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#### OBITUARIES

## **Troy Howes**

Troy A. Howes, age 49, of Yankton, South Dakota, passed away on Tuesday. Septem-



ber 22, 2015 at his residence. Memorial services are 11:00 a.m. on Monday.

Howes

September 28, 2015 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with Reverend Clyde Teel officiating. Inurnment will be at the Milltown Cemetery in rural Parkston, South Dakota at a later

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the memorial

service on Monday. Honorary pallbearers are Jade Boone, Blake Howes, Brian Horstmann, Robyn Horstmann, Scott Horstmann

and Randy Ernesti. Troy was born August 10, 1966 in Parkston, South Dakota to Arnie and Sharon (Uhrich) Howes. When he was four years old, the family moved to O'Neill, Nebraska. Troy attended O'Neill High School where he played football. After school, he moved to Norfolk, Nebraska and worked at Freezer Services, then Norfolk Iron and Metal and also drove trucks for several different trucking companies. On March 1, 1990, Troy married Connie Cedar. They moved to Yankton in 2003 and Troy started his own catering business called Tiny's BBQ. He loved cooking and won several BBQ competitions. Troy also enjoyed fishing, driving trucks and was a big Husker and NASCAR fan. Troy treasured the company of his two dogs, Jack and Jill. He loved his nieces and nephews and spending time with his family.

Troy is survived by his wife, Connie Howes of Yankton; sister, Renee (Gavin) Strong of Springfield, SD; two aunts, Mary Uhrich of Yankton and Donna Stainbrook of Milltown, SD; father-inlaw. William Cedar of Creighton, NE; sisterin-law, Teresa (Bruce) Horstmann of Orchard, NE; and many nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

Troy was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

To send an online message to the family, please visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Online condolences at:

ww.wintzrayfuneralhome.co

**Bernie Wagner** 

Bernie E. Wagner, 91, of Yankton, South Dakota and formerly of Tyndall passed away on Monday, September 21, 2015 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the Goglin Funeral Home of Tyndall on Monday, September 28 with visitation prior to the service beginning at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow in the Czech National Cemetery, Tyndall. Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Goglin Funeral Home of Tyndall.

Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

Bernie Edward Wagner was born January 13, 1924, to Maurice and Amelia (Skorepa) Wagner on the Wagner Family farm one mile northeast of Tyndall, South Dakota Bernie attended rural school and graduated from Tyndall High School in 1941. Bernie did not go to service in World War II. Instead, Bernie stayed on the Wagner family farm to help farm with his Dad and brother Emil. Bernie's oldest brother, Clarence, served in the United States Army during World War II. In one of Bernie's letters to Clarence, he stated how it was so eerily to go uptown to Tyndall on a Saturday night with hardly any young guys left at home during those war vears. Bernie continued to farm with Emil and his Dad until his Dad retired in the mid-fifties. Bernie then became the full time farmer of the Wagner Farm. Bernie &



**Bernie Wagner** 

Emil raised chickens, ducks, geese, pigs, beef cattle along with milk cows. They also had their two beloved work horses that they raised from babies until Queeny & King died of natural causes in the

Bernie was a devoted son to his parents. He took care of them until they passed. Bernie took his dad's death hard when Maurice Wagner passed suddenly on Easter Monday 1960. Bernie then inherited the farm from his dad. He continued to farm full time until into the early 1990s when he rented out the farm land. Bernie's mom passed late January of 1964. Bernie's sister, Lorraine, the youngest in the family lived all her life on the farm until she passed in March of 1998. By that time Clarence and Emil had passed on, too.

Bernie, Emil, Lorraine had very mini vacations during the summer months. They loved to drive around Southeaster South Dakota and into Nebraska to look at crops. They never missed Verdigre Kolache Days. They were devoted farmers all of

their lives.

sions in his life. From the time Bernie was a little boy until his passing he was a true blue Yankees' Fan. Bernie loved his baseball season. In the early 1970s Bernie and several other people founded the Beer Can Club of America out of Sioux Falls SD. Bernie was a charter member number five. Bernie had a huge collection of beer cans that filled the walls of his bedroom along with custom built shelves in the basement of his home. Bernie's other passion was a ham radio operator. He spent his winter months enjoying talking to friends all over the United States, Australia, and other parts of the world. Bernie made some very good friends through those years until an ice storm took down his radio tower in the late '90s which he never had repaired. Bernie was sent all kinds of treasurers from his Australian ham radio friends

whom he truly treasured. Bernie entered Majestic Bluffs in May 2005 when he couldn't take care of himself anymore. His niece, Elaine Kvasnicka Soukup flew from Gilbert, Arizona to arrange the sale of the farm's personal possessions. It took Elsie & Jim Ozinger, Jim Magara and Elaine and two retired mechanics, Fritz and Rick, 14 weeks to get the farm sale ready.

From the time Dad Maurice Wagner bought the farm in 1919, nothing was ever sold or traded for new ma-

chines, pickups, cars all their adult life. All the equipment, etc. was in the buildings and Bernie had several pasin the trees with trees growing through the equipment and vehicles. During the sale

Elaine's family heard people saying, "this wasn't a farm sale but a walk through his-Bernie continued to live at

Majestic Bluffs for the next 10 years and 4 months between assisted living and Sister James Nursing Home. Bernie had a surgical problem and was admitted to Avera Sacred Heart Hospital on Wednesday, September 16th. He suddenly took a turn for the worst on Thursday, passing on peacefully in his sleep Monday noon, September

21st having attained the age

of 91 years 8 months and 8

days.

Bernie is survived by his nephew, Eugene Kvasnicka, Yankton South Dakota and his niece, Elaine Kvasnicka Soukup (Pat), great nephews David Kvasnicka, Pocatello Idaho; John (Amy) Soukup, Glendale, AZ; Paul Soukup, Winona, MN; a great niece, Laurie Kvasnicka Struchen (Brett), Chubbic, Idaho; 3 great, great nephews; 1 great, great niece, 1 great, great nephew, 2nd Cousins: Ron (Janet) Wagner; Gene (Laura)

3rd cousins. Bernie was preceded in death by his parents, Maurice & Amelia; an infant brother; brothers Clarence and Emil, sisters Lorraine and Evelyn Wagner Kvasnicka and

Wagner; Reta (Roger) Ridgeway; Kris (Mike) Haller and

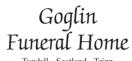
brother-in-law Frank P Kvasnicka, Jr., and nephew Charlie Kvasnicka, Pocatello, Idaho.

A very Special Thank You to the staff of Sister James' Country Neighborhood for the blessings of your wonderful care, compassion and friendship you gave Bernie these past few years while Bernie was a resident. Our Father sends blessings of Special Angels we call Nurses! They are Natalia Chipman, Kathy Hansen, Jim Williams, Traci Cwach, Alecia Yaggie, Rose Conlin, Mary Fiedler and Dietary Manger Dave Goolsby along with the rest of the staff. I know Bernie enjoyed everyone of you with his stories, jokes and the friendships he made with all of you, and his cantankerous ways. No words can explain the gratitude and thankfulness the family feels toward all of you angels.

You truly are blessings from Our Father!

"It ain't over until it's - Yogi Berra, Bernie's

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## **George Padrnos**

George E. Padrnos, age 90 of Yankton, SD passed away Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at the Menno-Olivet Care Center, Menno, SD.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, September 26, 2015 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, SD with Rev. Robert Wullweber officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton, SD, with Military Graveside Rites by the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post #791 Honor Guard and the

SDARNG Honor Guard. Visitations will begin at 5:00 p.m. Friday, September 25, 2015 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a rosary at 7:00 p.m. and Scripture service at 7:30 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to

the service at the church. Go to: www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com for online

condolences. George was born May 31, 1925 in Geddes, SD to George and Lillian (Honner) Padrnos. He later moved to Lake Andes, SD, graduating at age 16 from high school. He attended Southern Teacher's College at Springfield for one year then entered the service, training as a navigator on B29s in the Air Force. After the end of the war he returned to college at the University of South Dakota earning a degree in

education. Throughout high school and college George was a sports fanatic. Though he loved all sports, basketball was his favorite. He lettered all 4 years in high school, in his year at Southern, and at USD. He also played service ball with the Albuquerque

Second Air Force team. George returned to take a teaching/coaching position at Lake Andes and married "that little Vesely girl" Eleanor Jane Vesely on August 22, 1949. They later moved to Pickstown, and Bonesteel for teaching and superintendent jobs. He and his fam-

ily returned

to Lake

**Padrnos** 

Andes in 1955 to run the Dairy Queen, teach and coach football and basketball. He was an excellent coach, taking a state team title in football and having excellent records in both sports.

In 1960. George and family moved to Yankton to open the "Georgie Porgie" drive-in restaurant. He traveled to Purdue University in Indiana to finish up his master's degree in Guidance and Counseling and returned to Yankton to work in education as a guidance counselor at the Yankton Public Middle School, principal at Beadle Elementary School, principal at Sacred Heart School, and later commuted to Irene to work as principal and superintendent at Irene Public School. He owned a number of businesses including the A&W, Norge Village Laundromat and the Cork and Bottle. He sold real estate with the motto "Let George do it!".

his optimism and encouragement of those around him. He touched the lives of many, many students and absolutely loved people and interacting with people. His desk was full of cards and letters from former students and grandchildren and he kept them all. He had a great sense of humor and often joked that 5 of his 6 kids turned out OK. He was active in Sacred Heart parish singing in the choir and attending daily Mass. As a member of the Knights of Columbus he burned many a piece of toast at the KC breakfasts. He was a longtime supporter

George is best known for

of Mount Marty College athletics and was honored to be a Lancer Legend. He volunteered in many ways including delivering "meals on wheels" and visiting people in the nursing home. He was a wonderful father to his six children, and greatly enjoyed his grandchildren.

George is survived by his wife of 66 years, Eleanor; one sister, Patricia Borgen, Slidell, La.; one brother Dick (Dona), Boulder, Colo.; three in-laws: Don Peterson, Sioux City, Ia; Diane Padrnos, Austin, TX; and Harlan Vesely, Seattle, Wa.; four sons: Dave (Paula) Yuma, Az., and grandchildren Jessica, Leslie, Ellen; George (Kelly) Yankton SD., and grandchildren Chris, Shay, Lexy; Pat (Chevon) Flagstaff, Az., and grandchildren Sarah and Jamie; Mark(Carsi) Mt. Vernon, Wa. and grandchildren Jira and Max; two daughters Paula (Dan Hicks) Yankton, SD, and grandchildren Caitlin, Sarah, Holly; Jill (Tom Leisure) Clear Lake, IA, and grand-children Ryan, Mallory, and Madison; four great grandchildren Clara, Jack, Rylee, and Trynlee and numerous nieces and nephews

George is preceded in death by his parents George James and Lillian Evelyn (Honner) Padrnos; one brother, Dennis; two sisters Elaine Petersen and Betty Becker; Brother-in-laws Ivan Borgen, Max Becker, Richard Vesely; and niece Barbara Becker-Meyers

A memorial fund will be set up in George's honor at the Yankton Catholic Community Foundation Office to encourage math, science, and sports.

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#### **Shirley Bouska**

Shirley Marie Bouska, age 78, of Yankton passed away Monday, September 21, 2015 surrounded by her loving family as a result of injury sustained by a fall at her home.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m., Monday, September 28, 2015 at Christ the King Lutheran Church, Yankton, with Rev. Dani Jo Ninke officiating. Burial will be in the St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, Kaylor, SD at approximately 1:45 p.m.

Visitations will be 5 to 7 p.m., Sunday, with the family present at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, and will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Send on-line condolences at: www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com.

Shirley Marie (Kaldun) Bouska, daughter of Samuel and Clara (Herr) Kaldun, was born on May 22nd 1937 in Wagner South Dakota. She was raised on a farm outside of Delmont, SD. She married Lawrence Bouska on September 11, 1955, and to this marriage seven children were born. They spent most of their life in Parkston, SD and moved to Yankton, SD in 1985. Shirley worked hard throughout her life and retired in 2008 after working at Yesterday's Cafe for several years.



Bouska

'goof" were her joy. Shirley is survived by two brothers, Ken-

Shirley's

family and

Cheyenne

beloved cat

neth Kaldun (Cynthia) of Alexandria, SD and Roland Kaldun (Judy) of Yankton, SD; five children: Steve Bouska of Yankton, SD, Julie Rice (Ray) of Spearfish, SD, Connie Faulk and fiance', Dan Fitch of Yankton, SD, Stephanie Bouska of Yankton, SD, and Stacy Bouska and fiancé. Darin Mann of Yankton, SD; fifteen grandchildren and twenty-one great grandchildren.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents, brother, Marvin Kaldun, two sons, Jeffery and Loni Bouska and close friend, Lawrence

The family wishes for memorials to be directed to: Heartland Humane Society, 3400 East Highway 50, Yankton, SD 57078.

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# IN REMEMBRANCE

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