

OBITUARIES

Merlyn Weddingfeld

HARTINGTON, Neb. — Merlyn W. Weddingfeld, age 83 of Hartington, Nebraska, died on Friday, March 5, 2010 at the Golden Living Center in Hartington.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Hartington with Rev. Jeffery Loseke officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery in Hartington with military services provided by the Hartington VFW Post 5283.

Visitation will be on Tuesday from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a rosary at 2:00 p.m. and a Vigil Service at 7:00 p.m. at the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington. Visitation will be one hour prior to services on Wednesday at the church.

To view the video tribute or to post a message online, please visit

www.wintzfuneralhome.com. Honorary pallbearers will be Gary Bowers, Tom Cobler, Jerry Hoffart, Lawrence Obermeyer, Kenneth Christiansen, Tracy Busch, Lajoy "Tiny" Sudbeck, Bob Schumacher, and Gene "Mitch" Miller. Pallbearers will be his grandchildren, Matthew Weddingfeld, Nathan Simpson, Jeff Whiteley, Joshua Whiteley, Ashlee Simpson, Kristin Weddingfeld, Katie Weddingfeld, Melissa Ricketts, Amy Weddingfeld, Megan Weddingfeld, and Jaime Weddingfeld.

Merlyn was born on July 13, 1926 to William and Frances (Brandt) Weddingfeld at home on a farm near Pender, Nebraska. He graduated from Pender High School in 1943 and from Wayne State College in 1981. Merlyn enlisted in the U. S. Navy in 1944 and served until 1946. Merlyn married Mary Sue Schmiedeskamp on June 20, 1950 at Walthill, Nebraska. They lived in Pender until 1957 where he worked as a self employed mechanic. While in Pender he belonged to the Pender Fire Department and the rescue

squad. He helped form the Pender Fire District and served as president of the fire department. In 1957 they moved to Hartington where he operated a Mobil gas station for 3 years, managed the VFW Club for 10 years, worked part time as a car and insurance salesman, helped at the Wintz Funeral Home and assisted at the soil conservation service. From 1964 to 1991 Merlyn worked at the Post Office as a postal clerk.

Merlyn loved flying in his younger days and held a commercial license with a flight instructor endorsement. He and Mary Sue loved to go dancing. He was an avid golfer, scoring a hole in one at the Hartington Golf Course in September 1991. He relished his fishing trips to Canada and the Missouri River lakes. He was a member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church, the Hartington American Legion and was a lifetime member of the Hartington VFW Post 5283.

Merlyn is survived by his wife, Mary Sue Weddingfeld of Hartington; 6 children and their spouses, Mary Fran and Michael Courtney of Las Vegas, Nevada;

Rita and Rob Simpson of Overton, Nebraska, David Weddingfeld of Las Vegas; John and Sarah Weddingfeld of Blue Hill, Nebraska; James and Debbie Weddingfeld of Yankton, SD; Ray and Kelly Weddingfeld of Las Vegas; 11 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, 2 brothers and their wives, Wilbur and Karen Weddingfeld of Phoenix, Arizona; William and Sue Weddingfeld of Panora, Iowa, 3 sisters, Madeline Barker and Violet Johnson Robison of Pender; and Betty Bressler of Wakefield, Nebraska.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 sisters, Myra Watson and Genene Busch, and an infant brother.

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William 'Bill' Bass

CROFTON, Neb. — William H. "Bill" Bass, age 91, of Crofton, Nebraska died Saturday, March 6, 2010, at the Golden Living Center in Hartington, Nebraska.

Funeral Services will be 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at the Wintz Funeral Home in Crofton with Reverend Bob Bryan officiating. Burial will be in the Crofton Cemetery with military honors provided by the Crofton American Legion Post 128.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Steven Kuehn, Jeffery Kuehn, Brian Kuehn, Shane Bass, Wayne Bass, and Brian Gyhra.

William was born March 11, 1918 to Richard and Anna (Givens) Bass in Grand Forks, North Dakota. He grew up in New Rockford, North Dakota and graduated from Central High School in New Rockford in 1937. He enlisted into the US Army in 1942 where he served his country during World War II. He married Ruby May Lucht on June 5, 1943 in Hot Springs, Arkansas. After returning from the war they moved back to New Rockford where he worked for Swift & Co. as a shipping clerk. In 1968, they moved to Detroit Lakes,

Minnesota where they lived until moving to Jasper, Indiana in 1974. They lived in Jasper a short time until moving to Port St. Lucie, Florida, where they lived until moving for the last time to Crofton, Nebraska in 1980.

He was a member of Ray B. Thorn American Legion Post #30 in New Rockford, North Dakota and a member of the VFW in Cheyenne, North Dakota.

Survivors include his daughter, Bonnie (Thomas) Kuehn of Fargo, North Dakota; two sons, Robert (Priscilla) Bass of Coal Valley, Illinois and Bruce (Kim) Bass of Weston, Nebraska; five grandchildren; two great grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; one step-great grandchild;

and sister, Patricia Johnson of Rockford, North Dakota.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Ruby on June 15, 2002 at the age of 81; three brothers, James, Richard, and Henry Bass; and sister Gay Willey.

To send an online sympathy card, please visit wintzfuneralhome.com.

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Eldon Jurens

AVON — Funeral services for Eldon Jurens will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at the First Baptist Church in Avon, with burial in the church cemetery with military honors.

Visitation will be at the church on Tuesday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. with family present from 4 to 6 p.m. Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Eldon George Jurens was born June 7, 1928 at Tyndall, South Dakota, the son of Tim and Lena (Roll) Jurens. He died Sunday March 7, 2010 at the Good Samaritan Society in Tyndall. Eldon attained the age of 81 years and nine months.

Eldon served in the US Army during the Korean War.

Eldon married Carol Tjeerdsma on September 14, 1951 at Springfield, SD. He was a self employed mechanic and owner of Jurens Repair from 1957 until he retired in 1990.

Eldon was a member of the Avon Lions Club, American Legion, Chamber of Commerce and was a city councilman for twelve years. He was also a mem-

ber of Gideons, Bon Homme Co. Mens Chorus and was active in the First Baptist Church, serving as a trustee and a deacon for many years.

Eldon will be remembered for his love of singing, bowling and camping at Hart Ranch. He also enjoyed his four lovely granddaughters, who were the pride and joy of his life.

Thankful for having shared his life are his wife, Carol Mae Jurens of Avon; three children: Dennis and wife Dixie Jurens of Avon, Jolene and husband Edd Conner of Norfolk, VA and Loren and wife Laurie Jurens of Avon; four grandchildren: Nicole Jurens, Henrietta Ratzlaff, Alexis Jurens and Olivia Jurens; one brother, Virgil and wife Maxine Jurens of Madison, WI; and two sisters: Leatta and husband Palmer Schortzmann of Merced, CA and Erma Dykstra of Avon.

Eldon was preceded in death by his only grandson, Timothy Joseph Jurens; three brothers: Chester, LeRoy and Raymond Jurens; a sister, Viola Voigt; his parents; and a brother-in-law, David Dykstra.

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Don Robinson

Don J. Robinson, 73, of Yankton died at his home Sunday (March 7, 2010).

Arrangements are pending under the care of Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton.

Anita Nielsen

Anita O. Nielsen, 89, of Yankton died Sunday (March 7, 2010) at the Golden Living Center, Norfolk, Neb.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Dave Wildermuth officiating. Burial will be Yankton Cemetery, Yankton.

Visitations is 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Carol Wachendorf

Carol J. Wachendorf, 78, of Yankton died Monday (March 8, 2010) at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Arrangements are pending with Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Yankton.

Elaine Barkl

Elaine Barkl, 78, of Yankton died at her residence Monday (March 8, 2010) after a long struggle with Parkinson's.

Funeral services are at 1 p.m.

REFUND

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Steve Willard, lobbyist for South Dakota Electric Utility Companies, said having the 55 percent refund rate and no cap on project cost would not penalize big projects already planned, such as the TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline expected to cost \$920 million to build across western South Dakota.

"We think it would be a lot

fairer and a lot easier for them to swallow if they can go back and say, 'We know it's a lot of money and it's expensive to us because it's a big project.' But at least we're treating everybody the same," Willard said.

Legislators opposed to giving TransCanada a tax refund say such pipeline routes are determined by geography, not by tax incentives. The pipeline would carry crude oil from Canada to Gulf Coast terminals and refineries in Texas.

State Sen. Scott Heidepriem, D-Sioux Falls, unsuccessfully resisted a move by Knudson to

put 10 percent of the tax refunds — up to \$10 million annually — into the state's Revolving Economic Development Initiative loan fund.

Heidepriem said the money should instead go to other programs that might be facing funding cuts.

"If the object of this is to make tax policy more sensible and at the same time fix the budget problems we have on a temporary basis, then adding \$1 million to the REDI fund seems not to be the way to go," he said.

DOME

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may not work," Bottolfson said. "At that point, we thought that maybe two years was a little short, so we asked for a three-year option. Mark went back and met with Rich Van Den Hul (vice president of finance and administration at the University of South Dakota) last week, and he agreed that such an option could be put in place if needed.

"If at the end of two years we don't like the way it is turning out, we can have the option of having a third year so we can plan on building a stadium on our own," he said.

Bottolfson noted the initial proposal that came from the committee's contained "a great discrepancy between where we could afford to be and where the university wanted us to be as far as financing to stay playing at the Dome.

"Both sides, I think, have come a long ways, and personally, it would be my recommendation to give Mark the OK to go ahead and develop this extended usage agreement for final approval," he said.

The board authorized Froke to work with university officials to draft an agreement. It will be presented for formal consideration at the school board's March 22 meeting.

The latest set of financial figures offered by the university calls for the school district to make a \$35,000 payment for use of the DakotaDome during the first year of the new agreement.

In the second year, the school district would pay an additional \$15,000, or a total of \$50,000, to gain access to the facility.

"And we would pay an additional \$1,000 if the third year is needed," Bottolfson said.

The DakotaDome cooperative use advisory committee's mission was to explore the options available to the community for continued use of the DakotaDome facility when it met late last year. The options included higher fees for the dome's use.

The committee's recommendation called for an initial capital investment of \$1 million to \$2 million from the Vermillion School District and the city of Vermillion be made for a term of 15 years, with an annual "use charge" to be determined by all parties to the agreement. The Vermillion School Board balked at those figures, and district and

university officials agreed to continue discussing options.

Froke and Jason Huska, dean of students at Vermillion High School, met with USD Athletic Director Joel Nielsen last week.

"We reviewed the ideas for access to the dome," Froke said, "and I must say that Joel has a very good attitude along those lines; he wants to make things work out, so we talked about a number of things."

Discussion topics included expanding the school district's access to the Dome to include not only high school varsity football, but also junior varsity football, seventh- and eighth-grade football games, and perhaps also ninth-grade football. The district will also seek, if schedules allow, additional high school football practices in the Dome.

Froke, Huska and Nielsen also discussed the possibility of holding an early season indoor varsity track meet in the facility. "We thought that would be of great interest to area schools," Froke said, "and we'd also like to try to have a seventh- and eighth-grade track meet at the same, with occasional practices."

USD and Vermillion School District officials also will likely talk about the district's access to the DakotaDome's swimming pool. "They (the university) are willing to discuss that item further, and they are particularly interested in the educational component. We opened up the door for discussions along those lines.

At the end of the short-term agreement, Froke said, the school board can evaluate how well the new agreement is working.

"We're at a point where we were looking to spend a significant amount of money," said Matt Lavin, a member of the school board, "either staying with the Dome for a long-term contract ... or a significant amount of money developing our own facility. It's not that we couldn't have, but this allows us, for a period of time, a cooling off and seeing if we can get an arrangement that will work with the Dome.

"We could throw something together and have a field (of our own) for next year," Dave Stammer, school board member, said. "The question is whether that would meet the needs of our school and our community. Hastily building something right now, I don't think, is a very wise idea. I think we need a little bit of time to plan before we go ahead and build something on our own, so I support going into a short-term agreement."

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