

OBITUARIES

Bernadine Matuska

Bernadine Matuska, age 93, of Tabor, passed away early Thursday, May 29, 2014, at the Good Samaritan Society, Tyndall, SD. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 3rd, 2014 at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, Tabor, with Rev. Steven Jones officiating. Burial will be in the parish cemetery.



Matuska

Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m. at the Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tabor, with a Scripture service followed by a rosary at 7:00 p.m. Pallbearers will be Bernadine's great grandchildren.

Bernadine was born April 11, 1921 in Tyndall, SD to Peter Sr. and Josephine (Pobuda) Becvar. She was

baptized at St. Leo Catholic Church, Tyndall. Bernadine was a 1939 graduate of Tyndall High School. She married Willard Matuska September 10, 1940. They lived most of their lives on a farm near Tabor. She was known for her poultry raising especially ducks and geese which she sold throughout the Tabor area. She was also active with the Beseda Hall, Catholic Sokol Social Club, the Altar Rosary Society, and an active participant in Tabor

Czech plays. Bernadine's memory is cherished by one daughter, Connie Miller of Newell, SD; one son, Ron (Jeanette) of Comstock, WI; one brother, Joe of Tyndall, SD; one sister, Anetta of Tyndall, SD; three grandchildren: Todd (Jennifer) Matuska of Ham Lake, MN, Brad (Nicole) Matuska of Cold Spring, MN, and Melanie (Todd) Williamson of Newell, SD; 10 great grandchildren: Tyler, Megan, Tera Jean, Mandee Sue, and Tia Faye all of

Newell, SD, Jack, Will, and Charlie all of Cold Spring, MN, and Mitchell and Sidney of Ham Lake, MN.

She was preceded in death by her husband and two brothers, Peter and Wesley.

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Online condolences at: www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com

Music Museum Offers Shakespeare Series For Children

VERMILLION — "Play on!" wrote music-lover William Shakespeare. Shakespeare's age — the Elizabethan era — was a big one in musical history, with the evolution of many "new" musical instruments. Lutes, flutes, fiddles and keyboards, horns, drums, and more were becoming the "soundtrack" of court and city life. A big fan, Shakespeare shook up his stage too with musical instruments (and references to them in his dialogue).

This summer the National Music Museum in Vermillion presents "Shaking up Shakespeare," a discovery series for youth. Kids will explore the musical instruments and history of Shakespeare's era. They may even make their own Elizabethan-style instrument to take home.

Two sessions are available, calibrated to kids' ages. For students entering first through third grades, the session will run from Monday, June 16, through Thursday, June 19. Two time sections are offered: Choose either 10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m.

For students entering fourth through sixth grades, a session will run from Monday, June 9, through Thursday, June 12. This session will meet from 9-11:30 a.m., June 9-11, and from 9 a.m. to approximately 1 p.m. on June 12. Lunch for students will be followed by a noon mini-concert for family and friends.

The series will take place in the National Music Museum at the corner of Clark and Yale Streets, Vermillion, on the University of South Dakota campus. Email Deborah Check Reeves with questions, dreeves@usd.edu

Register at the Museum by June 4 for the younger kids' June 9-12 session and by June 11 for the older kids' June 16-19 session.

Donnell Flom

Donnell C. Flom, age 87, passed away May 26, 2014 at Bethany Lutheran Home. He was born in Lemmon, South Dakota on October 14, 1926 to the late Carl & Theresa Flom.



Flom

After high school he proudly served his country in the United States Army. He worked in the optical business for over 45 years and was the owner/operator of the Spec Shop for many of them.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his sisters, Hazel, Viola and Serene.

Don is survived by his wife, Alice Flom to whom he married June 9, 1949; children, Dan & Grace Ann Flom, Karen & Hal Gaspard, Rick & Rita Flom, Bill & Lora Flom, Jean Flom; 8 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

A private family service was held and the family will direct memorials.

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Dorothy Preheim

Dorothy Louise Jensen was born in Parker on September 6, 1920 to Irvin and Erma J. (Allison) Jensen. She had two sisters, Margaret Elsa Hofer (Emil) and Kathryn Joanne Nelson (Kermit). Dorothy died at Oakview Terrace Nursing Home in Freeman on May 28, 2014, at the age of 93.



Preheim

On May 7, 1942, Dorothy married Mylo J. Preheim in a double wedding ceremony with her sister Kathryn and Kermit Nelson. Dorothy and Mylo had four children: Gregory, Cheryl, Patricia, and Lee. Lee Michael died in 1958 at the age of 41/2 during surgery for a spinal tumor.

The Preheims lived in Yankton, Colorado Springs, CO, and then in Sioux Falls until 1943 when they moved to Irene. They made their home there until 1967 when they built a new home in Parker, SD, where they lived until 2008. Before moving to Oakview Terrace in June, 2013, Dorothy resided with

her daughter Cheryl and Cheryl's husband, John.

Dorothy attended rural schools through eighth grade and then graduated from Hurley High School in 1938. She worked in Sioux Falls for a year before attending Freeman Junior College, where she received her one-year teaching certificate. She began her teaching career in a rural school near Swan Lake, where she taught for two years before she got married. After that she taught for two years in Smith School near Irene. Then came a twelve-year interval during which she enjoyed being a stay-at-home mother.

Dorothy returned to teaching in 1957 at Pleasant Valley School with 13 students in 8 grades! Later she taught at Daneville School. During those years she took evening classes and attended summer school until she finished her two-year certificate at Freeman Junior College. From 1962 to 1967 she taught in the primary grades at Irene Public School, and after their move to Parker she taught there until her retirement in 1986. All during these years Dorothy was continuing her education, and in 1971 graduated from the University of South Dakota with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education-the same day her daughter Cheryl received her BFA and her son-in-law John graduated with his Master's.

Dorothy and Mylo were avid ballroom dancers. They were members of the Mr. and Mrs. Club at the Arkota Ballroom in Sioux Falls and could be found at many of the ballrooms in a three-state area. Even as a resident of Oakview Terrace, if the music was dance music, Dorothy danced-sometimes with only her walker as a partner.

The Dakota Special was another important adventure in Dorothy's life. Her husband Mylo built version one of this train in 1980 and continued to improve it in the years that followed. He and Dorothy took the train to parades and celebrations for more than twenty years. All her years of teaching gave Dorothy just the right skillset to handle all the children. The Dakota Special gave enjoyment to riders at over 400 events in South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, and Minnesota.

Dorothy was a member of

the Salem Mennonite (South) Church of Freeman but also attended the First Presbyterian Church in Parker.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Mylo, in 2011, her parents, her siblings, and her son Lee Michael. She is survived by Greg (Theresa) Preheim of Irene, Cheryl (John) Koch of Freeman, Patricia (Harry) Batcheller of Yankton, and six grandchildren: Heath and Ashley Preheim, Kristin Koch and Laura Gray (Justin), and Jill and Jay Batcheller.

Visitation is Sunday, June 8, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Walter Funeral Home.

The memorial service is Monday, June 9, 2:00 p.m. at Salem Mennonite (South) Church.

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Lonn Sweet

Lonn Sweet died on May 29, 2014 in Sun City West, Arizona.

Lonn was Dean Emeritus of the School of Fine Arts at Northern State University. His career in music education, serving the collegiate and high school levels, spans 40 years. His career started in 1961 at Springfield Public Schools where he spent 5 years as K-12 band and choral director. In 1966, he entered higher education as Director of Bands at the University of South Dakota, Springfield. In 1974, Lonn started a 27 year career at Northern State University where he served as Director of Bands and low brass instructor, Chairman of the Music/Theatre Department and in 1989 he assumed the duties as Dean of the School of Fine Arts. He retired from NSU in the spring of 2000.

His career was marked with local, state and national distinctions including

serving as president of the Aberdeen Community Concert Association, business manager of the South Dakota Musician Magazine, president of the South Dakota chapter of Phi Beta Mu, and Region III president of the National Association of Schools of Music. Sweet has been honored with awards such as the USD-Springfield Outstanding Alumnus, Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Contributions to the field of music education, National Federation Interscholastic Music Association Award by the SDHSAA, Friends of the Arts Award by the Aberdeen Arts Council, and was inducted into the South Dakota Band Masters Hall of Fame in 2012. He was the originator of the first Merry Tuba Christmas in South Dakota, and served as host of the Region IV music contests and the South Dakota All State Chorus and Orchestra. He also served the Aberdeen community as director/member of the Aberdeen Elks Chorus, and as director/member of the First United Methodist Church choir. Mr. Sweet also adjudicated numerous large and small ensemble contests in South Dakota and North Dakota, served as music camp director in North Dakota and Oklahoma and directed numerous festival bands during his career. In 1998, Lonn was honored by the Aberdeen Rotary Club as a "Paul Harris Fellow." Lonn was also an active member of the SHUMC Church Choir and member of the Sun City West Woodworkers Club.

Sweet received his bachelor's degree from the University of South Dakota, Springfield and a master's degree from the University of South Dakota, Vermillion. He and his wife Dorothy retired and moved to Sun City West Arizona in 2002. Lonn is

survived by his wife Dorothy of Sun City West; son Perry Sweet, wife Nancy and their son Justin of Chicago; daughter Lonna Boen, husband Steve and their daughter's Sara and Carli all of Kansas City; and sister Glee Deutscher of Scotland, SD.

A memorial celebration is being planned in the fall in Sun City West, Arizona.

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Luverne Mayer

Luverne H. Mayer, 88, of Yankton and formerly of Wakonda, died Thursday, May 29, 2014, at the Wakonda Heritage Manor in Wakonda, South Dakota.

Funeral services are at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 3, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton, with the Rev. Ron Johnson officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton with military honors provided by the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post No. 791 and the South Dakota Army National Guard.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral on Tuesday at the funeral home.

To send an online sympathy message, visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

Melvin Hrdlicka

Melvin Hrdlicka, 89, of Wagner died Friday, May 30, 2014 at St. Benedict Hospital in Parkston.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Monday, June 2, at the United Methodist Church in Wagner. Burial is in the ZCJB Cemetery, rural Wagner.

Visitation will be Sunday at the church with the family present from 5-7 p.m., followed by a 7 p.m. Prayer Service.

Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner is in charge of arrangements.



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