

# Cuba

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educated on the culture of the Cubans. However, they were also given the opportunity to roam the streets.

"When we went there, we really wanted to see the country as it is now. And we are glad that we did," Janet said. "But when we were there, people were really excited about the prospect and possibilities of resuming a relationship with the United States."

With the new historic steps to chart a new course of relations with Cuba and to further engage and empower the Cuban people, these possibilities are becoming realities.

Although it is an exciting time for both the United States and Cuba, the Cubans are very wary about it Janet said.

"We had a big lecture there about the possibilities of opening up in Cuba," Janet said about their trip. "Cubans are very cautious about it. They don't want to just jump in and let the United States take over. I think a huge concern is that they don't want to be totally Americanized."

The Cubans are very proud people that love their island and want to keep

their culture the Jensens said.

"They want to leave it as it is and maintain everything about Cuba — the architecture, the lifestyle — just everything," Janet said. "But they also want to be free to travel to the United States to visit their relatives who they maybe haven't seen in over a generation."

Janet said it will be hard to keep the country the way Cuba wants it.

"It's a warm country full of happy people," Janet said. "I just think they are going to have to do a lot of soul searching and a lot of work to make that country what they want and keep it that way they want."

Janet said she thinks it will be hard for Cubans to just "pick and choose."

The Jensens said they saw many good things about Cuba, such as their free education (all the way through college), their advances in medicine, their architecture, art, and the lack of crime and drug trafficking.

"Illiteracy is forbidden. So you must have an education," David said. "They are very talented people."

However, Janet said everything in Cuba is also complicated.

"Their money system in Cuba is complicated," Janet said. "Their religions are complicated. Their politics are complicated. They live with it, and they learn to dance around all of that. It is foreign to us."

Cubans also don't have the same rights that Americans take advantage of everyday the Jensens said. One of

the big things Cubans would like to do is own property.

"They would like to own their own property in Cuba, which they can't really do yet," Janet said. "The government is slowly starting to open that up. There is no real estate."

The Jensens said that the Cubans are also very poor.

"The salaries in Cuba are amazingly pitiful," Janet said. "The average salary is about \$30 a month."

According to the Jensens, the most common way for people to make a living are from trades such as crocheting, art, music, art and taxi services. But even doctors only make \$40 a month.

"This is the level of capitalism in Cuba," David said. "You are not going to see Marriot, McDonald's or anything big."

Now, that all might change.

"They are going to go very slowly, but people will own businesses," Janet said. "They will learn fast. I think there will be some franchises."

David said he is not sure if franchises can be stopped.

"I have no idea if it will be in the near future or not," he said.

The Jensens said, while they were in Cuba, they could sense change coming.

"You can feel it there," David said. "Things have got to change. Things can't stay the way it is. How can it?"

David said that the real question is how will it change.

"This is a very critical time for Cuba," he said. "They have the possibilities of petroleum and the possibilities of greater trade and now greater relations with the United States."

With the new relationships between the two countries, Janet said that she thinks that the embargo will soon be lifted.

"I don't think there is any point of doing it half way," she said. "What is the reason for holding this embargo? I mean, we have gone back to Vietnam where we have a relationship. We have a relationship with Russia. We have a relationship with China and other communist countries. Why are we holding this grudge against the Cubans?"

David said he didn't see the point of the embargo anymore.

"They aren't a threat to us with their military or economically, that I can see," David said. "The only argument I have heard is that we should keep doing what we are doing so these people can get their freedom. Well, I don't think that's working."

The Jensens said that it will be interesting how everything plays out.

The couple hopes to go back to Cuba where they will learn if the elephant really did crush the grass.

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# Pipeline

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People with Internet access can view the entire PUC docket in the matter at <http://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/HydrocarbonPipeline/2014/hp14-002.aspx>.

Written comments will be accepted and publicly filed at any time as the case proceeds, a PUC spokeswoman said Thursday.

An evidentiary hearing hasn't been scheduled yet, according to Leah Mohr, the commission's deputy executive director.

South Dakota law gives the commission one year from the date of the permit application filing to reach a decision, she said. That deadline would be Dec. 15, 2015.

The commission considered and approved permits for two other crude-oil pipelines in the past decade. Both applications came from TransCanada to carry tar-sands oil from Alberta through South Dakota.

The first TransCanada pipeline was built down the James River Valley from North Dakota to Nebraska.

The second, called Keystone XL, hasn't received approval yet from President Obama's administration to pierce the Canada-U.S. border. TransCanada currently is seeking to certify to the PUC that the project continues to meet all the conditions set in the state permit.

The proposed Dakota Access pipeline would carry 450,000 barrels per day and could handle up to 570,000, according to the company's application.

The estimated total cost is \$3.8 billion with the South Dakota segment costing \$820 million.

The company wants to start construction in 2015 once state, federal and local permits have been obtained. The timetable calls for commissioning the pipeline in August 2016 with service starting October 2016.

The company plans to hire 12 full-time permanent employees in South Dakota. During the peak of construction in 2016, the company expects two spreads of 724 workers apiece.

During construction the company and workers will pay approximately \$36 million in various state taxes and approximately \$3 million in local taxes, according to the application, and the first full year of operation will generate about \$14 million in property taxes to local governments.

A map of the route is available from the PUC docket at <http://puc.sd.gov/commission/dockets/HydrocarbonPipeline/2014/HP14-002/ExhibitA1.pdf>.

## OBITUARIES

### Donald Herrboldt

Donald Herrboldt, age 85 of Menno, SD passed away Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at the Freeman Community Hospital, Freeman, SD.

Funeral services will be 2:30 p.m. Saturday, December 20, 2014 at Salem Reformed Church, Menno with Rev. Michael Hecht officiating. Burial will be in the Menno Cemetery with Military Graveside Rites by the Rames-Bender American Legion Post #152 and the South Dakota Army National Guard Honor Guard. Visitations will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 19, 2014 at the Aisenbrey-Opahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Donald Herrboldt was born March 2, 1929 to Henry and Lydia (Knodel) Herrboldt in rural Menno. Don was baptized on April 26, 1929 by Rev. Bodeuman and confirmed June 20, 1943 by Rev. Kaempchen. He was a member of the



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Salem Reformed Church all his life and served as an elder for 6 years. He also served on the lumber yard and school boards. He was a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign War. Don was in the Korean War from 1951 to 1953 stationed at the air base in England. Don married Frances Tiede on September 24, 1953 in Parkston by Rev. Koelher. Don took over the family farm in 1959 and purchased the farm in 1964. Don and Frances moved to a home in Menno in January of 1993 and moved to the Salem Menonite Home in September 2014.

Don is survived by his wife, Frances of 61 years; children: Cynthia (Gary) Loerts of Worthington, MN and their children, Stacy Walters and Hope Loerts; Debra (Jim) Christensen of Freeman, SD and their children: Michelle (Brian) Lued-

ers, Sheila (Matt) Rigo and Tammy (Josh) Hofer; Brenda (Barry) Mettler of Menno, SD and their children, Andy Kanengieter and Aaron Kanengieter; Mary (James) Mettler of Menno, SD and their children, Reid Johnson and Macon Oplinger and Brian (Cindy) Herrboldt of Menno, SD and their children: Austin (Michelle), Abby and Ajay; 10 great-grandchildren; sisters, Alice Kost and Clea (Norb) Wenzel; sister-in-law, Gladys Friedrich and a host of relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Gerty Aman; brother, Willard Herrboldt; sister-in-law, Elsie Herrboldt; brothers-in-law, Lawrence Hogrefe, Edmund Kost, Oliver Aman, and Marvin Friedrich; grandsons, Derrick Loerts and Adam Herrboldt and son-in-law, Craig Walters.

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### Roy Ulmer

Roy L. Ulmer, age 81, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at Avera Yankton Care Center.

Funeral services are 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 20, 2014 at Grace Lutheran Church in Menno, South Dakota with Reverend Theresa Jacobson officiating. Burial will be at approximately 1:45 p.m. on Saturday at the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton with military honors provided by the Rames Bender Post No. 152 of Menno and SD Army National Guard.

Visitation is from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, at the Grace Lutheran Church in Menno with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the funeral at the church.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Yankton. Pallbearers are Michael and Matthew Ulmer, Austin, Collin and Dalton Vielmette, Roland and Jarod Holcomb. Honorary pallbearer is Justin Gerlach.

Roy was born on the family farm near Menno, South Dakota on December 16, 1933, to William and Magdalena (Huber) Ulmer. He attended Ulmer Country School southeast of Menno through the eighth grade and then finished at Menno High School. After serving in the United States Army, Roy worked briefly in an aircraft factory in Wichita, Kansas and then returned to South Dakota where he married Donna Thum. They had two children: Randy and LeAnne. In 1981, Roy married LaVerna (Bittner) Vielmette of Yankton, adding two more children: Sheila and Bryan. Their lives centered around family functions, birthday parties and holidays. They also enjoyed movies, coffee visits at HyVee, and vacations together. They continued farming until he and LaVerna retired to Yankton in 1995. Still, Roy never really



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left the farm. He continued his daily routine-farming and a daily hand of cards. Roy and LaVerna continued as active members of Grace Lutheran Church. Roy was also a member the American Legion and the Elks Club. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, baseball, softball, billiards and a mean game of pinocle.

Roy is survived by his wife, LaVerna Ulmer of Yankton; one child: Randall (Lisa) Ulmer of Hartford, SD; son-in-law, Darren Gerlach of Scotland, SD; LaVerna's children: Sheila (Dan) Holcomb of Le Mars, IA and Bryan (Eileen) Vielmette of Garretson, SD; nine grandchildren: Michael (Rosalie) Ulmer, Matthew Ulmer, Justin Gerlach, Roland (Melissa) Holcomb, Jarod Holcomb, Danielle Holcomb, Austin Vielmette, Collin (Hailey) Vielmette and Dalton Vielmette; three great-grandchildren: Trinity, Lincoln and Tom; two sisters: Leona Kost of Parkston, SD and Verlaine Schneider of Tyndall, SD; brother, Art (Irene) Ulmer of Menno and a sister-in-law, Clara Ulmer of Yankton.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, LeAnne Gerlach; grandsons, Hollis Holcomb; six brothers: Ruben, Eugene, Wilbert, Harold, Harlan and an infant brother and one sister, Linda Streyle.

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

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### Marie Manas

Marie Manas, age 69 of Yankton, SD, passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by the love of her family on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, after a courageous 6 year battle with cancer.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, December 22, 2014 at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Yankton, SD with Rev. Ken Lulf officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Visitation will begin at 5:00 p.m. Sunday, December 21, 2014 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton with a rosary at 7:00 p.m. and Scripture service at 7:30 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Pallbearers are: Daniel Manas (grandson), Dylan Manas (grandson), Emily (granddaughter) and Phillip Raysby, Alex Dangler (grandson), and Brady Dangler (grandson). Honorary pallbearers will be her other grandchildren.

Marie was born November 10th, 1945 on the family farm near Menominee, NE to Andrew and Agatha (Wiebelhaus) Kleinschmit. She grew up on the family farm and attended St. Boniface grade school, Menominee, NE and graduated from Crofton High School. She married her former husband, Marvin Manas in 1965 and moved to a farm near Lesterville, SD where they farmed. She dedicated her life to loving and caring for her nine children, keeping each child involved in extracurricular activities. Marie had an unwavering



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faith in God and was a member of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, Tabor, SD. She taught CCD classes for more than 30 years, was a member of the Altar and Rosary Society, First Catholic Ladies Association, Serra Seminarion Vocation Club, the Koinonia Retreat Group and became an Oblate Novice of St. Benedict Catholic Church. She was a compassionate caregiver who enjoyed working for Avera Sacred Heart Home Care for 16 years. Marie went above and beyond her job to build lifelong friendships with her clients. Even through her 6 year battle with cancer, she continued to volunteer for additional organizations such as The Clothing Closet, Sack Pack Program, The House of Mary Shrine and United Way. Her creative and artistic talents included painting ceramics, sewing and drawing. Other interests were spending time with family and friends at gatherings and celebrations, visiting, watching movies and playing board games. Additional hobbies include: Baking, gardening, canning, riding a bike, singing, collecting angels, attending church bazaars and traveling, including her spiritual trips to Italy, Germany and other European countries. Above all, her biggest pride and joy was her grandchildren, and she was eagerly awaiting the arrival of her first great granddaughter.

Marie will be missed tremendously. She had a big

heart and great sense of humor; she touched the lives and hearts of many people.

Marie is survived by her nine children: Lori (David) Lammers of Hartington, NE, Marvin Manas Jr. of Chattanooga, TN, Michael (Melanie) Manas of Utica, SD, Lisa (Wade) Dangler of Yankton, SD, Terence (Lacey) Manas of Utica, SD, Sandra (Eric) Van Driel of Norfolk, NE, Susan (Trevor) Goeden of Yankton, SD, Amie (Andrew) Colvin of Yankton, SD, and Diane (Travis) Krein of Sioux Falls, SD; 20 grandchildren: Blaine, Jenna, and Ryan Lammers, Daniel (Lacey) Heller) Manas, Emily (Phillip) Raysby, and Dylan Manas, Alex, Madison, Brady, and Bryce Dangler, Connor and Colter Manas, Kaleb, Gavin and Breely Van Driel, Kaylee and Brooke Goeden, Caden and Evan Colvin, Claire Marie Krein; six siblings: Gertrude (Chan) Shippy of Colome, SD, Grace (Don) Mauer of Plainview, NE, Vernon (Patty) Kleinschmit of Pearl City, HI, Duane Kleinschmit of Yankton, SD, Galen (Betty) Kleinschmit of St Helena, NE, Andrea (Ed) Sudbeck of Fordyce, NE; and many nieces and nephews.

Marie was preceded in death by her parents, sisters, Bonita and Karen Keinschmit and granddaughter, Magdalene Manas.

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### Billie Lou James

Billie Lou (Julian) James, 75, of Vermillion died Dec, 18, 2014, after her decline from Alzheimer's.

Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 22, at Grace Baptist Church in Vermillion.

Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, at Grace Baptist Church in Vermillion with burial to follow at Bluff View Cemetery in Vermillion.

In lieu of flowers, memorials will be used toward the Lotie Moon Offering for missions or Billie James Memorial Fund to be directed by the family. Visit [HansenFuneralHome.com](http://HansenFuneralHome.com).

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