

OBITUARIES

Agnes Koenig

Mass of Christian Burial for Agnes M. Koenig of Tyndall will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 12 at St. Leo Catholic Church in Tyndall with Fr. Gerald Thury as Celebrant. Organist will be Marcene Kniffen. Interment will follow in St. Leo Catholic Cemetery, Tyndall. Casketbearers will be Kevin Koenig, Jadon Koenig, Bill Kingsbury, Dave Hosek, Larry Hosek and Lyle Hosek.



Koenig

Agnes May Koenig was born Wednesday, October 25, 1922 at Academy, SD. She was raised on a farm near Bijou Hills, located between Platte and Chamberlain. Agnes was the eighth of nine children born to Anton and

Mary (Kott) Hosek. She grew up on the family farm through the Great Depression. After losing her father when she was eight years old, she and her remaining three sisters and four brothers assisted their mother in scratching out a living during those very dry and dirty 30's. Agnes moved to Philip where she stayed with her oldest brother and attended Philip High School. She worked in Platte, Wagner and Geddes before marrying Eugene Koenig in 1947 and moved to Tyndall. Eugene and Agnes lived in Tyndall where they owned the Koenig Insurance Agency for over 30 years. They raised their two sons in Tyndall and remained in Tyndall until the death of Eugene in 2004.

Agnes moved to the Springfield Assisted Living facility in 2007 and then to the Good Samaritan Society of Tyndall, where she lived until her death on Saturday, May 29, 2013, having achieved the age of 90 years, 7 months and 4 days. Family was always very important to Agnes. Highlights of Hosek family picnics and Christmas dinners centered around Agnes, her five brothers and three sisters and all of their children. With a house of over 30 people, there was always room for one more person to celebrate the season with the Hoseks. Agnes was a member of the St. Michael's Hospital Auxiliary, the American Legion Auxiliary, and St. Leo's Altar Society.

Agnes loved music, dancing, flowers, and baking. Agnes could be seen walking around Tyndall well into her 80's. She loved to walk ever since she was a little girl and had to walk over a mile to and from school. Like Eugene, Agnes loved her grandchildren — her pride and joy — and always had time to talk to them. Agnes' surviving family is comprised of her two sons: James (Kathleen) Koenig of Tyndall and their children Carolyn (Michael) Gleason, Kevin (Marichu) Koenig and Maureen (James) McFarlane and son Tom (Shelly) Koenig of Herndon, Virginia and their children Samantha and Jadon. Agnes has three great-grandchildren and a surviving brother, Herman Hosek.

Agnes is preceded in death by her husband, Eugene; her parents, Anton and Mary Hosek; her brothers: William, Alvin, Ben and James; and her sisters: Rose, Clara, and Grace.

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Vicki Arens

Vicki Arens, 59, of Crofton, died early Thursday, June 6, 2013 at the Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton, after a courageous battle with cancer. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Monday, June 10, 2013 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Crofton, with Rev. Michael Schmitz officiating. Burial will be in the parish cemetery.



Arens

Vicki Marie Arens, daughter of Charles and Mariellen Maly, was born on Feb. 22, 1954 at Sa-

cred Heart Hospital in Yankton. Vicki grew up in Crofton. She was the oldest of seven children. She attended St. Rose Elementary School and graduated from Crofton High School in 1972. She went on to attend nursing school in Norfolk, and graduated in 1975. Vicki moved back to Crofton where she worked as a nurse in the Dr.'s office with her uncle, Dr. Ron Maly. Throughout the years Vicki worked at various nursing homes. She married the love of her

life, Bill Arens, in 1978 at St. Rose Church in Crofton. As a couple they did everything together. They had two beautiful children, Benjamin "BJ" and Tracy Marie. Vicki loved gardening, animals, embroidery, and especially her grandchildren. She was a devoted, loving, caring grandmother and wife. Her grandbabies were her pride and joy. Vicki is survived by her husband of 35 years, Bill Arens of

Crofton; son, Ben (wife Sarah) Arens of Yankton; brother, Russ (wife Jen) Maly of Crofton; brother, Tim (wife Cherie Ann) Maly of Norfolk, VA; brother, John (wife Beverly) Maly of Augusta, KS; sister, Lori (husband Gordon) Mueller of Crofton; sister, Amy (husband Pete) Branschreiber of Crofton; six grandchildren: Makenzie and Cody Sassaman, Elyse Larson, Alivia Arens, Brody Mathrole, Harper Arens; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Tracy Marie Arens; brother, Rick Maly; grandparents, Otto and Clara Jilg and Joseph and Teresa Maly.

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Raymond Jespersen

Raymond Christian Jespersen, 89, West Union, Iowa, formerly of Viborg, died Wednesday, June 5, 2013, at Palmer Lutheran Health Center, West Union, Iowa. Raymond was born on July 15, 1923, in Viborg, to Niels and Ludevikke (Buck) Jespersen. He graduated from Viborg High School with the

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class of 1941. Raymond served in the United States Army during WWII attaining the rank of Corporal. He was honorably discharged at Fort Dix in New Jersey.

Raymond was united in marriage to Ann Marie Kirkland on June 8, 1946, at Watertown, New York. Six children were born to this union. Raymond farmed for many years. After he retired from farming, he worked at the Co-op Fertilizer Plant and was an Insurance Agent for Farmers Mutual of DeSmet. He was active in his community serving on the School Board District #45, Creamery Board, Danville Township Board, Weed Board, a forty year member of the Bethania Lutheran Cemetery Board, past President and Secretary of the Danish Brotherhood Society and was a Legionaire. Raymond lived on the family farm until he was 82 years old when he and his wife moved into an apartment in Viborg. In 2009, they moved to Traditions of West Union. Bedstead loved visiting and spending time with family. He particularly enjoyed seeing his grandchildren and great children. He had a special place in his heart for all children.

Survivors include his wife, Ann Marie Jespersen, West Union; six children, Ronald Jespersen, West Union, Kathy Turner, Clermont, Margaret Jespersen (Denny Chapman), West Union, Susan (Jeff) Poppen, Viborg, Nancy Jespersen, Yankton, Randal (Amy) Jespersen, Omaha; twelve grandchildren, Jennifer (Mike), Alex, Jessica (Andy), Jared (Amanda), Travis (Wendy), Tracy (Brett), Wade (Missy), Kari (Jace), Katie, Ryan, Megan, Lauren; sixteen great-grandchildren; one great, great grandchild, one sister, Dagmar Johnson, Sioux Falls; two sisters-in-law, Delores Jespersen, Des Moines, Jean Jespersen, Leipsic, OH and many nieces and nephews.

Raymond was preceded in death by his parents, Niels and Ludevikke Jespersen, four sib-

lings, Ronald Jespersen, Neelna Clausen, Harold Jespersen, Edith Kaarup and three brothers-in-law, Donald Kaarup, Bob Clausen, Bob Johnson.

Memorial Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 9, 2013 at Traditions Senior Living Center in West Union, Iowa. The Rev. Dale Rausch will officiate.

A private family inurnment will take place at a later date. Who plants a seed beneath the sod and waits to see, believes in God.

Memorials may be sent to Traditions Senior Living Center, 609 Hwy 150 N Rm 101, West Union, IA 52175.

Condolences may be left with: www.graufuneralhomes.com.

Schutte - Grau Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Clermont, Iowa is helping the family with the arrangements.

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John Check

John F. Check passed away at the Sanford Medical Center on June 5, 2013 in Vermillion, at the age of 91. He was the youngest son of Joseph and Valeria (Kiezewski) Check; the husband of Teckla (Kurzinski) Check; and the father of Gregory, Deborah, Patricia and John David.

John was born on the family farm outside Rosholt, WI August 22, 1921. Eschewing the agricultural life, he started his teaching career in a one-room schoolhouse while still in his teens. Because he so enjoyed the field of education, he sought to advance himself by teaching at different schools, going on to earn a PhD from the University of Wisconsin Madison in 1959.

John taught at the University of Michigan Flint for seven years before coming in 1966 to the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, where he taught for over 20 years. In 1969, he received the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Distinguished Teaching Award, and was named to the Outstanding Educators of America in 1970. He was sought after for speeches and seminars and wrote a number of articles published in scholarly educational journals.

For nearly 60 years John led his own dance band, producing numerous recordings on 78s, LP albums and CDs. He wrote over

200 compositions in the polka/waltz idiom, with his first, the "Two Eddies Polka," being recorded by numerous bands. Works of his have been placed in the Mills Music Library of the Wisconsin State Archives and in archives of the National Music Museum in South Dakota. One of his CDs received honorable mention in the folk music category and was acquired by the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

John received many accolades for his musical avocation including the Concertina Hall of Fame in 1981, the International Polka Hall of Fame in 1991, and the Wisconsin Polka Hall of Fame Lifetime Achievement Award in 2005. First with the Michigan Dutchmen, then later with the Wisconsin Dutchmen, he appeared on a weekly TV show for more than a decade. He also hosted a radio show at various stations featuring "the best in recorded polka music".

Knowing he would miss his dear friends in Wisconsin, he chose to move to Vermillion in 2009 to be closer to his daughter, Debbie. While in Vermillion, he continued to entertain people with his music and would often serve as a reader at St. Agnes Church.

John was preceded in death by his wife Teckla in 1988. He is survived by his son Gregory of Cambridge, MA; his daughter Deborah Reeves of Vermillion, SD; his daughter Patricia of Oshkosh, WI; his son John David of Warrensburg, MO, and grandchildren Adam of Charlestown, MA and Brendan of Los Angeles, CA.

A funeral mass will be celebrated at St. Agnes Church in Vermillion, Monday 7 p.m., preceded by visitation at the church at 6 p.m. in Oshkosh, WI, a fu-

neral mass will be at St. Raphael's church Thursday June 13, 11 a.m. with visitation starting at 9 a.m. and burial at Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements in Vermillion are by Hansen Funeral Home, and in Oshkosh by Fiss and Bills Poklasny Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation be made to St. Agnes or St. Raphael's Church.

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Ryan Bloomquist

Funeral services for Ryan K. Bloomquist, 81, of Bloomfield, Neb., will be 10 a.m. Monday, June 10, 2013, at Christ Memorial United Methodist Church in Bloomfield. Pastor Trudy Hanke will officiate, with burial in the Bloomfield City Cemetery. Military Honors will be conducted by VFW Post 4996 and American Legion Post 249, both of Bloomfield.

Visitation will be Sunday, from 6-8 p.m., at Brockhaus Funeral Home in Bloomfield. Ryan died Friday, June 7, 2013, at his home in Bloomfield.

Donald 'Buck' Deters

Donald E. "Buck" Deters, 87 of Tonopah, AZ and formerly of Olivet, passed away Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at his residence. Memorial graveside services will be 2 p.m., Thursday, June 13, 2013 at the Menno Cemetery, Menno, with Rev. Michael Hecht officiating.

The Aisenbrey-Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel has been trusted with the service details. On-line condolences can be sent at www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com.

One Dead, Three Injured In Tabor Crash

From P&D Staff Reports

TABOR — One person died and three others were injured Friday in a two-vehicle crash on S.D. Highway 50 west of Tabor.

Names of the persons involved are being withheld until relatives have been notified.

The accident occurred around 10 a.m., according to a news release from the South Dakota Highway Patrol.

An eastbound 2000 Peterbilt truck hauling a load of cattle attempted to make a left turn onto 306th Street. A 2002 Pontiac Montana, also eastbound, struck the rear of the cattle trailer.

The driver of the Pontiac died at the scene. Two passengers in the Pontiac suffered serious injuries and were taken to a Yankton hospital. The driver of the Peterbilt sustained minor injuries.

All parties were wearing seatbelts.

No further information is immediately available. The South Dakota Highway Patrol is investigating. The Bon Homme County Sheriff and Tyndall Police Department assisted.

University Art Galleries To Hold Summer Camp

VERMILLION — The University Art Galleries at the University of South Dakota will host a Summer Art Camp for kids, June 10-14.

The theme of this summer's camp is "Japanese Printmaking," as Japanese prints from the University Art Galleries permanent collection will be on display in Gallery 110, which is located in the Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts on USD's campus. Students attending the camp will study these prints and learn to make their own Japanese block prints. The camp, open to kids ages 8 to 12, is from noon to 4 p.m. each day.

A final reception showcasing camp artwork is scheduled for 3 p.m. on Friday, June 14, at Gallery 110.

The fee to attend the camp covers all expenses, including a daily snack. To register for the camp, contact Alison Erazmus, Gallery Director, by calling (605) 677-3177 or by email at Alison.Erazmus@usd.edu.

Sobriety Checkpoints Planned In June

PIERRE — The South Dakota Highway Patrol has sobriety checkpoints scheduled in June in the following counties: Aurora, Bennett, Brookings, Brown, Clark, Codington, Edmunds, Jackson, Marshall, Meade, Pennington, Roberts, Stanley, Union and Yankton.

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