

OBITUARIES

Destiny Suing

Destiny Suing, age 18, of Yankton, SD died Saturday, November 30, 2013 at Mercy Medical Center, Sioux City, IA from injuries sustained in an automobile accident earlier in the week.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at the United Church of Christ (Congregational), Yankton, with Rev. Rick Jensen and Rev. Paul M. Opsahl officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery, Yankton, SD.

Visitations will begin at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, 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.

Pallbearers are: Chad Smith, James Payton, Bob Swanson, Terry Pick, JD Martinez, Bryce Lewis and James Rye.



Suing

Destiny was born October 20, 1995, in Yankton, South Dakota to Melanie (French) Tweedy. Destiny grew up in Utica, SD where she attended Yankton Public Schools. She later moved to Crofton, NE where she attended school there until moving to Rockport, TX where she attended high school and then obtained her GED. She worked at the Beach Lodge in Port Aransas, TX. Destiny moved back to Yankton in August of 2013 where she lived with her Aunt Melisa. She worked at Arbys and JC Penney for a short time.

Destiny was baptized in the United Church of Christ, Yankton, SD. As a child, Destiny loved spending time storm watching with her Grandpa

French. She also spent a lot of time hanging around the Utica Fire Department where her mother and grandpa were firefighters. She also spent time attending Lions functions with her grandma and grandpa French. While living in Crofton, she belonged to FFA and had a special love for animals, especially horses.

Destiny was a beautiful girl who had a smile that could light up a room and a personality that no one could walk away from. She loved spending time with her family and friends. Destiny's greatest accomplishment in life was her nine month old son, Xaden Benjamin French who was born February 19, 2013. She was an amazing Mother!

Survivors include her son, Xaden Benjamin French of Yankton, SD; parents, Melanie (French) and Benjamin Tweedy of Rockport, TX; sister, Faith Suing of Rockport, TX;

step-brother, Dallas Masterson of Nebraska; grandparents, Katherine French of Yankton, SD, Robert and Peggy Tweedy of Crofton, NE, and Jeannie Masterson of Glendive, MN; special friends, Lori and Marvin Lockwood of Yankton, SD and Triton Suing of St. Helena, NE; and countless aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family and friends who loved her dearly.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Freeman French and great-grandmother, Margaret Swensen.

The family wishes for memorials to be directed to any Wells Fargo Bank, Destiny Suing Benefit Account.

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Online condolences at:
www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com

Pearl Harbor Event Set For Saturday

There will be a "Remembering Pearl Harbor" event on Saturday, Dec. 7 at the Yankton Elks Lodge, located at 504 W. 27th St. in Yankton. This event is sponsored by the Lewis and Clark Voiture 842 of the 40/8.

The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. with social hour. A dinner of roasted chicken, with sides and drinks included, will be at 6:30 p.m. The program starts at 7:30 p.m. with "In Memoriam of Pearl Harbor," comments by Jim DeBoer, followed

by the featured presentation of "The Sleeping Giant Awakens" by Prof. Roger Baron, University of South Dakota School of Law.

Dinner tickets may be purchased at the door (Elks Lodge). An RSVP would be appreciated, if possible, to the Elks at (605) 665-3333.

This event is open to the public. All are invited for a dinner and presentation. There are ticket costs for either the presentation or the dinner/presentation.

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started," she said. "We thought this would be a great opportunity to keep going with that tradition."

Later that evening, residents will not only have the chance to witness an annual tradition — they'll have an opportunity to join it for free. The Holiday Parade of Lights and Vendor Fair will begin at 5 p.m. with the fair, while the parade will begin at 6 p.m.

One of the organizers, Paul Lowrie of the Gurney Redevelopment Group, first became involved with the parade as a participant himself.

"One year I was decorating and I had all these lights," Lowrie said. "The parade was going to be going on so I threw a bunch of lights in, on and around the car, threw a stuffed snowman in the seat and out the sunroof, and just entered the parade."

The parade has been run by the Gurney Redevelopment group for four years after the city was reportedly ready to end the parade.

Lowrie said the key is for entrants to keep it simple.

"What we're encouraging, more than anything, is not to make this such a huge burden on people to do, but something that's really fun and easy," he said. "Get yourself something like your car or your pickup and come out with a creative way to throw a couple strings of lights on."

Lowrie said this year's parade route will begin at the intersection of Levee and Capitol streets, going north on Capitol to Third St., where the parade will continue west to Cedar St. where it will continue south, ending at the base of the Meridian Bridge for the lighting of the community Christmas tree. Mount Marty College acappella group Smooth Benediction will provide music at the tree before and after the official lighting.

Running in conjunction with the parade will be a vendor fair at Second and Capitol streets in the former Gurney retail location, running from 5-9 p.m. Vendors will also provide hot chocolate during the parade.

Prizes will be offered for parade entries. As of Monday night, around 14 participants have signed up with 25-30 expected.

He added the parade is a great community building exercise.

"Nothing like a crowd creates the feeling that something is festive and fun," Lowrie said. "Last year at the tree, it looked like there was going to be 50 people or less and it soared to around 500."

To enter in the parade, contact the Gurney Redevelopment Group at 605-260-6870.

You can follow Rob Nielsen on Twitter at twitter.com/RobNielsenPand/. Discuss this story at www.yankton.net/

Betty Harold

Betty Ann Harold, age 57 of Hartington, Nebraska died on Saturday, November 30, 2013 at her residence

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. at the Holy Family (Sacred Heart) Catholic Church in Wynot, Nebraska with the Rev. Eric Olsen officiating. Burial will be at the Paragon Cemetery, rural Hartington.

Visitation will be on Monday, at church, from 5-8:00 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will continue on Tuesday at church one hour prior to services.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington.

Pallbearers will be Jim Kjeldgaard, Steve Bowman, Woody Woodcock, Norbert Pinkelman, Steve Wieseler, and



Harold

Jim Eskins. Honorary pallbearers will be Michelle and Bob Heimes, Kristi and Dave Pease, Jeff and Shannon Birger, and Amy and Mike Larsen.

Betty Ann was born on February 1, 1956 in Yankton, SD to Art and Marie (Leise) Vornhagen. Betty grew up in the St. James area and graduated from Wynot High School in 1974. She married Gary B. Harold on May 18, 1974 in St. James, NE. Together they had two children, Jeremy Joseph and Joseph Tanner. In 1984 Betty and Gary bought the farm they are living on now. They became Organic farmers shortly after they started farming and that became their life and livelihood.

Betty's greatest love next to her husband and children was her horses, which she was born and raised on. She found strength, love and compassion from her horses. She always said that one of the greatest things about her horses was they were always glad to see her and they were never judgmental. Betty loved music, photography, gardening, fishing and all sorts of outside activities. She especially loved hunting with her husband and sons and nephew Jeff Birger and his two boys, Jeffrey and Sam. She enjoyed watching and supporting her sons and their teammates in all sporting events. Despite her health issues she found the strength to support the Wynot boy's basketball team when they won the State Championship in 2013 and to the semifinals in football in 2013.

Betty is survived by her

husband, Gary of Hartington, NE; two sons Jeremy and fiancé Jen Miller of St. Helena, NE, Joseph of Hartington; sister Mary Kay and husband Melvin Birger of Yankton, SD; brother Gary and wife Colleen Vornhagen of Yankton, SD; sister Cheryl and husband Gordon Schulte of Yankton, SD; many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother Larry Vornhagen.

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Norris Erickson

Norris Erickson was born to first generation Norwegian Lutherans on the family farm west of Mt. Vernon, SD March 25, 1925 — one of five children. In 1938 the Ericksons moved to a farm northeast of Vermillion. He graduated from University High School in 1943 and began studies at the University of South Dakota until being called into the U.S. Army in 1945.



Norris

After returning from serving his country in Frankfurt, Germany in 1947, he married his high school sweetheart, Cleo Jean Collar. He picked up where he left off at the University of South Dakota, but in 1949 used the G.I. Bill to enroll at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Norris earned his degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1951 and began his career for Standard Oil Company in Kansas City, MO (and spent a VERY cold winter building an oil refinery in Mandan, ND that still stands on the frozen tundra).

While he and Cleo were visiting his older brother in Los Angeles in 1957, he filled out a job application at Hughes Aircraft — interested in the budding aerospace industry. He was hired immediately and he and Cleo were off to sunny California. In the next few years, he designed the "T.O.W." anti-tank missile system (still in use around the world) and the first lunar lander, Surveyor I, that preceded the Apollo astronauts to the moon. (A Surveyor I replica hangs in the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum in Washington, DC today.)

But by 1964, Norris and Cleo's two children had arrived and it was decided that South Dakota was a better

place to raise kids than L.A. The family moved back to Vermillion where he became Associate Vice President of the University of South Dakota, in charge of all campus facilities (including construction of the Dakota Dome and the current law school). He retired in 1987.

Norris, like so many of his generation, was a child of the Great Depression. As a result, his hobbies were simple and practical. He liked wood working and had a large wood working shop in his home. When not remodeling and tending to his homes over the years, he made simple wooden gifts for family and friends. And he never got over his Depression-era belief that ice cubes were wasteful.

Norris passed away December 2 at the Sanford Vermillion Care Center.

He was preceded in death by his parents Thorvald and Ellen Erickson, infant sister Eleanor, brothers Orwin and Harold Dean, and sister Marlys (Sidney Haugum). He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Cleo; a son Paul; a daughter Susan (Romney Jones) and two grandchildren that he watched enter college with pride — Dominick and

Claire Jones — and numerous nephews and nieces.

A prayer and remembrance service will be held Wednesday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hansen Funeral Home in Vermillion. Funeral services will be conducted at Trinity Lutheran Church in Vermillion at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 5. Burial will be in Bluff View Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any memorials be directed to the Trinity Lutheran Church radio broadcasts — one of the programs he pioneered as president of the congregation in the 1970s.

Norris' family would like to extend a special word of thanks to the dedicated and exceptionally kind nurses, certified nursing assistants, dining hall workers and custodians of the Sanford Vermillion Care Center who watched over Norris day and night the last years of his life. He spoke fondly of them (except on bath day) and they embraced him and indulged his belief near the end that chocolate was a food group.

Visit hansenfuneralhome.com.

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Raymond Hirocke

Raymond Joseph Hirocke, 65, formerly of Elk Point, South Dakota passed away on November 23, 2013 in Hyannis, Massachusetts.

There will be small family prayer service in Vermillion at his sister Rose's place on December 6, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. His wife, Shirley will receive his ashes in his home town, Hyannis, MA.

Raymond was born October 18, 1948 in Sioux City, Iowa. Growing up he attended school in Elk Point. He served in the Navy. After that he lived in the state., Washington, Nebraska, and Massachusetts till his death.

Survivors include his wife Shirley, sisters, Nadine Burow of Yankton, SD, JoAnn Mentzer of Ponca, NE, Rose Hirocke of Vermillion, and Ella Hirocke of Gayville, SD; brother Michael Hirocke of Hyannis, MA.; and three generations of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Joseph C. Hirocke, Sr. and Helen I. (Oakie) Hirocke; brothers Clifford, Leslie, Joseph C. Hirocke, Jr. and Gordan Horn Eagle; sisters, Debi (Hirocke) Buschelman and Delores "Tiny" Drapeau; and a nephew, Mark.

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3:00 p.m. - Christmas carols in the Sanctuary. Ted Powell on the 45-rank organ. Come to listen and sing!

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Everyone welcome!