

OBITUARIES

Robert Wentzlaff

Bob Wentzlaff, 84, of Yankton, SD, died on January 11, 2014 at the Avera Yankton Care Center, his home the last four years. He was surrounded by the love of his family.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, January 14 from 5-7 p.m. at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory in Yankton with a Rosary at 7:00 p.m. and a 7:30 p.m. Scripture Service.

Memorial Mass will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Yankton with Rev. Mark Lichter officiating. Viewing of the body will be at the Visitation and Wake Service only.

Burial of the cremated remains will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Yankton. A time to embrace the family will be one hour prior to the Mass at the church.

Honorary Urnbearers will be all of Bob's grandchildren and great-grandchildren, in



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addition to family friends, David Erfman, Pamela Stone, and Brad Dykes. Bob was born on December 10, 1929 at Nicollet, MN to Henry and Leocadia (Berger) Wentzlaff. He married Marivonne Olsen on February 14, 1950 in Nicollet, MN. Throughout his life, Bob enjoyed several service-oriented jobs including work at Gambles Department Store, produce management at grocery stores in Huron, Vermillion, and Yankton, Insurance work through Farmer's Union, Senior Companion Care in Yankton, and ownership and management of the Wolsky Café.

Bob's love of community was demonstrated through his involvement in the Catholic Church as a lector, CCD Teacher, and EME. He was also a member of the

Knights of Columbus and Kiwanis Club in his earlier years. He was quick to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. He treated everyone with dignity and respect, always affirming the positives in people.

Bob's hobbies included fishing, hunting, and bird-watching/feeding. He was an avid fan of the Minnesota Twins and Mount Marty Lancers. Gardening was a favorite pastime throughout his life; however, his most treasured times were those spent with family and friends.

Bob is survived by his wife, Marivonne, of Yankton; sons, David (Everlyn) Wentzlaff of Maplewood, MN and Brad (Mary) of Grand Island, NE; daughters, Jane (John) Hohm of Freeman, SD; Sue (Steve) Lowe of Apple Valley, MN and Sr. Maribeth Wentzlaff, OSB of Yankton, SD; in addition to 11 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren; surviving siblings include: Eunice Ranweiler, St. Cloud, MN; Virginia Chrystal, Brainerd,

MN; Geraldine Leonard, Nicollet, MN; Shirley Peterson, Hudson, WI and sister-in-law, Coralyn Fleeger, of Watertown, SD.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Leocadia Wentzlaff; brothers, Henry and Edward Wentzlaff; sisters, Elsie Skarda, Dorothy Armstrong, and Mary Wentzlaff; daughter-in-law, Gail Wentzlaff, and precious children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren lost prior to birth.

Bob would be honored to have memorials directed to the Eden Care Project care of Bob's family. This will help to continue his passion for feeding the birds, caring for the animals, and beautifying the property with flowers.

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John 'Murph' Murray

John T. Murray age 56 of Mitchell, SD died on Saturday, January 11, 2014 at the Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls, SD.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Hartington, Nebraska with the Rev. Jeffery Loseke officiating. Burial of his cremated remains will be at the St. Michael's Cemetery at a later date.

The family will receive friends at church on Wednesday one hour prior to services.

John Thomas Murray was born on February 16, 1957 in Coleridge, Nebraska to LaVern and Dorothy (Guenther) Murray. He grew up in Hartington, NE and graduated from Hartington High School. After high school he worked for Wilson Trailer Company in Yankton, SD for 10-15 years. John then worked in construction and as an electrician. John has been a resident of Mitchell, SD for over 20 years. He loved sailing his Hobie Cat sailboat.

John is survived by his



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mother, Dorothy Murray of Hartington, NE; eight brothers and sisters and their spouses Bev and Darrel Peitz of Hartington, NE, Bob Murray of Norfolk, NE, Anne and Howard Hoelsing of Jackson, NE, Jeff Murray of Dayton, OH, Chuck and Lynette Murray of Fullerton, NE, Shane Murray of Raleigh, NC, Christie Murray of Wayne, NE, Paul Murray of St. Paul, MN; 19 nieces and nephews; 11 great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father Vern on 2/2/1981; brother Gerald V. "Badger" on 2/16/1996; a niece; and his dog Roscoe.

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Janet Schuff

Janet H. Schuff, age 71, of Yankton passed away on Saturday, January 11, 2014 at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Funeral services will be 2:30 p.m. Thursday, January 16, 2014 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Yankton with Rev. Dave Gunderson and Rev. Steve Weispfennig officiating. Burial will be in the Mission Hill Cemetery, Mission Hill, SD.

Visitations will begin at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton with the family present at 6:00 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Pallbearers will be her grandchildren: Christopher Jasso, Amanda Wentzlaff, Lydia Nelson, Jennifer Teichroew, Jacob Wentzlaff, Gabe Wentzlaff, Ryan Shuff, and Garrett Shuff. Honorary pallbearers will be her Sunday School Students and countless years of daycare children.

Janet Helen was born to Ray and Marie (Westlund) Magorien in Yankton, SD on July 9, 1942. She was united in marriage to F. Ross Shuff on August 30, 1959. For years, she was employed by the Human Services Center. Janet was also a long time



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child care provider. Her love for children was endless and she was known by many as Grandma. She was a member of

St. John's Lutheran Church and taught Sunday school for a number of years.

Those who will forever cherish her memory are her husband, F. Ross Shuff of Yankton, SD; two sons, Brent (Renee) Shuff of Hudson, WI and Justin (Beth) Shuff of Deerfield, WI; two daughters, Meshelle (Rod) Jasso Hartman of Yankton, SD and Angela Shuff of Yankton, SD; twelve grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; four sisters: JoAnne Dreesen of San Antonio, TX, Margaret Magorien of Columbus, NE, Linda Luken and Lois Hogate, both of Dakota Dunes, SD; many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, Lyle Magorien, two sisters, Ilene Hamburg and MaryAnn Magorien, several nieces and nephews.

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Marilyn Jurrens

Marilyn K. Jurrens, age 60 of Yankton, SD died very unexpectedly on Thursday, January 9, 2014.

Memorial services will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 18, 2014 at Calvary Baptist Church, Yankton, SD with Rev. Jon Cooke officiating. Visitation will begin at 5 p.m. Friday, January 17, 2014 with prayer service at 7 p.m. at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday, January 18, 2014.

Marilyn was born in Yankton, SD on May 1, 1953 to Donald and Mary J. (Garrigan) Waters but was raised by Mary J. and Robert Drevecky. She was united in marriage to Scott Jurrens on October 23, 1982 in Yankton, SD. She attended Lake Area Vocational School from 1978 to 1979 and received her LPN degree and went on to USD from 1988 to 1990, achieving her RN degree. She devoted over 30 years as a dedicated nurse until her health led her to give up her nursing career. At the time of her death she was working at Vishay Electronics and made numerous friends in all her working endeavors. Marilyn was very active in her church and youth group, as well as PTA Member at Beadle Elementary School from 1990 to 1996. She also loved to read, work in her vegetable garden, canning, tending to her beautiful flowers, numerous arts and craft projects, scrapbooking, jewelry making, collecting Precious Moments figurines, spending time at the beach with family and friends, and loved concerts and music of all kinds.

She is survived by her husband, Scott Jurrens of Yankton, SD; a beloved son, John Jurrens and his fiancé, Theresa Boos, both of Sioux Falls, SD; step-father, Robert Drevecky of Watertown, SD; brothers, Daniel Drevecky of Watertown, SD, David (Melissa) Drevecky of Norfolk, NE; sisters: Pamela (Gary) Morris of Watertown,



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SD, Mary P. Drevecky of Watertown, SD, Bobbi Drevecky of Sioux Falls, SD; nephews: Chad DeWall, Theodore Drevecky, Charles Drevecky, Kasey Drevecky; nieces: Colleen DeWall, Jessica (Cory) Stenwedel, Amber Fernau, Ashley Drevecky and Emily Drevecky; great nephew and nieces: Hudson and Haidyn DeJean, Blake Fernau and Lydia Stenwedel; aunt, Doris Madison and family; uncle, Dennis (Trudy) Garrigan; several extended aunts, uncles, and cousins from both step-fathers and father's family; a brother-in-law, Chris (Jeanne) Jurrens and family; also, a cherished dog, Nikki, and numerous anonymous friends. If advertently anyone was missed, it was not intentional, but they will not be forgotten.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her mother, Mary J. Drevecky, father, Donald Waters, maternal grandparents, David and Alvira Garrigan, mother and father-in-law, Russell (Greta) Jurrens, uncles: John (Jack) Garrigan, James (Jim) Garrigan, James Madison, and Henry (Marge) Happe; a great niece, Sierra DeWall; and beloved dog, Maggie.

The family requests that memorials be directed to Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home or to a charitable organization of choice. You may leave a memorial message at www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com.

One of her favorite sayings was "I dream of angels but live with ghosts and demons."

Marilyn will be missed by everyone that entered and touched her life.

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Gary Guptill

Gary Dean Guptill passed away after a bout with Metastatic Melanoma cancer on Jan. 10, 2014, after a short illness.

He was born in Wagner, SD October 1, 1939. After WWII, Ralph and Esther Guptill settled in Springfield and Gary attended grade school in Springfield. In 1949 they moved to the family farm east of Springfield and lived there until 1956 when they moved to Miami, OK. He graduated from Wyandotte, OK High School and attended NEO A&M for two years in Miami, OK. Enlisted in the Army and after discharge, he graduated with a BSE from U of SD at Springfield and moved to Denver, CO in 1964. There he was employed by Gates Rubber Co. in the Purchasing Dept., and was later employed by Ford Motor Credit Company. He married Jacqueline Guay, to which a son, Scott, was born. They moved to Vermont and was employed as a Loan Officer at the Franklin County Bank.

After several occupational changes, he received his teaching certificate from the U of Nebraska/Omaha and started a long, successful teaching career. He earned his Masters of ED from the U of VT. After a divorce from Jacqueline, he was employed by the Dept. of Defense Dependent Overseas Schools and assigned to Taiwan, then the Philippines. He managed a Career Ed program and taught Ind. Ed, Geography, Math, Social Studies and Driver Ed. While in the Philippines, he married Esperanza Gonzales, and a daughter, Naomi, was born. They then went to Puerto Rico with DODDS and were later divorced. He

transferred to Germany then ended that teaching career in Puerto Rico in 1994 with early retirement. Later, he taught at Mike Durfee State Prison and felt it was one of the best teaching opportunities. His interests were Ham Radio being an Extra Class, obtained 3rd and 6th in the World In Radio Competition when in PR. He enjoyed showing and raising Quarter Horses with many championships, and riding motorcycles and building and showing cars. He loved the farm life, settling on the family farm west of Springfield. He married JayLynn Beck in 2008. They wintered in TX and lived on the farm in the summers. Retirement came hard, so he kept working as a Field Rep for JPMorgan and Gate Guarding oil field gates. He loved traveling, starting an RV group called the BS-G's which was BEE SOCIAL GROUP of "B" Class MH owners which also included anyone that could be social, enjoyed visiting with his friends around the world and coffee groups wherever he was.

He will be remembered by his wife, the love of his life, JayLynn, son Scott Guptill, of St. Albans, VT, Daughter Naomi Freise of Shreveport, LA; granddaughter Tatianna Freise and brother, Tracy Guptill of NE City, NE, with many cousins and aunt Georgia Muro of Denver, CO; Aunt Neva Thomas and Aunt and Uncle Neil and Doris Thomas of Springfield.

A memorial will be established in his honor at the Brackettville, TX food bank.

Condolences can be sent to JayLynn Guptill, PO Box 603, Brackettville, TX 78832.

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Kevin Pinkelman

Kevin Pinkelman, 59, of Hartington, Neb., died on Monday, Jan. 13, 2014, at the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Services are pending at the Wintz Funeral Home, Hartington.

James 'Chubby' Orton

James "Chubby" Orton, 82, of Gayville died Thursday, Jan. 9, 2014, in Sun City West, Ariz.

Memorial services are at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 20, at Gayville Lutheran Church in Gayville with the Rev. Ralph Egbert officiating. Burial will be in the Gayville Cemetery with military honors provided by the Rudolph-Christensen American Legion Post No. 237.

A gathering of friends and family is from 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with a

prayer service and time of sharing at 6 p.m.

To send an online sympathy message, visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com/.

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