to: the Story County 4-H Endowment in memory of Bettie Kiser. Send them to: The 4-H Foundation, Extension 4-H Youth Building, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa 50011-3630.

Online condolences and photos may be left at [adams-soderstrum.com](http://adams-soderstrum.com)

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**Beverly Lanphear**

Beverly Jean Lanphear, 53 of Esteline, South Dakota and formerly of Hartington, Neb., died Saturday, Aug. 15, at her residence in Esteline.

Funeral services are pending at the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington.

**Emma Brown**

Emma Brown, 93, of Yankton passed away early Saturday, Aug. 15, 2015 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Funeral services are pending with the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton.

**Carolyn Kroeller**

Carolyn A. Kroeller, widow of Donald, 69 of Lincoln died Saturday, Aug. 15, 2015.

She was a retired Psychology Specialist at Lincoln Regional Center.

Survivors include: daughter — Leigh Anne Kroeller of Lincoln; granddaughter — Lamiyah Harris of Lincoln; Uncle — Maynard Loe of Irene, South Dakota; Aunt — Lillian Johnson of Irene, South Dakota.

She was preceded in death by her brother Kenneth Brunsvig.

Services are 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2015, at Butherus, Maser & Love Funeral Home, 4040 A Street. Pastor is Jim Miller

Burial is in Wyuka Cemetery.

Memorials requested to the family.

Visitation are after 3:00 p.m. Monday at funeral home.

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**Kroeller**

# Search Crews Called To Incident Near Elk Point

From P&D Staff Reports

ELK POINT — Local search and rescue crews were summoned the Elk Point area Sunday to aid in the search for an individual missing in the Missouri River.

According to a press release from the Union County Sheriff's office, several individuals were swimming in the Missouri River just west of Elk Point at approximately 3 p.m. Sunday afternoon when a 19-year-old male was reported missing.

Search personnel from the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks; the Nebraska Parks Department; Ponca Fire and Rescue, Yankton Search and Rescue, the Union County Sheriff's Office and Union County Emergency Management were summoned to the scene.

The name of the missing individual was being withheld until his family has been notified. No other details were provided.

**Crohn's, Colitis Meeting Tuesday**

There will be a Crohn's and Colitis support group meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 18, at 6:45 p.m. Avera Sacred Heart Campus Pavilion 409 Summit, Yankton. This meeting is for patient's with Crohn's or Colitis and their family and friends.

For information, call Kathy Ryken at 665-8667 or Dave Brown at 665-7199, evenings.

**Meet-And-Greet Patton Event Saturday**

There will be a "Meet and Greet" with General George S. Patton Saturday, Aug. 22, at The Old Mill, located just north of The Landing Restaurant in Yankton. The event runs from noon-6 p.m.

For a small donation, have your picture taken with General Patton. All proceeds will be donated to the Roy Anderson Post 12 American Legion, which has dedicated the funds to the South Dakota Boys State.

**Reader Input Sought On Project**

The *Yankton Press & Dakotan* is undertaking its 2015 "Heritage" edition, which will be released in late September. This year, we are undertaking a "70/40" edition, a two-part project commemorating the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II in 1945 and the 40th anniversary of the fall of Saigon and the end of the Vietnam War in 1975.

For this project, we are asking our readers to contribute their accounts and thoughts on these two wars. If you are a veteran of either conflict, we want to hear your story. If you weren't a soldier in these conflicts, we would be interested in hearing your civilian memories from either war. Or, if you have a family member who was involved in either war, you are invited to submit your recollections of those experiences. We also want to hear from readers about their thoughts on the legacies of these two wars.

We also want to run photographs of soldiers from their days in service. Emailed digital documents would be preferred. If original images are sent to us, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope. You could also bring the photos to the *Press & Dakotan* office at 319 Walnut and we will scan them in and get them back to you in minutes.

Please send your thoughts to us to: 70/40 Edition, 319 Walnut, Yankton, SD 57078; or email us at [news@yankton.net](mailto:news@yankton.net). Our deadline for this material is Thursday, Sept. 10. If you have any questions, contact Kelly Hertz at 665-7811 or [kelly.hertz@yankton.net](mailto:kelly.hertz@yankton.net).

# Training

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your workplace or wherever you're meeting."

While recent events evoke images or people using firearms in such a situation, Burgeson said they've been moving away from the "active shooter" moniker because of the different types of aggressor situations that have surfaced.

"The term 'active shooter' is a term that's kind of started to go away a little bit," he said. "The new term is the 'active aggressor' based on the fact that it's not always somebody with a gun. It could be somebody with a knife, it could be somebody with a pipe or it could be somebody with a bow and arrow."

Burgeson said this is the first time the commission has received the training from YPD and it comes about because of changing times.

"With everything that changes in society, this city is no different," he said. "We need to make sure (they) are

on top of the changing trends in society and we're trying to meet the best practices of every organization."

Burgeson said other entities in town have received the training but was unable to discuss specifics.

He added that he hopes city officials can take a lot away from the training session.

"The biggest thing we want to make sure of is that everyone has situational awareness," he said. "If something should ever happen — whether it's in a commission meeting, at home, at their business place or a sporting event — they need to know how to respond."

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**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, August 19th**  
**6:00pm Potluck**  
**6:45pm Performance**  
**by the Green Room**

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Mark Your Calendars for These Solitaires Dates:  
September 16, October 21, November 18

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Our Thoughts And Prayers Are With Them

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:

**Shirley Auch**  
who passed away  
August 18 2014

**Veronica Lillie**  
who passed away  
August 22, 2014

**Betty Lou Grow**  
who passed away  
August 19, 2012

**Gail Guthmiller**  
who passed away  
August 23, 2010

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