

OBITUARIES

Kristen 'Kristi' Johnson

Mass of Christian Burial for Kristen A. "Kristi" Johnson, 46, of Verdigre, Nebraska, will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, November 15, 2013, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Hartington, Nebraska, with Reverend Jeff Loseke, Reverend Kevin Vogel, and Reverend Kizito Okhuoya as Celebrants.



Johnson

Graveside Services will then be held at 3:00 p.m. Friday, at the Riverside Cemetery in Verdigre.

Visitation will be Thursday, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Hartington, with a 7:00 p.m. Vigil Service.

Brockhaus Funeral Home of Verdigre is in charge of arrangements.

Kristi died Friday, November 8, 2013, at Memorial Hospital North in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Kristen Ann "Kristi" (Hoffart) Johnson, beloved daughter of Gerald "Jerry" and Jean (Riibe) Hoffart, came into this world on June 20, 1967, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, South Dakota. From that day forward, the world would forever be changed and illuminated by this vibrant, colorful, free-spirited, loving, caring, cheery, bubbly, devoted child of God. Kristen was baptized in the Catholic Faith on June 25, 1967, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Hartington, Nebraska, and would go on to receive her first Communion in 1975. She later was confirmed in the Holy Catholic Church in 1980 in Hartington.

Kristen's childhood was a happy time, growing up in her hometown of Hartington, spending time with her siblings and family, and being a "friend to everyone" in school. She always had fun regardless of what she did, and at an early age, exhibited the talents and skills of being a professional salesperson. Kristen had the knack for visiting with anyone that came into her life, and on more than one occasion did a "sales pitch" to her siblings that ended up to be a prank. Kristen's siblings, Jill, Jayne, and Kent have many fond memories of how "convincing" Kristen could be. While her first job was walking beans and detasseling corn near the family home, a life in sales and marketing was affirmed when as a teen, Kristen began marketing cucumbers from the family garden to the M.A. Gedney Pickle Company, which had a buying station in Hartington. Besides sales, she was forever a cheerleader to everyone around her, having honed those skills and drive to inspire others as a cheerleader while attending Cedar Catholic High School. She also played volleyball and was involved in numerous clubs and organizations at school. In 1985, Kristen graduated from Cedar Catholic High School in Hartington, and at the age of 18, began a lifelong relationship with the Mary Kay organization, signing up to be a Beauty Consultant. Though she would attend college and have several different careers during her lifetime, Kristen would go on to forever be remembered for her work with Mary Kay. She attended Wayne State College in Wayne, Nebraska, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, pursuing a degree in Arts and Science.

Ever the adventurer, Kristen ventured into several different professions, excelling in everything she did: telemarketing, sales, working as a travel agent, and being involved with the Jenny Craig organization. She made her home in Wayne, Sioux City, Lincoln, Omaha, Kansas City, and later returned to her hometown of Hartington, where she began pursuing a

degree in Radiology at Briar Cliff in Sioux City, Iowa. It was during her time of being back in Hartington that she found the "love of her life", her beloved Greg Johnson. Kristen and Greg met for the first time on December 21, 2007, and from then on, the two were captured by a whirlwind romance that seemed to be Heaven sent. In little more than a year after they met, Kristen and Greg were married on January 2, 2009 in Hartington, and would literally live a fairytale life, making their home on a farm west of Verdigre, Nebraska, and building their lives together. Although she had been working towards her Radiology clinicals, Kristen put aside her education as she had "found the love of her life", and began a new chapter in her storybook life; farmwife. Agriculture was something rather new to Kristen, as Greg could tell, so when she wondered what to do for a career that would comfortably fit the life of a farmer's wife, Greg suggested that Kristen put her heart and soul into Mary Kay, as it was the one profession that had continuously been a part of Kristen's life. With Greg's encouragement, and Kristen's love for marketing and the public, she became fully engrossed in her cosmetic marketing career, attaining the rank of Independent Senior Sales Director. During her career with Mary Kay, she had earned five "career cars", was the director of the "Pink Car-Nation" sales unit, and was well on her way this year to earning the "crown jewel" of the Mary Kay organization, the revered Mary Kay Pink Cadillac, and being a National Sales Director. Under her tenure with Mary Kay, Kristi had consultants in her sales unit spanning the United States.

Kristen was a big dreamer her entire life. Her motto in life always was "Believe", and her signature quote was "It will cost you NOTHING to Dream and EVERYTHING not to..." When it came to dreams, Kristen was blessed over the years, and particularly in the past five. She met and married the man of her dreams, and together, Kristen and Greg built their dream home together west of Verdigre, on the site of the former "Y" School, moving into their beloved home on March 6, 2011. Kristen was also blessed with a dream career that she worked hard to make a reality, and had already set her sights on her next goal of being National Sales Director for Mary Kay. In her first year as a new director in 2011, at that year's annual seminar, Kristen was honored as #1 Court of Sales-Harris Area and Director Queen's Court of Personal Sales for the Company. At the Mary Kay 2012 Seminar, she was recognized as #1 First Year Director in the Harris area, was promoted to Senior Director, completed Mary Kay's Corporate Honors Society and Dean's List challenges and was #3 in the class of new directors, and was named Director Queen's Court of Personal Sales for the company. At the 2013 Mary Kay Seminar, Kristen was recognized as Top 10 Unit Director in the Harris Area, Top 10 Most Improved Unit in the Harris Area, and Director Queen's Court of Personal Sales for the Company. For the

2014 Seminar, she was currently in the Top 10 Unit Director in the Harris Area. But of all of the national and regional accolades, one of the successes of her career that Kristen held so dear to her heart was the innumerable amount of friends she had made. She was a staple at every farm and home show throughout Northeast Nebraska, and from her experiences of marketing at these shows, that Kristi developed, coordinated, and hosted two events in Verdigre that were devoted to women of the area: the Spring Fling and the Holiday Boutique. Always a lady of style, class, and fashion since childhood, for the past five years of hosting the events, Kristen brought to fellow vendors and women of the region an event devoted to the finer things in life and celebrating beauty.

Kristen had a strong relationship with the Lord. She was raised in the Catholic Church. Her fondest memory was walking past Father Werner every morning, elementary school through high school graduation. Fittingly, Monsignor Werner was a Concelebrant at her wedding. Mary Kay Ash views of "faith first, family second, career third" mirrored Kristen's world. Taking Greg to church the first time on a Saturday night in Coleridge, late as usual, they walked in, Father Pietramale at the altar, waved back at Kristi and Greg as she waved at him from the back. How cool is that? Reading a daily devotional was habit for her morning routine.

This past year, Kristen and her niece, Sydney, had a labor of love. It was called "Operation Sunscreen". Together, they made over 75 packages of Mary Kay, which were provided to Nebraska Troop Support. Thank you notes were not expected, but have started coming in from overseas. These brought as much joy to Kristen as the packages were to the troops.

On Friday, November 8, 2013, at Memorial Hospital North in Colorado Springs, Colorado, with several Mary Kay Directors by her side, Kristen earned her eternal rewards from her Heavenly Father, undoubtedly "Mary Kay pink" wings. The world was made a brighter, happier place by Kristen's presence on this earth and her cheerful voice, and although none of us were ready to give her to our Heavenly Father, we take solace in the fact that Heaven is now a happier, more beautiful, more colorful place. Her legacy lives on in the thousands of lives Kristen touched. No one was ever a stranger in her life; first time meetings led to lifetime friendships. Much like the life that Christ led while on earth, caring for others, reaching out a hand, giving from the heart, loving our family and our neighbors, and putting God at the center of it all, Kristen will remain a testament to us all of what a Christian and a best friend should be.

Kristen's life and memory here on earth are forever cherished by her husband, "the love of her life", Greg Johnson

of Verdigre, Nebraska; parents, Jerry and Jean Hoffart of Hartington, Nebraska; brother, Kent (Theresa) Hoffart of Lincoln, Nebraska; sisters, Jill Hoffart of Neligh, Nebraska, and Jayne (Steve) Steffen of Hartington (their children, Bennett, Sydney, Maxwell, and Jacob); mother-in-law, Betty (nee Auman) Johnson of O'Neill, Nebraska; brothers-in-law, Gayle Johnson of Verdigre, and Gary (Mary) Johnson of O'Neill, Nebraska (children, David and Ben); as well as hundreds, if not thousands, of friends Kristen made and lives she touched during her lifetime, and her Mary Kay Family.

She was welcomed in Heaven by her father-in-law, Howard Johnson; her infant child, Peyton Rae; her paternal grandparents, Harold and Marcella (Bruening) Hoffart; her maternal grandparents, Alphonse and Julia (Sukup) Riibe; and Greg's grandparents, David and Thelma (Vonasek) Johnson and Orval and Estella (Isom) Auman.

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Betty Thompson

Memorial services for Betty Thompson, 83 of Avon will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday, November 16, 2013 at the First Presbyterian Church in Avon.



Thompson

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

Betty Mae Thompson, daughter of Orlando and Stella (Kellogg) Potter, was born at Perkins, SD on June 22, 1930. She died Tuesday, November 12, 2013, after a valiant fight with cancer, at the Good Samaritan Society in Tyndall. Betty attained the age of 83 years, four months and 21 days.

Betty attended Perkins Country School and Springfield High School. She married Russell Frank Thompson on October 20, 1947 at Springfield. Five children were born to their union.

Betty and Russell farmed north of Avon. Besides being a farm wife and mother, Betty worked at several jobs through the years. She was a CNA at the Good Samaritan Center in Wagner, a cook at the Avon School District, an aide at Wagner Memorial Hospital, and worked for CR Industries in Springfield and Mensch Greenhouse in Avon. In 1991, Betty and Russell moved to rural Springfield. In 1993, they moved into Avon, due to Russell's failing health. He died October 13, 2000. Betty fought three rounds of battle with cancer. On July 11, 2013, she entered the Good Samaritan Society in Tyndall, where she was blessed and was a blessing.

Betty was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Avon.

Betty will be remembered

for her enjoyment of gardening, mowing lawns, sewing, doing crafts and scrap books.

Thankful for having shared her life are her daughter, Norma Riggs and husband Jess of Spearfish; two sons: Jeff and wife Debbie of Avon and Donnie and wife Krystal of Lewisberry, PA; 11 grandchildren: Chad, Todd, Wade, Brad, Sarah, Kristina, Frank, Shianna, Minta, Riley and Jerry; 12 great grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; one nephew, Greg Chaney; two great nephews: Terry and Tony Chaney; and many friends.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband; two daughters: Patsy Ridgway and Tammy Thompson, who died in infancy; parents; brother Gene Chaney and wife Gladys; grandson, Michael Ridgway, who died in infancy; great granddaughter, Ashley Ridgway, who died in infancy; two nephews: Gary and Gerry Chaney; and one niece, Gail Chaney.

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John Malloy

John T. Malloy, 85, of Elk Point, South Dakota, passed away at Prairie Estates Care Center of Elk Point on November 9, 2013.



Malloy

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 16, 2013, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Fr. David Roehrich officiating. A visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Burial of his ashes will take place at a later date as John has chosen to donate his remains to science.

John was born on January 10, 1928, in the living quarters of the Milwaukee Railroad Depot to John and Pauline (Kozel) Malloy.

John grew up in Tabor, South Dakota and graduated from Tabor High School in 1945.

John followed in his father's footsteps as a station agent. He began his career at the ripe age of 16 due to shortages of agents during WWII. John retired from the Milwaukee Railroad Co. after working for 34 years between Tabor, Trent and Vermillion.

On October 2, 1951, John was united in marriage with Mavis Syrovatka in Tabor, SD. John was a staunch Democrat who never passed up an opportunity to share his views on the subject of politics. He was also an avid hunter, particularly ducks, pheasants and deer. Some of his other hobbies included Pinochle, watching the Twins and Vikings play, automobiles, taxidermy, and especially eating Mavis' cooking.

John is survived by his wife of 62 years, Mavis Malloy

of Elk Point, South Dakota; his children, Glenn (Linda) Malloy of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Donna (Frank) Phillips of Longwood, Florida, Bob (Kris) Malloy of Parkston, South Dakota, John J. (Fiance: Deb) Malloy of Sioux City, Iowa, and Jodi (Dan) Sampson of Owatonna, Minnesota; his 13 grandchildren; and his 3 great-grandchildren, with one on the way.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Pauline Malloy; and his brother, Paul Malloy.

Memorials will be donated to the Milwaukee Railroad Shops Historical District and the Elk Point Historical Society.

Services have been entrusted to the Kober Funeral Home of Elk Point.

Condolences may be posted online at www.koberfuneralhome.com.

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Wilfred Schurman

Wilfred Schurman, 86, of Crofton, Neb., died Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2013, at his home surrounded by his family.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 15, at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Menominee, neb., with the Rev. David Fulton officiating. Burial will be in the St. Boniface Cemetery.

Visitations begin at 5 p.m. today (Thursday) at the church with a 7 p.m. wake service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

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

Alan Oarr

Alan David Oarr, 54, of Yankton died Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2013, at his residence.

Arrangements are pending with the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Yankton.

Michael Preston

Michael Preston, 64, of Yankton and formerly of Rock Rapids, Iowa, died Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2013 at his home.

Memorial services are at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton, with the Rev. Rod Veldhuizen officiating.

Visitations will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, is assisting with service details.

Eleanor Steward

Eleanor L. Steward, 91, of Yankton died Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2013, at Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton.

Arrangements are pending with the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton.

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