

OBITUARIES

Annabelle Johnson

Annabelle Johnson, age 94, of Volin, South Dakota, died Sunday, May 27, 2012, at Sunset Manor Avera Health in Irene, South Dakota.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 31, 2012, at Trondhjem Lutheran Church in rural Volin, South Dakota with Reverend Mark Ostrem officiating. Burial will be in Mission Hill Cemetery in Mission Hill, South Dakota.

Visitation will be from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton, South Dakota, with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

Pallbearers are Steve Aune, Larry Wells, David Wells, Gary Smith, Todd Buehlmann, and Sam Hack. Honorary Pallbearers are Annabelle's grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Annabelle Johnson was born November 21, 1917, in her grandma's house on a farm near Bowden, North Dakota, to Levi and Flora (Sommerville) Showers. She grew up in the Mission Hill area and graduated from Yankton High School in 1936. On December 31, 1936, she married Lewis H. Johnson in Vermillion, South Dakota. After their marriage they lived and worked on



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the Pierson Ranch west of Yankton for 9 years, until moving to a farm northeast of Pierson Ranch where they lived for 12 years. In 1958, Annabelle and Lewis moved to their farm in the Volin area where they raised their three children. Annabelle became a Stanley Home Products dealer in 1973 and continued selling for them for 38 years. She attended the Annual Stanley National Convention in Nashville, Tennessee in 2002 and in Las Vegas, Nevada in 2003, where she received her 30 year pin. Annabelle also worked making salads and waitressing at DJ's Steakhouse in Volin from 1994 until 2004, which she really enjoyed.

She was an active member of Trondhjem Lutheran Church, WMF, and the Red Hat Society. She enjoyed gardening and taking care of her yard, playing penny poker, and baking. Baking was her love and she gave a lot to neighbors who loved her bread, buns, pies and caramel rolls. She especially loved her home and children, grandchild-

dren and great grandchildren.

Survivors include her son, Dennis (Midge) Johnson of Volin, South Dakota; daughter, Corliss "Cory" (Bob) Simonsen of Yankton; four grandchildren: Jennifer (Allen) Eickhoff of Fordyce, Nebraska; Jeff (Kelli) Simonsen of Yankton; Chad (Crystal) Nelson of Volin, and Jeremy (Kari) Nelson of Volin; 10 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Lewis H. Johnson on January 10, 2001; son, Doyle Johnson; daughter-in-law, Mary Johnson; three sisters: Florence Ray, Vergie Wells, and Mary Schmidt; and brother, Chuck Showers.

To post an online sympathy message, please visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Online condolences at: www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com

Thelma Lunt

Thelma I. Lunt, age 90 of Yankton passed away early Monday, May 28, 2012 at the Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton.

A memorial service will be held at the Riverview Reformed Church in Yankton, SD on Thursday at 2:00 p.m. with a Video Tribute beginning at 1:00 p.m. Burial of the cremated remains will take place at a later date at the Brookings Lutheran Cemetery, Brookings, SD.

Arrangements are under the care of the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton, SD.

Thelma was born on April 9, 1922 at Willow Lake, SD to Chris and Nora Solberg. She was baptized in the Lutheran faith in May of 1922 and confirmed in the Lake Campell Lutheran Church. They lived at Willow Lake then moved to Lake Campbell, SD during the "dirty 30s". Thelma graduated from Volga High School in 1940 then worked for the owners of Nick's Hamburger Shop. She married Meader Lunt on February 15th, 1943 in Brookings and they lived on the Lunt farm near Lake Campbell. They moved to a farm near Colman in 1944 and then to Egan.

Thelma and Meader were blessed with 6 children: Karen, Sharon, Cindy, Hugh, Lee, and

Scot. Thelma was stricken by the polio virus in June of 1949 and spent 8 months in Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls. She spent the rest of her life confined to a wheelchair but continued to raise her children, keep her house and was always willing to help take care of her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her 3 daughters were born before she came down with polio and her 3 sons after.

They moved to a farm by Colton, SD in 1950 and then to Madison in 1962. She moved to Adrian and lived on her own in a house until moving to Yankton to Sunrise Apartments. She was surrounded by a loving family that took every chance to be with her. She was very independent and took care of herself until her recent illness.

One of her favorite hobbies was painting. Her painting hero was Bob Ross and she watched him on public TV every time he was on. She painted scenes for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She continued to paint, until macular degeneration made it impossible.

She was known affectionately as Grandma "Wheels" by some, and her strength in overcoming all the obstacles she faced in her life was honored, respected and uplifting to all who knew her. Her unlimited love for her grandchildren often fueled the friendly tussle over who was

her "favorite". The strength of the bond of the family she created was ever evident in the most ironic of awards; the "Turkey", a competition of tattletales that brought to light every ridiculous event that plagued the family during the previous year.

Left to cherish her memory are 2 daughters, Karen (James) Carr and Sharon Koller of Yankton, SD; 3 sons: Hugh (Gloria) Lunt, Oakland, IA, Lee (Luann) Lunt, Brookings, SD and Scot (Brenda), Lunt, Adrian, MN; son-in-law, Jim Steinhoff, Onawa, IA; one brother, Norris Solberg, Brookings, SD; and one sister, Marlyn (Gordon) Schutjer, Valejo, CA; 30 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

Thelma was preceded in death by her parents, Chris and Nora Solberg; one sister, Doris Rettadahl; two brothers, Arn and Ed Solberg; one daughter, Cindy Steinhoff; one son-in-law, Brian Koller; and one grandson, Christian W. Lunt.

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Clayton Oien

Clayton Dale Oien, age 82 of Yankton passed away Monday, May 28, 2012 at his residence.

Memorial Services will be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, May 31, 2012 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton, SD with Rev. Mark Lichter celebrating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery with Military Graveside Rites by Ernest-Boyer VFW Post #791, Yankton, SD and SDARNG, Sioux Falls, SD.

Visitations will be from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton, SD with the family present. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Urn Bearers will be his granddaughters, Caitlyn and Abby Oien.

Clayton was born December 5, 1929, in Volin, SD to John and Clara (Johnson) Oien. He was baptized on February 16, 1930 at Volin Lutheran Church, Volin, SD and confirmed on June 11, 1944 at Vangen Lutheran Church, rural Mission Hill, SD. On October 22, 1952, he joined the United States Army serving in the Korean War and was honorably discharged on September 30, 1960 to the rank of Sergeant. He married Bonnie Horacek on June



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10, 1957 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, SD. Clayton worked for Yankton County Highway Department for 39 years and retired on December 5, 1992. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie of Yankton, SD; son, Leslie (Sharon) of Yankton, SD; granddaughters, Caitlyn and Abby Oien of Yankton, SD; brothers: Orvin (Marie) of Volin, SD, Kenneth (Louise) of Yankton, SD, Robert (Norma) of Volin, SD, Gene (Mary) of Machesney Park, IL, and Larry of Yankton, SD; sisters, Phyllis Nelson of Mesa, AZ, Jeanette (Marlin) Hirzel of Mesa, AZ, and sister-in-law, Norma Oien of Topock, AR.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Henry; brother-in-law, Arvin Nelson; and sister-in-law, Sherry Oien.

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Laurie Brunette

TRIPP — A memorial service for Laurie A. Brunette, 34, of Tripp will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 2 at Emmaus Lutheran Church in Tripp. Rev. C. Brian Bucklew will officiate.

There will be visitation for one hour prior to the service at the church.

Laurie passed away on Thursday, May 24, 2012 at her residence in Tripp.

Arrangements are under the direction of Goglin Funeral Home of Tripp and online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.



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Gena Kerr

Gena Kerr, age 56 of Yankton passed away at her home Sunday, May 27, 2012 after a long battle with cancer. At her request, no traditional funeral service will be held.

A celebration of her life will take place later.

Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

She was born February 6, 1956 to Oweita Moore Tyson and George Eugene Tyson in Kankakee, Illinois. She attended schools in Grant Park, Illinois and graduated from Grant Park High School in 1974. While in high school, she was a member of National Honor Society, the cheerleading squad, and was active in various school programs. She attended Northern Illinois University and Louisiana State University. In 1978, she moved with her family to Cheyenne, Wyoming.

There, she graduated from Laramie County Community Col-



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lege and became a registered nurse in 1982. She received special recognition as Outstanding Nursing Student. She began her nursing career at Memorial Hospital of Laramie County as a medical nurse. She later also worked at Clinical Laboratory. While working in Cheyenne, she met Dr. James Kerr. They were married April 16, 1986. In 1988, she and Dr. Kerr moved to Yankton. She spent many enjoyable hours working on their farm house and caring for her many animals, including horses, goats, geese, chickens, peacocks, dogs and cats. Dogs brought special joy to Gena, and she boarded dogs for many years.

For a time, Gena worked at the Santee Reservation as a nurse. She said that the time spent with the Santee healed a hole in her heart left by her

move from Wyoming. She later worked with Dr. Kerr at the Springfield Family Clinic. She especially loved working with Nettie Talsma and Dr. Lars Aanning, and enjoyed the friendship of many people in Springfield. She practiced nursing there until her illness forced her to stay at home.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. James Kerr, as well as a large number of friends, and her beloved animals.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

If you would like to view Gena's website, made by a friend of hers, please visit: www.genakerr.com/message-of-celebration.htm.

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Bertha Timmens

AVON — Bertha Timmens, 100, of Avon died Monday, May 28, 2012 at the Good Samaritan Society in Tyndall.

Funeral services are 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 1, 2012 at Zion Lutheran Church in Avon. Burial is in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery, rural Avon.

Visitation is at the church on Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m., followed by a 7 p.m. Prayer Service.

Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Chapel in Avon is in charge of arrangements.

Bertha Louise Helene Timmens was born July 9, 1911 at Avon, South Dakota, the daughter of David and Caroline (Bredehoff) Brandt. She died Monday, May 28, 2012 at the Good Samaritan Society in Tyndall. Bertha attained the age of 100 years, 10 months and 19 days.

Bertha attended school through the eighth grade in Avon. She then worked as a maid in Sioux

City, IA. Bertha married Homer Timmens on June 6, 1945 at Avon. They lived in Montfort, WI until moving to Avon in 1946. Together they farmed until they retired. Homer died on June 19, 1986. Bertha entered the Good Samaritan Society in July of 2010.

Bertha was a member of Zion Lutheran Church where she served as an organist, LWML member and a Sunday School teacher for many years. She was also a 4H leader for several years.

Bertha will be remembered for her love of telling stories and talking on the phone.

Thankful for having shared her life are her sister-in-law, Dorothy Brandt of Avon; nieces and nephews: Kenneth and wife Florence Powers of Avon; Dale and wife Nancy Powers of Campbell, NY; Diane (Brandt) and husband John Boheman of Sioux Falls; Jean Marie (Powers) and husband Russell Borchers of Beaver Creek, MN; Arlen and wife Sharon Brandt of Emery; Betty Sherer of Sioux Falls; and numerous great and great-great nieces and nephews and cousins.

Bertha was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Homer; sister, Rosella Powers; brother, Alvin Brandt; brother-in-law, Lester Powers and nephew, Ronald Brandt.

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James Palecek

James Palecek was born September 16, 1925 in Winner, SD to Frank and Agnes (Usak) Palecek and passed away on May 28, 2012 at his home after a brief battle with cancer.

Jim grew up and attended school in Winner, SD. He enlisted in the United States Navy on October 13, 1942. He was honorably discharged November 18, 1945. During his life, he worked for Nesbitt Bottling Company, the Trippy County Highway Department, and for the State Highway Department. He retired in 1987 from the State Highway Depart-



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ment after 33 years. He was a member of the VFW, the American Legion, and the First Christian Church.

Jim loved playing baseball for the Winner town team and the Navy baseball team. Jim was the catcher and always said he loved this position as you are in on every play. He remained an avid baseball and sports fan his whole life. He also loved to fish, hunt, dance, garden, take care of his yard, paint, and refinish many pieces of wooden furniture. With the exception of his time in the service, Jim lived his entire life on the same block in Winner.

On January 17, 1948, he was united in marriage to Lorraine Ellwanger and to this union, five children were born.

Jim is survived by his wife of 64 years, Lorraine, four sons, Jerry (Diane), of Gladstone, MO, Rick (Peggy), Monte (Maureen), of Philip, SD, Lance (Kristi), of Yankton, and daughter, Chandra (Jim) Day of Winner. Thirteen grandchildren: Ryan and Whitney Palecek, John, Dan (Tracy) Palecek, Anne (Alex) Chmura, Nick (Dusti) Palecek, Laura (Jeremy) Whittington,

Deanna (Trevor) Krugman, Blake and Cassie Day, Alex, Makayla, and Trevan Palecek and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents Frank and Agnes Palecek, brothers Albert (Marie), Frank (Elsie), Milosh (Isabelle), and one sister Molly (Earl) Knowlton.

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Jessie Hamilton

BLOOMFIELD, Neb. — Jessie B. Hamilton, 101, of Bloomfield, Neb., died Sunday, May 27, 2012, at the Bloomfield Good Samaritan Center.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Thursday at Christ Memorial United Methodist Church, Bloomfield. The Rev. Tim Pratt will officiate, with burial in the Bloomfield City Cemetery.

Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the church.

Brockhaus Funeral Home, Bloomfield, is in charge of arrangements. To sign the guestbook or leave online condolences, visit www.brockhausfuneralhome.com.

Betty Clifford

VERMILLION — Betty A. Clifford, 82, of Vermillion died Sunday, May 27, 2012, at her residence.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion.

Beatrice 'Bea' Johnson

Beatrice "Bea" Johnson, 89, of Yankton died Monday, May 28, 2012, at the Avera Yankton Care Center.

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

Margery Tauber

Margery Adams Tauber, 92, of Watertown died Saturday February 4, 2012, at Avera McKennan Hospital.

A Celebration of Life service will be 11 a.m. Saturday June 2, 2012 at Trinity Episcopal Church, Watertown.

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values, big drops in the stock market and a worsening European economy that they fear will negatively impact the U.S.

"Consumers were less positive about current business and labor market conditions, and they were more pessimistic about the short-term outlook," said Lynn Franco, director of economic indicators at the Conference Board.

Consumer confidence is widely watched because consumer spending accounts for 70 percent of economic activity. May's figure is significantly below the 90 reading that indicates a healthy economy. The measure hasn't been near that level since December 2007. But the latest reading is still well above the 40 figure reached last October and the all-time low of 25.3 in February 2009.

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