

OBITUARIES

Lowell 'Tony' Toczek

Lowell James "Tony" Toczek, age 88, of Yankton, passed away Monday, October 12, 2015 at Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton.

Memorial services will be 3:00 p.m. Saturday, October 17 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton, with Rev. Michael Carlson officiating. Burial of his cremated remains will take place at a later date.

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

Online condolences may be sent at www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com.

Tony was born on January 15, 1927 to Emil and Alice (Welf) Toczek in a Model T Ford during a blizzard outside of Philip, South Dakota. He lived in Philip for the early part

of his life before moving to Yankton where he graduated from Yankton High School in 1945. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Air Corp where he specialized in aircraft engine mechanics. He was honorably discharged in 1949 and married Vivian Aleta Smith on July 31, 1949. He worked at Northwestern Public Service as a service foreman for 27 years. He then started his own successful cable trenching business and worked there until 1983, when he transferred the business to his son, Keith.

In the fall of 1985, Tony

and Viv moved to Sandy, Utah for 10 years, where he spent his time gardening, fishing and panning for gold. In 1995, they moved to Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, and Tony continued to enjoy his hobbies, spending much of his time in his boat on the lake near his home. In 2011, the couple returned home to Yankton to be closer to their family. He spent his days gardening, working on growing the perfect tomato and enjoying his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Tony was an avid hunter, fisherman and outdoorsman, and he shared those interests with his two sons, Brian and Keith. He and his father, Emil Toczek, built one of the 1st pontoon-style houseboats ever seen on this stretch of the Missouri River. The family enjoyed

countless weekends on that houseboat, thanks to Tony's ingenuity. He was a member of the Yankton Volunteer Fire Department for 20 years, and served on the Executive Board of the Isaac Walton League.

Tony is survived by his wife Vivian and his two sons, Brian (Lori) Toczek and Keith (Dianne) Toczek, eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Donald Toczek.

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Marlys Christensen

Marlys Faye Christensen (nee Brownson) passed away peacefully at Lawlis Family Hospice, Mequon, WI, on Thursday, October 8, 2015 at the age of 87 years.



Christensen

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 715 6th Ave Grafton, WI 53024. Inurnment will take place at Vangen Lutheran Cemetery in Mission Hill, SD at a later date. A memorial visitation will be held at Grace Lutheran Church Saturday, October 17, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Memorials to Grace Lutheran Church are appreciated. Many thanks to all the care givers at Lawlis Family Hospice for their tender care of Marlys and her family.

Please visit www.muellerfuneralhome.com to view the Marlys F. Christensen video tribute or to send online condolences to the Christensen Family.

Marlys was born in Sioux City, Iowa on November 2, 1927, the youngest of 5, to the late Ernest and Ethel Brownson. At the age of 2, her father passed and the family moved to a farm near Mission Hill SD. During the Depression and 7 years of drought the family was forced to sell the farm and move to Yankton, SD.

In 1945, Marlys graduated from Yankton High School and moved to Washington D.C., to work as a Government Girl in the Munitions Department. She became homesick, ensuing her move back to Yankton, where she met Harold Christensen at a dance.

Harold and Marlys were united in marriage in 1950, and relocated to Beloit, WI for work. Shortly after, they were blessed with 2 children, Scott and Cheryl. Following a short move to Milwaukee, WI the family moved to Grafton, WI in 1967, where Marlys and Harold were active members at Grace Lutheran Church.

In 1981, Marlys and Harold moved again, to Tulsa, OK to start a business. After 2 years in Tulsa, Marlys and Harold's marriage ended and she returned to Grafton, WI working as a secretary for the Grafton School superintendent until her retirement.

Marlys became one of the first residents at the Berkshire Senior Apartments and was known for giving a helping hand as well as the person to call for a ride. There was hardly an event that she didn't attend.

An avid golfer all the way into her late 70s, Marlys enjoyed many activities in her free time. She loved word puzzles and games including a weekly scrabble game with a dear friend. Marlys enjoyed playing cards, including bridge, poker and sheepshead, as well as uno, yahtzee and dominos with her family and friends. Never known to turn down a fish fry or Sunday brunch, Marlys' true love was to be around the people she loved.

Marlys will be remembered as a loving person who was loved in return by many. That love and kindness will be remembered by all that knew her and her love will live on through them. She will be greatly missed, but Marlys' faith in the Lord Almighty is a testament to us all.

Marlys is survived by her loving children Scott (Jane) Christensen and Cheryl (Gregg) Biedermann. She is the cherished grandmother

of Karin (Devon) Stewart, Laura Christensen, Cassie (Dave) Sawyer, and Megan Biedermann-Sawyer. Marlys is the proud great grandmother of Silas Perry, Isaiah Perry and Devon Stewart. She was preceded in death by her father, Ernest, mother, Ethel, step-father Walter Bruget, sister, Ruby Mae Pittman, and brothers, Leslie Eugene and Forrest Dean Brownson.

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Janice Craig

FEDERAL WAY, Wash. - Janice Arlene Craig, 79, went home to her Heavenly Father September 22, 2015 surrounded by her loving family.

Janice was born June 30, 1936, to Selmar and Norella Christensen in Yankton, South Dakota. She spent her childhood years in Yankton, graduating from Yankton High School in 1954 and from Southern State Teachers College in Springfield, South Dakota in 1955.

Her first teaching job was at a one room schoolhouse close to her hometown where she taught 1st-8th grade. In 1956 she married her high school sweetheart, Jim Craig. They relocated to the Seattle area in 1958.

Jan opened her home to all, and was always a generous and amazing hostess. She loved to sew, crochet, play the piano and bake for others. She donated countless hours to the schools, community and her church. She was an avid sports fan, and watched many hours of her children's/grandchildren's sporting events.

Jan is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her oldest son, Jeff. She is survived by children Brad, (Jodi), Wade (Gina), Rachelle (Gene), and daughter-in-law Darla. Grandchildren: Justin (Michelle), Kelsi, Tulley, Keely, Koby, Kyra and Kian Craig; Alison, Kayla, Ana and Ben Kautzman. Great grandchildren: Nicholas, Kayden, Olin and Luciana.

Jan will be remembered for her dedication to her family and friends.

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Carroll Winterfeld

HAWARDEN, Iowa - Carroll E. Winterfeld, 84, of Hawarden died following complications from a stroke on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at the Hillcrest Health Care Center in Hawarden.



Winterfeld

Funeral service will be 10:30 a.m. Friday at the American Lutheran Church in Hawarden with Rev. Erma Wolf officiating. Burial will follow in the Grace Hill Cemetery.

Visitation will begin at noon Thursday, with the family present beginning at 5:30 p.m. and a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. at the Porter Funeral Home in Hawarden.

Condolences may be sent to www.porterfuneralhomes.com.

Carroll E. Winterfeld was born February 22, 1931 near Sioux Center, Iowa, the son of Theodor L. and Edna A. (Rehder) Winterfeld. He attended rural school in Garfield Township and graduated from the Sioux Center High School in 1948. Carroll married Betty C. Buffington on February 24, 1952 in Rock Valley, Iowa. They made their home southwest of Hudson, South Dakota.

Carroll served with the US Army beginning in December of 1952. On May 11, 1953 he began his tour in Korea, before his honorable discharge in 1954. Carroll was a farmer and also an auctioneer. He was a real estate broker for over 50 years. Carroll had a real passion for fishing.

They were members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ireton until 2002, at which time they moved into Hawarden and began their membership at the American Lutheran Church. Carroll was also a member of the Bergstrom Bodeen American Legion Post 128 of Hudson and the VFW.

Survivors include his wife, Betty; 4 children, Gayle (Randy) Webert of Yankton, South Dakota, David Winterfeld of Sioux City, Iowa, Michael (Rebecca) Winterfeld of Fremont, Nebraska, and Daniel Winterfeld of Jackson, Minnesota; 2 broth-

ers, Merlyn (Doris) Winterfeld of Ogden, Iowa and Duane (Marlene) Winterfeld of Sioux Center, Iowa; sister, Marlene Wegner of Windom, Minnesota; brother-in-law, Raymond Fuller of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; 2 sisters-in-law, Joann Winterfeld and Phyllis Winterfeld both of Ireton, Iowa; 3 grandchildren, Cami Barents, Ryan (Joyce) Barents and Erina Winterfeld; great-grandson, Brady Barents; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Carroll was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Julius and Edwin; brother-in-law, LaRue Wegner; and sister-in-law, Esther Fuller.

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Elmer Lowe

Elmer A. Lowe, 88, of Volin passed away Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2015, at Avera Sister James Care Center in Yankton.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Ireton with burial to follow in Meldal Cemetery, rural Ireton.

Visitation will begin one hour prior to services on Friday at the Calvary Lutheran Church.

For obituary and online condolences, visit hansenfuneralhome.com.

Alvera Weinke

Alvera Weinke, 83, of Yankton died Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2015, at Avera Heart Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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

Lorene Ausdemore

Lorene M. Ausdemore, 93, of Crofton, Nebraska, died Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2015, at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Funeral services are pending with the Wintz Funeral Home, Crofton.

Section Of 21st Street Closed Today

Due to construction, 21st Street from Mulberry Street to Burleigh Street in Yankton will be closed at 4 p.m. today (Thursday).

Drivers are asked to find alternative routes to their destinations. Access for only the local residents will be provided. Depending on which side of the closure your house is located will dictate the direction from which each resident can access their property.

The road is expected to be reopened by Monday, Oct. 19.

Highway Dept. To Close Railroad Crossing

Yankton County Highway Department announces that the railroad crossing, located 2 1/2 miles north on S.D. Highway 50 and six miles south of Lesterville on 430th Ave., will be closed starting today (Thursday). It is scheduled to be reopened by Nov. 1, but might vary depending on weather.

Updates to this closing will be posted on www.co.yankton.sd.us under Highway on the Departments tab.

Lesterville Opens Soup Kitchen Sunday

LESTERVILLE - The Lesterville Soup Kitchen will be open Sunday, Oct. 18, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The menu includes: chicken noodle soup, vegetable soup, chili soup, hot dogs, taverns, chicken salad sandwiches, kolaches, pie and desserts.

There will also be raffles, a cake walk, a fish pond and bingo.

YHS Parent-Teacher Conferences Set

Parent-Teacher Conferences at the Yankton High School for the first quarter of the 2015-2016 school term will be held on Monday, Oct. 19, and Tuesday, Oct. 20. Conference times are 4-8 p.m.

Report cards will be distributed to parents at the conferences. School will be in session on these conference days for all grades.

Memory Screenings Offered At Center

Free, confidential memory screenings for individuals concerned about memory loss will be held at The Center, 900 Whiting Drive, Yankton, on Tuesday, Nov. 3, from 12:30-3 p.m.

The service is open to the public. Call The Center at (605) 665-4685 to schedule an appointment.

Library Hosts 'Read For The Record' Event

The Yankton Community Library is participating in the 10th anniversary of Jumpstart's Read for the Record®, a global movement supporting high-quality early learning.

On Oct. 22, children and adults around the world will share a reading experience to highlight the need for quality books in the lives of children. This year's campaign book, "Not Norman: A Goldfish Story" by Kelly Bennett is a humorous tale about a child who finds a new friend in an unexpected place.

"Not Norman" is the featured book of the week at the library's story times.

Join the staff for this and other stories, songs and a craft as we celebrate Read for the Record® throughout the week: Monday, Oct. 19, at 6:30 p.m., and Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 21-22, at 10:15 a.m.

Making the week more special, the library's monthly guest, Miss Judi O'Connell, is joining attendees on Monday for some added music and movement activities. Wednesday and Thursday story times are followed by Jr. LEGO Club, so plan to stay and play.

If you have questions about this event, story times or children's programs, call the library at (605) 668-5275.

Golf Advisory Board To Meet Thursday

The City of Yankton Golf Advisory Board will meet at noon Thursday, Oct. 22, at the Fox Run Golf Course, 600 W. 27th St.

This is an open meeting.

Tell Us Your Tales Of Things Unseen

The *Yankton Press & Dakotan* is seeking your spookiest encounters with the unknown for its Oct. 31 edition of *River City*.

Let us know what hides in your darkened corners. If your house is crawling with ghosts or you have experienced paranormal events that you can't explain, give us the eerie details.

We want to hear about the best haunted houses or haunted places in the area. There is a lot of history creeping beneath those floorboards. All those spine chilling sounds might be urging you to tell their story.

For tips on where these creatures might linger, submit them to news@yankton.net by 5 p.m. on Oct. 23.

Frighten us, if you dare.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Sylvan James Brummer 10:30 AM, Thursday Holy Family (Sts. Peter & Paul) Catholic Church, Bow Valley	Maurita A. (Weinandt) Diehl 10:00 AM, Saturday St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Fordyce
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