

OBITUARIES

Loretta Johnson

Loretta Johnson, 96, of Vermillion, died Thursday, Dec. 31, 2009 at the Yankton Care Center in Yankton.

Loretta Huetson was born Sept. 21, 1913 in Sioux Falls, to Rea and Emma (Benjamin) Huetson. She attended the University High School in Vermillion, and graduated from the Mount Marty High School in Yankton. She married LaRue Johnson on Oct. 5, 1933 in Vermillion.

Loretta was a member of the VFW Auxiliary, loved to read and paint, spent time knitting and crocheting and even enjoyed creative writing.

She is survived by seven sons, Ron (Marge) of Yakima, WA, Richard (Mary Ann) of

Emery, SD, Bill (Cheryl), Jim (Ann), Joe (Wanda), Paul (Diane) all of Vermillion, and Greg (Nancy) of Des Moines, IA. Also surviving her are two daughters, Donna Mary Chancellor of Vermillion, and Jane (Jim) Boyd of Cottage Grove, MN; a son-in-law, Kim (Mary) Sawatzke of Crofton, NE; 38 grandchildren, 87 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, LaRue; a daughter, Mary Kathryn Sawatzke; three brothers and a sister.

Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 8, 2010, at the Grace Baptist Church in Vermillion. For online condolences and please visit hansen-funeralhome.com.



Evelyn Styles

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Evelyn Grace Johnson Styles passed away Monday, Dec. 28, 2009 at the Wakonda Heritage Manor, Wakonda, at the age of 93 years.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Vermillion, with burial at BluffView Cemetery. Visitation was one hour prior to the service.

The daughter of Norwegian immigrant mother, Anna Skarsam Johnson and Swedish immigrant father, Gustav Adolph Johnson was born Nov. 16, 1916, Yankton County, Viborg, SD.

She attended Lone Star School, rural Viborg. She was baptized at the Elm Lutheran Church, Dec. 10, 1916 and confirmed at Elm Lutheran.

She was united in marriage to George E. Styles on Oct. 31, 1937 at the Lutheran Parsonage, Yankton. He passed away July 25, 1987. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and the VFW Auxiliary, Vermillion.

She spent lots of time in her youth helping on the family farm. After her marriage she was a homemaker.

She is survived by daughters, Mary Ann Peterson, Vermillion, Kay Styles, Wakonda,

Tonya Haukaas, New London, MO; son, Mark Styles, Vermillion; grandchildren, Scott Peterson and Amy Fedoruk of Aberdeen, Kevin and Christy Peterson of Menomnie, WI, DeAnn and David DeJean of Fremont, NE, Dennis J. Peterson, Iowa, Greg Styles of Vermillion, Amanda Haukaas of Belle Fouché, Ashley, Wyatt and Tyler Haukaas, New London, MO; great-grandchildren, Alexa and Nicholas DeJean, Fremont, NE, Kaden and Cole Peterson, Aberdeen, Hunter and Olivia Haukaas of Belle Fouché; several nieces and nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, George E. Styles; daughter, Sandra Kay Loupe; and a son, Dennis G. Styles; sisters, Myrtle Larsen, Bernice Delaney and two infant sisters; half-sisters, Regna Dwyer, Alice Harrington and Marie Hansen; a brother, Arlo Johnson; and foster brother, Robert Terrior.

If love could have saved you: You would not have died.

If tears could bring you back: You'd be by our side.

It broke our hearts to love you; but you did not go alone.

For part of us went with you the day God called you home.

God takes us one by one and breaks the family chain.

But somewhere in the better land our chain will link again.

Thank you to all the caregivers at the Wakonda Heritage Manor who took care of our mother the past four years plus, to all who visited her, and sent cards. Although she did not always communicate a lot the last years she always had a smile on her face.

Iverson-Siecke-Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent online to www.koberfuneralhome.com.



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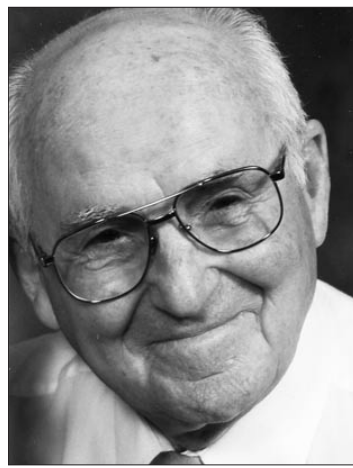
Betty Lou "Elizabeth" Groom, 85, died Jan. 1, 2010 at Sanford Vermillion Hospital in Vermillion.

Betty Groom (nee Weems, Baker) was born in Oklahoma City, OK on Aug. 2, 1924 and spent most of her early years in Edmond, OK. She was a Master Photographer emerita with a career spanning more than 60 years and a member of the Professional Photographers of Oklahoma, earning every award available. As an Air Force wife, she enjoyed a lifetime of travel,

never forgetting her camera.

Betty Groom is survived by her daughter, Sandra Lea Dickenson (Ross) of Vermillion; son, Gerald Lee Groom of Oklahoma City; granddaughters, Amanda Dickenson, Vermillion, Robin McMullen (Bryan), Apple Valley, MN, Jennifer Dickenson, Honolulu, HI; brother, Billy Ray Baker (Phyllis), Bethany, OK; sister, Barbara Calaway (Edward), Edmond, OK; and favored aunt, Dorothy Welch (Richard), Bartlesville, OK. She was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, LTC Otis Gerald Groom and her mother, Leona Thompson Baker.

A memorial service will be held at the Vermillion United Church of Christ, Congregational on Monday, Jan. 4 at 11 a.m. with lunch following. Later burial will be at her husband's side in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Edmond, OK. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Dakota Hospital Foundation or the United Church of Christ, Congregational. Online condolences and obituary: hansen-funeralhome.com.



Wayne Heckenlively

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Wayne E. Heckenlively passed away on Jan. 2, 2010 in Meza, AZ. Wayne was born in rural Burbank on Aug. 25, 1918 to Lottie and Grant Heckenlively.

After graduating from Vermillion High School he was a truck gardener for several

years and won several awards for hand corn picking. He married Marjorie Purcell on Aug. 19, 1941 in the home of her parents in Dalesburg. They made their home in the Burbank area and he continued his career as a crop and dairy farmer until his retirement in 1996.

After his retirement, he and his wife Marjorie spent winters in Arizona where they enjoyed going to dances, golfing and spending time with their many old friends and neighbors from South Dakota.

He was preceded in death by his wife Marjorie in 1996.

He is survived by his two daughters, Jane (Tom) Langworthy of Sioux Falls and Susan (Bill) Richey of Portland, CT; four grandsons and six great grandchildren.

At the request of the family, any memorials in his honor may be directed to Sanford Hospice.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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ed the 9th day of April, 2009, in Book 129 of Mortgages, on Page 63, in order to realize the amount of \$91,500.00, as of May 5, 2005, plus interest accruing thereafter on said amount at the rate of 9.35% per year, together with the costs and expenses of sale, will be sold subject to redemption as provided by law as one parcel of land at public auction, subject to the lien for unpaid real estate taxes and assessments of Clay County, South Dakota, and easements and restrictions of record, to the highest bidder for cash under the direction of the Sheriff of Clay County, South Dakota, at the front door of the Clay County Courthouse, in Vermillion, South Dakota, on January 27, 2010, at 10:00 A.M. (CT). Dated December 9, 2009.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Clay County Board of
Adjustment to hold Public
Hearing
on Conditional Use Permit
Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held before the Clay County Board of Adjustment at 5:30 p.m. on January 25th, 2010 at the Clay County Courthouse in the basement to consider the following:
A request for a Conditional Use Permit for the placement of a mobile home on Agriculture Land owned by Cheryl Seney at Hillside Addition Lot 1 of SE 1/4 of 24-92-51 Fairview Township, Clay County, South Dakota.
All interested persons are encouraged to attend this public hearing. Those interested persons not able to attend are invited and encouraged to send written comments before the 25th day of January, 2010 to the Clay County Board of Adjustment, 211 W. Main Street, Suite 203, Vermillion, SD 57069.

Ray Hofman
Zoning Administrator
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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF CLAY: SS
IN CIRCUIT COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
FILE NO. PRO: 09-45
ESTATE OF
RUTH E. GROOM,

Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is given that on December 18, 2009, Barbara Ann Groom, whose address is 55 West Clifton Avenue, #307, Sioux City, Iowa 51104 was appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of Ruth E. Groom.
Creditors of Decedent must file their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publica-

tion of this Notice or their claims may be barred.
Claims may be filed with the Personal Representative or may be filed with the Clerk, and a copy of the claim mailed to the Personal Representative.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vermillion Basin Water Development District will be held in the Automatic Irrigation building at 1111 Railway in Centerville, SD at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday the 20th day of January 2010. Business will include the year end reports and election of officers. The regular January Board meeting will be conducted immediately following the Annual Meeting.

ARDEN ABILD
CHAIRMAN
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Joint Meeting
Planning & Zoning Board
County Commissioners
December 28, 2009
4:30 P.M.

The Board of County Commissioners met in Joint Session with the County Planning Zoning Board, to discuss revisions to the Joint Jurisdiction Zoning Regulations. County Commission Members present: Wilson, Powell, and Passick; Zoning Board Members present: Bliss, and Walz, and Zoning Director/Hofman. Also present: Toby Brown/ Representative from SECOG.

Together the Joint Boards reviewed the Draft Joint Zoning Regulations for Clay County and the City of Vermillion with SECOG Representative Toby Brown. Each Commissioner and Board member gave their recommendations for changes to the draft. Commissioner Powell will present the finished Draft to the Mayor who will refer the information to a committee comprised of City Council members, County Commissioners and Planning Commission Board Members (city and county) for their review and approval of the Joint Zoning Regulations.

At 5:50 p.m. Passick moved seconded by Wilson and carried to adjourn the Joint Meeting with the County Planning Commission.
Leo F. Powell, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
ATTEST:

Ray Hofman/Zoning Dir.
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Virginia Mockler

Virginia Mockler, 77, of Vermillion, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2009, at the Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls, after a short battle with cancer.

Virginia Mae Millage was born May 9, 1932, in Vermillion to Lee and Amy (Nelson) Millage. She was united in marriage to Arnold Mockler on Jan. 6, 1951 in Vermillion.

She is survived by her husband, Arnold of Vermillion; a daughter, Deborah (Scott) Hurowitz of Sioux Falls; two sons, Bruce (Cathy) Mockler of Vermillion, and Leo Mockler of Marbleton, WY; eight grand-

children, Andrea Wood, Laura Hadash, Justin and Jordyn Mockler, Thad, Brooke, Hailey and Joe Mockler; and great-grandchildren Autumn Barnett and Gracie Wood. She is also survived by three sisters, Ethel (Bob) Harrington, Juanita (Russ) Bailey and Doris (Doug) Myron; a brother, Leo (Joyce) Millage; a sister-in-law, Harriet Millage; a brother-in-law, Chuck Monson and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life was held from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010 at the Hansen Funeral Home in Vermillion. For online condolences and obituary please visit hansen-funeralhome.com.

Eugene Hult

Eugene Goldrich Hult, 96, of Vermillion, passed away on Dec. 24, 2009, at Covington Heights Nursing Home in Sioux Falls.

Eugene was born on Sept. 13, 1913 in Clay County, South Dakota to Richard and Goldie (Vennard) Hult.

Eugene married Evelyn Louise Brinkman on Dec. 16, 1935 in Canton, SD. They had a farm in Carthage, SD. They had two children, Edwin

Eugene and Leona Evelyn. In their later years they had a home in Sioux City, IA and enjoyed going to the Sioux Center Senior Center. They loved camping and always had a camper that they took out to Yankton most summers.

Eugene enjoyed farming and later, gardening. Their backyard in Sioux City was almost entirely fruits and vegetables. Eugene was an excellent musician and played the accordion at the jam sessions at the

Sioux City Senior Center. He also played the organ. He loved music, especially country music.

He is survived by his son, Edwin Hult of Vermillion; grandchildren, David Hult of Sioux Falls, Catherine Hult of Bettendorf, IA, Michael, James and Donald McVay, and many great-grandchildren.

Preceding Eugene in death were his wife, Evelyn, and daughter, Leona Evelyn Hult McVay.

Funeral Services were held at 2:30 pm on Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010 at Iverson-Siecke-Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion with Rev. Sandy Aakre officiating. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow at BluffView Cemetery in Vermillion.

Iverson-Siecke-Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.koberfuneralhome.com

Cold continues to drive up energy demand

AccuWeather.com reports cold waves penetrating the entire eastern half of the U.S. and over much of the northern hemisphere are supporting energy demand increases and potentially affecting some oil refinery functions.

"Extremely cold temperatures for oil-producing regions off the U.S. Gulf Coast from now until mid-January offer a severe threat to temperature-sensitive refinery processes," said AccuWeather.com Chief Meteorologist and Expert Long-Range Forecaster Joe Bastardi.

The severe cold could impact refineries from southern Mississippi to Houston, becoming particularly burdensome for refinery employees working outdoors.

Analysts expect that cold temperatures could cause the Northeast's heating oil demand to be 11 percent above normal.

Cold temperatures coupled with refinement process hiccups have the potential to tighten the supply in coming weeks.

It is not just the U.S. that has been experiencing well below normal temperatures, but much of the northern

hemisphere. Parts of Europe and Asia are also seeing a record chill, but regions in these continents may see a break in the temperatures by the end of the week.

"Temperatures may warm up later this week for North-Central China and the Korean Peninsula, but will come back below normal next week," said AccuWeather.com Expert Senior Meteorologist Jim Andrews.

The United States will continue to see frigid conditions. A period of near-normal temperatures is expected for mid-January over much of the U.S., but the cold is expected to return.

"A winter like this may have temperatures warming to normal occasionally, but extreme weather will reload and come back even colder," said AccuWeather.com Chief Meteorologist and Expert Long-Range Forecaster Joe Bastardi.

Andrews said the weather pattern around Greenland is responsible for the cold burst, encompassing the majority of the Northern Hemisphere.

"This arctic wave could last from now

into February," Andrews said.

Oil prices have held near \$82 a barrel Tuesday and the past two weeks have shown a 12 percent increase, with heating oil costs up 20 cents per gallon from last December.

As for gasoline prices, when global oil prices are rising, gas prices are expected to climb as well.

Increased demand on coal, natural gas and propane from the persistent cold may also cause supplies to dwindle in parts of the nation and abroad, especially as the season progresses.

According to Reuters, many cities in the eastern half of China already have mandatory rationing and voluntary conservation measures in place due to a spike in demand in a pre-existing tight supply.

Story by AccuWeather.com writer Carly Porter and Senior Expert Meteorologist Alex Sosnowski

