

OBITUARIES

Julie Sprakel

Juliana Martina "Julie" Sprakel, age 81 of Crofton, Nebraska, died on Sunday, February 1, 2015 at her residence.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at the St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Crofton with Rev. Michael Schmitz officiating. Burial will be in the Beaver View Cemetery in rural Crofton.

Visitation will be on Tuesday from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm with a Vigil Service at 7:00 p.m. at the church.



Sprakel

Visitation will begin one hour prior to Services on Wednesday at the church. The Wintz Funeral Home in Crofton is in charge of arrangements. To view the video tribute, or to send online condolences, please visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

Honorary pallbearers will be her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Active Pallbearers will be Craig McShannon, Brent Frady, Bob Ferden, Adam Sprakel, Jason Woockman, Jacob Warriner, Alec Sprakel and Max Sprakel.

Julie was born on September 27, 1933 at Crofton to Joseph and Anna (Mihm) Goeller. She grew up on a farm near Crofton and graduated from Crofton High School in 1951 and then attended Wayne State College for one year. Julie married Waldemar Sprakel on January 13, 1953 at Crofton and they made their home on a farm northwest of Crofton.

She worked at Bogners Steakhouse in Crofton, the Weigand Marina and the Crofton Senior Citizens Center but devoted her life to raising her family. She was a great cook especially well known for her fried chicken that was served on Sunday. She liked playing cards and spending time with her grandkids and great grandkids. Julie was a member of the St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Guild and Christian Mothers.

Julie is survived by 9 children and their spouses, Anna and Gary McShannon

of Crofton; Lorraine and Bruce Frady of Sioux City, Iowa; Barbara Ferden of Crofton; Matthew and Kyla Sprakel of Crofton; Marietta and Delos Warriner of Yankton; Elaine and Gary Woockman of Crofton; Armand and Niki Sprakel of Crofton; Donald and Jill Sprakel of Yankton; Timothy and Molly Sprakel of Omaha, NE; 34 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Waldemar, on September 10, 1996 at the age of 71,

2 sisters, Alfreda Carda, Irma-gard Donner, an infant brother and a brother, Tony Goeller.

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Hugh Stevenson

Funeral services for Hugh Stevenson, 97, of Scotland, South Dakota will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Scotland with Rev. David Ellis officiating. Burial will follow in the Rosehill Cemetery, Scotland with military graveside rites by Paul Grosshuesch V.E.W. Post #2966, Joseph Vurm American Legion Post #155, and the South Dakota Army National Guard Military Funeral Honor Guard. Honorary casketbearers will be Douglas Burke, Eldon Bjorum, Rodney Burke, Daniel Zelmer, Mike Kappel, George Holm, Russell Ireland, Justin Halverson and Alan Mormon.



Hugh Stevenson

Active casketbearers will be Jim Sedlacek, Jim Foley, Dale Evenson, Brad Koopman, Ralph Holm, and Don Holm.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, February 3 at the Goglin Funeral Home in Scotland from 3:00 p.m. until a 7:00 p.m. prayer service. Huey passed away on Fri-

day, January 30, 2015 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Goglin Funeral Home of Scotland. Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com/.

Hugh F. Stevenson was born on June 3, 1917 to Frank B. and Veola (Bardwell) Stevenson in Scotland, South Dakota. After graduating Scotland High School, Hugh attended University of Iowa and earned a B.S. Commerce degree in 1939. On October 5, 1942, Hugh enlisted in the United States Navy. He served during the heat of WWII in the South Pacific, he lived through the attack on Pearl Harbor and later from the deck of their battleship

he witnessed the raising of the flag on Iwo Jima. Hugh was honorably discharged after serving 41 months and attaining the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade. Upon returning home to Scotland, he owned and operated Scotland Oil Co. servicing many of the local farmers. On January 8, 1961, Hugh was united in marriage to Dagny Holm Reiser at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Scotland. In July 1978, he sold the business to Jim Foley and retired. Hugh and Dagny were inseparable, truly enjoying their time together. They loved to travel in their Airstream and wintered in Texas for over 20 years. He also enjoyed fishing in his spare time. Hugh was a charter member of the

VFW and a member of the American Legion. He also served 10 years on the Scotland City Council, 22 years as a member of the original Board of Directors of the Landmann-Jungman Hospital, elected twice to three year terms on the S.W. Independent Oil Men's Association Board of Directors, and on the St. Paul Lutheran Church Council for many years. Hugh was a very kind, friendly man who many people will remember with a smile.

Hugh passed away on Friday, January 30, 2015 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton having attained the age of 97 years, 7 months, and 27 days. He is survived and re-

membered by his wife of 54 years, Dagny Stevenson of Scotland and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Veola Stevenson.

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Marjorie Carlin

Marjorie Helen (Hanson) Carlin, 91, of Sioux Falls, SD, formerly of Vermillion, SD died February 1, 2015 at Sanford Hospice, Foundation Cottage in Sioux Falls.



Carlin

Marjorie was born May 10, 1923 in Vermillion, to Alfred N. and Fannie (Powell) Hanson. She graduated from Vermillion High School and attended the University of South Dakota. She married John Edward Carlin on May 31, 1945 in Alameda, CA. She was active in Girl Scouts, Red Cross, United Way, and the Republican Party.

Marjorie was a member of and served as president of the SD VFW Auxiliary. She was a member of the South Dakota Federated Garden Clubs and served as Regional Director for the National Garden Club.

The Butterfly Garden of the Outdoor Campus was a dream of Marjorie's. She applied for a grant to get the project started and the SDFGC adopted it as their state project. She designed the garden layout with the help of a landscape architect. With the hard work of dedicated volunteers Marjorie's dream became a reality.

Marjorie had a varied work history. Early in her professional career she was employed as receptionist for Dr. Stansbury, youth activities director for the City of Vermillion and was a rural mail carrier for 12 years, Margaret Sletwold Greenhouse, secretary for USD administration, Bell Telephone Co. operator, book keeper for Central Gas Company, office manager and realtor for Phil Crew Agency for 18 years.

After retirement, Marjorie was volunteer coordinator at the Butterfly Garden of TOC and taught beginner computer classes at the Center of Active Generations. She loved working with flowers, card playing, jigsaw puzzles, Wii bowling and listening to her grandkids and great grandkids share their stories. She was an avid Minnesota Vikings fan.

She is survived by a son, Nick Edward Carlin, Custer, SD; three daughters, Mary Jane (Van) Hunter, Cedar Crest, NM, Deborah (Larry) Burnight, Yankton, SD, Christine Carlin, Sioux Falls; seven grandchildren and twenty-one great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband John; parents Alfred and Fannie; five sisters, Lucille, Doris, Joyce, Bonnie, Phyllis and two brothers, Lowell and Harold.

Memorials may be sent to the Butterfly Garden of The Outdoor Campus, 4320 South Oxbow Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57106, (605) 334-9466.

A celebration of Marjorie's life will be held at a later date.

Hansen Funeral Home entrusted with her care. Share memories and condolences at www.hansenfuneralhome.com.

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Rick Stolpart

Rick Lane Stolpart, age 68, of O'Neill, after a long battle with Parkinson's disease, was called to his heavenly home on Monday, January 26th, 2015.



Stolpart

Funeral services will be held on Friday, February 6th, at 5 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church in O'Neill. Pastor John Ryding will officiate. Music will be provided by organist Janet Grosch and soloist Rod Stolpart. Military rites will be conducted by O'Neill American Legion Post #93. Biglin's Mortuary in O'Neill will coordinate the arrangements.

Rick Lane Stolpart was born November 15th, 1946 in Bassett, NE to Lloyd and Bettye Stolpart, and he was the oldest of four boys. He grew up on the family ranch south of Newport. Much of his childhood was spent participating in outdoor activities such as haying, working with calves, riding horses, and playing with his brothers. He enjoyed being a member of the Diamond Valley 4-H Club.

His high school years were marked with developing a love for the fine arts, including singing, dancing, and speech, influenced by the teaching of Larry and Kay Lynn Kalkowski. During his junior year, Rick played the role of the King in Rock County High School's first ever musical "The King and I."

Rick graduated high school in 1965, and went on to the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. He became involved in campus activities and was a member of Delta Sigma Phi. A memorable time for his parents and brothers was when he brought his college brothers home for a weekend to experience life on the ranch. In the fall of 1967, Rick entered nursing school to begin preparations to become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. He was the only male in a class of over 70 students, one of whom was Suzanne Kay Krenzien. Rick and Sue began dating and were married on April 11, 1970 while still students, making the newspapers as the first married couple to graduate from Lincoln General School of Nursing.

During his senior year of nursing school, Rick enlisted in the Army Student Nurse Corps. Upon graduation, he was commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant with orders to report to Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. Sue enlisted as well, and the couple made the newspapers again as Rick administered the oath of office to Sue at the Rock County Courthouse. Rick received the Army Commendation Medal for his excellent care of our injured military staff returning from Vietnam.

Following discharge from the Army, Rick went on to anesthesia school in Wichita, Kansas, and graduated as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) in 1974.

On a trip back to Nebraska, Rick happened to stop at the hospital in O'Neill to see if there was a need for an anesthetist. It

just so turned out there was a need, with surgeon Dr. Don Bailey having recently moved to town. And as the need for anesthesia services grew, Rick played the role of recruiter to bring more anesthetists to the community, which he presented as somewhat of a eutopia. He was an original founder of North Central Anesthesia Services. This group of anesthetists went on to provide anesthesia services to 16 hospitals throughout north central Nebraska and south central South Dakota. Rick would say, "You must remember who you work for. It is not the doctor, and it is not the hospital. It is the patient." Rick made it a priority to be a calming presence to the person who was about to have surgery.

His passion to improve the way in which anesthesia care was delivered led to him to engineer a software program that measures patient outcomes and various other data points. This program reached national levels when Rick was invited to speak about it at the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA) in Washington, D.C. in 1986. In addition, Rick was selected by AANA to be Chairman of the Quality Assurance / Risk Management Task Force.

Rick knew how to enjoy life. He was the first on the dance floor and the last to leave. He had a fondness for music with harmony, and would harmonize to hymns in church. He loved to golf in the Tuesday golf league. Family time at the family's Ft. Randall cabin was a special time, whether it was boating and fishing, or just sitting on the deck "solving the world's problems" as the sun fell into the lake. He was an awesome husband, father, papa, brother, and son. Rick was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease when he was 50. He used his retirement years to do more of what he loved, spending time with a growing number of grandkids who knew him as Papa.

As his disease progressed, Rick was fortunate to be cared for in the comfort of his home. Sue continued to use her nursing skills to deliver outstanding home care, and this allowed Rick's family to be with him often. Rick's family had the privilege of holding him in their arms as he left this world to meet his Savior.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Suzanne, children: Corby Stolpart and wife Shelley, and daughters Madalyn, Ellyson, and Mayah of Firth, NE, Ryan Stolpart of Madison, WI, Marnee Rosenberg and husband Tim, and sons Jackson and Benjamin, of Chandler, AZ, and Hollie Lovegrove and husband Brandon and daughters Lauryn and Hayden of Geneva, NE, his mother Bettye Stolpart of Newport, NE, 2 brothers: Randy Stolpart and wife Linda of Burton, NE, and Rod Stolpart and wife Lori of Newport, NE, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Lloyd Stolpart and brother Rex Stolpart.

In Lieu of flowers, memori-

als may be made to Avera St. Anthony's Hospital Foundation, Christ Lutheran Church in O'Neill, or The Michael J Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

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Charles Meier

Charles Newton "Chuck" Meier, 86, born September 9, 1928, in White Lake, South Dakota at the onset of the Great Depression, devoted husband, loving father and grandfather, died peacefully of natural causes on January 29 at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor, Maine, surrounded by loving family members.



Meier

Chuck is preceded in death by his father Carl, his mother Beulah (nee Blattler), and all seven brothers and sisters — Karl Meier, Kermit Meier, Betty Coleman, Paul Meier, James Meier, Lois Hale, and Orlyn Meier. Lately referring to himself as "the last leaf on the tree," he is survived by his wife Helen and his three children and their spouses: son Steven Meier and wife Roberta Meier of River Forest, Illinois; daughter Nancy Connor and husband Jody Connor of Old Town, Maine; and son Douglas Meier and wife Mary Meier of Truckee, California. Chuck is also survived by grandchildren Anne Connor, Nicholas Meier, Mariel Brown (and her spouse Ivan Brown and children Jonathan and William), Danielle Meier, Henry Meier, Stefan Meier, and Walter Meier.

Chuck was immensely proud of the close family bonds developed during a hardscrabble childhood on the South Dakota prairie (we did not know we were poor), and the lessons of perseverance, integrity, and self-reliance that he learned, carried forward, and passed on to his children.

After graduating from White Lake High School in 1946, Chuck enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served in Virginia, Omaha, and finally Point Barrow, Alaska. In 1949, Chuck enrolled in the University of South Dakota, on the G.I. Bill. It was there he met the love of his life and wife of 62 years, Helen Jane Dahlman of Vermillion, South Dakota. Newlyweds Chuck and Helen moved to Brookings, South Dakota, where Chuck earned his Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from South Dakota State University in 1953.

Following an on-campus interview with the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, Chuck joined that firm at its headquarters in Akron, Ohio as a chemical engineer, and Chuck and Helen settled down in nearby Stow, Ohio to

raise their family.

In his 35-year career at Goodyear, Chuck earned several patents in compound engineering before moving on to managing people and directing programs at the company's corporate headquarters. In 1970 he accepted an assignment in Luxembourg as manager of product development, which required relocating his family overseas. He then returned to Akron to run the tire test division and the farm and agricultural tire programs.

Chuck retired from Goodyear in 1988, but he did not exactly retire. Chuck turned his inquiring mind to genealogy, thoroughly researching and documenting his family's history, became active in the local Lutheran church, and dedicated himself to public service.

Convinced that "a person's life is not complete until he has given something of himself to the service of his community and of his neighbors and friends," Chuck served six terms as councilman on the Stow City Council.

Recently, in 2011, Chuck and Helen relocated from northern Ohio to Dirigo Pines Retirement Community in Orono, to be close to family.

Throughout his life Chuck maintained an engaging sense of humor, and a love of travel, reading, history, discourse, and debate. He was an active Republican, an occasional golfer, and, perhaps most of all, a singer. His love for music and song was instilled early in life. A talented tenor, Chuck enjoyed singing in church choirs, in barbershop quartets, at family events, or at the slightest provocation. His life's song remains with us always.

Relatives and friends are welcome to call 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, February 4 at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center Street, Bangor. A funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Thursday, February 5 at Redeemer Lutheran Church on 540 Essex Street in Bangor. Interment will take place this spring, in Vermillion, South Dakota, date to be determined. Those who wish to

remember Charles, who suffered from severely impaired eyesight in his later years, can make a donation to The Iris Network, c/o Contributions Office, 189 Park Avenue, Portland, ME 04102 (www.theiris.org).

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Donna Peterson

Donna Jean Peterson, 76, of Viborg passed away Jan. 31, 2015, at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Viborg. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Viborg with Pastor Steven Unzicker officiating. Burial will follow in Turkey Valley Lutheran Cemetery rural Viborg.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Viborg.

For obituary and online condolences, visit hansenfuneralhome.com

Evelyn Zeeb

Evelyn Zeeb, 84, of Menno passed away Sunday, Feb. 1, 2015 at the Freeman Community Hospital, Freeman.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 6, at Peace Christian Reformed Church, Menno, with the Rev. Steve Mohrman officiating. Burial will be in the Menno Cemetery, Menno.

Visitations will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the Aisenbrey-Opahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno, and then one hour prior to the service at the church.

Beverly Jacobson

Beverly A. Jacobson, 69, of Parker, formerly of Hurley, died Jan. 29, 2015, at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday evening at 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Hurley. Register online at www.viborgfuneralhome.com/.

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