

OBITUARIES

Dennis Oswald

Dennis K. Oswald, age 64 of Yankton passed away on Monday, March 10, 2014 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton, SD.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 14, 2014 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton with Rev. John Rutten officiating. Entombment will be in the Chapel Mausoleum in the Garden of Memories Cemetery.

Visitations will begin at 5 p.m. Thursday, March 13, 2014 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton with a 7 p.m. Scripture service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the



Oswald

Dennis was born to Donald and Joan (Becker) Oswald, Sr. on August 17, 1949 in Yankton, SD. He grew up in Yankton, attended public school and graduated from Yankton High School in 1967. He started delivering papers for the Minneapolis Star and Tribune while in middle school and was later promoted to local circulation

service at the church. Pallbearers will be Duane Frick, Dave Budig, David Oswald, Drew Oswald, John Van Treeck and Travis Van Treeck.

Director while still in high school. As a senior in high school, he worked at his father's grocery store delivering groceries and later became the store's butcher where he worked for about 10 years. He married Donna Anderson in 1979 and they divorced in 2006. More recently he has worked at SAPA for the past 25 plus years, retiring in 2013 to take care of his father.

Dennis had a great sense of humor. He loved hunting as a hobby and took his grandfather with him almost every weekend. He was well known for helping his parents over the years and took care of their every need. Dennis was a very large man with a

very large heart.

Dennis is survived by his father, Donald Oswald, Sr. of Yankton, SD; brother, Donald (Jennifer) Oswald, Jr. of Papillion, NE; 2 sisters, Debra Johnson of Newport Beach, CA and Cheryl (John) Van Treeck of Littleton, CO; and 3 nieces and 7 nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Joan Oswald.

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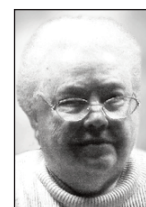
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Faith Gunnare

Faith M. Gunnare, age 87, of Delmont, SD passed away Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at the Good Samaritan Center, Scotland, SD.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, March 14, 2014 at the Koehn Brothers Memorial Chapel, Delmont, SD with Rev. Dani Jo Ninke officiating. Burial will be in the Delmont City Cemetery, Delmont, SD.

Visitations will begin at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a Scripture service at 7:00



Gunnare

p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church. Honorary pallbearers will be all of her

nieces and nephews.

Faith was born November 28, 1926 to Peter and Anna (Reinfeld) Kremer on the family farm in rural Delmont, SD. She graduated from Delmont High School in 1944. She married Ted Gunnare on August 21, 1956 at Little Brown Church in Nashua, IA. Faith

and Ted farmed many years together side by side. She had many interests and joys: Her flower and vegetable garden, embroidering many beautiful linens, sharing a cup of coffee and treats with any family and friends who stopped by. She enjoyed the many hours of recording all birthdays and family events. She and Ted were not blessed with children, but loved their nieces and nephews as their own and spent many hours with her bible and her Lord.

She is survived by sisters-in-law: Esther Kremer of Scotland, SD, Marlene Kremer of Killeen, TX, Alice Fuerniss of

Delmont, SD, Anna Mae Dyce of Billings, MT, Ruth Sharpe of Kennewick, WA; brother-in-law, John (Lianne) Gunnare of Wagner, SD; and many nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ted, parents, brothers, Douglas and Curtis, sister, LaVern Kahler, 4 nephews and 1 niece.

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Andrew Eben

Funeral services for Andrew Eben will be held Saturday, March 15, 2014, at 10:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Avon, South Dakota, with burial in the First Baptist Cemetery, rural Avon.



Eben

Visitation will be Friday, March 14, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the church with the family present. Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home of Avon is in charge of the arrangements.

Andrew Henry Eben was born Andreas Hinrich Iben on September 1, 1924, in Greetz, Ostfriesland, Germany to Andrew J. Eben and Alice (Winter) Eben. The next year they immigrated to the United States to George, Iowa. After working on neighborhood farms several years, his parents started their farming operation in the George-Little Rock area. Andy completed his eight grade elementary education at Little Rock, Iowa. He then worked on his parents' and neighbors' farms.

Upon confession of faith in Jesus Christ, he was baptized and joined the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa.

Andy married Irene Voigt on February 15, 1946, in the First Baptist Church in Tyndall, South Dakota. After Andy served in the U. S. Army Air Corp, they farmed for several years in Iowa. In 1950 they moved to a farm near Avon, South Dakota. They transferred their membership to the First Baptist Church of Avon. He served his church faithfully as deacon, Sunday School teacher, youth leader, treasurer, and assistant church chairman.

In 1957 Andy was naturalized and became a U. S. citizen. Andy and Irene joined the Gideons International in 1972 and became members of the Yankton Gideon Camp where they held various camp offices. Andy held several offices in the S. D. State Gideon Cabinet including State President. One of the highlights of his life was distributing Bibles to school children in India.

Andy was a salesman for Pioneer Hi-bred Seed Company for 43 years. He sold John Deere farm equipment for Hento Brothers Implementation of Avon. Later he sold for Tri County Tractor Sales of Yankton and then for Baggs and Tamisea, of Yankton. He retired in 1987. He died on

March 11, 2014, at St. Michael's Hospital in Tyndall.

Andy is survived by his wife Irene, and their eight children: Tony (Kay) of Tyndall; Karen (Charles) Rabe of Plainville, Illinois; Sandra (Gary) DeGroot of Springfield; Ken (Marlis) of Avon; Rosalie (Glenn) Schack of Owatonna, Minnesota; Bob (Shirley) of Rapid City; Jim (Myrna) of Ada, Michigan; and Roxie (Mark) Pier of Crofton, Nebraska. Andy had 31 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers, Henry, John, and Harold, of George, Iowa; sisters Annie Larson of Mission, Texas, and Mary Burnett of Rapid City.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his son John, brothers Martin and George, and his sister Tillie Webber.

Memorials may be directed to Gideons International.

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Richard Merchen

Richard D. Merchen died Monday, February 24, 2014 at the Good Samaritan Society, Bloomfield, Nebraska.

Richard was born September 26, 1925 at Crofton, Nebraska to Bessie Mabel (Parsons) Merchen and Otto Phillip Merchen.

Richard went to grade school at Weigand, West Blyville and New Home near Crofton and a rural school three miles north of Bloomfield. Richard left Bloomfield High School during his freshman year due to a loss of transportation and the need to help on the family farm. Richard enlisted in the Army to join in the fight in World War II. His induction date was February 10, 1945. He was stationed in the Philippines and in Japan. He was assigned to the 16th Communication Squadron and given the responsibility of protecting the American Indian Communications personnel. He was also certified at



Merchen

driving a variety of heavy trucks. Richard mustered out as a Corporal on December 8, 1946 with an Honorable Discharge and given the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Medal and Army of Occupation Medal.

After his service, Richard returned to northeast Nebraska and rented the family farm. He was also employed in Bloomfield at the Bud Zimmerman welding shop and drove truck for the building of Gavins Point Dam. He went on to work in California at an airplane factory where he lived with an uncle. With money saved he returned to Bloomfield where he and Bud Zimmerman built the first cable stack mover in the area. Richard then moved to Idaho to work for Uniroyal who at the time furnished the tires for the heavy equipment being used on a number of dam construction projects. Continuing to work for Uniroyal he was relocated to Portland, Oregon. Then he transitioned to driving for Fred Meyer Supermarket for 13 years.

He joined the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America. He retired June 4, 1981 returning to the family farm. On December 1, 2006 Richard moved into Bloomfield to the Mainview Apartments due to vision problems. He sought full time care in July 2013 first from Avera Care Center in Creighton and finally at Good Samaritan Society in Bloomfield before yielding his 88-year life to Advanced Parkinsons disease.

In his younger years Richard enjoyed the outdoor sports of hunting elk and deer, fishing and target shooting as well as driving in stock car races. Later in life, his interests consisted of displaying his small engines at area threshing bees along with participating in tractor pulls and being a follower of NASCAR racing.

Richard is survived by his sister Maxine Mormann and husband John, Crofton, Nebraska; his brothers Don and wife Crystal, Petersburg,

Texting

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House to reject the conference committee report and appoint a new committee.

The immediate voice vote caught Rep. Marc Feinstein off guard, Feinstein, D-Sioux Falls, raised a point of order to Wink as speaker pro tem that he wished to make a substitute motion.

Wink, R-Howes, said the matter was done. "It's been gavelled down. Sorry," Wink told him.

The Senate took a longer route to reach its decision. Vehle made a motion to accept the committee report that the remaining piece of legislation — Vehle's version of Gosch's bill, HB 1177 — should be allowed to die because an agreement couldn't be reached.

Vehle noted that the House members of the conference committee made the motion to end the talks. "We had a very long discussion, very long," he said.

Then Kirkeby stepped in. He offered a substitute motion to appoint a new committee to keep working. He said he senses "a sincere will and desire" in the Capitol and throughout South Dakota for a texting ban to be approved by the Legislature.

"We're at a golden opportunity right now," Kirkeby said. He noted the House already had appointed three new members and the Senate could too.

Sen. Larry Rhoden, R-Union Center, said his thoughts on the ban were put in a new perspective

AT A GLANCE

Here's where the two sides stood on the texting while driving bans:

- Sen. Mike Vehle preferred at least a \$100 fine along with primary enforcement — meaning law enforcement could stop a motorist spotted texting — and wanted to allow tougher local bans.

- Rep. Brian Gosch wanted a \$25 fine, secondary enforcement and elimination of local bans for statewide uniformity.

- Gosch previously opposed texting bans. Vehle has been the leading voice for years seeking a ban.

- Neither one has a seat at the table of six for the second round of negotiations.

after he heard information on public radio that 18 percent of the traffic and more than half of the fatalities are on rural roads in South Dakota.

Rhoden said some cities have bans but most of South Dakota isn't covered yet. "We would be foolish to not give ourselves the opportunity to continue the conversation," he said.

That's when Vehle changed his public position and said he's willing to try again.

"Some of those people from the House are here, and we've talked, and I'm going to hold them to what they've said they would do," Vehle said.

"It's too important to not try and take a second step," he said.

Critique

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"This country was founded, was freed with a resolution," Nelson said. "Resolutions have an impact. Resolutions identify the will of the body."

He said he did a lot of research on the state's role in the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. His resolution chronicles the actions of the state relating health reform, including challenging the law's constitutionality and accepting federal grants to implement it.

Nelson said the resolution shows that some GOP lawmakers have denounced "Obamacare" while allowing it to take root in the state.

Three representatives and three senators made up the committee. Only two members voted to reinstate Nelson's provisions.

Republican Sen. Craig Tieszen, of Rapid City, also opposed changing or addressing the resolution. He said it's "more about scorecards and postcards than it is about legislating in the state of South Dakota."

Sen. Billie Sutton said he appreciated the passion behind the resolution, but it wasn't a good time to address the issue.

"We have so many things that we need to be doing," the Democrat from Burke said. "We have a long couple days ahead of us."

The Senate was to revisit the measure Wednesday afternoon.

River

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the Dakotas and Montana, providing a buffer against flooding. Also, there is less snow accumulation on the plains than three years ago.

Despite low-elevation flooding in areas of Wyoming and Montana in recent days, the major spring runoff is unlikely to arrive until mid-May, when warmer temperatures melt the deep snows high in the Rocky Mountains.

That means officials will

have a better picture of what's in store for downstream states in coming weeks, after the snowpack peaks likely sometime in April, said Brian Domonkos, a water supply specialist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Bozeman.

"2011 was setting up to be a pretty good year, but at this point it wasn't epic, it wasn't special. From this point on in 2011 is where we really started to get impressive snow accumulation numbers," Domonkos said. "That's going to be the real comparison point."

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