

The coffin of former South Dakota Gov. Bill Janklow lies in state in the Capitol Rotunda in Pierre guarded by representatives from the Marine Corps, the South Dakota Highway Patrol and the Honor Guard, Tuesday, Jan. 17. The rotunda was filled with mourners during Gov. William Janklow's memorial service later that day. Janklow, 72, died Thursday, Jan. 12, after a months-long battle with brain cancer. His funeral was Wednesday in Sioux Falls.

(Photo courtesy of South Dakota Governor's Office)

Crowds pour in for late Gov. Janklow's wake

on the gravestone, Teunissen said.

in the service somehow. The former governor had attended several of Arlie's All Stars' shows, and Janklow admired the charity work that the band does so the family invited them to play. Arlie's All Stars twisted genres throughout the evening, playing everything from Roy Orbison's "Pretty Woman" to the traditional hymn "Amazing Grace." Brende said he joked with Russ Janklow when the band was asked to play '50s music at the service. We're not that old," the 64-year-old

by Dirk Lammers Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS — Bill Janklow used to tell longtime friend Gerald Teunissen that cemetery gravestones were unfair.

There's a birth year and a death year, the former South Dakota governor would say, but just one dash in between.

Teunissen, speaking at an informal memorial service Tuesday evening, said Janklow left behind way too many great stories to fill a single dash.

"It's not my decision, but if it was, I'd put three dashes between those numbers

Janklow, who died Thursday at age 72 of brain cancer, was honored with a perhaps unorthodox wake Tuesday: Instead of tears, there were tunes, as one of his favorite local bands played the classic rock Janklow loved so much.

Arlie's All Stars opened with Bruce Springsteen's "Glory Days" as family members and friends reminisced for a crowd of about 700.

Grandaughter Lindsey Janklow, 18, shared several stories showing the former governor's compassionate and humorous sides.

When Janklow came to her family's Brandon house in 1993 to help evacuate them from approaching floodwaters, Janklow told Lindsey's parents, "I hope you two can swim. I'm taking the baby."

And when Russ Janklow, Lindsey's father, once had a conflict that kept him from attending a father-daughter dance, "Grandpa" gladly stepped in.

Janklow's monthslong battle with cancer had an unexpected upside, she said: "These last few months have been a blessing that we all had the opportunity to tell him goodbye."

Arlie Brende — the Arlie of Arlie's All

Stars — said he met Janklow in 1972 when Brende was a legal intern for then-Gov. Dick Kneip. Brende had been sent to the Black Hills to help with the recovery effort for the Rapid City flood, one of the deadliest in U.S. history.

Janklow had been working on a nearby Native American reservation but dropped what he was doing and helped out day and night, Brende said.

"Bill had just come out there on his own volition," he said. "He went where the need was, and there was the need."

Janklow's son, Russ, said his dad loved '50s music and wanted it to be included

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First-year biology grad student Tyler Miller opens a large can of green beans in the kitchen at Vermillion's First United Methodist Church. The beans were served as part of the Welcome Table meal, which is provided for free to community members.

(Photo by Travis Gulbrandson)

USD students spend day in service to others

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Although no classes were held Monday, many students from the University of South Dakota were still hard at work.

That's because they were taking part in the annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Service, which finds groups of students performing various projects for groups and individuals in the community.

The event is hosted by the USD Center for Academic Engagement.

"Students across campus have the opportunity to take part in a variety of service projects that we have planned with partners across the Vermillion community," said Whitney Siegfried, coordinator for academic engagement. "They range anywhere from the food pantry to the Welcome Table to the recycling center."

Beginning at 1 p.m., approximately 120 student volunteers set out to perform about 20 projects on campus and around the community.

We have an MLK student board that helps with the planning and implementation of MLK Day, and we have a board president that connects with the community partners that we work with on a regular basis ... and see if they have any projects they need any help with, and go from there," Siegfried said.

Marketing major Trent Carlson was among the

group who went to Vermillion's Center for Children and Families, where they performed landscaping work, painted walls and built shelves, among other tasks.

"We're almost done with all the projects they gave us, so they're finding more stuff for us to do," Carlson said.

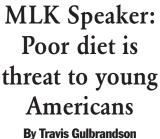
Another group of students went to the First United Methodist Church to prepare food for the Welcome Table, which provides a free meal to members of the community.

"We went to Hy-Vee and got groceries. We're making grilled cheese, tomato soup, green beans, pineapple, salad and cookies for dessert," firstyear biology graduate student Tyler Miller said Monday afternoon. "We're making the meal now and it'll be served at 5:30 to 7."

Most of the students arrived back at the Muenster University Center ballroom - the central location for USD's MLK events - between 4:30 and 5 p.m., after which time they had a "hunger banquet."

"It's really just a way for people to experience the inequalities – the poverty, illiteracy or food justice in general," Siegfried explained. "It's a way to highlight these issues and give the students a very powerful experience, and (an opportunity to) learn more about what it might be like to live in a low-income community or third-world

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The United States is often ranked as one of the unhealthiest countries in the world simply because of the kinds of food its citizens consume.

'Obesity is a huge issue, preventable diet-related illnesses are a huge issue in the United States. Serious diseases related to what we eat kill three out of four Americans each year," said Bryant Terry, a chef and food justice activist who served as the University of South Dakota's Martin Luther King, Jr., Day speaker Tuesday night.

"We're looking at one of

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