

OBITUARIES

Anna DeJong

Anna Mae (Dennis) DeJong, 82, of Yankton, SD passed away February 9, 2014 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton. Funeral Services will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, February 14, 2014 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton, with the Rev. Ron Johnson officiating. Burial will be at the Platte City Cemetery in Platte, SD. Visitation will begin at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with the family present from 6 to 8 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Immediately following the funeral service, lunch will be provided at the Funeral Home.



DeJong

Following lunch the funeral procession will travel to Platte, leaving at 1:45 p.m. for a graveside service and burial at the Platte City Cemetery. Graveside service will be conducted at approximately 3:30 p.m. Anna Mae Dennis was born in 1932, to Wilbur E. and Ellen Marie (Peterson) Dennis Sr. in Minatare, NE. She graduated from high school in Merino, CO in 1950. During high school, Anna, to help in support of her family, worked in the school cafeteria to earn lunch money for her and several siblings.

After high school, Anna's first job was defusing bombs and gun shells at the Sioux Ordnance Depot in Sidney, NE. During the 1950s, Anna held positions working at a grocery/gas station taking inventory, stocking shelves, selling groceries, cashiering, and pumping gas for customers. She also found herself driving a logging truck from the forest to saw mills in the Black Hills. Anna was hard working and conscientious, often working two jobs. She worked as a receptionist for an optometrist and waitress at a restaurant. She also found employment doing bookkeeping for an accountant and again worked a second job as hostess at a restaurant. On May 14, 1960, Anna mar-

ried Lawrence DeJong, thus becoming a military wife and as time went on, the mother of three sons, Kent, Bruce, and Paul. Anna was an exceptional mother and wife, rearing three great children with her husband and keeping her house, home and family running smoothly, especially when alone during times her husband was deployed on military duty. Anna volunteered supporting school activities, served as leader in the Cub Scouts and encouraged and supported activities with the Boy Scouts. She was a full time mother and wife, devoted to her kids and husband. When her youngest son started school, Anna went back to school too, serving 19

years with South Sarpy School District 46, Springfield, NE as an aide with special education students in the school library, or the office as assistant to the secretary. Anna was baptized as a young woman in the Baptist faith and stated her readiness to meet her Lord and Savior. She was a loving, dedicated, and faithful wife for more than 53 years and a loving mother and grandmother. She is survived by her husband, Lawrence; her sons: Kent DeJong (Tony Valenzuela) of Baltimore, MD, Bruce (Tami) DeJong of Papillion, NE, and Paul (Barbara) DeJong of Ft. Worth, TX; five grandchildren; a brother, Wilbur Dennis of Ft. Morgan, CO; sister, Mary (Ronald) Mills of Newcastle,

WY; and nieces and nephews. Anna was preceded in death by her parents and seven siblings. Memorials may be directed to one of Anna's favorite charities. These include the Heartland Humane Society, 601 Burleigh St. Yankton, SD 57078; the St. Labre Indian School, Ashland, Montana 59004; or the Boys and Girls Club, 1804 Broadway Ave. Yankton, SD 57078; or in her honor, to the charity of your choice. Yankton Press & Dakotan February 12, 2014



Becky Leapley

Becky Marie Leapley, age 57 of Yankton passed away Friday, February 7, 2014 of injuries sustained an automobile accident. Visitations will begin at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 12, 2014 with the family present at the United Church of Christ (Congregational), 218 West 5th Street, Yankton, SD with a Prayer service and memory sharing at 7:30 p.m. with Rev. Daryl Tompkins officiating. The burial of her cremated remains will be at a later date in the Gettysburg City Cemetery, Gettysburg, SD. Memorials are preferred to 1219 Mulberry Street, Yankton, SD.



Leapley

Becky was baptized at the Cathedral in Rapid City in 1957. She was served First Communion and was confirmed at Sacred Heart Church in Gettysburg, SD. Becky was a member of the United Church of Christ Congregational in Yankton, SD and a past choir member there. She loved her family, friends, music and enjoyed being around people. She was a devoted follower of the band Patches and most recently the Outback Band. Becky made friends wherever she went and was always there to help whenever needed with the unconditional love she shared.

Dennis Heine

Dennis Joseph Heine, age 66, of Yankton, SD passed away peacefully at his home after a courageous battle with cancer early Monday morning, February 10, 2014. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, February 14, 2014 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 4:00 p.m., Thursday, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a rosary at 7:00 p.m. followed by a video tribute and then Scripture service at 7:30 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at



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the church. Dennis Joseph Heine was born on March 9, 1947 to Henry and Mary (Burbach) Heine at Sacred Heart Hospital. He grew up on a farm near Bow Valley, NE. He attended Sts. Peter & Paul Grade School and graduated from Cedar Catholic High School in 1965. In 1967, he declared "follow me" and volunteered for the U.S. Army but was unable to enlist due to a car accident. Then, in 1968 he was eventually drafted and served his tour of duty in Vietnam, returning home in August of 1969. For his heroic service, he received (2) Purple Hearts, (2) Silver Stars and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.

On November 7, 1970, he married his best friend and love of his life, Judy Johnston at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Hartington, NE and then settled in Yankton, SD. In 1972, Dennis graduated from Mount Marty College with a Business degree. He started his career working at Bauer Electric in Yankton, SD. In 1976, he started his own business, WYE Electric, an electrical wholesale business. After 20 successful years, he sold the business and became part owner of Fejfar Plumbing from 2001 until present. In 2013 Mount Marty College honored him with the Distinguished Professional Achievement Award. Dennis loved coaching his kids in baseball and soccer. He also loved playing golf, boating with his kids and grandkids, biking, traveling and playing cards. He never lost his great sense of humor

and always had a joke to share. Dennis is survived by his wife, Judy of Yankton and 5 children: Tonya (Bruce) Schild and Eric (Sarah) Heine, both of Yankton, SD, Jennifer (Craig) Schelske, Ryan Heine, and Katie (David) Pesicka, all of Sioux Falls, SD; 13 grandchildren; 2 sisters, Eleanor (Jerome) Feilmeier & Bernice Tramp; 1 brother, Jim (Deb) Heine and 2 sisters-in-law Ruth Heine and Kathy (Jim) Tunink; and many nieces and nephews. Dennis was preceded in death by his parents, infant sister and brother Richard. Yankton Press & Dakotan February 12, 2014



The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, is assisting with service details.

Becky was born December 23, 1956 in Rapid City, SD, to Larry and Rosella (Meis) Schutterle. Becky attended country school near Gettysburg, SD before going to school in town. She also attended school at Brookings and then graduated from Deubrook in White, SD in 1975. Becky graduated from Mankato State University in 1979 with a degree in Music Education. Becky married Larry George Leapley on December 27, 1980 at the Catholic Campus Parish in Brookings, SD. Becky was the vocal music teacher at Coleridge Community Schools from 1979-1982. She then became a Farm Bureau Agent for the next 11 years. Larry and Becky owned and operated the GaShop Stop Convenience Store in Coleridge, NE for nine years. They moved to Yankton, SD in April of 2003. Becky worked in sales at different furniture stores and at a cell phone shop. She then owned her own cell phone store and added another before selling them and going to work at the Lewis and Clark Corp of Discovery Center for a year as the manager. Becky was currently working for the KVHT radio family, which she joined last year.

Becky is survived by her husband, Larry of Yankton, SD; daughters, Jayne Leapley and her husband Marc Kimoto of Victoria City, BC, Canada, and Sara Leapley of Bozeman, MT; parents, Rosella "Rose" and Howard "Jim" Horner of Toronto, SD; parents-in-law, Bill and Millie Leapley of Coleridge, NE; brothers-in-law and their wives, James and Betty Jo Leapley and John and Rhonda Leapley, all of Coleridge, NE. She is also survived by several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Becky was preceded in death by her father, Larry Schutterle in 1965, her uncle, Jerry Meis, her aunts, Janice Corn and Helen Glodt, as well as her grandparents, Joe and Regina Meis, and Ralph and Marie Schutterle. Memorials preferred to Scottish Rite Charity for children with speech and hearing defects. Make check out to Scottish Rite. Send your memorials to 1219 Mulberry Street, Yankton, SD 57078. Yankton Press & Dakotan February 12, 2014



Paul Bliss

Paul David Bliss, son of Herbert and Coral (Gran) Bliss was born on June 22, 1941 (Vermillion, SD). He died on February 10, 2014, at the age of 72 in the Sanford Vermillion Care Center.



Bliss

After high school Paul attended California Mortuary School where he met (Janice) Gayle Peterson whom he affectionately called "Jan Baby, the blond bomber from beautiful downtown Burbank." They were married in North Hollywood, CA, on May 2, 1964. Following their wedding, Paul accepted a position at Miller Funeral Home and the couple moved to Sioux Falls, SD. Shortly thereafter, Paul and Gayle moved back to Vermillion where he was employed at Iversen Funeral Home. Over the course of his life, Paul had a variety of interests and professional endeavors, including ownership of Bunyan's for almost a decade and thirty years with the USD Medical School

where he was in charge of the body donation program. Paul was best known for his wonderful "Bliss Barbeque." He enjoyed spending time at the river, using his colorful expressions, and drinking a quality beverage. Paul is survived by his wife and their children, Julie (Tim) Heine and Craig all of Vermillion; brother, Gary Bliss of San Diego, CA; three grandsons, Luke Heine (fiancée Katie Sokolowski), Gerrit Heine, and Seth Heine; and one great-grandson, Maxon Paul Heine, and 12 nieces and nephews. Paul was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, John. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be directed to St. Agnes School (Vermillion) or the Art with Ari Program c/o the Dakota Hospital Foundation. A celebration of life will be 10:00 a.m. Thursday, February 13 at the St. Agnes Catholic Church in Vermillion with burial of ashes at a later date. Visitation will begin at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 12 with a Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. all at the church. Visit hansfuneralhome.com. Yankton Press & Dakotan February 12, 2014

Peggy Schlingman

Peggy Lois Schlingman, 88, a longtime resident of Island Lakes, Merritt Island, passed away on February 7, 2014 at home. Born on June 9, 1925 in Giltner, NE, she is sadly missed by her sons Steve (Bonnie) Schlingman of Merritt Island and James (Carla) Schlingman of Yankton, SD; sister Norma Jean Robertshaw of Giltner, NE; six grandchildren, ten great grands; and two great great grands. She was preceded in death by her husband Carl C. Schlingman. Peggy was dedicated to the Christian Crafters of the North Merritt Island United Methodist Church in which she was recognized for her participation in the creation of 50,000 "Gift of Love" bears donated to local hospitals. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the United Methodist Church Bear Ministry, in care of her church. Peggy's celebration of life will be held at North Merritt

Island United Methodist Church, 6355 N. Courtenay Pkwy., Merritt Island, FL 32953 on Saturday, February 15, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Arrangements entrusted to Ammen Family Cremation and Funeral Care, Rockledge, FL, 321-632-1350. Share memories at www.atcfcare.com. Yankton Press & Dakotan February 12, 2014

Richard Deaver

Richard L. Deaver, 61, of Yankton died Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014, at his residence. Funeral arrangements are pending with Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion.

Helen Thompson

Helen L. Thompson, 97, of Yankton died Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2014, at Avera Sister James Care Center in Yankton. Arrangements are pending with the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Yankton.

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Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Calvary Lutheran Church in Irene. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. today (Wednesday) at the Hansen Funeral Home in Irene. Lloyd spent much of his life near his beloved community, graduating from Irene High School in 1968 and farming near the town afterward until moving to Irene in 1996. As he later worked for Meyer Heating and Air Conditioning, the University of South Dakota and the Human Services Center, he remained active in the Irene community and was involved in numerous local associations. He held positions in several councils and organizations, including Turkey Valley

Township Clerk, Calvary Lutheran Church Councilman and City Councilman before becoming mayor. "He absolutely loved this town," Jennifer said. "This community was very important to him." Johnke added that Lloyd was also instrumental in getting support for the current community library, which was created through a partnership between the city and the school. Johnke, now retired, was the Irene School District Superintendent at the time. "Trying to improve Irene was always on his mind," he said. While he was constantly trying to help his community, Lloyd always put those closest to him first, Jennifer said. "He had such a caring personality," she said. "Lloyd loved his family and friends so much." Jennifer said one of Lloyd's favorite pastimes

was to share his other love — sports — with those around him. He enjoyed watching the Green Bay Packers, Boston Celtics and Minnesota Twins with family members, and he coached his sons in youth basketball and baseball, she said. "He also had several opportunities to see his grandkids play sports, and he really enjoyed that," she said. Jennifer added that Lloyd's passion for his family and sports was symbolic of the effort he displayed in each aspect of his life. "No matter what Lloyd did, he put his heart into everything," she said. "He cared about everything and everyone. He was just a wonderful man." You can follow Derek Bartos on Twitter at twitter.com/d_bartos/. Discuss this story at www.yankton.net/.

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which would be a welcome change from the previous year's drought. Though we have average — or a bit better than average — mountain snowpack, the National Weather Service at this time does not expect significant flooding due to mountain snow runoff alone. However, some normal, localized flooding is expected. "Wet soil conditions going into the winter, coupled with an extremely cold temperature, has resulted in a frozen ground condition across the northern plains," he said. "Preliminary long-range forecasts developed by the National Weather Service in late January suggest the likelihood of minor to moderate flooding this spring in portions of the Dakotas and northern Iowa. This isn't atypical and will be a function of the amount of

plains snowpack that we are able to build up the remainder of the season." He added springtime rains could contribute to flooding farther south along the river. The NWS is set to release its first spring flood outlook next week. Gavins Point Dam releases are currently around 16,000 cubic feet per second (CFS) and are expected to be reduced by the end of February,

depending on conditions farther down the river. For updates on conditions within the Missouri River Basin, visit http://www.nwd-mr.usace.army.mil/rcc/index.html You can follow Rob Nielsen on Twitter at twitter.com/Rob-NielsenPandD/. Discuss this story at www.yankton.net/

Thank You
I would like to thank Dr. Kudera, Dr. Barnes, nurses and staff of Avera Sacred Heart for the wonderful care I received both during and after my recent hip surgery. Special thanks to Blasé, Ken, and Bob for the continuing help with chores, etc. Thank you for all the phone calls, cards, treats and visits both in the hospital and here at home and to anyone else who has helped out in any way. Your well wishes and kindness are greatly appreciated!
Joe Pechaus

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