

## OBITUARIES

## Debra Towns

Debra June "Debby" (Breeding) Towns, age 53, of Olivet, SD, died Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at the Scotland Good Samaritan Center, Scotland, SD after a battle with cancer.

Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 5, 2010, at the Salem Reformed Church (707 South 5th Street), Menno, with Rev. Michael Hecht officiating. Burial of her cremated remains will be in the Menno Cemetery.

Friends may call one hour prior to the service at the church. Aisenbrey-Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno, is in charge of arrangements.

Honorary pallbearers will be Mike Carter, Steve Towns, Byron Whaler, and Pat Fines.

Debby was born July 11, 1956 in Merced, CA to Bernard and Mildred (Carter) Breeding. She spent her childhood in Montana and California. She attended Big Timber High School in Big Timber, MT and graduated in May

of 1974. Debby liked being around people so she chose a career in the food industry. She worked in several restaurants. She met and married Kirk Towns in July of 1975. Together they worked on ranches in Montana, Wyoming and Nebraska. They rode together a lot during calving season where she helped with all the chores. She also kept her house clean and the doors where always open to anyone who might need to eat or just need a listening ear. Debby cooked for cowboy crews and helped at haying time. She also found time to help break colts and worked at branding time with various chores. She owned several horses and always had stray dogs, cats, and rabbits living in her house.

In 1989, Kirk and Debby moved to Yosemite National Park where they lived and worked for 13 years. She was manager of the Pony Coral where she put the children on the ponies to lead and walk them for pictures and fun. She also worked at the Yosemite Lodge and the Awahnee

Hotel in the food service where she was in management as the lead hostess for 9 years.

In June of 2001, Kirk and Debby moved to Olivet, SD where Debby again chose a career where she could help people. She worked at the Scotland Good Samaritan Center, Scotland, SD for three years and then the Menno-Olivet Care Center for five years until she was forced to retire due to her battle with cancer.

Debby loved horseback riding, ice skating, crocheting, and visiting with her friends. Throughout her life, Debby always chose jobs that involved helping other people. She was an individual who always tried to put the needs of others ahead of her own, especially caring and praying for her family. Above all, Debby lived her life for Jesus Christ, her Lord and Savior.

Debby is survived by her husband Kirk of Olivet, SD; Father Bernard Breeding of Big Timber, MT; two step-daughters Vicki Marie (Bobby) Crist of Mt. Lake

Terrace, WA and Terri Renee Gustafson of Granite Falls, WA; several grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren; three brothers Charles (Judy) Breeding of Bakersfield, CA, Mike Carter of Libby, MT, and Terry Breeding of Olivet, SD. Brothers and Sisters-in-law Margo (Pat) Fines of Crooks, SD, Sheila (Jerry) Lotton of Sioux Falls, SD, Steven Towns of Sioux Falls, SD, William (Nancy) Towns of Sioux Falls, SD, Michael Towns of Houston, TX and Shannon (Ron) Dake of Sioux Falls, SD.

She was preceded in death by her mother; sisters-in-law Vicky Marie Towns and Diane (Eugene) Jaque; and several nieces and nephews.

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## Ruth Schanche

Ruth Esther Schanche, age 83, of Yankton, passed away Thursday, February 25, 2010 at Avera McKennan Hospital, Sioux Falls, SD.

Ruth was born to Nickolas and Susie (Wipf) Schaeffer on May 2nd, 1926 in Menno, S.D. Ruth was baptized and confirmed at Saron Reformed Church in Menno, S.D. She received her education in Menno, while helping her parents on the family farm.

She married Raymond Mueller on May 7th, 1950. They made their home and raised their two daughters, Connie and Susan, in Yankton, S.D. Raymond died on October 3, 1969. Ruth married Terrell Schanche on October 2, 1971. Ruth was a homemaker who



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provided daycare to the Yankton Community for 35 years. Ruth was affectionately known by the kids as "Mama Ruth." Ruth spent her years being a loving and supportive mother. Grandmother and wife. She enjoyed playing cards, cooking for her family and baking her famous banana bread and cookies. Ruth and Terry loved to open their home to friends and family. Whether barbequing on the deck or hosting a game of pinocle, their home always had an "open door policy" everyone was welcome. Above all, Ruth loved her family. She was at her happiest when surrounded by her family. We love you, Grandma Ruthie. We will miss you.

Ruth is survived by her husband Terrell Schanche of Yankton, S.D.; her daughters Connie Kenna of Omaha, N.E., Susan Stahlecker of Yankton, S.D.; her

Stepdaughters Pam "Harold" Cook of Vermonia, O.R., Terri Jan "Earle" Bell of Banks, O.R.; her 16 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren; her brother Alvin Schaeffer of Yankton, S.D., and her sister Edna Fargo of Yankton, S.D.

Ruth is preceded in death by her first husband and parents, her sisters Hilda, Nettie, Elsie, Agnes; her brothers Helmut, Rueben and Herbert; Stepdaughters Charlotte and Kris; 2 Stepgrandchildren and 1 Son in Law.

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## Russell Redlightning

MARTY — Funeral services for Russell Redlightning, 56 of Marty will be 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at the Community Center in Marty, with burial in the Presbyterian Cemetery, rural Greenwood.

Wake services will be held at the Center. Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner is handling the arrangements.

Russell Homer Redlightning, 56, of Marty, SD, was born October 19, 1953 and passed away on Friday, February 26, 2010 at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls. Russell was on dialysis for 12 years. He was put on dialysis in 1997 and remained on it until the time of his death.

Russell was brought into this world by Estelle (Kezena) and the late Orville Redlightning, Sr. He was the oldest of nine children. Russell attended Central Grade School in Waukegan, IL up to the eighth grade. His parents moved back to South Dakota in 1966 and Russell attended Ravinia High School during his freshman year and then he went to boarding school and attended Todd County High School in Mission his sophomore year. Russell came back home to finish his two remaining years of high school at St. Paul's Indian Mission (now Marty Indian School) and graduated with the class of 1972. Russell attended higher education at Haskell Indian Junior College in Lawrence, KS, where he graduated with an Associates Arts Degree in Liberal Arts.

After graduating, Russell moved back to Marty where he worked for the Yankton Sioux Tribe in various positions. He was a police dispatcher before becoming a Tribal police officer and then a Bureau of Indian Affairs police officer. Russell had the opportunity to serve on the Tribal Council

for two terms (1981-1983) and (1991-1993) and was one of the longest serving board members for Marty Indian School Board (1983-1991) and (1993-2003). His favorite places to work were the Wagner Food Center, being a Dialysis Patient Driver for the State of South Dakota and being a security guard at the Fort Randall Casino, which allowed him to work and visit people from all walks of life.

Russell always had a joke and a smile on his face, even when he wasn't feeling very well. Russell never complained about anything; he enjoyed life. His greatest accomplishment was when he was able to Sundance this past summer. His family was always proud of him and know that he lived a wonderful and fulfilling life.

Russell met Pam Dirksen in June of 1979 and they were married for 26 years. To this union four children were born. Thankful for having shared his life are his children: Christopher and wife Rachel Redlightning, Sr. 30 of Grand Island, NE; Charisse Redlightning, 28 of Yankton; Bethann Standing Cloud and husband Todd, 23 of Marty; and Becca Redlightning, 13 of Yankton; eight grandchildren; his mother Estelle Redlightning of Marty; three brothers: Michael and wife Marilyn of Wagner; Gerald and wife Rolene of Lake Andes; and Edward of Marty; one sister Tracey Redlightning of Marty; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, grandmas and grandpas.

Russell was preceded in death by his father; three brothers: Orville (Fud), Jr., Sherman Keith and Jeffery Adam; one sister Terri Jo; paternal grandparents: Winnie (Hare) and Martin Redlightning; and maternal grandparents: Alice (Gullickson) and Fred Kezena. Sr.

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died Saturday (Feb. 27, 2010) at his residence.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Crofton, with the Rev. Michael Schmitz officiating. Burial will be at the St. Rose Cemetery in Crofton with military graveside rites by the Crofton American Legion Post 128.

Visitation is 3-8 p.m. Wednesday, with a rosary at 3:30 p.m., a vigil service at 6:30 p.m., followed by a rosary at 7:30 p.m., at Wintz Funeral Home, Crofton.

## Harry Farley

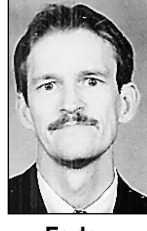
Harry M. Farley, age 57, passed away at home surrounded by his family Friday, February 26th.

Born April 9, 1952 in Yankton, S.D. to Harry and Ella (Highland) Farley. Harry earned a B.A. degree in Political Science from Yankton College and a J.D. degree from the University of South Dakota Law School. He worked for the Nebraska DHHS in the legal services department for 22 years. Memberships include Holy Savior Lutheran Church, USD alumni association and the USTA.

Visitation will be held Sunday, February 28th from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Wyuka Funeral Home; and Monday, March 1st from 10:00 a.m. until service time at Holy Savior Lutheran Church.

Services will be held Monday, March 1st at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Savior Lutheran Church, 4710 N. 10th, Lincoln.

Survivors include Wife: Jackie of Lincoln; Sons: Brendan, Bryan and Austin all at home. Brothers



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and Sister-in-law: George Farley; Jim and Pat Farley. Sisters and Brother-in-law: Joyce Graham; Janet and Syd Hafner, all of Yankton, S.D. Sisters-in-law and Spouses: Judy and Rolley Wallinger of Stuart, NE, Connie and Byron Vanness of Wausa, NE, Vickie and Doug Miller of Foster, NE. Brothers-in-law and Spouses: Dan and Rhonda Babl of Kearney, NE, Doug Kaup of Kearney, NE, Doug Kaup of Kearney, Dale Kaup of Lincoln. Mother-in-law: Bernice Kaup of Stuart, NE. Many Friends and Co-Workers.

Preceded in death by: Parents, Sisters: Norma Broders, Delores Jensen and Brother: Jerry Farley. Interment will be at Wyuka Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society in care of stomach cancer research. Condolences may be sent to www.wyuka.com.

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## NATION/WORLD DIGEST

## Scientists Defend Tsunami Predictions

HONOLULU (AP) — The warning was ominous, its predictions dire: Oceanographers issued a bulletin telling Hawaii and other Pacific islands that a killer wave was heading their way with terrifying force and that "urgent action should be taken to protect lives and property."

But the devastating tidal surge predicted after Chile's magnitude 8.8-earthquake for areas far from the epicenter never materialized and by Sunday, authorities had lifted the warning after waves half the predicted size tickled the shores of Hawaii and tourists once again jammed beaches and restaurants.

Scientists acknowledged they overstated the threat, but defended their actions, saying they took the proper steps and learned the lessons of the 2004 Indonesian tsunami that killed thousands of people who didn't get enough warning.

"It's a key point to remember that we cannot end the warnings. Failure to warn is not an option for us," said Dai Lin Wang, an oceanographer at the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Hawaii. "We cannot have a situation that we thought was no problem and then it's devastating. That just cannot happen."

Hundreds of thousands of people fled shorelines for higher ground Saturday in a panic that circled the Pacific Rim after scientists warned 53 nations and territories that a tsunami had been generated by the massive Chilean quake.

## Marines To Stay In Marjah For Months

MARJAH, Afghanistan (AP) — More than 2,000 U.S. Marines and about 1,000 Afghan troops who stormed the Taliban town of Marjah as part of a major NATO offensive against a resurgent Taliban will stay several months to ensure insurgents don't return, Marine commanders said Sunday.

Meanwhile, insurgents are striking back by attacking resupply convoys moving in and out of Marjah with roadside bombs, Marines said Sunday. Four convoys have been hit in the last two days, Marines said on condition of anonymity because they were not supposed to release the information. There was no word on casualties.

Two Marine battalions and their Afghan counterparts will be stationed in Marjah and help patrol it as part of NATO's "clear, hold, build" strategy, which calls for troops to secure the area, restore a civilian Afghan administration, and bring in aid and public services to win the support of the population, commanders said.

On Sunday, the 1,000 Marines with the 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines Regiment were fortifying positions to the north and west of the town, taking over compounds and building others from scratch to create a small garrison, known as a Forward Operating Base, as well as combat outposts and a network of temporary patrol bases, said Capt. Joshua Winfrey, head of Lima Company.

Another battalion was doing the same to the south of Marjah, Winfrey said. About 1,000 Afghan troops will accompany the Marines, he added. In addition about 900 Afghan paramilitary police are already patrolling Marjah.

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## Mark Hakl

Mark Hakl, 53, Rapid City, peacefully passed away at Rapid City Regional Hospice House on Friday, February 26, 2010.

Mark is survived by his father Richard, his mother Delores, 2 brothers: Kim Hakl, Lake Andes, SD, Bob Hakl, Gillette, Wyo; two sisters: Mary Beth, Mesa, AZ, Judy Hakl, Gillette, Wyo, and various nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents.

A memorial visitation will take place at Kirk Funeral Home on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. A memorial service will then follow at 2:00 p.m. with Fr. Bill Zandri officiating. Interment will take place at a later date at Lake Andes Cemetery, SD.

An online guestbook is available at www.kirkfuneralhome.com.

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who passed away on  
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who passed away on  
March 5, 2009

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who passed away on  
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