

OBITUARIES

Beverly Christensen

Beverly Y. Christensen, age 87, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Thursday, January 23, 2014 at Avera Creighton Care Centre in Creighton, Nebraska.

Memorial services are 10:30 a.m. February 10, 2014 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Yankton with Reverend David Wildermuth officiating. Inurnment will be at the Hillcrest Cemetery in Irene, South Dakota.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the memorial service at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Yankton.

Beverly was born February 9, 1926 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota to Earl and



Christensen

Grace (Rude) Wharton. Beverly was the only child in her immediate family. She treasured the close relationships she had with her many cousins as she grew to adulthood. She grew up in the rural area east of Yankton. She graduated from Yankton High School in 1943 and then furthered her education by attending Sacred Heart School of Nursing where she became a registered nurse. On May 30, 1947, she married Jerome A. Christensen at Trondhjem Lutheran Church in rural Volin, South Dakota. After their marriage, Beverly and Jerome lived in Irene where they started their family. The couple owned and operated J & L Market until

1960. The couple then purchased the Mission Hill Locker and moved their family to Yankton. After the move to Yankton Beverly once again worked as a Registered Nurse at the South Dakota Human Services Center in staff development and on the admission wards and later at Sister James Care Center as a geriatric nurse. In 1982, after the death of her husband Jerome, she moved to Denver, Colorado where she worked as a community health nurse and as a psychiatric nurse at Fort Logan Mental Health Facility. Beverly retired in 1991 and moved back to Yankton.

Beverly spent her retirement years as an active volunteer in the Yankton community. She enjoyed working on the Yankton County Election Board, mentoring individuals with mental illness who were living in the community and she also vol-

unteered at the Yankton Senior Center by delivering Meals on Wheels to individual in their homes. Beverly was an involved member of Trinity Lutheran Church. Beverly's spiritual life was very important to her. She lived her life as an example to others of her deep faith and dedication to social justice for all people. She showed great love to her family and her friends. Her greatest joy in later life was the time she gave to her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Beverly also enjoyed traveling, bowling, golfing and playing cards with her great friends in Yankton. Her smile will never be forgotten.

Beverly is survived by children: Jane (David) Davidson of Center, NE, Kaylene Henry of Yankton, Keith (Vicky) Christensen of Midland, MI and Lisa (George) Krueger of Sioux Falls; daugh-

ter-in-law Carol Christensen of Yankton, wife of deceased son Barry Christensen; 12 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Beverly was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Jerome on February 10, 1976; her two sons, Daniel and Barry; an infant daughter, Mary; and two granddaughters, Angela and Livia.

To send an online message to the family, please visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Margaret Friederich

Funeral services for Margaret Friederich, 77, of Mitchell will be held at 10:30 am on Saturday, February 1st at Frieden's Reformed Church in Tripp. Interment will follow in Frieden's Reformed Cemetery, Tripp.

Visitation will be held on Friday from 3:00 p.m. until a 7 p.m. prayer service at the Goglin Funeral Home in Tripp.

Margaret died on January 27, 2014 at the Firesteel Healthcare Center in Mitchell, South Dakota.

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Greg Koepsell

Greg Koepsell, age 60, of Mission Hill, South Dakota, passed away Sunday, January 26, 2014, surrounded by his wife and daughter, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

Memorial services will be 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 31, 2014, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with Reverend John Rutten officiating.

A gathering of friends and family will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 30, 2014, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home.

Greg was born February



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27, 1953 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota to Melvin and Ardis (Stoen) Koepsell. He grew up in Canova, South Dakota and graduated from Canova High School, where he was especially proud of his 1968 State Teener Baseball Championship and all-state honors in football, track and basketball. He married his high school sweetheart, Eugene "Lu" Zens, on September 8, 1973 in Epiphany. Together they

moved to Yankton and Greg worked at Wilson Trailer before returning to Canova to farm and start a family. In 1984, Greg and his family returned to the Yankton area, and they settled in Mission Hill, South Dakota. Throughout the years Greg worked for Farmers Elevator, Utica Grain and Feed, Den Besten as a regional sales manager, owner of the Main Street Bar & Grill, Yankton Metals, and Weiman Construction.

Greg enjoyed fishing, especially in northern Minnesota, boating on the Missouri River, hunting, watching golf, catching up with his friends, and

taking drives with his beloved chocolate lab, Hershey. Red Balloons!!!

Survivors include his wife, Eugene "Lu" Koepsell of Mission Hill; three children: Scott Koepsell (Rob Bianchini) of Omaha, Nebraska; Mike (Michelle) Koepsell of Mission Hill; and Laura Koepsell of Mission Hill; two grandchildren: Breanna Pearson and Mason Koepsell; brother, Brad Koepsell of Sioux Falls; two brothers-in-law: Harley (Ronda) Zens of Canova and Warren (Kathy) Zens of Mitchell, South Dakota; honorary son Jared (Jennifer and Emma) Archambeau of Pied-

mont, South Dakota; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Melvin and Ardis; and in-laws, Clement and Elsie Zens.

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Nettie Herman

Nettie Herman of Menno, SD, died peacefully on January 25 at the age of 97 years.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, January 30, 2014 at Grace Lutheran Church, Menno with Rev. Theresa Jacobson officiating. Burial will be in the Menno Cemetery.

Visitations will be from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at the Aisenbrey-Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno, SD with the family present. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.



Herman

Nettie Marie Isaak was born July 28, 1916, in rural Parkston, SD, to William and Maria (Hildebrandt) Isaak, the tenth of thirteen children. She was baptized the next day in the Lutheran parsonage due to concerns that she would not live very long. She attended country school near Parkston and was confirmed in both German and English at Salem Lutheran Church in

Parkston in May of 1930. Nettie was a self-taught pianist, organist, and seamstress. She married William Herman on June 24, 1939, and they raised five children while farming for 30 years in Hutchinson County before moving to Menno in 1969.

After William's death in 1990, Nettie continued her work as a seamstress retiring in 2012 at the age of 95. She was the organist for rural St. John's Lutheran Church as well as a Sunday school and confirmation teacher. Nettie was active in the Grace Lutheran Church choir and

sang in the annual community choir concerts. She was also an avid gardener and enjoyed traveling and being with her family. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends, and the community.

Nettie is survived by three daughters: Joanne Ziarek of Milwaukee, WI, Patty Herman of Iowa City, IA, Judy (Greg Houda) Herman of Moran, WY, and one son James L. Herman of Menno; five grandchildren: Michelle Herman, Lisa (Larry) Klaudt, Kristi (Jason) Saylor, Travis (Linda) Herman, Janae Herman; five great grandchildren: Nicholas

and Jack Herman, Logan Klaudt, Jenna and Morgan Saylor; and many nieces and nephews.

Nettie was preceded in death by her husband William; son Gary Herman; parents; her eight brothers and four sisters.

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cility — that's where the industry is going," he stated. "Why? Because we have so much made offshore, and it comes back to this country in containers and has to be broken down at an intermodal facility. That asset that is being built out there (at Napa junction) has the capabilities of breaking down unit trains."

Unit trains are groups of rail cars that usually range from 40 to 120 cars.

Kramer said the Dakota Plains project is rare in the Yankton area because companies typically look to the public sector to develop industrial parks here.

"You've been very successful at acquiring some great companies for Yankton and the area, but you've had to invest very, very heavily because the private sector does not build industrial parks in Yankton," he stated. "The absorption rate is not significant enough for them to make money at it, so they don't do it."

"(The Napa junction project is) a huge asset that you don't have to put a dime in," Kramer continued. "(Dakota Plains is) willing to share that with us. We have to get some commitments on who gets to use it, and the costs of using it have to be competitive. It's giving

our area a significant asset." Kramer was before the City Commission Monday to ask its support for a resolution that addressed the Dakota Plains project and other economic development issues that may arise.

"It's a motion of support to the county to know that, as economic development projects come forward in the area — not just within city limits — we will take the opportunity to support them," said City Manager Amy Nelson, who also serves on the YAPG executive board. "We want to be able to say, if it is good for Yankton County, it is probably good for the city, as well. It's the rising tides helps all ships' idea."

Kramer said YAPG has offered to do a comprehensive development plan that would anticipate what impacts Dakota Plains, as well as other potential businesses, could have on an area covering approximately 640 acres.

"The opportunity to grow beyond that 50-acre (Dakota Plains) development is very strong," Kramer said. "We don't know how much natural gas, sewer or water that development is going to need. To do that comprehensive plan so that it's a full build out ... is essential."

YAPG will contract out work on the development plan. Kramer anticipates it could cost anywhere from

\$5,000 to \$30,000, depending on how much research is needed.

"We hope to have that done in the next three to six months," he said. "In the meantime, we've encouraged the county to allow this project to begin construction in April and to move forward with rezoning."

The Napa junction is a unique location because it is where a Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company line intersects with the state-owned Napa-Platte line. The short line triggers an agreement between the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company and the State of South Dakota that would allow other rail companies to come up to the Dakota Plains facility.

Dakota Plains would like to break ground at the site between 436th Avenue and 437th Avenue, and north of Highway 50, by April 15 and be open for the fall harvest in 2015.

The City Commission gave its unanimous support Monday to the resolution of support for YAPG and the county.

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actually encouraging excellence, it reduces it to just meeting these standards. Your more able students end up being stymied and discouraged."

Forbes added that the school has thoroughly investigated the Common Core during the past year, but determined its own standards are better suited for its students.

"We just felt like the sequence of teaching didn't make a lot of sense in a lot of cases. We believe the way we do it is more methodical and more able to be grasped by students," he said. "For example, in math, Common Core tends to be more process than knowledge. For the younger students, we believe — and I think research has shown — that a knowledge base is really needed instead of describing different ways two plus three could equal five."

Numerous parents also expressed concern about the

MVCA implementing Common Core standards, Forbes said, and not just for educational reasons.

"Parents are very uneasy about this database of information that is being collected," he said. "There's not much trust in the government to collect that information."

While some nonpublic schools have chosen to adopt portions of the Common Core standards and reject others, Forbes said the MVCA decided against such an approach.

"We really felt like that was a Trojan horse," he said. "How are you going to differentiate that? We just thought it was better to say no."

Following its rejection of

the Common Core standards and state accreditation, the MVCA association decided instead to seek accreditation through a Christian-school accrediting body, Forbes said. Those standards will be more rigorous than what the state is implementing, he said.

"In our viewpoint, we're going above and beyond what Common Core calls for," Forbes said. "We're not lowering our standards — we're actually raising them. And that's what we're all about."

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