

## OBITUARIES

**Patti (Albrecht) Wells**

Patricia L. (Albrecht) Wells, of Sioux Falls passed away on December 23, 2012 at the Dougherty Hospice House after a lengthy battle with ALS.

A Catholic Memorial Mass was held on her birthday, January 4, 2013 to celebrate her life. Patti generously donated her body to science so that doctors have the opportunity to continue to work towards a cure.

A Catholic Memorial Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 13, 2013 at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Yankton, with Rev. Ken Lulf officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton.

Visitations will begin at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, May 12, 2013 at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Yankton, with a rosary at 6:30 p.m. followed by a Scripture service at 7:00 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home



**Wells**

and Crematory is in care of the arrangements.

Patti was born on January 4, 1967 in Fargo, N.D. and was adopted by Mary and Paul Albrecht in April 1967. She spent her years growing up in Yankton and participated in many activities around the community. Patti started dance classes at Judi's Dance Studio in 1971 and continued throughout high school. She was an elegant gymnast excelling on the floor and balance beam. She was a Yankton Gazelle basketball player throughout high school. She participated in track, school plays and band. While growing up, she was an active 4-H member who exhibited in horticulture, sewing, cooking and crafts. She won several purple ribbons at State throughout the years.

**Karen Guthmiller**

Karen M. Guthmiller, 76, of Yankton passed away on Sunday, May 5, 2013 at her home surrounded by family and friends after battling leukemia.

Memorial Services will be at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, May 9, 2013 at the First United Methodist Church, Yankton with Rev. Ron Johnson officiating. Burial of Karen's cremated remains will be in the Garden of Memories.

Visitations will be from 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton. A time for memory sharing will be at 7 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Karen Marie Garvey was born March 10, 1937 to Dan and Agnes (Wakefield) Garvey in Yankton. She attended Yankton High School. Karen married Lloyd Guthmiller on July 10, 1955 in Las Vegas. To this union four children were born: Terry, Sioux Falls, Kim (Rob) Heikes, Harting-



**Guthmiller**

Kaitlin, and Gage, and also 5 great-grandchildren: Grady, Haleigh, Mason, Ayla, and Riley. Karen and Lloyd raised their family on a farm by Menno. She worked several jobs through the years, including, TG&Y, Pamida, Mayfield Store, and the Yankton Care Center. Karen and Lloyd moved to Yankton in 1996.

Karen will be remembered most for her love and devotion to family, friends, and faith. She was always willing to help others, and be there to love and hug her grandchildren. Karen was a member of First United Methodist Church of Yankton. She enjoyed going to Sunday service and going out to lunch

ton, Neb, Larry (Janni), Yankton, and Gary (Ginger), Yankton. Karen was blessed with 10 grandchildren: Jessica, Christopher, Kelsey, Josh, Evan, Brittney, Tyler, Trevor, Kaitlin, and Gage, and also 5 great-grandchildren: Grady, Haleigh, Mason, Ayla, and Riley.

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Patti's first job was at the family-owned convenience store, Paul's Kwik Stop.

She graduated from Yankton High School and received her Bachelor's Degree (with honors) and Master's Degree from the University of South Dakota.

Patti was a lifelong educator and touched the lives of many of her students from fourth grade through college.

As an educator, Patti received much recognition over the years but it was her volunteer work that she was most proud of. As an Army spouse, Patti headed the Family Readiness Group during two combat deployments in which she mentored young wives of deployed Soldiers.

She was honored as the Fort Riley, Kansas Volunteer of the Year in 2004. Patti was the recipient of the Dr. Mary Walker Award, Molly Pitcher Award, NISOD Award for Excellence in Teaching among her

with family and friends.

Karen is survived by her husband, Lloyd of Yankton; mother-in-law, Lea Guthmiller of Yankton; her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; loving sister, Fran Ness of California; sister-in-law, Shirley Ann Garvey of Florida; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Ray and DeLores Lowe of Colorado; many nieces and nephews; and her dearest friend, Julie Sherman of Sioux Falls.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents, father-in-law, Christ, 3 brothers: Joe, Ronnie, and David, and 2 sisters, Mary and a sister that died in infancy.

Our lives are all richer because of her never-ending love.

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As a young wife and mother Dolores found time to be extremely active in the community. As her children grew, she took on the role of 4-H leader. She was active in Monday Club, Library Board, PTA, Garden Club, Extension Club and Legion Auxiliary. For many years Dolores was the American Legion Auxiliary volunteer in charge of purchasing and donating hundreds of Christmas gifts for disabled veterans. In 1984 she was honored as the South Dakota Legionette of the Year for her service. In her later years, she greatly enjoyed quilting with the ecumenical church quilters.

Dolores was well known in the community for her beautiful flowers which she generously shared for Sunday masses at St. Patrick's as well as for weddings and community events. For many years Dolores also faithfully watered the barrels of flowers along main street, Wakonda.

In the days before computers and power point, Dolores was famous for creating slide presentations documenting her many travels. They often featured gardens that she had visited or highlighted historical sites which illustrated geography or history lessons in Gerry Devine's 5th grade class. Together Dolores and Maurice toured all fifty states as well as Canada and Europe. In later years they loved to attend the annual WWII shipmate reunions of the USS Destroyer Dallas which were held across the country.

Dolores was preceded in death by her husband, Maurice, her parents, Joe and Tress, her sisters, Lorraine Andersen, Pat Smit and Betty Jensen, her brother Seb Wathier, a son-in-law, George Feeney and a granddaughter, Jan Gustad.

Dolores will be remembered for her intense work ethic, her quiet sense of responsibility, her constant service to family and community and her unwavering faith in God. Grateful for having shared her life are her children, Maurine Haver, New York City, Lea Gustad, Wakonda, Gail Haver (Mike Parks), Ashland, NE., and John (Jill) Haver, Wakonda; grandchildren Martja (Wade) Huebsch of Morgantown, WV, Shannon (Jennifer) Willison, Omaha, NE., Kris (Rachel) Gustad, Victoria, MN.,

Erin (Justin) Christensen, Irene, and Ryan Haver, Wakonda. She is also survived by seven great grandchildren, a sister-in-law, Elaine Wathier and many nieces and nephews.

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many accolades and achievements.

Patti was lucky to have two families that loved her very much and that love was reciprocated. As an adopted child, she also had strong ties to her biological family.

Survivors include her husband, David Wells; son, Zach Albrecht; mother, Mary Albrecht; sister, Nancy (Brad) Wenande; biological parents, Jack Kushman and Pam Hutchison; sisters: Nanette Hulscher, Stacey Basher, and Steph Kushman; brothers: John Kushman and Nick Hutchison.

She was preceded in death by her father, Paul Albrecht and her grandparents.

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**Orville 'OB' Buechler**

Funeral services for Orville "OB" Buechler, 85, of Scotland will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 9 at United Church of Christ in Scotland with Rev. Ron Shifley officiating. Interment will follow in Rosehill Cemetery, Scotland.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 3-7 p.m., with the family present from 5-7 p.m., at the Goglin Funeral Home in Scotland.

Orville passed away on Monday, May 6, 2013 at the Good Samaritan Society of Scotland. Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

**Lloyd Helseth**

Lloyd Raymond Helseth, 90, of Vermillion, passed away Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at the Prairie Estates Care Center in Elk Point.

Lloyd was born March 21, 1923 in Elk Point to Lewis and Carrie (Anderson) Helseth. He grew up in the Spink, SD area and spent most of his life in and around Vermillion. He married Maxcene Kendrick on April 1, 1946 in Elk Point. Lloyd worked for 25 years as Drilling Supervisor for the South Dakota State Geological Survey, retiring in 1988.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son Dennis and his wife Maxcene.

He is survived by his brother Arnold Helseth of Akron, IA; two sons; David (Rosetta) Helseth of Brandon, SD, Gregory (Lynn) Helseth of Tucson, AZ and daughter Karla Tawzer of Vermillion, eight grandchildren: Daniel, Aaron, Mark, Angela, Hannah, Olivia, Cora, and Eleanor, and 2 great grandchildren: Hunter and Ariah.

Visitation will be Thursday, May 9 from 5-7 p.m. with a Prayer service at 7 p.m. The Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, May 10. Both services will be at Trinity Lutheran Church, Vermillion. Burial is in the Bluffview Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be directed to the sound system at Trinity Lutheran Church.

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**Joseph Jackson**

Joseph Bret Jackson, 23, of Yankton died May 3, 2013.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for memorial donations to help offset the cost of burial as he will be laid to rest in Minneapolis.

A memorial fund has been set up at Wells Fargo bank to help the family.

**Helen Kollars**

Helen M. Kollars, 80, of Yankton, passed away Tuesday, May 07, 2013 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

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



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## County

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fect in 2013 and last through 2015. In Volin Township's case, a \$10,000 annual opt-out for 10 years was approved. In both cases, the funds were to be used for road maintenance.

Strictly speaking, Olson said the townships hadn't submitted all the proper paperwork to get their opt-out implemented. The opt-outs were not included on their levy requests.

Commissioner Allen Sinclair asked if the information that had been supplied to the auditor's office had, in the past, been sufficient to get the opt-out levies added.

Olson responded that it was quite possible that, in practice, it had been in previous years.

"(The township officials) seriously in their hearts felt like they had done everything they were supposed to do," he said. "I truly believe they did."

Conversations may have been held that weren't reflected in the documentation of the case, Olson admitted.

He pointed out that he was not able to talk with Yankton County Auditor Paula Jones about the matter. She has been on medical leave since February.

It was confirmed that the opt-out levies will be included on the 2013 taxes payable in 2014.

Commissioners expressed concern about the townships having the money they need to do road maintenance this year.

Ray Epp, chairman of the Volin township board, told the commission the shortfall will put his organization in a tough spot this year.

Commissioner Garry Moore asked, "If the county had enough money, could it pay forward on the opt-out and then on the final year keep the revenue as a repayment on what we paid forward on it?"

Olson said he believes there could be some legal problems with that solution and added that it would definitely be a problem from his standpoint as an auditor.

Taking a slightly different tact, Sinclair asked if the money could simply be loaned to the townships, who could then pay the county back with opt-out funds.

"There is no statutory author-

ity for counties to do that," Olson said. "Counties are not banks."

Commission Chairman Bruce Jensen said Yankton County State's Attorney Rob Klimisch will be consulted about whether the county has options to assist the townships this year.

"They need the money," he said. "If there is any way we can help them that is reasonable, we'll do it. On the other hand, (the money we would have to offer) is other taxpayers' money, so it is a touchy situation."

Klimisch was present for Olson's presentation Tuesday, but he offered no thoughts on the matter.

In other business, the commission opted to allow the Yankton County Highway Department to work four 10-hour days a week from June 3 through Aug. 29.

Highway Superintendent Brian Gustad had proposed the change in hours from April through October during the commission's last meeting. He said he based the idea off what other counties in the state do.

Gustad told the commission the adjustment would mean less travel time for employees from the work site to the highway shop, fuel savings, less wear and tear on equipment and an increase in the amount of work that could be done during a day.

Also, an on-call list would be implemented so employees would be available for weekend emergencies.

Jensen and Sinclair still had concerns that no one would be available on Fridays if situations arose. As a compromise, Sinclair said he would support the change if a skeleton crew were working on Fridays to do maintenance duties and be available for calls.

Gustad said he could accept the amendment to his proposal.

Moore put forward a motion to approve the plan as originally proposed by Gustad, but Commissioner Donna Freng, Jensen and Sinclair opposed it.

Sinclair's compromise plan was then voted on and passed 4-1, with Moore opposing it. He said he liked the idea of individuals doing maintenance on their own vehicles, as is typically done now. Having other people work on vehicles could be a "recipe for disaster," Moore stated.

You can follow Nathan Johnson on Twitter at [twitter.com/Anrl-landVoyage](https://twitter.com/Anrl-landVoyage)

## Graber

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piano and guitar. After graduating from Freeman Academy in 2003, he continued to pursue those interests in college, earning a degree from USD in musical theater performance and film acting with a minor in composition.

Following graduation, Graber spent a short time in New York before moving to the Twin Cities, where he worked in musical theater, films and commercials. He also finished his musical, "The Music Box," which debuted last year.

After three years in Minnesota, Graber moved to Los Angeles to pursue a greater variety of work.

"I kind of capped out there. I felt like I couldn't go further," he said. "I actually miss Minnesota, but you have to go where the work is."

While Graber continues to search for acting roles, he said he is focusing on his singer/songwriter career. He currently is writing a new show, "Big Blue Bike," and is also forming a new band.

"I'm keeping myself busy with plenty of projects out here," he said. "I'm just having a lot fun."

You can follow Derek Bartos on Twitter at [twitter.com/d\\_bartos](https://twitter.com/d_bartos)

**Donna Falk**

Donna Falk succumbed to Alzheimers on May 1 at the Davis Hospice Center, Cheyenne, WY. A prayer service will be held May 10 at 3:30 p.m. at Weiderspahn Radomsky Funeral Home in Cheyenne, WY. Funeral services will be May 17, 10 a.m., at St. James Catholic Church in Jamestown, ND. Burial at St. Mary's Cemetery in Courtney, ND.



**Falk**

Donna Marie was born to Don and Ernestine (Madsen) Rogers near Letcher, SD on December 19, 1934 and grew up in the Forestburg/Artesian/Letcher area. She earned her teaching certificate at General Beadle College in Madison, SD and taught grade school in Miller and Tee Heights, SD. She married Clifford Falk in Yankton on June 17, 1957. She completed her BS at Northern State College in Aberdeen in 1968 and graduated summa cum laude.

They lived in Lake Andes, Pierre, Parkston, Madison, Sisseton, Watertown, Aberdeen, Yankton and Brookings before settling in Piedmont in 1972, where Donna taught elementary school for 10 years. Starting in 1981 Donna and Cliff followed electrical construction projects in New Mexico, Arizona, Montana, Colorado, Utah, Ohio, Kentucky, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. They settled in Cheyenne in 1997.

Donna is survived by children Mark Falk, Cheyenne, WY and Joni (David) Kachelhoffer, Newcastle, WY; grandchildren Andrea Falk and Lane Falk, Laramie and their mother Debra Falk, Cheyenne, Charla Kachelhoffer, Wheat Ridge, CO, Kyle Kachelhoffer, Dickinson, ND, and Jay (Patricia) Kachelhoffer, Oceanside, CA; great grandchildren Annavay and Claydon Kachelhoffer; sister-in-laws Enid Rogers, Seneca, SD, Pat Barnett, West Fargo, ND, Carol Michaelson, Fargo, ND, Joyce Barnett, Valley City, ND, Eileen (David) Fields, brother-in-law Jim (Roxanne) Falk, Fargo, ND and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Clifford, her parents, and brother Verle Rogers.

A memorial has been established for Davis Hospice Center in Cheyenne.

Friends may sign the online guestbook at [wrcfuneral.com](http://wrcfuneral.com).

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**Bruce Kabella**

Funeral services for Bruce Kabella, 63, of Paducah, Ky., formerly of O'Neill, Neb., are pending at Biglin's Mortuary, O'Neill.

He died Monday, May 6, 2013, at the Lourdes Hospital, Paducah.

**Lillian Amundson**

Lillian Amundson, 102, of Vermillion died Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at Sanford Vermillion Care Center.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion.

**Dolores Haver**

Dolores Haver, 94, of Wakonda, passed away peacefully Monday, May 6, 2013 at Wakonda Heritage Manor.

Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m., Monday, May 13, 2013 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Wakonda. Interment of ashes will follow in Union Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., Sunday, May 12, at the Father McMahon Center in Wakonda.

Dolores was born on the family farm near Centerville in 1918. As an infant Dolores and her mother, Tress, survived the influenza pandemic which wiped out millions of people worldwide during and after World War I.

The eldest of five children, Dolores attended Riverside Country School a half mile east of the family farm, along with her sisters Lorraine, Pat and Betty and brother Seb. In 1932 her parents enrolled her at Mount Marty High School in Yankton and her father, Joe, sold his best team of horses to pay for her tuition. Eventually, the economic hardships of the Great Depression required her to return home and she graduated from Centerville High School in 1936.

As the Dirty Thirties gave way to better times, Dolores was able to attend the University of South Dakota and, attending year round, she graduated in 1938 with a teaching degree. She taught in Clay County at Colfax School for three years (1938-41), Pleasant Valley for one year (1941-42) and at Elmwood on Timber Road near Vermillion for one year (1942-43). She also taught junior high school at Climbing Hill in Iowa from 1943-44.

While teaching at Colfax, Dolores attended a dance and met Maurice Haver, who would become her future husband. Their courtship would be interrupted by his service in the Navy during World War II.

On October 17, 1944 in Merville, Iowa, Dolores finally married her sailor when he returned from sea duty. After living in Boston for a time, Maurice was honorably discharged from the Navy and they moved to their farm northeast of Wakonda in 1945. Here they farmed with Maurice's parents, Harry and Elma Haver, and raised four children. They lived together on the family farm for fifty two years until Maurice's death in December of 1997.

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