

OBITUARIES

Tillie Tucek

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Visitation will be held on Monday, November 9, from 3:00 p.m. until a 7:00 p.m. wake service at Goglin Funeral Home in Tripp.

Funeral Mass for Tillie will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 10 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Parkston. Burial will follow at Saints Cyril & Methodius (Vodnany) Cemetery at rural Tyndall.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Goglin Funeral Home of Tripp. On-line condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

Tillie Marie Tucek was born on Sunday, August 8,

**Tillie Tucek**

1915 to Anton and Frances (Jambor) Plihal on the home-stead farm two miles north of Tyndall, South Dakota. Following her graduation from Tyndall High School, Tillie went on to earn her teaching certificate from Southern State Teacher's College in Springfield in 1934. She taught at a one-room schoolhouse, Schmoll country school, where she had nine students

and was paid \$35 per month. On September 30, 1935, Tillie was united in marriage to Frank W. Tucek at Vodnany Catholic Church. Together they made their home on Frank's family land two miles southeast of Tripp where they farmed and raised livestock and several different varieties of poultry. Though the farm kept them busy, Tillie and Frank still made time to enjoy their shared love of dancing by attending the local dances nearly every weekend. Tillie also spent many hours cooking, baking kolaches, and helping at the Good Samaritan Society of Tripp. She was also very active in Sts. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church in Vodnany by volunteering to care for all the sewing needs of the church and serving on the Altar Society.

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In 1977, Frank and Tillie retired from farming. Following Frank's passing on February 22, 1987, Tillie moved into the apartments in Tripp. In June 1998, Tillie suffered a major

stroke and later two mini strokes. On September 22, 1999, she decided it was time to make her new home at the Good Samaritan Society of Tripp. The home brought new opportunities and joys for Tillie. She kept active with daily workouts on the stationery bike, exercising her hands by embroidering dishtowels and baby blankets, as well as keeping her mind sharp with crossword puzzles, word finds, and Rummikub.

Tillie passed away on Thursday, November 5, 2015 at St. Benedict's Hospital in Parkston having attained the age of 100 years, 2 months, and 28 days.

She is survived and remembered by her four children: James (Marilyn) Tucek of Mitchell, Sylvia (Lars) Jezek of Kaylor, Lillian (Paul) Schlechter of Scotland,

and Eileen (Steve) Hardesty of Reno, NV; twelve grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband Frank, parents, and siblings: Frank, Amelia, Joseph, Ladislav, Annie, Elsie, Frances, Emil, Jerry, and Rudolph.

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Bruce Wesner

Bruce Ray Wesner, age 60 of Yankton passed away peacefully at his home Friday morning November 6, 2015 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Funeral services will be 5:00 p.m. Monday, November 9, 2015 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton with Rev. Dave Gunderson officiating.

Visitations will be prior to the service at the funeral home from 2-5 p.m. on Monday.

On-line condolences may be sent at: www.opsahl-kostel.com

**Wesner**

Washington state most of his life, graduating from Bethel High School in 1973.

He attended Pierce and Tacoma Community Colleges obtaining his AAS degree, with courses in Allied Health Studies. He went on to receive

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Bruce was born May 29, 1955 to Dean and Merialis (Jones) Wesner at the U.S. Naval Station in Coronado, CA. Living in

his Bachelors of Science, becoming a Board Certified Physician Assistant from the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences in Des Moines, IA in 1993. He held memberships in (NC-CPA) National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants, (AAPA) American Academy of Physician Assistants, (SDAPA) South Dakota Academy of Physician Assistants, and (SEMPA) Society of Emergency Medical Physician Assistants. Bruce's career path then began with National Health Service Corps, working in a rural, underserved community, providing much

needed health care services. He continued his career by providing medical services to many community hospitals and clinics, until 2000 when he started his own staffing company, Physician Assistant Staffing Service, LLC. Being the first Physician Assistant/Nurse Practitioner only staffing company to receive a GSA/FSS government contract. Bruce's passion initially was to provide medical care to the Indian Health Communities, but later expanded to other public/government facilities.

Bruce loved riding his motorcycles. He also enjoyed shooting guns and archery.

But his greatest joy was spending time with this family, especially his grand kids. He also enjoyed volunteer work and serviced as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for Beadle-Jerauld Chapter of the American Red Cross.

On March 6, 1999, he married his best friend and the love of his life, Karen (Lammert) Wesner in Ottumwa, IA.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Karen of Yankton and 5 children: Adam Wesner of Yankton, SD, Rosalee Wesner of Tacoma, WA, Hollie Stoker of Ottumwa, IA, Brandon Culp and Cody Culp, both of Yankton, SD and 8 grandchild-

dren; his parents, Dean and Merialis Wesner of Cathlamet, WA and many in-laws, nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by grandparents, Ray and Marge Wesner and Floyd and Hermenia Jones.

A memorial is being established to the Duke Cancer Institute Research Facility and Hospital in Bruce's honor.

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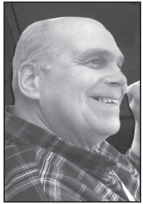
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Douglas Metzger

WAGNER — Douglas Edward Metzger, 61, died at Good Samaritan Society in Wagner, SD on Tuesday, November 3, 2015.

A memorial service was held Saturday, November 7, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. at Wagner Baptist Church in Wagner with Pastor Jason Bartosik officiating. Arrangements by Koehn Bros. Funeral Home in Wagner.

Douglas Edward Metzger was born on February 18, 1954 to Daryl (Tiny) and Dixie Metzger in Lincoln, Nebraska. He was the oldest of his siblings, Daniel, Debbie, and Ted. Doug played high school and college football and was also an amateur boxer. After college and then working construction, Doug joined the Marines. In 1981, he met his wife, Annie, while working construction in Wagner SD. They were blessed with two sons, Samson Cody, and Caleb SkyHawk. In 2010, Samson and Bridgette Muller gave Doug great joy with two grandchildren, Keegan Michael and Kaydence Mariah. On August 5, 2015, God sent the family another angel, Kyzleigh Marie, as He knew he was getting ready to call Doug Home to Heaven, which He did on November 3, 2015. It was exactly 17 months

**Metzger****Colleen Dreesen**

Colleen Dreesen, age 77 of Hartington, Nebraska died on Friday, November 6, 2015 at her residence surrounded by her family.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 10:30 am at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Hartington with Rev. Jeffery Loseke officiating. Burial will be in the St. Michael's Cemetery in Hartington. Visitation will be on Monday from 5:00 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 Tuesday at the church. The Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington is in charge of arrangements. To send online condolences please visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

Pallbearers will be Dan Kollars, Rolly Kollars, Rick Kollars, Joe Kollars, Doug Kollars, Don Dreesen, Matt "Chip" Dreesen and Kevin Brummer.

Colleen was born on March 12, 1938 at Crofton, Nebraska, to Dalph Eugene and Odelia Agnes (Meyer) Kollars. She grew up in the Crofton area and graduated from Crofton High School

**Dreesen**

of Hartington and Colleen worked several years at Buchanan Drug Store in Hartington until she began her family.

She was a member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Guild, Christian Mothers and a charismatic prayer group. She made a Cursillo weekend and had an hour of perpetual adoration for many years. Her faith was very important to her. Colleen liked playing cards and belonged to the Spring Valley Card Club. She enjoyed working all types of puzzles but most important-ly she loved spending time with her family and friends.

Colleen is survived by her husband, Darrell of Hartington; 2 children, Scott Dreesen of Hartington, Lori Dreesen and her fiancé, Bob Sohm, of Sioux City, Iowa; a grandson, Danny Dreesen and his wife Amanda of Grand Junc-

tion, Colorado; 10 siblings and their spouses, Maxine Steffen of Crofton; Maxine and Tony Wesseln of Norfolk, Nebraska; Kay and Paul Steffen of Hartington; Sherry and Roger Wortmann of Hartington; Dan and Marce Kollars of Hartington; Rolly and Maxine Kollars of Crofton; Rick and Cindy Kollars of Lincoln, Nebraska; Joe and Cindy Kollars of Crofton; Roxanne and Bob Boeckman of Norfolk; Doug and Ann Kollars of Norfolk and a brother-in-law, Rick Friedrichsen of Norfolk.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dalph and Odelia Kollars, a brother, Delver Kollars and a sister, Melbe Friedrichsen.

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Hartington, Colbridge, Crofton

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who shared little information about himself because he was so curious about other people's interesting lives. But we do know this: He saw the

most beautiful sunset off the coast of Africa. He attended the ballet in Madrid Spain with the family of a ballerina. He ate spaghetti for Christmas dinner in Italy. Doug's Chevy pickup has nearly a million miles on it from driving home almost every weekend to see his sons while working for Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad. His favorite coworkers were a group of Navajo men from Arizona that called him brother. When meeting new people, he always said "I am a man of Christ". He ate sparkly cupcakes and wore a tiara several times a week because his granddaughter liked parties and blowing out candles. Doug always picked up hitchhikers because in his younger years he thumbed his way up and down the east coast and also many countries when his ship pulled into port while in the Marines. He was an activist for social justice and he did it from the heart. He loved his family fiercely and deeply but the highways and byways also held his restless heart. Three of his favorite places on earth were the Fort Randall Dam in Pickstown, SD, Star Street in Lincoln NE where he grew up, and the Rocky Mountains which he knew could only be created by God Himself.

"I have lived a great life. I have lived the life of three men. I have no regrets" by Douglas Edward Metzger.

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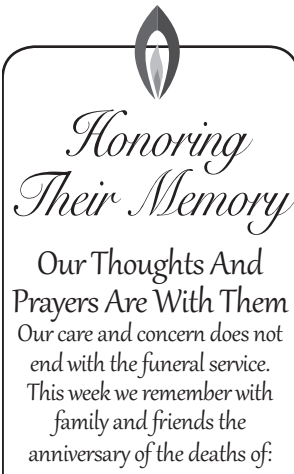
Ronald Knudsen Sr.

Ronald Knudsen, Sr., 53, of Wagner died unexpectedly, Thursday, Nov. 5, 2015, at the Ft. Randall Casino, rural Lake Andes.

Wake services began Saturday at the White Swan Community Center in Lake Andes.

Funeral services are 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, at the White Swan Community Center. Burial is in St. Phillip's Episcopal Cemetery, Lake Andes, with Military Honors.

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



Lawrence G. Kast
who passed away
November 10, 2014

Joy E. Elle
who passed away
November 11, 2014

Evelyn Winquist
who passed away
November 12, 2014

Tony W. Marr
who passed away
November 13, 2014

Joseph P. Dilger
who passed away
November 13, 2014

Grace Bonertz
who passed away
November 13, 2014

Melvin Rempfer
who passed away
November 13, 2014

Todd M. Kenney
who passed away
November 15, 2014

Mary Alice Souhrada
who passed away
November 15, 2014

Alvin Harms
who passed away
November 7, 2008

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James River Board Meets Thursday

HURON — The James River Water Development District Board of Directors will be having a long-term planning session for the District on Thursday, Nov. 12, at the District's Office, 251 4th Street SW in Huron, at 9 a.m.

The James River Water Development District James River Water Development District Board of Directors will then hold its regular meeting at 9:30 a.m. Items on the regular meeting agenda are:

* Presentation from Jay Gilbertson on East Dakota Water Development District's water quality monitoring efforts;

* Funding request from Conservation Districts for 2016 tree planting efforts;

* Funding request from Yankton Conservation District for a grass seeding drill;

* Funding request from Beadle Conservation for test site for grazing & crop systems management;

* Funding request from the Town of Dimock for wastewater treatment improvements;

* Funding request from Sanborn Conservation District for stabilization and culvert replacement;

* Funding request from Ducks Unlimited to repair a

dam & wetlands in Aurora County;

* Funding request from Ducks Unlimited to repair a dam in Brown County;

* Funding request from

landowner in Yankton County to construct three dams;

* Update on TMDL activities;

* Any other business that may come before the Board.

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As evidence continues to mount linking the mind and body, it is becoming increasingly apparent to all that a person's spiritual bearing plays a big role in determining many life and death issues. Spirituality is an awareness of the sacred core that underlies everyday life, which helps many people deal with hardship. One example of this coping mechanism is a study in which death rates were found to be lower than expected before important religious holidays. This finding suggests that faith might help those facing death to postpone the inevitable until they have passed an important milestone in their lives or the lives of others. If so, death may be more compliant than we might have imagined.

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