

Facebook

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access before her son's page was removed.

Nebraska is reviewing legislation modeled after a law in Oklahoma, which last year became the first state to take action.

"Mementos, shoeboxes with photos. That, we knew how to distribute once someone passed away," said Ryan Kiesel, a former legislator who wrote the Oklahoma law. "We wanted to get state law and attorneys to begin thinking about the digital estate."

Under Facebook's current policy, deaths can be reported in an online form. When the site learns of a death, it puts that person's account in a memorialized state. Certain information is removed, and privacy is restricted to friends only. The profile and wall are left up so friends and loved ones can make posts in remembrance.

Facebook will provide the estate of the deceased with a download of the account data "if prior consent is obtained from or decreed by the deceased or mandated by law."

If a close relative asks that a profile be removed, Facebook will honor that request, too.

Like the Oklahoma law, the Nebraska bill would allow friends or relatives to take control of social media accounts if

the deceased person lived in the state. The measure would treat Facebook, Twitter and email accounts as digital assets that could be closed or continued by an appointed representative.

Omaha lawyer William Lindsay, who specializes in estate planning, said his professional experience has taught him that the issue should be addressed in the law. But he also has a personal interest because of a cousin who died while serving in the Navy.

"We wanted to be able to get the email records, but we couldn't because nobody knew the password," Lindsay said. "We wanted to let her friends know she had died, but we didn't know all of them."

Sen. John Wightman, who sponsored the measure at the urging of the state

bar association, said he expects the Judiciary Committee to approve the bill, sending it to the full Legislature.

Facebook spokesman Tucker Bounds said the company was surprised by the Oklahoma law and was working closely with Nebraska legislators on the latest proposal. The company declined to say how many people had requested access to accounts held by Oklahomans, but Bounds said it was relatively rare.

"I can tell you there aren't people pouring out into the streets asking for access," Bounds said.

Oregon could be the next state to take up the issue. The Oregon State Bar Association has formed a group to work on the matter and hopes to propose legislation next year.

Portland lawyer Victoria Blachly said

the plan will mirror the Oklahoma law, but it will also include a "virtual asset instruction letter" that lists online information and passwords, along with instructions for when someone dies or becomes incapacitated.

"That's the part that social media providers have been wrestling with," Blachly said.

Like others, Blachly said she began studying the issue after a young relative died and left social media accounts in limbo.

Her top concern is the emotional value of social media accounts.

"Some people say 'Well, if I get hit by a bus, what do I care?'" she said. "The people who love you care very much about it."

OBITUARIES

Judith Garvey

Judith B. Garvey, age 83 of Yankton passed away on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 17, 2012 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Yankton, with Rev. Dave Lund officiating. Burial will be in the Gayville Cemetery at approximately 1:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

Visitations will begin at 5:30 p.m. Friday, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a Scripture service at 7:00 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Judith B. Garvey was born August 10, 1928 to Soren Stenberg and Inger Marie (Mary) Thomsen on a farm north of Mission Hill.



Garvey

She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. Judith married Thomas Edward Garvey on September 17, 1951. They started their married life on the Garvey family farm south of Gayville, living

with Tom's father, Chester. She was widowed on July 29, 1967 when Tom was killed in a tractor accident on their farm. Judith remained on the farm until October, 2009.

Judith was a hardworking, devoted and selfless mother and wife—managing the farm, taking care of the farmhouse and yard, cooking and baking, and raising three children with love, support

and humor. She was a long time active member of the Trinity (Danish) Lutheran Church, south of Gayville, and later Gayville Lutheran Church. She loved the farm and the Gayville community that supported her and her family so much. Judith graciously accomplished the goal she set for herself in 1967, after the death of her husband, "...to hold it all together for her children and grandchildren." Her children are eternally grateful for this gift.

Judith is survived by her son Tommy (Fran) Garvey of Omaha, NE; daughters Debora (Mark Hall) Garvey of Eden Prairie, MN and Carolin (Fred) Garvey-Kaynor of Oakland, CA; six grandchildren: Jessica Garvey, Jennifer Garvey, Katharine Garvey-Hall, Grace Garvey-Hall, Ian Kaynor and Catherine Kaynor and three

sisters, Esther Muecke of Sioux Falls, Janice Aune of Mission Hill and Leona Sparks of Yankton.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas; her parents, Soren S. and Inger Marie Thomsen; five brothers: Henry, Aage, Einer, Gerhardt and Virgil and three sisters: Gerda, Lily and Ellen.

Memorials should be directed to the Avera Sacred Heart Foundation or Trinity Lutheran Church.

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Donna Munck

Donna E. Munck, age 84 of Yankton, passed away on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at the Good Samaritan Center in Canton, SD.

A Memorial Service will be at 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 19, 2012 at the Christ Episcopal Church in Yankton with Father Jim Pearson officiating. Burial of her cremated remains will be in the Yankton Cemetery.

Visitations will begin at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 18, 2012 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton with the family present from 5-7 p.m. and a 7 p.m. prayer service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Donna Gusarson Munck, wife, mother, teacher, volunteer and Alzheimers fighter tossed off the bonds of that cruel disease Tuesday, March 13, and moved onto her new life with Christ. Born the third daughter of Carl Oscar and Edith Gusarson August 27, 1927 in Sioux Falls, her first major trip was to meet her maternal grandparents in Umea, Sweden at age two. Donna's family life changed with the death of her father when she was nine, and the family, now including a younger brother, moved to Orange County, California. A short time later, the family returned to Brandon- Sioux Falls, where Donna graduated from Washington High School and then Augustana College.

At Augustana, Donna met her future husband, James W. Munck. After Jim's Army service, the couple moved to Evanston, Illinois where Donna worked in a law office while Jim attended Seabury Western Theological Seminary. Upon his graduation, the couple returned to South Dakota.

After the birth of their three daughters, Donna's life revolved around service as a Girl Scout Leader, activity with Christ Church choir and altar guild and PEO. Donna returned to school, completing work at Yankton College and secured her teaching certificate. She taught fourth grade at Webster Elementary School for 22 years, delighting in the achievements of students when they discovered the love of reading or the thrill of exploration during Gavins Point field trips. Donna shared her love of music, reading and baking with her children.

Donna lost her soul-mate when Jim died in 1976. Her chil-



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dren, church and teaching kept her going — she bought a home, received her Master Degree in Education from the University of South Dakota, and discovered the joy of

gardening. Her parents and younger brother Dean, her husband, Jim, and her oldest sister Gertrude all preceded Donna in death.

She is survived by her sister, Dorothy Peterson, Florida and daughters Tanya (Rick) Ask, Helena, Montana; Edith (Larry) Nelson, Canton, South Dakota; and Martha (Allen) Potts, Omaha, Nebraska. Donna is also survived by eight grandchildren: Lt. James (MaryJane) Ask, Jacksonville, Florida; Ben (Aimee) Ask, Missoula, Montana; Signe Ask (Dana Driggs) Helena, Montana; 1st Lt. Samuel Nelson, Ft. Pendleton, California; Peter Nelson, Sioux Falls; William Potts (fiancé) Angela Malloy) Kansas City, Missouri; Tanya Potts, Omaha; and Sarah Potts, Lincoln, Nebraska; three great grandchildren Betsy, James and Caleb, and one on the way, Brearley. She is also survived by her three special sisters-in-law, nieces, and nephews, her Christ Church family and special Yankton friends.

Her family wishes to thank the Christ Church family, the staff at Majestic Bluffs, Behavior Center in Sioux Falls and the staff of Canton Good Samaritan for their care and support of Donna during her illness. Memorials in Donna's name may be made to:

Christ Episcopal Church, 517 Douglas Avenue, Yankton, SD 57078

Contact Center, PO Box 137, Yankton, SD 57078

Heartland Humane Society, PO Box 585, Yankton, SD 57078
Augustana College, (Augustana Fund), Office of Development, 2001 S. Summit Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57197.

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Mildred Schroeder

CROFTON, Neb. — Mildred A. Schroeder, age 85 of Crofton, NE passed away on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton, SD.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 17, 2012, at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Menominee, NE, with Rev. David Fulton officiating. Burial will be in St. Boniface Cemetery, Menominee, Neb.

Visitations will begin at 4 p.m. Friday, March 16, 2012, at St. Boniface Church, with a wake service at 7 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral



Schroeder

Home & Crematory, Yankton, SD is in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers will be Ryan Bowder, Patrick Kappel, Paul Kappel, Eric Schroeder, Renzo Mayorga, and Brian Buresh.

Mildred Ann (Schaefer) Schroeder was born September 29, 1926 to Henry and Theresa (Bruns) Schaefer near Menominee, NE. Mildred married Roman Schroeder on April 24, 1950. Out of their love they were blessed with eight children.

Teresa (Rod) Bowder, Norfolk, NE; Monica (Jerry) Hain, Norfolk,

NE; Romaine (Bob) Kappel, Sioux Falls, SD; Ronald (Lisa) Schroeder, Crofton, NE; Ricky Schroeder, Madisonville, TX; Roger (Sheryl) Schroeder, Yankton, SD; Mark (Erin) Schroeder, Kingsley, IA; infant son, Roy, deceased; sixteen grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, with two more on the way; one brother, Harold Schaefer, Yankton, SD; and one sister, Rita Zavadi, Fordyce, NE.

Mildred graduated from Mount Marty High School in 1945. She attended Wayne College and taught for several years. After many years as a farmer's wife and mother, she served as a nurse's aide in two nursing homes. She was a lifetime member of St. Boni-

face Parish. Mildred enjoyed family, grandchildren, gardening, flowers, playing cards, and having lunch with her friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roman, of 43 years; infant son, Roy; her parents, two brothers, three sisters, and numerous other relatives and friends.

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Mavis Gaul

Mavis Gaul, 84, died on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at a Sioux City hospital.

Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Friday, March 16, at Christy-Smith-Larkin Chapel with parish vigil at 7:00 p.m.

Funeral service are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 17, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Mavis was born at her parents' farm home five miles west of Yankton, South Dakota, on February 22, 1928, to Joseph Cwach and Katherine (nee Bloch) Cwach. She attended Fairview School in rural Yankton County and graduated in 1945 from Yankton High School. She received her nurse's training at Sacred Heart School of Nursing, graduating in 1948. She worked as a registered nurse at hospitals in Yankton, Storm Lake and Omaha. In 1955, she attended Sacred Heart School of Anesthesia in Yankton, and thereafter served as a nurse-anesthetist at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Lutheran Hospital, Methodist Hospital, and St. Vincent Hospital, all in Sioux City, being at St. Vincent Hospital for 10 years. She retired in 1967 to devote full time to her family.

She married Dewie Gaul at Sacred Heart Church in Yankton, and they lived in Sioux City for the following 55 years. All of her children attended St. Joseph School and Heelan High School in Sioux City. She was a member of St. Joseph Parish and of the parish guild, serving a term as president thereof. She served as a Cub Scouts den mother and enjoyed traveling, going to rummage sales, and caring for her grandchildren. She also enjoyed cooking and was an avid collector of cookbooks.

Mavis is survived by Dewie, her husband of 55 years, and by her daughter Jackie and Jackie's husband Victor Charbel, of Eagan, Minnesota; her daughter Sandra, of Dubuque, Iowa, her son Thomas of Des Moines, Iowa; her son Robert

(Bouf) and his wife Nancy of Inverness, Illinois; her son Randal and his wife, Patty of Sioux City; and her daughter Laurie, and her husband Frank (Bink) Crisler of Arlington, South Dakota.

Also surviving are eight grandchildren, Melanie Pemble, of Mankato, Minn.; Anthony Enderle of Burnsville, Minn.; Gabrielle Charbel, of St. Paul, Minn.; Michael Charbel, of Eagan, Minn.; Sarah Gaul and Christopher Gaul, of Sioux City; Allison Green and her husband Joe Green of Garretson, South Dakota; and Dan Crisler of Arlington, South Dakota. She is also survived by Jack Pemble, her great-grandson, of Mankato, Minn.

Also surviving are her sister, Angela Lindstrom of Yankton, S.D., and her brother Elmer Cwach and his wife Dorothy of Gehring, Nebr., and many nieces and nephews, cousins, and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her grandson Matthew Gaul, her brothers Clarence and Luvern, and her sister Lorraine Dallas.

Memorials may be directed to St. Joseph Church, Heelan High School, or the donor's favorite charity.

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Dr. Morris Schuurmans

WAGNER — Funeral mass for Dr. Morris A. Schuurmans, 87, of Wagner is 10 a.m. Saturday, March 17, 2012 at St. John Catholic Church in Wagner. Burial is in the church cemetery, rural Wagner, with military honors.

Visitation will be Friday from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner. Rosary/wake services are 7 p.m. Friday, at the church.

Morris A. Schuurmans was born June 16, 1924, the son of Sam and Maude Schuurmans in Tyndall, SD. He grew up in Tyndall, SD on the family farm. He died Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at the Golden Living Center



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in Armour, SD.

Morris "Doc" married Margarette Sather Krall on January 14, 1944 in Sioux Falls, SD.

Doc served in WWII from 1943 to 1946 in the US Army Air Force as a second lieutenant, flying B-17 and B-29 bombers.

Doc attended USD in Vermillion and graduated from the Northern Illinois College of Optometry in Chicago. He started his own optometric clinic in Wagner, SD in 1950 and practiced until his retirement in 1994.

Doc was very much a community person and as such was a volunteer and member on the Wagner Fire Department, American Legion, VFW, Rotary Club, Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, Civil Defense, and Isaac Walton Club. He was on the local hospital board. Upon retirement he was a volunteer driver for the local ambulance service. Some of his awards include the Siouxland Sportsman of the Year award and he was chosen as Wagner's first Citizen of the Year. Doc was honored and humbled to receive these awards.

Doc's hobbies included fishing, hunting and camping in Custer State Park. His best hunting partner was his wife who had to shoot her own game. His large garden at the farm in Tyndall and his roses were his pride and joy.

Doc was the local NWS weather person in Wagner, SD for over 50 years and received a national award for that.

Doc is survived by his wife of 68 years, Margarette, of Wagner; four children: Mary Lynn (Bill) Mains of Yankton; Bob (Jean) Schuurmans, of Pierre; Deb Schuurmans, of Colorado Springs, CO; and Nancy Schuurmans of Spearfish, SD; as well as four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Doc was preceded in death by his



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