

OBITUARIES

Rudy Poznicek

Rudy J. Poznicek, age 84, of Yankton, SD passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, December 31, 2013 at his residence.

Funeral services will be Saturday, January 4, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel in Yankton, SD with Rev. Dean Schroeder officiating.

Visitations will be 5 to 7 p.m. Friday evening, January 3, 2014 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 funeral home. Burial of cremated remains will be at a later date.

Rudy was born May 21, 1929 to James & Marie (Kuratha) Poznicek near Geddes, SD. At an early age, the family moved from Geddes to a farm east of Tyndall where he spent his childhood and early teens. When he was 5 years old, his mother died leaving his father to raise him and his siblings, a brother Frank, age 13, sister, Lillian, age 9 and Sylvia, 9 months old. Rudy completed the 8th grade at a rural country school near Tyndall. He lost the sight in one eye in a farm accident when he was 15 years old. He worked on the farm with his dad doing field work (even



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After leaving the farm, he worked as a hired hand in the Lesterville area and also went to Sioux Falls and held several jobs, but the love of farming brought him back to Lesterville where he worked for Dan Morrison until he was drafted to the U.S. Marine Corps and did his training in San Diego, CA. During that time, he met his future wife, Mary Ellen Jensen, in Lesterville in 1951 and they both knew immediately that they were meant to be life's partners no matter what.

Rudy was honorably discharged from the Marines and came back to the Utica area and worked as hired help for Emil Kozak and Doc Fosterman by Utica. He and Mary Ellen started farming on their own in 1954 on her grandmother's farm. They had to postpone their June wedding day because of a bad hail storm that took their crops and a tornado that took several buildings, injured some of their cattle and damaged their car. They married later that year on No-

vember 7, 1954 and were married over 59 years. They moved to a different farm in the spring of 1955 and Rudy always said it was the happiest days in his life as he finally had a home of his own to enjoy and not have to live with other people.

Rudy and Mary Ellen farmed for the nearly 50 years. They purchased their own farm in 1973, but had farmed it since 1961. They were partners in farming and always helped each other with any task that needed to be done, from picking corn to cleaning chickens. He also helped his neighbor by lending a hand. They built a new home by Yankton in 1992 and Rudy continued going to the farm everyday. He retired from the farm in 2000, but continued to go to the farm to cut hay and do upkeep on the buildings. They sold the farm in 2008.

Rudy was a true farmer and loved the land. He never came into the house to eat or rest until his cattle were taken care of and all chores done. His fields were always clean, free of weeds and work done on time. Like so many of his friends, he took great pride in his family and was always worried about them.

When he was in the hospital the doctor came in and was asking questions like they always do, what's your

name? When is your birthday? He then asked Rudy, if you have 7 quarters, what do you have? Rudy right away said 1120. The doctor was baffled until he was reminded that to a farmer a quarter is 160 acres! He was a true farmer!

Rudy was not into sports, but loved watching Gunsmoke and Rifleman, and listening to Czech music.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen of Yankton; son, Steve of Vermillion, SD, daughters, Julie (Rich) Fischer and Donna (Paul) Mutschelknaus, both of Lesterville, SD; 3 granddaughters, Shanda Mutschelknaus of Sioux Falls, SD, Emily Mutschelknaus of Sioux Falls, and Jenny (Leo) Grate of Yankton, SD; 1 great grandson; sisters, Lillian Maurer of Kansas City, KS and Sylvia (Dean) Fischer of Grand Junction, CO; a sister-in-law, Marie, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Frank, and nephew, Jim.

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

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Online condolences at:
www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com

Rosie Asche

A memorial service for Rosie Asche of Sioux Falls and formerly of Scotland will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 4, 2014 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Scotland with Rev. Jonathan Vehar officiating. Inurnment will take place at a later date in Rosehill Cemetery, Scotland.

There will be visitation with family present on Friday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Goglin Funeral Home in Scotland, and will resume one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.

Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

Rosie Tonie Asche was born on Thursday, November 26, 1927 near Kaylor, South Dakota, the daughter of Henry and Martha



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(Semmler) Fuerst. Rosie was confirmed in the Congregational Church near Scotland and graduated from Scotland High School in 1945. She attended Yankton College and Southern State Teacher's College to obtain her teaching degree. Rosie was united in marriage to Donald Asche on March 27, 1947. They farmed north of Scotland for many years and Rosie also taught country school

during that time. After retiring from farming, they owned and operated the "Frosty Shop" in Scotland. She loved teaching, doing crossword puzzles, quilting, bird watching and following the local baseball teams. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church of Scotland. Rosie died peacefully at Southridge Health Care Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on Friday, December 27, 2013, at the age of 86 years, 1 month, and 1 day.

She is survived by two sons: Chuck Asche and wife Pat of Sioux Falls and Tim Asche and wife Sue of Scotland; one sister Idella Behl of Scotland; one brother: Louis Fuerst and wife Judy of Scotland; eight grandchildren: Becky Palugay and husband Dave, Chris Asche and wife Stephanie, Jason Young and wife Jolene, Jennifer Hay and husband

Travis, Jonathon Young and wife Shannon, Dusti Ferguson, Trevor Ferguson, and Kennedy Asche; and seven great-grandchildren.

Rosie was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Asche, a daughter, Mollie Young, her parents, Henry and Martha Fuerst, her brother, Lawrence Fuerst, and three sisters: Violet Pietz, Alma Henderson, and Jeanie Auch.

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Sammy Hofer

Funeral services for Sammy D. Hofer of Scotland will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, January 3 at the United Methodist Church of Scotland with Rev. Tom Petersen officiating. Organist is Glee Deutscher. Interment will follow in Ebenezer Cemetery, rural Scotland.

Honorary Casketbearers are all of Sammy's great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchild. Active casketbearers are Kevin Hofer, Chad Hofer, Ryan Hofer, Chris Hofer, Amy Eckart, Jackie Vaith, Michael West, and Jordan West.

Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

Sammy D. Hofer was born on Thursday, May 4, 1911 in Hutchinson County near Dolton, South Dakota to David R.M. and Anna (Stahl) Hofer. He attended country school through the 8th grade.

Sammy married Elsie Pullman on March 11, 1934 and one daughter, Elaine, was born to this union. Together they farmed west of Freeman until Elsie's death in 1938. On June 12, 1942, Sammy was united in marriage to Lydia Haase and together they made their home on a farm five miles south of Scotland. He was particularly proud to be one of the first owners of a self-propelled combine in his area and worked on several custom combining projects. In 1977, Sammy retired from farming and later moved into Scotland with Lydia in the fall of 1992. Sammy loved the outdoors, especially hunting, fishing, and baseball. He spent much of his retirement woodworking, completing more than 70 roll-top desks. When he wasn't watching a Twins game or busy building, he was attending Scotland Rodeo Club and Scotland

Sportsmen's Club events. He was also a member of Ebenezer Reformed Church until its closing, at which time he joined the United Methodist Church in Scotland. Sammy died on Monday, December 30, 2013, at the Good Samaritan Society of Scotland, having achieved the age of 102 years, 7 months, and 26 days.

Sammy is survived by his four children: Curtis (Carol) Hofer of Scotland, Len (Diane) Hofer of Beresford, Margaret (Dick) West of Springfield, and Gaylon Hofer and special friend Cheryl Nelles of Scotland; fifteen grandchildren: Barb Jones, Kevin (Renee) Hofer, Chad (Nancy) Hofer, Penny (Eugene) Gall, Chuck (Jean) West, Debra Wadeall, Andrea (Mark) Parzyk, Michael West, Jordan West, Ryan (Leah) Hofer, Chris (Stephanie) Hofer, Carrie (Nathan) Reiss,

Amy (Jack) Eckart, Jackie (Cory) Vaith, and John Hofer; and several nieces and nephews.

Sammy was preceded in death by wife Elsie in 1938, wife Lydia in 2008, daughter Elaine Jones, infant son Dennis, great-granddaughter Malory Vaith, parents, David and Anna Hofer, three brothers: Paul Hofer, Dave Hofer, and Johnny Hofer, and three sisters: Matilda Hofer, Ann Glanzer, and Adinna Hofer.

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Madonna Solomon

Madonna Solomon, 80, died at Covington Heights Health and Rehabilitation Center in Sioux Falls, SD on Wednesday, January 1, 2014.

Funeral service will be Saturday, January 4, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Lake Andes, SD with burial following in St. Mark's Catholic Cemetery in Lake Andes, SD.

Visitation will be Friday, January 3, 2014 from 5-7 p.m. at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Lake Andes with recitation of the Rosary at 7:00 p.m.

Arrangements with Koehn Bros. Funeral Home in Lake Andes, SD. Madonna Mae Solomon, 80, passed away Wednesday, January 1, 2014, at the Golden Living Center, Covington Heights in Sioux Falls, SD surrounded by family and loving caregivers. Madonna courageously fought multiple myeloma for over a decade. She was born May 27, 1933 in Wagner, SD to Goldie and John Solomon. She graduated from Andes Central High School in 1951. Madonna enjoyed a fulfilling and successful career spanning 37 years with the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office in Lake Andes. Madonna was

known for her wit and sense of humor. She lived in Lake Andes her entire life and was a member of St. Mark's Catholic Church until her medical condition necessitated a move to Sioux Falls to be closer to her medical team. Madonna is survived by her dear cousins, Pat (Paul) Kern of Lake Andes, Francis (Sandy) McCabe, Lake Andes, Mary Ellen Jones, Eveleth, Minnesota and Colleen McCabe, Eveleth, MN, special friends Karen Doyle and Dave Donahoe of Sioux Falls and her cousins' children and grandchildren. Although she never had children of her own, she was a beloved family member who was considered to be a bonus aunt or grandmother to all the family's youth.

Madonna was preceded in death by her parents, and special friend James Samuelson.

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Marian Huttmann

Funeral services for Marian Huttmann, age 88 of Bloomfield, Neb., are pending at Brockhaus Funeral Home, Bloomfield.

Marian died Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2014, at the Bloomfield Good Samaritan Society.

Joanne A. Farus

Joanne A. Farus, 70, died December 30, 2013 in Claremore, OK.

Services will be held on Saturday at 10:00 AM at Bethany Lutheran Church in Viborg



Farus

Survivors are her husband Tom of Claremore, OK, a daughter Katherine (Brandon) Scales of Claremore, OK, 2 granddaughters, and a brother Dale (Bev) Peterson of Viborg.

Register online at www.viborgfuneralhome.com/.

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Lawrence Halbur

Lawrence B. Halbur, 93, of Fulda, MN, died Saturday, Dec. 28, 2013.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2013 at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Slayton, MN.

Lawrence was a family man, a retired farmer, and a man of deep faith.

Survivors include, Lorraine, his beloved wife of nearly 68 years of marriage. Lawrence is also survived by five children and their families including daughter Lois Halbur, son-in-law Mark Katterhagen, and grandchildren Kyle Katterhagen and Kate Katterhagen, of Yankton.

For obituary and online condolences: www.totzkefuneralhome.com/.

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Residents Reminded To Watch Meters

The City of Yankton Water Department reminds city residents to be aware of their water meters and plumbing during the extreme cold conditions.

The Water Department has been experiencing an increased number of calls for frozen meters. The water service line from the main to your residence is the responsibility of the homeowner.

For repairs to your service line and plumbing, homeowners should contact any licensed plumber.

Parks Advisory Board Meeting Is Mon.

City of Yankton Parks Advisory Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6, at the Technical Education Center, 1200 West 21st St. This is an open meeting.

Yankton Co. Republicans To Meet Mon.

Yankton County Republicans will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6, at the GOP headquarters at 314 Walnut.

County Chairman Roger Meyer said, "All Republicans are encouraged to attend the meeting to discuss 2014 campaign and election activities. It will be a busy year with races at the federal, state and local level."

Learn-To-Skate Begins Again On Jan. 8

Are you, your child(ren) or someone you know interested in skating, but don't know how? The second session of Learn-to-Skate starts Jan. 8 at 5:30 p.m. at the Kiwanis/4H Ice Arena.

Helmet and Skate fittings will be Monday, Jan. 6, from 6-8 p.m. and Tuesday, Jan. 7, from 7-8 p.m.

All Learn-to-Skaters will also get 8 free admission passes to open skate to practice.

Visit the Yankton Area Ice Association website at www.yanktonice.org for more information or contact Rhonda Schenkel at 605-660-4292. All ages welcome.

'Give Kayaks A Try' Event Set For Jan. 18

Members of the South Dakota Canoe & Kayak Association are offering a free "Give Kayaks A Try" event from 10:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 18 in the YHS/Summit Activities Center swimming pool.

The event is free, but it's open only to the first 14 people who sign up. A waiting list also is available. Participants should dress to "get wet" and can use the locker rooms at the SAC to change clothes.

This event will give participants a chance to see what kayaks feel like on the water in a controlled setting with no mud, sand or current. Paddlers will learn basic equipment and kayak nomenclature before getting into the cockpit.

While free-form the event will offer some basic instruction (provided by SDCKA members) on:

- Entry and exit
- Paddling strokes
- Kayak "feel"
- Wet exits
- Straightforward self-rescue and assisted-rescue methods.

Call organizer Jarett C. Bies at 605-941-4940 for more information. The class will fill up fast, so don't delay.

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school bond election passed before that year was valid unless proven to be constitutionally defective.

According to the superintendent's "Kindle's Korner" column in the Dec. 19 issue of the *Press & Dakotan*, the school district's original financing was broken down into two parts to save interest expenses due to tax-exempt bonding requirements in a calendar year. General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$7,000,000 were issued in December 1993, with a second issuance of \$4,990,000 in February 1994.

The two issues were combined and refinanced into one issue in December 1998, saving the district \$976,870 in interest. The issue was then refinanced again in 2008 to save an additional \$107,000 in interest. The amortization structure of the refinancing left \$60,000 of par value bonds dated Dec. 15, 2013, as the final payment.

The original marketed levy in 1993 was \$2.40 per thousand, but that decreased over the years as the refinancing took place and the taxable valuation of the school district increased. A final levy of \$1.005 per thousand was last assessed on property in 2011.

Kindle said he was thankful of the YSD patrons that helped financially support the facility during the last 20 years, regardless of their original stance on the project.

"There was certainly some opposition to the facility at the time," he said. "But I also think that, over the years, there's the possibility that some of that opposition lessened as they saw the need for it and how much it has been used."

Not long after the state Supreme Court's decision, construction began on the YHS/Summit Activities Center.

"It really doesn't seem like that long ago," said Kindle, who was an administrator at the Yankton Middle School at

the time. "I can remember very clearly when the land was purchased and they had to leave a pile of dirt sit out there for a number of months to make sure the ground compacted like it should. I can also remember taking two or three tours while the facility was being built. It was quite the amazing project at the time."

The YHS/Summit Activities Center opened its doors to high school students in September 1996, with the recreational facilities opening in January 1997.

Since then, the facility has served students and community members in a variety of ways, both academically and athletically, Kindle said.

In addition to housing educational facilities for YHS, the Summit Activities Center includes a theatre, pool, two gymnasiums, multi-purpose rooms, weight and fitness rooms and a variety of other recreation areas.

"The theatre has been used by not only the school district, but also several organizations in town have hosted events and concerts over the years," he said. "We've also been able to work with the Roger Haas committee to bring in a number of sporting activities through their tournaments. We've also been able to host some state events, and also some statewide conventions and events that would not have been held otherwise had we not had that facility."

Reflecting back on the facilities the school district had before 1996, Kindle said it's difficult to imagine Yankton not having the YHS/Summit Activities Center.

"It's been a great addition to the facilities for the high school," he said. "It opened up some real urgent needs we had at the middle school at the time, and it took care of a lot of the scheduling issues we had with other events in the community. I'm not really sure that we could get along without it."

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