

OBITUARIES

Evelyn Vacknitz

Funeral mass for Evelyn Vacknitz will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, November 4 at St. Leo Catholic Church in Tyndall with Fr. Joe Forcelle as Celebrant. Interment will follow in St. Leo Catholic Cemetery, Tyndall.

Visitation will be held on Sunday from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. at the Goglin Funeral Home in Tyndall with a wake service following at 7 p.m. at St. Leo Catholic Church. On-line condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

Evelyn Grace Vacknitz was born on May 12, 1936 to Frank and Helen (Herman) Schneider in Dante, South Dakota. She graduated from Tyndall High School in 1954. Evelyn then attended nursing school at Mount Marty College in Yankton, SD. After graduating she went to Denver, CO and worked one year at the VA Hospital. Evelyn returned to Tyndall where she worked for 49 years as a registered nurse at the Tyndall Clinic.



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On December 27, 1961, Evelyn married Allen Vacknitz at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Tyndall. They made their home on a farm 3 miles west of Tyndall for 51 years. Together they raised four

daughters. In July they moved into the Avon Manor. Evelyn was a member of St. Leo's Catholic Church and St. Leo's Alter Society in Tyndall. Evelyn was a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother. She was a great cook. She loved to attend her daughters sporting events and all of her grandchildren's activities. She and Al loved to go fishing together.

Evelyn passed away peacefully after a lengthy illness on October 31, 2013 at the age of 77.

Evelyn is survived by her husband Allen Vacknitz; four daughters: Connie (Rodney) Van Gerpen of Avon, Kay (Glenn) Wright of Sioux Falls, LuAnn (Gary) Wright of Sioux Falls, and Rachel (Loren) Bertus of Avon; ten grandchildren: Paul and wife Jimmi Van Gerpen, Hilary Van Gerpen, Michael and wife Brittany

Wright, Elizabeth Wright, Rebecca, Amanda, and Sarah Wright, Jeff, Joe, and Jill Bertus; one brother: Bud Schneider and wife Mary Jo of Yankton; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding Evelyn in death are her parents, Frank and Helen Schneider, her sister, Marlene Hoch and brother-in-law Bob Hoch, brother-in-law Corky Vacknitz, sister-in-law Ruby Goering and husband Harry, and their son Kevin.

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Goglin Funeral Home

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Clarence Mueller

Clarence P. Mueller, age 95 of Crofton passed away Wednesday, October 30, 2013 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, November 2, 2013 at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Menominee, NE. Burial will be at Beaver Creek Cemetery in rural Crofton.

Visitations will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, at St. Boniface Catholic Church with a wake service at 7:00 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, is caring for the details of the service.

Clarence was born October 26, 1918 in Beaver Creek, NE to Peter and Anna



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(Albrecht) Mueller. Since he first entered into this world as a thriving 2 month preemie, weighing only 3 pounds, he was a man of miraculous strength and faith. His mother was suffering with the Spanish Influenza of 1918 and died 10 days after his birth. He was kept alive by loving family members who fed him fresh cows milk placed directly into sterilized baby bottles. He was so proud to say he lived in the same house he was born in for his entire 95 years of life. He attended grades 1-8 in Beaver Creek School. Clarence married Angela Schieffer on April 22,

1952, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Constance, NE. He always enjoyed being a farmer and helping other farmers. In the 1930's he also worked for Gurney's in their gardens across the river. His life was fulfilled through his love of God and his Catholic faith, his family, his friends, the farm life, rainfalls, and baseball.

Clarence is survived by his wife, Angela Mueller of Crofton, NE; sons: Charles (Rita) Mueller, Stephen (Mary) Mueller, Robert (Tracy) Mueller, and Thomas (Joanna) Mueller, all of Crofton, NE; daughters: Michelle (Kent) Burr of Round Rock, TX, Kathleen (Steve) Farlee of Norfolk, NE, Paula (Kim) Kroeger of Lennox, SD, Karen (Rick) Ramsey of Englewood, CO, and Colleen (Michael) Burgett of Battle Creek, NE; 23 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren;

brother, Francis (Lavonne) Mueller of Crofton, NE; sisters, Heidi Tramp of Yankton, SD and Rose Ann (Oscar) Whitlow of San Marcos, CA.

He was preceded in death by his parents, granddaughter, Joslyn Mueller, brothers and sisters, Sister Anita Mueller, Clara (Ray) Weber, Anthony (Eugenia) Mueller, Ray (Anna) Mueller, Albert (Alma) Mueller, and Anna Maria (Emil) Goeden, and brother-in-law, Aelert Tramp.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorials be directed to St. Boniface Parish Endowment, P. O. Box 170, Fordyce, NE 68736.

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Fern Kronberg

Fern Arvilla Kronberg, age 90 of Wausa, Nebraska, died on Wednesday, October 30, 2013 at the Golden Living Center in Wausa, Nebraska.

Funeral services will be on Monday, November 4, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at the Community Bible Church in Crofton (4 miles west of Crofton on Highway 12) with Rev. Mark McClintock and Rev. Lyle Deford officiating. Burial will be in the Crofton Cemetery.

Visitation will be on Sunday from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. with a Prayer Service at 4:00 p.m. at the Wintz Funeral Home in Crofton. Visitation will begin one hour prior to services on Monday at the church.

To view the video tribute, or to send online condolences, please visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com/.

Pallbearers will be David Kronberg, Kevin Kronberg, Wesley Baedke, Delwyn Hennings, Dave Carhart and Mark Keck.

Fern was born on July 1, 1923 at Awonka, South Dakota to Lloyd and Jessie (North) Christiansen. At the age of 9 she moved to a farm south of Plainview. She attended Plainview High School. Before her marriage she worked one summer at Estes Park, Colorado. On December 26, 1943 she married Magnus Kronberg at Plainview. They farmed in the Wausa area until 1946 when they moved to a farm in the Crofton area. In 1968 they moved into Crofton where Fern assisted her husband in the Kronberg Trucking business. She also operated a greeting card business in her home and worked at the second hand store in Crofton. Fern was



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very active in the Crofton Senior Citizen Center. Fern moved to the Country-side Villa in Wausa in 2006 and entered the Golden Living Center in Wausa in 2011.

Fern was a member of the Community Bible Church in Crofton and the Ladies Missionary Circle. She enjoyed shopping, sewing and spending time with her friends and family. She was very appreciative of all the people who gave her rides to where she needed to go.

Fern is survived by 3 children and their spouses, Marcus Kronberg of Salem, Oregon; Dennis and Kay Kronberg of Wausa; Barbara and Steve Parsons of Crofton; 6 grandchildren, David (Rhiannon) Kronberg, Laurie (Wesley) Baedke, Kevin (Sara) Kronberg, Pam (Jesse) Main, Hope (Casey) Holencik, Kurtrina Parsons and 11 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Magnus, on December 22, 1991 at the age of 77, a granddaughter, Beth Kronberg, a daughter-in-law, Joan Kronberg, 2 brothers, Ralph and Lester Christiansen, 3 sisters, Ethel Hulslander, Mardelle Sovereign and Erma Durant.

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Linda Sawatzke

Linda M. Sawatzke, age 88 of Crofton, Nebraska, died on Thursday, October 31, 2013 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, South Dakota.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Monday, November 4, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Crofton with the Rev. Michael Schmitz officiating. Burial will be at the St. Rose of Lima Cemetery in Crofton.

Visitation will be on Sunday, at church, from 2-5:00 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 3:00 p.m. Visitation will continue on Monday one hour prior to services at church. Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz Funeral Home of Crofton.

Pallbearers will be Ben Sawatzke, Aaron Knapp, Adam Sailer, Kody Schmidt, Kamden Cihlar, and Dean Gobel.

Honorary pallbearers will be April Knapp, Isabel Knapp, Meagan Sailer, Rylen Sawatzke, Baileigh Sailer, Rex Sailer, and Ryan Friend.

Linda was born in Crofton on February 18, 1925 to Kurt and Helen (Naber) Seipelt. She grew up in Crofton and graduated from Crofton High School in 1943. She then went to the National Business Training College in Omaha. She worked at the hospital in Omaha prior to her marriage to Billie Sawatzke on August 6, 1946 in Omaha, NE. After their marriage they moved to

Crofton where they owned and operated Peoples Department Store. The Store was sold in 1988 when she and Billie retired.

Linda was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, the church choir, Crofton American Legion Auxiliary and the Yankton VFW Auxiliary. Linda enjoyed golfing, gardening, camping, and being with her family.

She is survived by her husband Billie of Crofton; son Kim and his wife Mary Sawatzke of Crofton; four grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Grandchildren are Ben Sawatzke and daughter Rylen of San Antonio, TX; April and Aaron Knapp and children Kody, Kamden, and Isabel of Crofton, NE; Ryan Friend stationed in Osan, Korea; Meagan and Adam Sailer and children Baileigh and Rex of Yankton, SD.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents; daughter-in-law Mary Katherine Sawatzke; and sister Frances Seipelt.

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Roman Drotzmann

Roman (Romain) J. Drotzmann, age 87, of Yankton, passed away peacefully from this earth on Wednesday, October 30, 2013 at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton, SD.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, November 4, 2013 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, SD with Rev. John Rutten officiating. Burial will be in the St. Agnes (Sigel) Cemetery, rural Utica, SD at approximately 1:30 p.m. with military graveside rites by the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post #791 Honor Guard, Yankton and the SDARNG Honor Guard, Sioux Falls.

Visitation will from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday, November 3, 2013 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton with a 7:00 p.m. Rosary, video tribute and Scripture service at 7:30 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Pallbearers are: Jared Drotzmann, Shawn Wylie, Shane Wylie, Brandon Wylie, Michael Drotzmann, Howard Kathol, Scott Cameron, Craig Drotzmann, and Steve Drotzmann. Honorary Pallbearers are Whitney Wylie, Sophie Drotzmann, Jeff Wylie, and Nicolle Johnson.

Roman John was born on August 15, 1926 to Fred and Sophia (Moneke) Drotzmann at Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton. Because of complications from Roman's birth, his mother passed away 2 days later. Roman was raised his first 2 years by his father and his father's sister, Theresa Yaggie. His father married Frances Kast. 4 brothers and 2 sisters were born to this union. Roman attended school the first 2 years at Sacred Heart School, where he made his first communion. He then attended Kietzman School through eighth grade at which time he was then needed to work on the farm. Roman was inducted in the Army in November 1950 and was a member of the 549th Engineers stationed in California and Alaska during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged from the Army in November 1952. On December 31, 1949 Roman met Frances Zdenek at a dance and they were married on December 28, 1953. Roman and Frances lived on a farm north of Yankton and eventually moved to the Drotzmann homestead in February 1961, where they resided until October 2001, becoming the 3rd generation on the family farm. Roman and Frances worked side by side on the farm where they raised cattle and hogs, in addition to crops of corn, oats, and alfalfa. To their union was born Ann, Ruth, and Jim, along with 7 little angels. Their first family vacation was taken in August 1970 and traveled the western and southern states. Roman and Frances enjoyed many of Jim's baseball games and trips over the years he played. In later years they also enjoyed many of Roman's army reunion trips that they



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attended throughout the Midwest. Their final trip together was to a sister-in-law's funeral in Yakima, WA in April 2000.

He loved when the grandchildren came to visit or could babysit them for a week at a time, and always took them for rides on the tractor. Family get-togethers always included a rousing game of Euchre with his dad and brothers or whoever else dared to join in the fun. They also played many a card game of whist with Mildred and Gerry Cameron. Roman and Frances celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on December 28, 2003. Roman entered the Avera Sister James Care Center in January 2005.

Roman was a longtime member of St. Agnes Catholic Church/Sigel, where he was confirmed, was a member of the church council, and was one of the church's first lecturers when lay people first started participating in the services. He gave 17 years of service to the Walshtown Township Board and was a member of the Yankton County Soil Conservation District. He was secretary of both the Bohemian Farm Mutual Insurance Company and the Yankton Farmers Coop Association, and a member of the Kietzman School Board prior to the school closing.

Those left to cherish his memory are his children: Ann Drotzmann of Yankton, SD, Ruth (late Keith) Wylie of Sioux Falls, SD, and Jim Drotzmann of Yankton, SD; grandchildren: Jared Drotzmann, Shawn, Shane (Jaclyn), Brandon (Maggie), and Whitney Wylie, Sophie and Michael Drotzmann; 2 step-grandchildren, Jeff Wylie and Nicolle (Chris) Johnson; great grandchildren, Malick, Cragar, and Laramie Wylie, and twin great grandsons expected to arrive in January. He is also survived by 2 sisters, Alice Drotzmann and Mary Ann Kathol, both of Yankton, SD; 3 brothers: Joe (Dorothy) Drotzmann, and John Drotzmann, both of Ellensburg, WA; and Harold (Mary) Drotzmann of Sergeant Bluff, IA; 1 sister-in-law, Mildred (Alvin) Zimmerman of Crofton, NE; in addition to many relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances in 2005, son-in-law, Keith Wylie in 2007, his parents and step-mother, brother, Dennis, his 7 little angels, and other extended family members. May he rest in peace.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that memorials be directed to Avera Sister James Care Center at the Avera Sacred Heart Foundation, 1000 W 4th Street, Suite 14, Yankton, SD 57078, or to a charity of your choice.

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IN REMEMBRANCE

Emery L. Hoelsing
10:30 AM, Saturday
Holy Trinity
Catholic Church
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Fern A. Kronberg
11:00 AM, Monday
Community Bible Church
Crofton

Linda M. Sawatzke
10:30 AM, Monday
St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Crofton



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