

## OBITUARIES

**Velma Weverstad**

Velma L. Weverstad, age 100 of Yankton passed away Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Memorial Services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, November 14, 2015 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Yankton with Rev. Dave Wildermuth and Rev. Kwen Sanderson officiating.

Visitations will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday, November 13, 2015 at Trinity Lutheran Church, with a 7 p.m. Prayer Service and video tribute. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the

**Weverstad**

sahhl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton is in care of the arrangements.

Velma was born August 27, 1915 to Leslie and Gladys (Porter) Jones in Hartington, NE. She was baptized at Trinity Lutheran Church, Wynot, NE. She married Floren W. Wever-

service at the church.

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stad on February 10, 1966 in Yankton, SD. Velma was employed at American National Bank, Rapid City, SD, U.S. National Bank, Salem, OR and American State Bank, Yankton, SD. She was a life member of Eastern Star #33, Yankton, SD, Yankton Senior Citizen Center, Women of Moose Lodge, Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Auxiliary, Yankton China Painters, a charter member of Crofton Lake View Country Club, R.S.V.P. Program and Prayer Group.

Velma is survived by her step-children, Bob (Marilyn) Weverstad and Dick Weverstad, both of

Yankton, SD; five grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild; sister, Marceda Jones and many nieces and nephews.

Velma was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents; husband, Floren; brothers, Ralph Jones and Donald Jones and sister, Iona (Jones) Gatzmeyer.

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**Robert 'Bob' Johansen**

Robert "Bob" Johansen, age 81 of Yankton passed away on Monday, November 9, 2015 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton surrounded by his family.

Memorial services will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 14 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton with Rev. Dani Jo Ninke officiating and military rites by the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post #791 Honor Guard, Yankton and the SDARNG Honor Guard, Sioux Falls, SD. Burial of his cremated remains will take place at Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis at a later date.

Visitations will begin at 5 p.m. Friday, November 13 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory with a 7 p.m. Prayer service and video tribute. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

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Robert "Bob" Martinus Johansen was born April 28,

**Johansen**

Parker, confirmed on June 6, 1948 at Bang [Bong] Lutheran Church in Rural Turner County, West of Viborg and was a member of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Yankton. He married Dorothy Dickerson on May 16, 1954 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Viborg, SD and was happily married to her for 61 wonderful years.

Bob started his schooling in a rural one room school house riding the "one horse bus" uphill both ways in six feet of snow. In 1948 he started high school at Viborg High School where he graduated "with honors" in May of 1952. As he stated to his grandchildren, he graduated with honors from Turkey Ridge University, but actually served his country in the US Army from January 5, 1955 to

1934 to Willie "Martin" and Olga (Larsen) Johansen on the home farm west of Viborg, South Dakota. He was baptized July 2, 1934 in

December 13, 1956, which he always jokingly stated "was the best two years of my married life, I apologize Dorothy."

He started his lifelong civilian career in the dairy industry at the Scandinavian Co-op Creamery in Viborg, SD after his high school graduation and after a short vacation with Uncle Sam, he resumed his career at the creamery. For the next 40 years he worked in the dairy industry at Freeman Creamery and Terrace Park Dairy/Land-O-Lakes, until his retirement in 1996. To keep busy in his retirement, he worked at Schwann's Sales in Marshall, MN until Dorothy's retirement in 1999 when they became "Winter Texans," spending winters in McAllen, TX and summers in the Yankton area.

He loved spending time with his brother, Ralph on the family farm in rural Viborg and his favorite dogs Tippy, Lola and Nala. He also loved spending time with his grandchildren who he always gave "wise and sage advice" to, which was always questioned accord-

ingly by their parents.

Bob is survived by many friends and family including: his beloved wife, Dorothy; three sons: Neal (Linda) Johansen of Corpus Christi, TX, David (Jane) Johansen of Omaha, NE and Timothy Johansen of Cheyenne, WY; eight grandchildren: Travis and Jeff Langeland, Krystin and Robert Johansen, Erin and Emily Johansen, Annaleise and Zoe Johansen; two great-grandchildren, Harrison and Elijah Langeland; one brother, Ralph (Anita) Johansen of Viborg, SD; one sister-in-law, Ann Johnson of Vermillion, SD and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, his daughter, Sandra (Sandy) Langeland and one sister-in-law, Ruth Morrison.

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**Philip Neuharth Jr.**

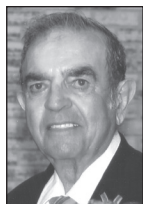
Philip John Neuharth, Jr., age 84 of Menno passed away Thursday, November 12, 2015 at the Menno-Olivet Care Center, Menno.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 14 at the Zion Reformed Church in Menno with Rev. Travis Grassmid officiating. Burial will be in the Menno Cemetery with military graveside rites by the Rames-Bender American Legion Post #152 Honor Guard, Menno and the SDARNG Honor Guard, Sioux Falls, SD.

Visitations will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday, November 13 at the Zion Reformed Church, Menno with the family present. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Send online condolences at: [www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com](http://www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com). Aisenbrey-Opshahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno is in care of the arrangements.

Pallbearers will be six of his grandsons: Joshua Neuharth, Rickey Miller, Philip Neuharth, Spencer Neuharth, Clayton Roubideaux and Jonathon Roubideaux. Honorary pallbearers will be

**Neuharth**

his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Philip John Neuharth Jr. was born September 15, 1931 on the family farm North of Menno SD to Philip and Katherine (Mehlhaf) Neuharth. He attended country school through the 8th grade. He was baptized and confirmed in the Zion Reformed Church, Menno.

Philip married Virginia

Voy on February 28, 1954, in St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Scotland, SD and to this union eight children were born. Four days after their wedding, Philip was inducted into the U.S. Army, where he fixed air plane engines. After his service, he returned to the family farm and continued farming, until his retirement in 1995, when he and Virginia moved into Menno.

Philip and Virginia had the great joy of meeting their great-grandson, Philip Neuharth VI, in the summer of 2015. He loved his family, farming and also fishing and hunting with his son, Philip.

He was a charter member of the Menno Pioneer Power Show. He had a great passion for antique John Deere tractors and loved fixing them up with his son, LueAllen.

He was a lifelong member of Zion Reformed Church, where he served as Sunday school teacher, sang in the choir, a deacon, a trustee, and also served as a Sunday School Superintendent. Philip was also a Rural Fire Department member, a township board supervisor and clerk, and was a member of the American Legion in Menno. Philip and Virginia loved to square dance and were longtime members of the Hurley Hoppers Square Dance Club. Philip became a resident of the Menno-Olivet Care Center in the fall of 2014. Virginia was there every afternoon to visit and sit with him.

Philip is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Virginia, seven of his children, 17 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren and one on the way in January. LueAllen (Pam) Neuharth and their children, Kelly, Kim and Joshua, LueAnn (Rick) Miller and their children, Rickey and Amanda, Philip (Linda) Neuharth and their children,

Dana, Philip and Spencer, Marcia (Clayton) Roubideaux and their children, Elizabeth, Clayton, and Jonathon, Dianne (Donavon) Hopf and their children, Jessica, Amy, and Carrie, Sandra Kuper (Tom Bernard) and her children, Mandi, Kayla, and William, and Mary (Mark) Olesen; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Erna (Lavenerne) Decker, Arlene Walz, Victor Schneider, Luverne Buehner, Betty Neuharth, Gideon Schultz, Helen Voy and Myrna Voy and many nieces, nephews, friends and relatives.

Philip was preceded in death by his infant son, Lonnie Jo, in 1954, his parents, four brothers: Leon, Ray, Elmer and Marvin Neuharth; seven sisters: Beatha, Alma, Ida, Verlinda, Viona, Elda and Norma; two great-grandchildren, Alden Hotzler and Kirstan Roubideaux and his mother and father-in-law.

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**Football**

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toward what we had last year," he said. "It certainly helps to have area schools like Yankton in the championship."

**PLAYING HOST**

USD takes special pride in hosting the high school football finals for the entire 35-year playoff history, according to USD athletic director David Herbster.

"We have always viewed this as an opportunity to showcase USD and Vermillion to the state," he said. "Regardless of the outcome of the games, we want people leaving campus saying, 'Wow! This is a place I could see myself.' Whether that be moving here or attending school at USD, we look at this as our first opportunity to leave an impression on people."

Herbster said his staff, other workers and volunteers are ready to host the gridiron marathon – including their huge rivalry game with SDSU. "We have done this before and understand it is an all-hands-on-deck mentality," he said. "All the coaches and staff know that this may be the only time some of these people will ever step foot in the Dome, and we want to make sure they have a first-class experience."

Team players won't be found only on the football squads, Herbster said. USD officials need a unified effort to roll out the red carpet for visitors, he said.

"Eight games in three days is no easy task and can only be accomplished with a dedicated staff that has an incredible (professional) attitude," he said.

This year's effort becomes more challenging with construction work still under way on the new fieldhouse next to the DakotaDome. USD officials have made accommodations for parking, tailgating and other activities.

"We've been able to add field parking west of the Dome which gives us more room than we had prior to construction. We've implemented a better organized and structured parking system this year for football that we're confident will enhance our efforts over this weekend," Herbster said.

"The key here is to having bodies in the parking lots directing traffic, answering questions and troubleshooting

anything that comes up. With our experience of those efforts over the course of the season, that will be a great asset this weekend."

Vermillion Police Chief Matt Betzen doesn't foresee additional major problems with the influx of fans this weekend. He describes the increased traffic as "manageable."

"The University has usually planned for the football games," he said. "They close down the streets and put additional parking in (place). They pretty much handle it."

The outcome of the SDSU-USD football contest could affect post-game activities, Betzen said. "We don't know what Saturday night will bring. It depends on who wins the game and how excited everybody gets about it," he said.

However, he doesn't see anything out of the ordinary. "We usually see an uptick this time of year. We provide additional coverage on Friday and Saturday," he said. "Usually, officers are called in. We're not really ramping up for anything, but we do have additional resources available."

**THE GAME**

This year, the SDHSAA started offering online ticket sales for the football championship games through GoYotes.com. Fans could buy their tickets and print them at home.

The ticket operations begin as early as the beginning of October, Kaufman said.

"Before, we would rely on sales to come from the schools during the week and at the door on Game Day," he said. "Now, if schools sell out of their allotment, they can point their fans online to purchase tickets without having to worry if their session is sold out."

The new technology doesn't change the traditions, Carney said.

For South Dakotans, football is more than a game, he said. The game nights become social events, particularly with the end of harvest, he said.

"The corn is in the crib, the beans are picked and the hay is baled. People haven't seen each other and watch to catch up," he said. "Football is the thing. It's all about tradition with the schools and communities. It's a piece of Americana."

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**Kenneth Blaallid**

Kenneth Richard Blaallid, 63, Mitchell died Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at Avera Queen of Peace Hospital. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, November 14 at

Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Mitchell.

Visitation will be from 5-7:00 p.m. Friday at Holy Spirit Catholic Church with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. Funeral arrangements are with the Bittner Funeral Chapel.

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