

OBITUARIES



Mervil A. Peterson

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Mervil A. Peterson passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2010, at Sanford hospital in Sioux Falls, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Mervil was born on May 25, 1932, on the family farm 10 miles west of Viborg, to Adolph and Ida (Lee) Peterson. He attended grade schools at Lonestar and Lowell and graduated from Viborg High School in 1950, where he excelled and lettered in all sports. After graduating, he farmed with his family and helped with the neighbors farms as well. He married MaryAnn Styles in 1956 in Volin. He worked at the Sioux Alfalfa Mill in Meckling until picking up his trade in plumbing, eventually running his own business for many years; Pete's Plumbing and Heating.

He had a wonderful sense of humor and didn't hesitate to exchange experiences, trade jokes and tell stories.

He had many talents and was well known for his generosity with his time. He would have helped anyone at anytime. He loved the game of baseball, fishing, playing cards and visiting. He cherished his grandchildren and talked about them with anyone who would listen. He will be missed dearly.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Adolph and Ida; three aunts, Ragna, Mathilda and Amanda; two uncles, Gilbert and Iver Lee; and two cousins, Doris Jensen and Mervin Eide.

He is survived by his daughter, DeAnn (David) DeJean of Fremont, NE; sons, Scott (Amy Fedoruk) Peterson of Aberdeen; Kevin (Christy) Peterson of Menomonie, WI; and Dennis

Peterson of Hospers, IA; his grandchildren, Alexa and Nicholas DeJean and Kaden and Cole Peterson; brother, Harold (Joyce) Peterson of Viborg; three nephews, Brian, Drew and Tim Peterson; and cousin.

A celebration of life was held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 11, 2010 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Vermillion, with a visitation one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be sent to Iverson-Siecke-Kober Funeral Home, 402 E. Main St., Vermillion, SD, 57069. Condolences may be sent online at [www.koberfuneralhome.com](http://www.koberfuneralhome.com). Say not in grief he is gone, but live in thankfulness that he was.



E. Don McCullough

**E. Don McCullough**

E. Don "Doc" McCullough, 94, of Vermillion, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2010 at Sanford Vermillion Hospital.

E. Don McCullough was born Oct. 4, 1915 to Earl D. & Florence (Doty) McCullough in Columbus, OH. He grew up in Ohio and attended Ohio State University. He later attended the University of Alabama to attain his masters degree in health & physical education, then returned to Ohio State University for his doctorate degree. "Doc" was a longtime professor and coach at the University of South Dakota. He was the

founder of the Vermillion Swim Club in the late 1960s and later established the USD Swim Team.

After retirement, "Doc" went back to Master Swimming and held many national and world records. Wherever he went, he established a swim and/or gymnastic team. He loved to travel after his retirement and "Doc" also enjoyed scuba diving and snorkeling.

He married the love of his life Elizabeth Wilson on June 30, 1941 in Columbus, OH.

He is survived by his loving wife, Betty, of Vermillion; two wonderful children, Jim (Katherine Mayer) McCullough of Austin, TX and Betsy (Todd) Connelly, Gardnerville, NV. Also a granddaughter, Kelly (Kris) Garry of Lake Havasu City, AZ, and a great-granddaughter, Ashlynn Garry, and grandson, Brian Connelly of Gardnerville, NV.

Memorial services will be scheduled at a later date. Memorials may be directed to the E. Don and Betty McCullough Aquatic Scholarship fund.

For obituary and online condolences please visit [hansenfuneralhome.com](http://hansenfuneralhome.com).

**Elaine J. Bertrand**

Eliane "Elly" J. Bertrand, 96, of Elk Point, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010 at Prairie Estates Care Center in Elk Point.

Elly was born on Jan. 21, 1913, to Henry and Amanda (Chicoine) Bertrand in Jefferson. She lived in Vermillion for 40 years before moving to Elk Point, and lived there for the last 20 years. She worked in Medical Records at Dakota Hospital in Vermillion.

Elly was a member of the Vermillion Eagles, and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Elk Point.

She is survived by her sisters, Bennita Schmitz of Elk Point, and Lorraine Montagne of Sioux City; her granddaughter, Laurie Emge of Sioux City, IA, and Ann Lutgen of Montana; and her grandson, Larry Welch of Hinton, IA.

Elly is preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Amanda Bertrand; three husbands, Earl Bryer, Francis Freeze, and Leonard Bertrand; two children, Mary Lou Welch and Jack "John" Bryer; and six brothers.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 21, 2010, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Elk Point with Fr. David Roehrich officiating. There will be a rosary service at 10:00 a.m. Burial will be in the Fairview Catholic Cemetery in Vermillion.

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Karen Melby Hopkins

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Karen Melby Hopkins passed peacefully in her home in Sunnyvale, CA on Jan. 7, 2010, following an extended illness. Born Oct. 18, 1947, and raised in Faulkton by her late parents, Lucille B. and Lyman A.

Karen graduated from the University of South Dakota, where she was a member of the Chi Omega sorority, in 1969. Attending the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, Karen met her husband of 39 years, George W. Hopkins II of Sunnyvale, CA, who survives her. Their daughter, Dawn Hopkins of Sunnyvale, CA, survives her. Her many honors include membership in Phi Beta Kappa and the award by the Arizona Society of CPAs for the highest score on the 1975 CPA exam.

Karen earned her master of accounting degree from the University of Arizona in 1975. Karen retired in 2002 from Hewlett Packard Company, where she managed North American Credit and Price Protection for their computer business, after a 21-year career. She had pre-

viously worked for Peat Marwick Mitchell and Copartners and for Intel Corporation.

Karen enjoyed music and pets with her husband and bridge with her close friends. She loved shopping and reading at home. Karen supported organizations for human welfare, women's welfare and rights, and research in and support for patients with multiple myeloma.

Friends are invited to remember Karen at her church, the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Sunnyvale, 1112 S. Bernardo Avenue (at Remington), at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 20. [www.uuufs.org](http://www.uuufs.org).

Donations to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation or your favorite charity are preferred. [www.multiplemyeloma.org](http://www.multiplemyeloma.org).

**Robert W. Lewison**

Robert W. "Bob" Lewison, 45, of Vermillion, passed away Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010 at Sanford Vermillion Hospital under hospice care.

Robert was born April 14, 1964 in Viborg. He grew up in the Wakonda and Vermillion areas. He graduated from Vermillion High School in 1983. He then attended Mitchell Vo-Tech graduating in 1984 with a degree in meat cutting. He was employed by various butcher shops and grocery stores.

Robert also enjoyed working on the farm. He was an avid sportsman and enjoyed fishing and hunting. He also enjoyed reading western novels. Robert was generous and

kind with a quiet nature yet very caring and compassionate with his family and friends.

Robert was preceded in death by his mother, Patricia; grandparents, Cleon and Stella Withers and Iva and Lyman Lewison; also an uncle, Clifford Withers.

The family he loved includes his father, Stanley, of Vermillion; a brother, Chad (Lisa) of Canton; four sisters, twin sister Beth Lewison, of

Vermillion, Nichole Lewison, of Vermillion, Tricia (Cory) Heien of Pierre, and Lynn (Jeremi) Cowman of Harrisburg; also eight nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, at the United Church of Christ in Vermillion. Burial of ashes will take place at a later date.

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**Lio receives degree**

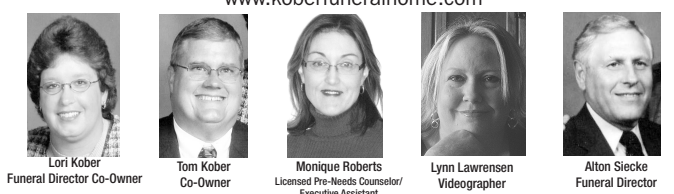
At Iowa State University's winter commencement ceremonies, 1,560 students received degrees. Wilber Yaote Lio, Vermillion, received a Master of Science degree in materials science and engineering.

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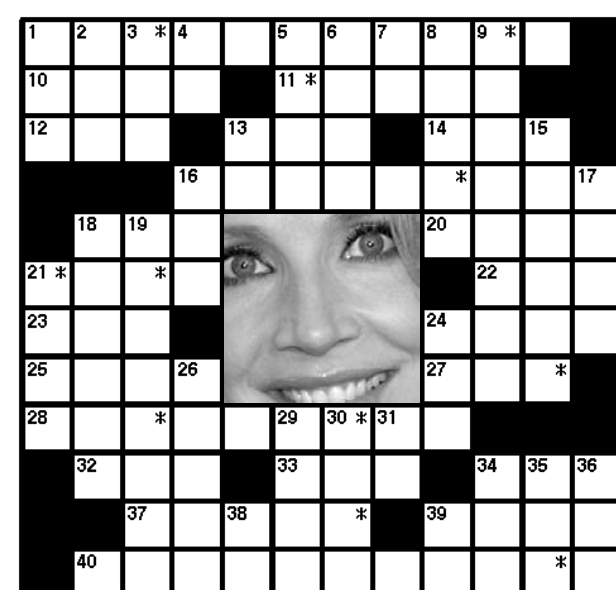
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**TV CROSSWORD**



The identity of the featured celebrity is found within the answers in the puzzle. In order to take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

- ACROSS**
- "The \_\_\_"; reality series for Phil Keoghan
  - Role on "Cheers"
  - "The Day the \_\_\_ Stood Still"; 2008 movie
  - DeLuise
  - Luau dish
  - Coach Parseghian
  - "The \_\_\_"; series for Robin Tunney
  - Sault \_\_\_ Marie
  - Notice
  - Actress Madeline
  - Number of seasons for "JAG"
  - Suffix for graph or favor
  - Drescher's role on "The Nanny"
  - "\_\_\_ Dreams"; 1981 Cheech & Chong film
  - Ending for pay or honor
  - Actor on "Accidentally on Purpose" (2)
  - Trauma ctrs.
  - "I'm With \_\_\_"
  - "\_\_\_": A Dog"; 1962 Angela Cartwright film
  - "The \_\_\_ Limits"; sci-fi series of past decades
  - Actress Hayworth
  - Christian Slater's role on "The Forgotten" (2)
- DOWN**
- "Max \_\_\_ Jason: Still Up"
  - Cow's lament
  - Word with chair or rest
  - Initials for Mr. Mostel
  - "\_\_\_ Rider" (1990-94)
  - Pace or canter
7. So. Pac. or B&O  
8. "\_\_\_ of Two Cities"  
9. Actress Julie  
10. Gym class, for short  
11. Fluttering trees  
12. "\_\_\_ in Trees"  
13. Tim Daly's sis  
14. Wry, witty literary device used to ridicule  
15. "\_\_\_ Burnett Show" (1967-78)  
16. Alan or Larry  
17. "A \_\_\_ Good Men"; 1992 Tom Cruise movie  
18. Follow  
19. Get rid of  
20. "The Greatest American \_\_\_"; 1981-83 Robert Culp series  
21. Word in the title of Howie Mandel's show  
22. Bruce Willis' age  
23. "One Day \_\_\_ Time"  
24. Role on "Roseanne"  
25. Setting for "King of the Hill"; abbr.  
26. Rosie's initials



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