

OBITUARIES

Daryl Bernard

Daryl Clarence Bernard died at age 89 on Sunday, February 10th with his daughters, Janis Skott and Nancy Nissen, and the caring staff at Sister James Care Center by his side.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 2, 2013 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, with Rev. Mark Lichter officiating. He will be laid to rest at Sacred Heart Cemetery next to his adored Marvis following the service with Military Graveside Rites by the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post #791 Honor Guard and the SDARNG Honor Guard.

Visitations will begin at 4 p.m., Friday March 1, 2013 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a Scripture service at 7:30 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Daryl Clarence was born on his family farm, September 22, 1923 in Jefferson, SD to Clarence and Bernadette Bernard. He was their first born but was soon followed by Marcus, Bernie Rae, and Buddy Jr. He attended St. Peter's Parochial School and graduated from Jefferson High School in 1941 where he was active in drama, sports, and staying on top of his academics (when he wasn't working on the farm or thinking about baseball).



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He attended Yankton College from 1942-43 until he entered the Navy V-12 program at Minot State Teachers College in Minot, North Dakota. He was stationed at Asbury Park Naval Institute in New Jersey and then was off to New York's Columbia and Cornell Universities for further training. In 1945, he was assigned to the USS Gordon AF-43 as an engineering officer in the South Pacific. He served until 1946 when he returned to Yankton College.

It was there that he met and courted the love of his life, Marvis Wilcox. Although the two of them grew up on farms just one mile apart in rural Jefferson, Yankton College brought them together.

While attending school full-time, Daryl paid for his college education on the GI bill and by working part-time at the Diamond Shoe Store. Daryl had a monumental year in 1948, he graduated from Yankton College with a BA in mathematics and a minor in science. He married Marvis Wilcox, whisking her away to Rapid City, SD where they both became teachers.

They enjoyed their time in the Black Hills but yearned for their family and friends back in Yank-

ton, they moved back in 1949 where Yankton became their permanent home. Daryl did a short stint back at the Diamond Shoe Store and then was hired by Sears and Roebuck where he worked in the Sales Department for 40 years, culminating as the Department Head of Sales.

Daryl was extremely active in the Yankton community. He was an avid hunter and a proud member of Sacred Heart Parish (50 years), the Yankton Baseball Association and all its youth programs, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Knights of Columbus, Elks 994, and the Golden Kiwanis.

He won numerous life-time achievement awards including Seratoma Service to Mankind Award, Sporting Outfitters Heroes Award, and was an original inductee of the Yankton Baseball Hall of Fame. He was extremely proud to be named, with Marvis, Captain and Belle of Riverboat Days 1992. Several years ago, Daryl was chosen to participate in the final "Honor Flight" to Washington, DC with fellow World War II veterans. He spoke of that trip and fellow veterans with great honor and pride.

You would often see Daryl walking around Fantle Memorial Park (with or without a dog) to get his daily exercise, lecturing at Sacred Heart Church, filling the coffee pots at the Knights of Columbus breakfast, having coffee

after mass at Hy-Vee, volunteering with TEAM at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital or in his acre garden rototilling or digging up something for the dinner table for his family and friends.

Daryl's passion was baseball at every level, from the Yankton Teeners to the annual family trips to the Kansas City Royals and his beloved St. Louis Cardinals stadiums. Daryl could not get enough of baseball. It is fitting to know that Daryl requested that every-one attending his funeral sing "Take me out to the ballgame" as his final departure song.

Daryl is survived by his brother, Marcus and his wife Margaret; five children: Janis Skott and her husband, Randy, Nancy Nissen, Jim Bernard and wife, Chris, Susan Bernard and Beth Bernard; 13 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Two memorial funds have been set up in Daryl Bernard's honor at Family Radio Rosary Program, 509 Capitol, Yankton, SD 57078 and Avera Sacred Heart Foundation, 1000 West 4th Street, Suite #14, Yankton, SD 57078.

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James 'Jim' Goetz

James T. "Jim" Goetz, 86, of Yankton, passed away Friday, February 22, 2013 at the Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton, SD.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 27, 2013 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, with Rev. Mark Lichter officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton, with Military Graveside Rites by the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post #791 Honor Guard and the SDARNG Honor Guard.

Visitations will begin at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with rosary at 7:00 p.m. followed by a Scripture service at 7:30 p.m. The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree will stand as honor guard. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service



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at the church. Pallbearers will be his grandchildren: Ryan and Austin Goetz, Christopher and Katrina Conroy, Kasandra, Tyler and Gabrielle Beckmann.

James was born to Henry and Alice (McGinty) Goetz on August 12, 1926 in Yankton, SD. He was raised in Hartington, NE and graduated from Holy Trinity High School in 1944. He graduated from Creighton Law School in 1948 and was a practicing attorney in South Dakota and Nebraska for 60 plus years. He served as the city attorney of Yankton for 49 years retiring from that position in 2009. He served his country as a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. On April 14,

1952, James was united in marriage to Margaret Dickens in Sioux City, IA and on June 15, 1969 she passed away. He remarried on September 29, 1975 to Sally Quinell in Omaha, NE. Jim looked forward to the annual pheasant hunting trips with his family and grandchildren. He enjoyed viewing his farmland and crops, loved animals, horseback riding, flowers and gardening.

He was a 4th Degree Knight in the Knights of Columbus, a member of the Yankton Rotary Club, VFW and was a loyal member of Sacred Heart Church.

He is survived by his wife, Sally Goetz of Yankton, SD; son, James T. (Lori) Goetz, Jr. of Centennial, CO; daughters: Nancy (John) Corcoran of Sheldon, IA, Mary Sowards of Omaha, NE, Peggy (William) Conroy of Chapin, SC, and Deborah (Dan) Beckmann of Omaha, NE; son, Bruce Goetz of Omaha, NE, and

seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Margaret, infant twins, son, Robert, his parents, Alice and Henry, and one brother, Max.

Memorials can be directed to the Yankton Rotary Club, Attention: Matt Hanson, 1213 West 9th Street, Yankton, SD 57078-1892 or the Sacred Heart Church, One Spirit in Christ Campaign, Attn: Development Office, 509 Capital Street, Yankton, SD 57078.

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Gene Ferwenda

Gene Steven Ferwenda, 87 of Springfield, SD passed away Friday February 15, 2013, at the Heritage Assisted Living Facility in Hammonont, NJ.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, March 2, 2013 at 11 a.m. at the Crosby Jaeger Funeral Home in Springfield, South Dakota.

Gene was born January 2, 1926 in rural Springfield to Martin and Sarah (Oliver) Ferwenda. Gene graduated from Springfield High School in 1943. After graduation, he entered the military and served in the U.S. Navy and from 1943 to 1947. After discharge from the Navy, Gene attended Southern State Teachers College and received his Bachelor of Science in education. He later received his Masters Degree in History from the University of Wyoming.

On August 15, 1948 Gene married Dorothy Delores Balvin in Springfield. Gene taught high school and coached for many years at Tripp, Highmore and Parkston, South Dakota. He later moved to Spencer, Iowa and made his profession in the Crop Insurance Industry before retiring.

Gene later moved to New Jersey and entered Assisted Living in Hammonont, New Jersey in May 2008. He resided there until his death.

Gene is survived by his daughters: Annette of Cocoa Beach, Florida; Amy of West Des Moines, Iowa; Julie of Medford, NJ; three brothers: Layton (Helen) of Yankton; Alvin (Avis) of Winner; and Laddie (Mary) of Centerville SD; two sisters: Amy (Gale) Scholl, Scotland and Carol (Jim) Lukkes of Yankton.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Dorothy; his parents; four brothers: Arnold, Dale, Noel and Merle and two sisters-in-law, Luetta Ferwenda and Henrietta Ferwenda.

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Donald Kuehler

Donald E. Kuehler, 90 of Crofton, Neb., died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2013, at the Bloomfield Good Samaritan Nursing Home, Bloomfield, Neb.

Funeral services are pending at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home, Crofton.

John Wescott

John Francis Wescott, 73, of Yankton, died unexpectedly Saturday, February 23, 2013, at his home in Yankton.

Funeral services are 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 28, 2013, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton, South Dakota with Reverend Dani Jo Ninke officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton with military honors provided by the Yankton Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post No. 791. Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. on Wednesday at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the funeral on Thursday.

Pallbearers are Gary Johnson, Byron Jacobs, Ross Mockler, Troy Moe, Troy Tecklenburg, and Colby Orr. Honorary pallbearers are Shawn Palmer, Kelly Palmer, and Dan Frick.

John was born December 8, 1939, in Deadwood, South Dakota to George and Angela (DeBilzan) Wescott. He grew up in Deadwood and attended St. Ambrose Catholic School and graduated from Dead-



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wood High School in 1958. He enlisted in the United States Army and served during the Vietnam War. He later re-enlisted in the United States Navy and joined the Sea-Bee's where he served another tour in Vietnam. He married Judith "Judy" Pond on October 23, 1970, in Deadwood and continued his Navy career until retiring in 1983. During his Navy career he lived in many different places including: Illinois, Rhode Island, Mississippi, and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. After retiring from the Navy, John attended Springfield College where he graduated with a degree in diesel mechanics. They moved to Yankton, South Dakota in 1979, and John started working as a mechanic. He first worked for Vandehule's Moving and Storage then Cimpl's and later Gershner Oil until retiring in 2002.

John enjoyed hunting, reading, cooking, gardening, making jerky, but he especially enjoyed fishing.

He loved paddle fishing, fixing reels, and making fishing weights. John loved his dogs and his family, especially his granddaughters.

Survivors include his son, Greg (Nanci) Wescott of Harrisburg, South Dakota; daughter, Kimberly Beene of Vermillion; five granddaughters; two great grandsons; two sisters: Jadene Wescott of Broomfield, Colorado and Joyce (Martin) Shawler of Creston, Iowa; brother Joel "Poncho" Wescott of Deadwood; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Judy on September 30, 2012.

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

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the South Dakota Department of Transportation. They moved to Mitchell in 1958, where he worked for Jerry Ross Accounting, then General Motor Equipment. Dale worked at Bauer Dental Studio as book-keeper and office manager for most of his career, retiring in 2004. Over all these years Dale also did independent bookkeeping and tax preparation for D & L Implement and many other individuals and businesses. He was a member of Resurgam Lodge No. 31, Eastern Star Starlight Chapter #41, the El Riad Corn Palace Shrine Club, and was a lifetime member of the American Legion.

He is survived by his life partner of 15 years, Carole Wirt of Mitchell, three children: Laurie Brown of Vermillion; Julie Jones of Sturgis; Douglas Brown and wife Robbie of Litchfield, MN; and five grandchildren: Ian Steckelberg of Rapid City; Tess Jones of Sturgis; Ryan, Bryce and Corey Pritchett of Litchfield MN, and one brother, Joseph Brown of Dakota, MN.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents, wife Mona in 1996, his son Robert Craig Brown in 1994, two sisters, Eva McKibben and Joyce Long and two brothers, Arleigh "Pat" Brown and Frank Brown.

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Tom Varilek

Mass of Christian Burial for Tom Varilek, 53, of Ankeny, Iowa will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 2 at St. Leo Catholic Church in Tyndall with Fr. Joe Forcelle officiating. Interment will follow in St. Leo Catholic Cemetery, Tyndall.

Visitation will be held on Friday from 3-5 p.m. at the Goglin Funeral Home in Tyndall. There will be a 7 p.m. wake service on Friday evening at the church.

Tom died on Monday, February 25, 2013 at the Mercy Hospice in Johnston, Iowa.

Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorial to the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

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Workshop

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Goeller and Hawbaker hold sterling reputations in their fields, and workshops were packed at both Mead, Neb., and Blair, Neb., Soll said.

"Dave Goeller is a transition specialist, and Joe Hawbaker is a legend in estate planning, especially farm and ranch estate planning," she said.

Tax issues have emerged as huge areas of interest at the workshops, Soll said.

"Changes happen daily or weekly within the (tax) system," she said. "You need to stay current, particularly what comes from the federal government."

Health care costs, particularly long-term care, can break many families, said Wyatt Fraas with the Center for Rural Affairs in Hartington.

"Somebody in the family is likely to have care outside the home," he said. "For some, it's months. For others, it's several years. You have to be prepared for it."

Health care costs can adversely impact a farm or ranch operation, Fraas said.

"If you don't have insurance, then you need to plan for where the money will come from (for care)," he said. "Many families, in the past, planned to use the family assets to pay for this. If you need long-term care, this could mean selling off the whole farm or parts of the farm, and it may not cover all of the needs. It can cripple farms and businesses if enough of the operation is sold."

The result can affect future generations, Fraas said.

"If assets are sold, it reduces the size of the estate for all of the heirs," he said. "They care about their relatives and the quality of care they receive. But there is also concern about how you will pay for it."

Thursday's workshop will allow time for short sessions with Goeller and Hawbaker to discuss specific questions, Fraas said.

The graying of Nebraska's farmers and ranchers has created an urgency about transferring farms to the next generation.

According to the National Census of Agriculture, Nebraska had 13,436 operators under the age of 35 in 1982. The figure shrunk to 3,353 by 2007. At the other end of the age spectrum, the number of Nebraska operators age 65 and older soared from 8,777 in 1982

to 13,062 a quarter-century later. Nebraska has only 25 percent as many operators under 35 years of age as it did in 1982. During the same 25-year period, those Nebraska farm and ranch operators 65 and over have increased 149 percent.

Because of those figures, Fraas has seen a surge in attendance at workshops such as the upcoming one in Hartington.

"Five years ago, Joe and Dave would do these (workshops), and they struggled to get very many to attend. The senior generation typically didn't want to make any plans. They didn't want to think about it," he said.

"But that has changed a great deal. Their adult children see it's a mess if you don't deal with it, so they are bringing their elderly parents to these workshops. They are learning about the issues in order to make decisions." Soll has also seen a much greater openness in talking about estate issues.

"We started doing this (program) seven years ago, and some of these workshops were a real hush-hush deal," she said. "I really think, from the last generation to this generation, there has been much better, open communication and they plan together."

The increased comfort about the topic can be seen at workshops, Soll said. "The interaction has been amazing. People always have good questions and can answer other people's questions," she said. "So many people say there's so much good information in such a 'short amount of time' — and it's six hours!"

For producers, much remains at stake when it comes to estate planning, Soll said.

"It's about how the family puts together a fair plan for those who stay on the farm and for the off-farm heirs," she said. "You are working to protect yourself and not lose your estate during the transition process."

The Hartington workshop is sponsored by the Nebraska Network for Beginning Farmers and Ranchers; Legal Aid of Nebraska; Nebraska Department of Agriculture Farm Mediation; U.S. Department of Agriculture Risk Management Agency and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension.

To register or for questions, call the Rural Response Hotline at (800) 464-0258.

You can follow Randy Dockendorf on Twitter at twitter.com/RDockendorf

Hagel

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Republicans had opposed their onetime colleague, casting him as unqualified for the job, hostile toward Israel and soft on Iran. The objections remained strong well after the vote.

"I continue to have serious questions about whether Chuck Hagel is up to the job of being our secretary of defense," Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said in a statement. "I hope, for the sake of our own national security, he exceeds expectations."

Hagel joins Obama's retooled second-term, national security team of Secretary of State John Kerry and CIA Director-designate John Brennan at a time of uncertainty for a military emerging from two wars and fighting worldwide terrorism with smaller, deficit-driven budgets.

Among his daunting challenges are deciding on troop levels in Afghanistan as the United States winds down its combat presence and dealing with \$46 billion in budget cuts set to kick in on Friday. He also will have to work with lawmakers who spent weeks vilifying him.

Republicans insisted that Hagel was battered and bloodied after their repeated attacks during the protracted political fight.

"He will take office with the weakest support of any defense secretary in modern history, which will make him less effective on his job," said Sen. John Cornyn of Texas, the Senate GOP's No. 2 Republican.

Not so, said Democratic Sen. Jack Reed, who pointed out that Hagel now has the title and the fight is history.

"All have to work together for the interest of the country," said Reed, D-R.I.

The vote ended one of the most bitter fights over a Cabinet choice and former senator since 1989 when the Democratic-led Senate defeated newly elected President George H.W. Bush's nomination of Republican John Tower to be defense secretary.

In the course of the rancorous, seven-week nomination fight, Republicans, led by freshman Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas and Sen. Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma, insinuated that Hagel has a cozy relationship with Iran and received payments for speeches from extreme or radical groups. Those comments drew a rebuke from Democrats and some Republicans.

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., the chairman of the Armed Services Committee, dismissed the "unfair innuendoes" against Hagel and called him an "outstanding American patriot" whose background as an enlisted soldier would send a positive message to the nation's servicemen and women.

Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., questioned how the confirmation process devolved into a character assassination in which Hagel was accused of "having secret ties with our enemies."

"I sincerely hope that the practice of challenging nominations with innuendo and inference, rather than facts and figures, was an aberration and not a roadmap," she said in a statement after the vote.

THANK YOU
Thank you for the many beautiful cards, gifts, flowers, and visits for my 96th birthday. I'm still celebrating. I've had a great time. Bless all of you. If you haven't gotten to 96 I pray you'll have it as good as I.
Bye for this time,
Helen Thompson

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