OBITUARIES

Elaine Barkl

Elaine Barkl, age 78, of Yankton, SD, passed away at her residence on Monday, March 8, 2010 after a long struggle with Parkinson's.

Funeral service will be 1:00 p.m. Saturday, March 13, 2010 at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Yankton with Rev. Paul Josten officiating. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton.

Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Friday, March 12, 2010 at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton with a 7:00 p.m. rosary followed by a 7:30 p.m. Scripture service and video tribute. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Pallbearers will be Chris Barkl, Nick Barkl, Clint VanderPoel, Leonard Cap, Mike Kittelson and Curtis Dehl. Honorary pallbearers will be Jennifer Barkl, Chanda Mueller, Jon Barkl, Jacob Darsow, Celese Gierhart, Amy Anderson and Deb Stafford.

Elaine was born on August 8, 1931 at Menominee, NE to Clem and Magdalena (Hendricks) Tramp. She grew up on a farm near Menominee with eight brothers and sisters. Elaine married William "Bill" Barkl, Jr. on August 8, 1951 at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Menominee. While Bill was stationed in Germany with the U.S. Army, Elaine stayed behind working at Buhl's Cleaners and the Rainbow Café (currently the parking lot for Charlie's Pizza) for seven months before moving to Idaho to stay with her sister Darline. While in Soda Springs, ID, she managed the Caribou Lodge for 1 1/2 years until Bill returned from Germany.

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After returning from the army, Bill and Elaine farmed on Bill's family farm west of Yankton. In 1958, they moved to a farm near Central City, IA where they lived and farmed until moving back to Yankton in 1962. They farmed together for 50 years. Elaine loved to can, cook, and bake for her family. She always grew a large garden and was well known for her wonderful produce she sold at the local farmers market which she helped establish at the Yankton Mall.

Elaine is survived by her husband, Bill; sons: Jeff (Fritzie) Barkl of Yankton and Mike (Karen) Barkl of Rapid City; daughters: Debbie (Larry) VanderPoel of Irene, SD, Julie (Wayne) Darsow of Chapman, KS and Wanda (Brian) Gierhart of Dallas, TX; 8 grandchildren: Jennifer Barkl, Clint VanderPoel, Chanda Mueller, Chris Barkl, Nick Barkl, Jon Barkl, Jacob Darsow, Celese Gierhart and 2 great-grandchildren, Brittany and Faith Coleman. She is also survived by brothers: Urban (Roberta) Tramp of Newport, OR, Melvin (Dorothy) Tramp of Afton, WY, Marvin (Shirley) Tramp of Yankton and David Tramp of Tucson, AZ.

She was preceded in death by her parents; 4 sisters: Leonarda (in childhood), Delores Kremer, Darline Dehl and Elvera Wiebelhaus, and her great-grandson, Cody Coleman.

Memorials should be directed to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, ATTN: Tribute Gifts, Church Street Station, P.O. Box 780, New York, NY 10008-0780 or to the Barkl Family in care of Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, PO Box 34, Yankton, SD 57078.

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Annette Sudbeck

CROFTON, Neb. — Annette Marie Sudbeck, 46 of Crofton, Nebraska died on Sunday, March 7, 2010 at the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, SD due to complications of Myotonic Dystrophy.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. at the Holy Family (Sts. Peter and Paul) Catholic Church in Bow Valley, Nebraska with Rev. Eric Olsen and Rev. Michael Schmitz officiating. Burial will be in the Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Bow Valley.

Visitation will be on Wednesday from 5:00 pm to 8:00 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 7:00 p.m. at the Wintz Funeral Home in Crofton. Visitation will be one hour prior to services on Thursday at the church.

To view the video tribute or to send a message on line, please visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

Pallbearers will be her nieces and nephews, Ashley Depledge, Sierra Depledge, Brandon Depledge, Zach Kramer and Brittany Kramer.

Annette Marie Sudbeck was born on December 6, 1963 to Duane Francis and Karen Ann (Crandall) Sudbeck in Yankton, SD. She grew up in the Bow Valley area and attended elementary school at East Catholic and graduated from Wynot High School in 1982. Annette worked at Hartington Telecommunications Inc., babysat and did some adult home care in Hartington. She was a former member of Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Bow Valley and a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Crofton, NE. Annette was a life member of the North Shore Animal League. She enjoyed animals and had a Cocker Spaniel dog named "Shelby", and a bird named Petie. She loved to read, knit and crochet blankets and dish cloths, was a former 4-H member, played piano, guitar, wrote poetry and did calligraphy.

Sudbeck

She is survived by her mother and step-father Karen and Keith Kool of Crofton, NE; three sisters and one brother; Debbie Sudbeck of Crofton; Jeff Sudbeck of Yankton; Julie and husband Scott Depledge of Hartington; Bonnie and husband Marty Kramer of Hartington; 5 nieces and nephews, Ashley, Sierra and Brandon Depledge, Zach and Brittany Kramer; step-sister and spouse Kerrie and Dustin Konechne of Yankton, SD; step-brother and spouse Kent and Diane Kool of Lincoln, NE.

Preceding Annette in death was her father Duane on September 22, 1990 and an infant brother, grandparents.

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Anita Nielsen

Anita O. Nielsen, age 89, of Yankton, passed away Sunday, March 7, 2010 at the Golden Living Center, Norfolk, NE.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 11, 2010 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Yankton, with Rev. Dave Wildermuth officiating. Burial will be Yankton Cemetery, Yankton, SD.

Visitations will be 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, SD. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Pallbearers will be Roger Smith, Jack Doyle, Jim Means, John Murray, Bob Winter, and Dr. Lars Aanning.

Anita O'Rielly was born July 7, 1920 to Albert and Ellen (Swanson) O'Rielly in Chamberlain, SD. She enjoyed a happy childhood growing up in Pukwana, SD, a small town with many opportunities in the school system and the church for lasting friendships. She began piano lessons at an early age, continuing into adulthood. Another great joy was training and riding her Shetland pony. Many times would trade rides with friends who had bicycles. She was baptized in St. Fredrick's Church and confirmed in the Pukwana Free Lutheran Church in May of 1934.

Nielsen

In June of 1936 she moved with her parents to Yankton, SD, when her father began employment with the Government Feed and Seed Loan Program. She graduated from Yankton High School in 1937 and went on to earn a B.A. degree from Yankton College in 1941. She also continued piano during those years, when for two summers she was secretary to Dr. Lee N. Dailey, head of the Conservatory at Yankton College. After graduation, she worked briefly at WNAX as a secretary. She then went on to teach commercial subjects and English at high schools in Emery, Vale, and Tripp, SD. This was the height of World War II, and travel was difficult.

On January 11, 1944 she married Capt. Howard (Hod) Nielsen when he returned from overseas duty. They lived at Will Rogers Field Airbase in Oklahoma City, OK and also at Coffeyville (Kansas) Airbase, where their first child, Janet, was born. Later the family lived at Rapid City, SD for three years, where they enjoyed church and school activities. After their return to Yankton, they established their home in which they lived since 1955.

Her memory is cherished by her husband Hod of Yankton, SD; daughters Janet (Loren) Gratz of Tucson, AZ and Karen (Wes) Wingett of Norfolk, NE; one son Dick of Lincoln, NE; grandsons Robbin (Erica) List of Robinson, IL, Nathan Gratz of Tucson, AZ, and Evan (JoHanna) Gratz of San Francisco, CA; and great granddaughters Bailey, Lucy, and Annika List.

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Lois Grimme

Lois Lucille Grimme, age 72, of Belvidere, South Dakota, died Monday, March 8, 2010, at her home in Belvidere.

Visitation will be held 4-7 p.m. on Sunday, March 14, at the Kadoka City Auditorium, and one hour preceding the services at the auditorium on Monday.

Funeral services will be held 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 15, at the Kadoka City Auditorium, with Pastor Gary McCubbin officiating.

Interment will be at a later date at the Tyndall Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband Larry Grimme of Belvidere; three sons Michael Grimme and his wife Kim of Yankton, Steven Grimme and his companion Nancy Dangel of Yankton, and Marty Grimme and his wife Stacey of Yankton; five grandchildren Rylan and Rayce Grimme, and Preston, Lincoln, and Levi Dangel; three brothers Paul Luebke and his wife Marlene of Parkston, Henry Luebke and his wife Carol of Sioux Falls, and Martin Jr. "Duke" Luebke and his wife Karen of Garretson; six sisters Eunice Wermers of Spillville, Iowa, Lorna Peterson and her husband Ed of Mitchell, Marie Peterson and her husband Delbert of Mitchel, Myrna Gammon and her husband Ron of Memphis, Tennessee, Betty Brown and her husband David of Memphis, and Lavonne Black and her husband David of Memphis; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents, and a brother-in-law Bill Wermers.

A memorial is established.

Arrangements are with the Rush Funeral Chapel of Kadoka. Online guestbook available at www.rushfuneralhome.com

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Carol Wachendorf

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

Funeral services are at 1 p.m. Friday at First United Methodist Church, Yankton, with Bob Cappel, Pastoral Assistant, officiating. Inurnment will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery, Yankton.

Visitation is noon-1 p.m. Friday at the church.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Yankton. To post an online sympathy message, please visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

Ronald Wagner

BLOOMFIELD, Colo. — Ronald Wagner passed away January 26, 2010 after a brief illness with cancer. Services were held on January 30 in Broomfield, Colorado. He was 73 years old.

Ron was born on April 29th,1936 to Adolph and Jennie (Nedved) Wagner and spent his formative years on the farm south of Wagner. He attended country school in Lawrence Township and then graduated from Wagner High School in 1954. Ron served in the United States Navy from March 1956 to September 1957 mostly on ships sailing out of Hawaii. After receiving his honorable discharge, he returned to the farm.

Ron married Marie Schuch from Tabor in June 1959 with the marriage ending in divorce. Their earlier years were spent in Omaha, Nebraska where Ron worked for Western Electric and Continental Can Company. They later moved to the Denver area where he worked for Ralston Purina and King Soopers Grocers. He retired in 2001.

Ron loved music and that was his hobby. He played trumpet in the high school band and spent some time in the Wagner area playing with the Red Raven Polka Orchestra with some of his buddies before he entered the Navy. He amassed a gigantic collection of big band and polka music while spending hours in record shops looking for a song or a record to add to his collection.

He is survived by his children Sandra of Sacramento, California, Rachelle (Kevin) of Broomfield, Colorado; Rodger (Stacey) of Lakewood, Colorado; granddaughters Nicole and Brooke Mansfield and brothers Orville of Yankton and Wayne of Denver, Colorado. He was preceded in death by an infant son Richard and his parents.

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Don Robinson

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

Memorial services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday at United Church of Christ (Congregational) Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Joe Schulte officiating. Burial of the cremated remains will be in the Yankton Cemetery. Urn bearers will be Dick and Jim Robinson.

Visitations is one hour prior to the service at the church.

The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting with service plans.

Orris Lee

VIBORG — Orris J. Lee, 91, of Irene died Monday (March 8, 2010) at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home, Viborg.

Funeral services are at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Hansen Funeral Home, Irene, with the Rev. Lance Lindgren officiating. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Cemetery, Irene.

Visitation is 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

For obituary and online condolences, visit hansenfuneralhome.com.

Mel Placek

PIERRE — Melvin Baldwin Placek, 56, of Pierre, SD, died Saturday, March 6, 2010 at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, March 11 at the First United Methodist Church in Pierre. Funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, March 12 at the First United Methodist Church in Pierre will burial in the Hills of Rest Cemetery in Sioux Falls at a later date.

Placek

Mel was born July 8, 1953, to Melvin Alvin and Evelyn (Baldwin) Placek in Mitchell, SD. He grew up in Mitchell and Plankinton, SD. He graduated from Mitchell High School and Dakota Wesleyan University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Pre-Med. Mel was married to Linda Rae Jensen on December 30, 1978 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Mitchell.

Lieutenant Commander Placek served in the United States Navy from July 8, 1977 to August 31, 1994. He was stationed at the Naval Air Stations in Pensacola, FL, and Norfolk, VA, at the Navy Annex/Pentagon, Washington DC, Miramar Naval Air Station, San Diego, CA, and NATO Airbase, Karup, Denmark. Mel was a US Naval Flight Officer and retired as Lieutenant Commander. The family lived in Aberdeen from 1994 until 2001, when they moved to Pierre, SD.

Mel taught high school science, chemistry and physics in Plankinton, SD. He served proudly as a US Naval Flight Officer in the US Navy. After retiring from the US Navy, Mel was employed as the Quality Manager for MIDCOM, Inc. He worked for SD Housing Development Authority in Pierre and was currently serving as the Hughes County Planning and Zoning Director.

Mel was a life member of the Americal Legion, Tailhook Association, VFW, Pheasants Forever, First United Methodist Church, Chancel Choir, Staff and Parish Committee, a member of the South Dakota Aviation Hall of Fame at Ellsworth Airforce Base, was a leader for years in the Boy Scouts of America, a member of the Friends of SD Public Broadcasting, Arboretum supporter and Husbands of the Ya Ya Sisterhood. Mel enjoyed flying, hunting, fishing, boating, reading, music and woodworking/building.

Mel is survived by his wife Linda Rae Placek of Pierre and his son Casey Michael Placek, who is currently attending SD School of Mines & Technology in Rapid City, SD, as a sophomore studying Mechanical Engineering. He is also survived by his sister, Sharon Koch (and husband Doug) of Plankinton; brothers, Michael Placek of Newcastle, WY, and Chris Artz (and wife Beth) of Baltic, SD, and his step-father, Edward Artz (and wife Wanda) of Humboldt, SD.

Mel was preceded in death by his parents and his grandmother, Marie Baldwin, who played a vital role in Mel's life.

Mel left an impression on everyone he met. His standards were high and his heart was open wide. He had a great sense of humor and was mentor to many. Mel wll be greatly missed by all whose lives he touched.

Isburg Funeral Chapel of Pierre has been placed in care of the local arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to www.isburgfuneralchapels.com

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IN REMEMBRANCE

Merlyn W. Weddingfeld
10:30 AM, Wednesday
Holy Trinity Catholic Church
Hartington

William "Bill" Bass
2:00 PM, Wednesday
Wintz Funeral Home
Crofton

Annette Sudbeck
10:30 AM, Thursday
Holy Family (Sts. Peter & Paul)
Catholic Church, Bow Valley

Carol Wachendorf
1:00 PM, Friday
First United Methodist Church
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