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OBITUARIES

Kevin Keiser

Kevin R. Keiser of Fordyce, Nebraska, died at his residence surrounded by his family on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 from a heart disease at the age of 54 years, two

weeks and one day. Mass of Christian Burial will be on Friday, March 21, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Fordyce with the Rev. David Fulton and Rev. Timothy Lange officiating. Burial will be at the parish cemetery in Fordyce.

Visitation will be on Thursday, at church, from 5-8:00 p.m. with a vigil service at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will continue on Friday at church one hour prior to services. Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington.

Pallbearers will be Jeremy Promes, Ross Promes, Ben Promes, Jason Promes, Michael Guenther, and Alex Guenther. Honorary pallbearers will be the Cedar Security Bank Directors and

employees. Kevin R. Keiser was born on March 3, 1960 in Fordyce, NE to Raymond S. and Catherine "Katie" D. (Bart) Keiser. Kevin grew up in the Fordyce area and attended West Catholic Elementary School. He graduated from Hartington Cedar Catholic High School in 1978. He attended Northeast Community College in Norfolk for Business. After college, Kevin worked at the bank in Crofton and Center, Nebraska. He then moved to Fairbury, Nebraska and worked in the Bank in Jansen, NE. Kevin moved back to Fordyce and lived with his mother and started his banking career in Northeast Nebraska. He worked at the Cedar Security banks/branches in Fordyce, Wynot, and Hartington. Kevin was promoted to President of Cedar Security Bank in January 10, 2000. He was



Kevin was a member of St. John the **Baptist** Church. He served on

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Banker but a

only as a

friend as

the Fordyce Village Board and was Chairman of the Board for many years. He also belonged to the Bow Valley Park Association and was a former board member of the Hartington Golf Board. Kevin enjoyed golfing, making homemade sausage, playing cards at the Mall in Fordyce, fishing and especially baseball. He enjoyed playing, watching, umpiring and recently announcing baseball games. All in all

Kevin enjoyed life. He is survived by four sisters and two brothers and their spouses, Pat and David Huss of Miami, FL, Steve and Bette Keiser of Fordyce, NE, Jean and Mike Rieff of Cedar Rapids, IA, Sharlene and Francis Guenther of Crofton, Don and Sheila Keiser of Norfolk, NE, Mary Ann and Cyril Promes of Crofton, NE; 21 nieces and nephews: 20 great nieces and nephews; four aunts, Sally Bart of Hartington, Irene Bart of Crofton, NE, Sr. Elmera Keiser of Yankton, SD, Laurentia Bonertz of Yankton, SD; and many cousins.

Kevin was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond on 2-21-1971 and his mother Katie on 1-24-2014; brother Charles Keiser at age two in 1953.

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Tyler Rabbass

Tyler A.J. Rabbass, age 21, of Yankton, passed away of natural causes on Sunday March 16, 2014 at Sanford Hospital, Sioux Falls, SD with his family at his side.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Monday, March 24, 2014 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Yankton, with Rev. Dave Gunderson and Rev. Steve Weispfennig officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery, Yankton, SD. Visitations will begin at

2:00 p.m. Sunday, March 23, 2014 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.

Tyler was born on October 27, 1992 in Norfolk, NE to Jason and Tammy Rabbass (Lewis) and later baptized at Christ Lutheran Church in Norfolk, NE. Tyler attended Preschool at Lollipop Lane,



Rabbass

parents and little brother, JaCobi and was a member of Saint John's Lutheran Church. He was employed at Burger King and McDonalds in Yankton, and currently employed at Ability Building Services (ABS) in Yankton where Tyler was surrounded with many friends and coworkers he enjoyed working with. Tyler was very active in Special Olympics where he proudly received several medals for achievements in softball, basketball, track, and bowling.

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proudly gradu-

Yankton High

School in May

home with his

of 2012. Tyler

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Tyler was a loyal and dedicated Yankton Bucks and Husker fan. Every Friday night home game in the fall for the last 14 years, Tyler

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Schultz, Terry

Auch, Paul

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could be seen at the top of the handicap ramp at Yankton's Crane Youngworth Field rooting for his beloved Bucks! Tyler's passions included: swinging in the back yard and listening to music, all the while singing every word for anyone who wanted to hear, as well as making sure he made it to the afternoon matinee at the local theatre with his family every Saturday. Tyler also enjoyed weekend cruises with big brother, Jourdan and playing video games with little brother, Ja-Čobi. Tyler found great joy in the simple things in life like spending the night in hotels, watching movies while enjoying Reeses Pieces and

M&M's. Tyler was never treated differently just because of his disability; he had a chance to enjoy all the little things in life, including his first kiss, prom, graduation, first beer, and having a job. Tyler had a gift and touched so many lives in his 21 years and after

his passing, he continues to give the gift of life through organ donation.

Tyler is survived by his parents, Jason and Tammy Rabbass (Lewis); brothers, Jourdan Rabbass and fiance Lindsey Kuehler and JaCobi Rabbass; beloved dogs: Loki, Fender, and Cotton, all of Yankton; cousin, Teri Lewis of Portland, OR; Katlynn Pendergast of Sherwood, OR; grandparents, Gary and Kate Rabbass of Norfolk, NE and Gary and Mary Lewis of Yankton, SD; along with many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to Tammy and Jason Rabbass, 607 E. 17th Street, Yankton, SD

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Elmer Streyle

Elmer Streyle, age 92 of Menno passed away Monday, March 17, 2014 at the Menno-Olivet Care Center, Menno, SD.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 21, 2014 at the Zion Reformed Church, Menno with Rev. Travis Grassmid officiating. Burial will be in the Zion Reformed-Kassel Cemetery, rural Menno with Military graveside rites by the Rames-Bender American Legion Post #152, Menno.

Visitations will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, March 20, 2014 with the family present at the Aisenbrey-Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.



fer. Elmer was born October 21, 1921 north of Menno to Ferdinand and Ida (Koerner) Strevle. Elmer was baptized and confirmed and a lifelong member of Zion Reformed Church. He attended eight years of school at rural Huber School. After school, he farmed with his father until entering the U.S. Army on September 8, 1942 during WWII. While in the service, he was in the Pacific Theater, stationed in the New

Hebridies, Guadalcanal, Pallbearers Treasury Islands, New Guinea, Philippines and Japan for 31 months. Elmer was honorably discharged on January 2, 1946. After the service, he returned to farming, Elmer was united in marriage to Leona (Eileen) Oswald on September 14, 1950. Together they farmed until moving to Menno and he still enjoyed going to the farm to drive tractor. Over the years Elmer enjoyed restoring two antique John Deere tractors, of which he still owns. On February 19, 2013, he entered the Menno-

> passed away. Elmer is survived by his wife, Leona (Eileen) of Menno, SD; son, Gordon of Freeman, SD; daughter, Bonnie of Freeman, SD; brother,

Olivet Care Center until he

Elton (Joyce) Streyle of Scottsbluff, NE; sisters, Lorine (George) Birger of Tucson, AZ and Shirley (Laverne) Vehle of Sioux Falls, SD; aunt, Ada Koerner of Bridgewater, SD; in-laws;

nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers: Melvin, Leroy, and Ray Streyle, sisters: Olivia and Lucille Streyle, Linda Heckenlaible, and Elda Schaeffer, and numerous in-laws, nieces and nephews.

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Marvin Steffes

Marvin Leo "Marv" Steffes, 77, of Yankton died Tuesday, March 18, 2014, at the Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Memorial services are at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 22, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton, with the Rev. Paul M Opsahl officiating. The South Dakota Army National Guard Honor Guard will provide the U.S. flag folding and formal presentation.

Burial of his cremated remains will take place at a later

Visitations are 5-7 p.m. Friday evening and then one hour prior to the service, all at the fu-

Laura Goeden

Laura M. Goeden, 86, of Yankton died Tuesday, March 18, 2014, at the Wakonda Heritage Manor/Avera Health, Wakonda.

Private family services will be held. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yank-

The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, is assisting with service de-

Mathilda Suing

Mathilda Ann Suing, 84 of Hartington, Neb., died Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at the Golden Living Center in Harting-

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Saturday, March 22 at 1:30 p.m. at the Holy Trinity Catholic hurch in Hartington with Rev Jeffery Loseke officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery

in Hartington. Visitation will be on Friday from 4-7 p.m. at the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington and will begin one hour prior to services on Saturday at the

Mary Weddingfeld

Mary Suzanne Weddingfeld, age 85 of Hartington, Nebraska died on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at the Golden Living Center in Hartington

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Saturday, March 22, 2014 at 10:30 am at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Hartington with Rev. Jeffery Loseke officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery in Hartington. Visitation will be on Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 7:00 p.m. at the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington. Visitation will begin one hour prior to services on Saturday at the church.

To view the video tribute or to send online condolences, please visit $www.wi\bar{n}tzray funeral home.c$ om. Memorials are preferred to East Catholic School.

Pallbearers will be her grandchildren, Matthew



Weddingfeld

dingfeld, Melissa Hannack, Amy Cornsbruck, Megan Weddingfeld and Jaime Wed-

dingfeld. Mary Sue was born on July 10, 1928 at Wayne, Nebraska to Ferdinand and Mary Julia (White) Schmiedeskamp. She grew up in Walthill, Nebraska and graduated from Walthill High School in 1946. She received her teaching certificate from Wayne State Teachers College in Wayne. Mary Sue married Merlyn Weddingfeld on June 20, 1950 in Walthill. After their marriage they lived in Pender, Nebraska

until moving to Hartington in

and expand out a little far-

ther off the river corridor to

reach more young people in

this part of the state as well

as northeast Nebraska," he

said. "My next goal is I really

want to work with the Native

American tribes and develop

bring their message. Being a

Native person myself, I like

to interpret and be able to

share their message with the

general public, why they're

interpretive programs to

Weddingfeld, 1957. She taught country school in the Hartington area, at Holy Trinity Elemen-tary School in Hartington Nathan Simpson, Jeff Whiteley, Joshua Whiteand for over 25 years at East ley, Ashlee Catholic Elementary School in Bow Valley, Nebraska, re-Simpson, tiring in 1990. Mary Sue ob-Kristin Wedtained her Bachelor of dingfeld, Education Degree from Katie Wed-

Wayne State College in 1975. She was a member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church and Guild and was a former member of the Hartington VFW Auxiliary Post 5283 and the Hartington Golf Club. She loved to play bridge, belonging to four different bridge clubs. She enjoyed walks and tending to her

Mary Sue is survived by 6 children and their spouses, Mary Fran and Michael Courtney of Las Vegas, NV; Rita and Rob Simpson of

Overton, NE; David Wed-

important to them."

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flowers. Time spent with her

family was most precious to

dingfeld of Las Vegas; John and Sarah Weddingfeld of Blue Hill, NE; James and Deb Weddingfeld of Yankton, SD; Ray and Kelly Weddingfeld of Las Vegas; 11 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, a sister-in-law, Mary Ann Schmiedeskamp of Adel, Iowa and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Merlyn on March 5, 2010 at the age of 83, 2 sisters, Rhea Rossiter and Clare Summers and 2 brothers, Max and Ray Schmiedeskamp.

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Ukraine

the Ukrainian mainland. Humbled but defiant, Ukraine lashed out symbolically at Russia by declaring its intent to leave the Moscowdominated Commonwealth of Independent States, a loose alliance of 11 former Soviet nations. The last nation to leave the group was Georgia, which lost a brief war with neighboring Russia in 2008 and ended up losing two separatist terri-

Ranger

He added that his award shows the community that the MNRR is in good hands.

"It shows that the people here — not just me — are taking pride in the river and it's a spot where people can come and actually recreate," he said. "They recognize it is a natural river here and that's what we're trying to protect and that's why I do the things I do. We hope to have a place where anybody can come, and whatever form of recre-

it better than we have.' From here, Smith is looking at expanding the message about the river. "We hope to keep the (mobile ranger station) going up and down the river

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wonderful care I received both during and after my recent knee surgery. Everyone was so kind and friendly. Thank you for all the phone calls, cards, treats and visits. Your well wishes

and kindness are greatly appreciated!

I would like to thank Dr. Kudera, Dr. Irwin, nurses and staff of Avera Sacred Heart for the

Arlene C. Arens 10:30 AM, Thursday St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church Crofton

Mary Sue Weddingfeld 10:30 AM, Saturday Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Hartington

Kevin R. Keiser 10:30 AM, Friday St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Fordyce



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ation they want to do on the river or next to it, they have a clean and healthy environment. And (we want to) get young people to learn why it's important too — if you start with them young and they learn this environment is theirs just as much as old people's, that next generation is going to be able to protect



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