

OBITUARIES

**Roman Potts**

FORDYCE, Neb. — Roman T. Potts, age 77 of Fordyce, Nebraska, died on Monday, November 7, 2011 at his residence.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Friday, November 11, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Fordyce with Rev. David Fulton officiating. Burial will be in St. John the Baptist Cemetery at Fordyce with military services provided by the Crofton American Legion Post 128.

Visitation will be on Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Visitation will begin one hour prior to services on Friday at the church.

The Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington is in charge of arrangements.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Bill Potts, Frank Potts, Charles Potts, Steve Ausdemore and Dan Mullen.

Pallbearers will be E.J. Escamilla, Adam Dorfman, Jordan Escamilla, Travis Potts, Tyler



Potts

Crofton High School in 1952. He farmed with his dad and then served in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1958. Roman married Joan Bunge on October 13, 1959 at Fordyce. They farmed in the Fordyce area until 1965 when they moved to a farm north of Constance. In 1987 they moved to Fordyce and he retired from farming. Roman then worked for the Village of Fordyce for several years retiring in 2005.

Roman was a member of the Crofton American Legion Post 128. He loved to play cards and go fishing with his grandkids. He especially enjoyed his daily trips to check on his farm.

Roman is survived by his wife,

Potts and Brady Potts.

Roman was born on January 31, 1934 at Fordyce to Frank J. and Mary (Schmidt) Potts. He grew up on a farm just north of Fordyce and graduated from

Joan of Fordyce; 4 children, Renee Escamilla of Torrington, Wyoming; Julie Potts of Glendale, Arizona; Mike Potts of Norfolk; Jeff Potts of Crofton; 10 grandchildren, E.J., Jordan and Sarah Escamilla, Jessica and Adam Dorfman, Dezarae and Brady Potts, Sarah Reifenrath, Travis and Tyler Potts, 4 great grandchildren, 2 brothers, Leonard Potts of Crofton; Marcus and Donna Potts of Fordyce; a sister, LaVerna Mullen of Mesa, Arizona; and a sister in law, Bev Potts of Crofton.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a grandson, Michael Escamilla, a sister, Flavia Ausdemore and a brother, Gerald Potts.

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**Milburn Kjeldseth**

Milburn B. Kjeldseth, 89, of Yankton and formerly of Irene, SD passed away Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

Funeral services will be 10:30 am, Friday, November 11, 2011 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Irene with Rev. Mark Ostrem officiating. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Cemetery at Irene.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, November 10, 2011 at the Hansen Funeral Home in Irene with the family present from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Milburn Baldmane Kjeldseth was born May 19, 1922 to Clarence and Julia (Jonason) Kjeldseth of rural Volin. He attended the Kjeldseth Country School and graduated from Wakonda High School.

He married Lois Hoxeng on June 3, 1945 at Zion (Faith United) Church rural Volin, SD. He joined the US Army and was stationed in New Jersey. Their son George (Loann) was born in Trenton. They returned to South Dakota and together have farmed some of the hills and valleys between Irene and Volin for over 75 years. Milburn was also a DeKalb dealer for many, many years. He was an active member of the Zion Church and later the Calvary Lutheran Church. Next to his love of farming was his love of music. He sang in church choirs, cantatas, quartets and duets with his wife and the Barbershop Quartet and group. He had a great tenor voice. Milburn and Lois enjoyed square dancing, Danish dancing and ballroom dancing. On their 50th wedding anniversary, they dance the evening away. Even his heart health problems didn't seem to slow him down. They were constant mall walkers and McDonald's customers! Milburn and Lois went on some great trips: Hawaii, Panama Canal, Florida and Texas, but he always said "you can't beat home". One of his favorite past-times was visiting with his buddies at Pump-N-Stuff. The "uff-da stories" would fly! He recently toured Washington, DC with the Honor Flight. They also enjoyed watching their granddaughters participate in 4H activities at local and State Fair and in their sporting events. The sunshine went out of his life when he lost his wife in 2008. He then moved to an assisted living facility in Yankton.

Many memories are held in the hearts of friends, relatives and especially the families of granddaughter Megan (Matt) Gauer, Allyssa and Addyson of Phoenix, AZ; granddaughter Jenni (Darren) Miller, Andrew, Tanner, Justin, Brandon and Cassandra of S. Sioux City, Ne. and granddaughter Jorcee (Travis) Hansen, Irie, Brevin, Keldee and Quillan of Yankton, SD.

Milburn was preceded in death by his parents, brother Clarion and his wife.

The family asks that memorials be directed to Calvary Lutheran Church in Irene or Hillcrest Cemetery Association.

For obituary and online condolences visit hansenfuneralhome.com.

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**Frank Chad DeVries**

SIoux FALLS — Frank Chad DeVries, 23, of Sioux Falls, went to be with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ after a courageous battle with cancer on Sunday, November 6, 2011.



DeVries

Frank Chad was born March 25, 1988 in Burlington, Iowa to Frank and Jan (Sorensen) DeVries. As a young child, he moved to Sioux Falls with his parents. After high school, he joined the Army where he proudly served 4 years, including a tour of duty in Iraq. He returned to Sioux Falls and worked with his parents at Touch of Dutch family restaurant in Beresford. Frank Chad loved life and his family and was especially proud of the birth of his son, Jonathan on October 12, 2009. Friends were also an important part of his life as well as animals of any kind. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, especially fishing trips to the river with his grandma Rosie and late grandpa Ed.

Left to cherish his memory are his son, Jonathan, of Sioux Falls, SD; his parents, Frank and Jan, also of Sioux Falls; his brothers, Connor of Sioux Falls, SD and Justin of Des Moines, IA; and his sister, Kristin (Jared) Steffen and their children, Jady, Kamden, and Kezden, of Remsen, IA; his grandmothers, Rosezella Olson of Yankton, SD, and Ruth DeVries, of Orange City, IA; Jonathan's mother, Elizabeth Smith of Sioux Falls; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and special friends.

Frank Chad was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Lowell Sorensen, Edward Olson, and Frank DeVries; and an infant cousin, Jolene Mikkelsen.

Funeral services will begin at 1:00 p.m. Friday at Spring Valley Lutheran Church, rural Viborg, SD. Interment will be in the Spring Valley Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation with the family present will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Thursday at Miller West Funeral Chapel in Sioux Falls.

For obituary and on-line registry, please visit [www.millerfh.com](http://www.millerfh.com).

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**Trudy Stastny**

WAGNER — Trudy Stastny, 68, of Wagner died Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at the Douglas Co. Memorial Hospital in Armour.



Stastny

Funeral Mass will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, November

11, 2011 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Wagner. Burial is in the church cemetery, rural Wagner.

Visitation will be Thursday from noon until 5 p.m. at the Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner. Rosary/Wake services will be 7 p.m. Thursday, at the church.

Trudy Ann Stastny was born October 27, 1943 at Rapid City, SD, the daughter of Wesley and Verda "Dode" (Johnson) Proks. She died Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at the Douglas Co. Memorial Hospital in Armour. Trudy attained the age of 68 years and 12 days.

Trudy attended grade school and graduated from Tyndall High School in 1961.

Trudy married John Stastny on August 27, 1963 at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Tyndall. She was a homemaker and together they farmed northwest of Wagner. Trudy entered the Good Samaritan Society in Wagner in October of 2010 and transferred to the Golden Living Center in Armour in March of 2011.

Trudy was a member of St. John's Altar Society.

Trudy will be remembered for her love of cooking and hosting. She also liked to play bingo and loved being with friends.

Thankful for having shared her life are her husband, John of Wagner; two brothers-in-law: Joe and wife Mary Ann Stastny and Tony and wife Donna both of Wagner; six sisters-in-law: Helen and husband Leonard Cuka; Dorothy Cuka; Agnes Kokesh; Rose and husband Dennis Koupal, all of Wagner; Ann and husband Jerry Wagner of Pierre; and Martha and husband Pat Uecker of Rapid City; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Trudy was preceded in death by her two sons: Darrell as an infant in 1964, Kevin as a six year old in 1973; parents; mother and father-in-law, Helen and Joseph Stastny, Sr.; sisters-in-law: Alice Kokesh and husband Clayton; Mildred Cap and husband Victor; brothers-in-law: Richard Koupal, Edward Cuka and Edward Kokesh; nephew, Thomas Cuka and niece, Doris Kokesh.

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**Ellen Kessler**

Ellen (Adams) Kessler, 83, of Yankton, formerly of Vermillion, died Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2011, at the Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Agnes Catholic Church, Vermillion, with the Rev. John Fischer officiating. Burial will be in the Bluff View Cemetery, Vermillion.

Visitations are one hour prior to the Mass at the church.

Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, is in charge of arrangements.

**Free Wellness Day For Military Veterans Friday**

The Avera Sacred Heart Wellness Center will be recognizing the military veterans and active duty service members in our community by hosting a free wellness day at 8-11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11. This event is open to the general public — you do not need to be a wellness center member to attend.

- Offerings include:
- Free one-month Wellness Center membership when you show your military ID;
  - Recognition wall with a star for your name and military branch;
  - Free bone density screenings;
  - Free blood pressure readings;
  - Free chair massages;
  - Flu Shots (\$20);
  - Discounts on Biofreeze products;
  - Light snacks and refreshments.

For more information, call 605-668-8357.

**Yankton Toys For Kids Collecting Donations**

Community-wide agencies, organizations, and individuals are working to make the holidays brighter this year through the Yankton Toys for Kids (formerly Toys for Tots) program.

Donations of new, unwrapped toys, appropriate for ages 0 to 18, are being collected now through Saturday, Dec. 17, and can be dropped off at Taco Johns, Maurices, or starting Nov. 28, at the Yankton Mall (the former Vanity location).

Robinson Motors and caring neighbors are helping Santa Claus make the holidays special for the children in the Yankton area. Cash donations are accepted to fill in where needs are not met and ensure that every referred child receives a toy.

You may also "adopt a family" through the Toys for Kids Adopt A Family Program.

This program enables businesses, community members or organizations to provide clothing, food and gifts for families experiencing tough times. Volunteer "adopters" are paired with a local family and provided with ages, clothing sizes, and special requests, ensuring that all needs are met.

If you would like to adopt a family, or for more information on the Toys for Kids Program, call the United Way & Volunteer Services' Office at (605) 665-6766.

**YALC To Host Scrabble Event Saturday**

The Yankton Area Literary Council will be hosting a Scrabble event at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at the Yankton Community Library.

This will be an opportunity for Scrabble players to meet and play. There will be standard play, friendly competition, no dues, no required attendance, and no pressure.

For more information, contact Carol Borchard at 605-202-0940 or YalcScrabble@hotmail.com.

**Schmeichel Farms Open House This Weekend**

HURLEY — Agriculture United has announced that the Steve Schmeichel family will be hosting an open house on their hog farm near Hurley at 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12. Visitors can tour the new hog barn and enjoy a free pork dinner.

The Schmeichel farm is located:

- From the Hurley elevator — 7 miles west to 449th Ave. and 1.5 miles south.
- From Papa's on Hwy 81 in Freeman — 8 miles south to Meridian Corner (Hwy 18) and 10 miles east on Hwy 18 to 449th Ave and 1.5 miles north. (Watch for Signs.)

The event is sponsored in part by Ag United for South Dakota, South Dakota Pork Producers Council, South Dakota Soybean Farmers and their check-off, Ethan Co-op Lumber, Merchants State Bank, Wahoo Concrete and Weidenbach Concrete Works.

To learn more about South Dakota pork families visit the National Pork Board on the web at: [www.porkbeinspired.com](http://www.porkbeinspired.com).

**Recycle Used Toys Collection Slated Nov. 12**

In observance of America Recycles Day, the City of Yankton and Keep Yankton Beautiful will be holding a Recycle Used Toys Collection on Nov. 12, running from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

"Gently" used or new toys may be dropped off at one of the following locations during the above time: The America Recycles Day booth at the North Ace Hardware, K-mart or Wal-Mart. Do not leave items off at any other time. Residents are asked not to donate broken or damaged toys.

All toys collected will be going to the Yankton Contact Center. Donating toys in this way represents the 3 "R" of recycling: Reducing items going into landfills, Reusing useable items, and Recycling these toys back to life.

**USD Dance Team Annual Kids Clinic Planned**

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota Dance team will host its annual kids clinic at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at the USD Wellness Center.

The clinic is open to dancers in grades K-8, and they will be part of the halftime performance during USD's football game against Missouri S&T in the DakotaDome.

If you would like to register your dancer in advance and be guaranteed to receive a kids clinic T-shirt, visit [usd.edu/danztm](http://usd.edu/danztm) to fill out a reservation form. For more information, contact Briana Johnston at 605-929-7057 or [briana.johnston@usd.edu](mailto:briana.johnston@usd.edu).

**Irene Holiday Fair Set For High School Gym**

IRENE — The Irene Holiday Fair will be held at the Irene-Wakonda High School Gym in Irene on Sunday, Nov. 13, running from 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

There will be craft booths galore, as well as entertainment and door prizes every hour.

This is a free event, and lunch will be served by the I-W After-Prom Party Committee. Also, Santa will be there from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

**Potato Bake And Bake Sale This Sunday**

CROFTON, Neb. — The fifth annual Trinity Lutheran Church Potato Bake and Bake Sale will be held at the Crofton Senior Center, 1008 W. Second St., on Sunday, Nov. 13, running from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

A free will donation will be asked for the potato bake, which will also include many toppings, salads, desserts and drink.

For delivery in Crofton area, call 402-388-4414 by noon Nov. 12.

**So Dak Stamm To Meet Nov. 13 In Kaylor**

KAYLOR — The next So Dak Stamm meeting will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, at the Heritage Building in Kaylor.

The topic will be "Mission Ukraine Journey of Faith." Everyone is invited.

**What Are You Thankful For This Year?**

The Press & Dakotan wants to know. On Friday, Nov. 25, we are planning to run a story in which readers tell us what they are thankful for as the holiday season sets in. Please keep your responses to 150 words or less.

To submit your response, mail it to: Thankful, c/o Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan, PO Box 56, Yankton, SD 57078; or email it to [news@yankton.net](mailto:news@yankton.net). Please have your responses to us by Tuesday, Nov. 22.

**IN REMEMBRANCE**

<b>Irvin Holm</b> 10:30 AM, Thursday Trinity Lutheran Church Hartington	<b>David C. Sandstedt</b> 6:00 PM, Friday Wintz & Ray Funeral Home Yankton
<b>Roman T. Potts</b> 1:00 PM, Friday St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Fordyce	

**Honoring those who protect and serve our country.**

**Veteran's Day**  
November 11, 2011

To recognize the military veterans and active-duty service members in our community, Avera Sacred Heart Wellness Center is hosting a Wellness Day. Join us on:

**Friday, November 11**  
**8 - 11 a.m.**

**Show your Military ID and enjoy a free one-month membership to the Wellness Center!**

- Free bone density screenings
- Free blood pressure screenings
- Free seated chair massages
- Flu Shots (\$20)
- Discount on Biofreeze products
- Recognition wall with a star for your name and military branch
- Light snacks and refreshments

**The event is free and open to the public.**

The Wellness Center is located on the 2nd floor of the Surgery Center.

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Wellness Center

*In Loving Memory Of*

**CAREY PEDERSON**  
March 3, 1973 - November 10, 2010

It's so hard to believe that you're really gone. Our lives changed, the moment we found you passed. You touched our lives so deeply. Sometimes when our day gets hard, we think of your beautiful smile. You left so many memories, which we won't forget. You will always live deep inside our hearts.

We are so thankful that God graced us with someone as special as you.

*We Love You Carey!*

*Sarah, Shane, Wesley & Maxwell Kavanagh*

*Ellen Pederson, Ashley and Kristen Pederson*

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