

**OBITUARIES**

**Robert Karolevitz**

Robert Francis Karolevitz, age 89, of Yankton and formerly of Mission Hill, died Friday, June 17, 2011 at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

A Memorial Mass was at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 22, 2011 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton. Burial of his cremated remains will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, with



**KAROLEVITZ**

Military Rites by the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post #791, Yankton, and the SDARNG, Sioux Falls. Visitations began at 2 p.m., Tuesday, June 21, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, with a 7:30

p.m. Scripture Service and video tribute. Visitations resumed one hour prior to the service Wednesday at the church

Bob was born in Yankton to Frank and Martha (Rathjen) Karolevitz on April 26, 1922. He attended Sacred Heart School for eight years and graduated from Yankton High School in 1940.

He graduated from South Dakota State University in 1947 with a B.S. in printing and rural journalism and history. He later served as president of the SDSU Alumni Association and was honored with its Distinguished Alumnus Award. In 1950, he received his master's degree in journalism from the University of Oregon.

Bob married Phyllis Gunderson on Jan. 4, 1951 in Yankton. Their daughters, Jan Marie and Martha Jill, were born in Seattle, WA.

Bob was a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II serving in the infantry in the Philippines and Japan with the 25th Infantry

Division, later writing the official Division history. In 1950, he graduated first in his class at the Armed Forces Public Information School at Carlisle Barracks, PA. He was recalled for duty in the Korean War, first stationed at the Seattle Port of Embarkation. While there, he set up pier welcomes and ticker tape parades for returning Korean War veterans. He was later sent to Korea and served at 8th Army Headquarters in Seoul for several months.

Upon his return from Korea, and subsequent honorable discharge from the Army, he became a free lance writer for all of his professional career. While in Seattle he did publicity work for several advertising agencies and the 1962 Seattle World Fair. He was also a political ghost writer and newspaper columnist.

In 1967, Bob, Phyllis and daughters moved back to South Dakota. They bought Cedar Crest Farm near Mission Hill where they resided for the 37

years and Bob continued to write, authoring 37 books and thousands of magazine articles and newspaper columns for the Yankton County Observer, the Yankton Daily Press and Dakotan and other South Dakota publications. He also traveled all over the U.S. as a public speaker

Bob and Phyllis moved to Yankton in 2005 after Bob was diagnosed with atypical Parkinson's disease.

Bob served as president and member of the S.D. State Historical Society for many years. He was also on the board of the S.D. Art Museum in Brookings and was the proud recipient of the Wrangler Statuette from the Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City for "Where Your Heart Is," his biography of artist Harvey Dunn.

He received the Polish Gold Cross Award in Chicago from then Premier (in exile) of Poland for his book "Flight of Eagles." Among his many other awards he received: Author of the Year from

the S.D. Council of Teachers of English; the A.H. Pankow Media Award; S.D. Governor's Award for History; the prestigious Robinson Award; Service to Mankind Award from the Yankton Sertoma Club and Distinguished Alumnus of Sacred Heart School. He was one of the first inductees into the S.D. Newspaper Hall of Fame. Bob was named Yankton's Citizen of the Year in 1998 and in 2005 received an Honorary Doctorate from SDSU.

Bob served as chairman of many state health planning organizations and while president of the board of Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, he was instrumental in establishing the Dr. Clark Johnson Memorial Fund, which evolved into the Benedictine Health Foundation. One of his books was the history of Sacred Heart Hospital, called, "A Commitment to Care."

Bob and Phyllis traveled extensively throughout the U.S., both for pleasure and research. They also traveled to Europe,

Canada, and Mexico and took several cruises.

Bob is survived by his wife, Phyllis, Yankton; daughter Jan and her husband Patrick Garrity and grandson Samuel Robert Garrity, Yankton; daughter Jill Karolevitz and her special friend James "Pete" Peterson, Mission Hill; sister Mary and her husband Robert Barr, Langley, WA; brothers- and sisters-in-law Jack and Diane Gunderson, Yankton, and George and Jean Gunderson, Mesa, AZ; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Martha Karolevitz and sister Ruth (Vince) Hagen.

Memorials may be directed to the Bob and Phyllis Karolevitz Journalism Scholarship Fund at SDSU, the Bob and Phyllis Karolevitz Scholarship Fund at Sacred Heart School (Yankton), the Benedictine Health Foundation at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, or the memorial of your choice.

**Robert Aldern**

Robert J. Aldern, "an artist and a gentleman," passed away on June 11, 2011 at the age of 82. He was born in Sioux Falls on Jan. 16, 1929 to John and Emma Aldern. He graduated from Washington High School in 1947 and from Augustana College in 1951 with a major in art where he was influenced by Professors Palmer Eide and Ogden Dalrymple to work in liturgical art. After a term in the U.S. Air Force, Bob



**ALDERN**

attended Hartford Art School, U. of Hartford, Hartford, CT, where he earned his BFA.

Upon returning to Sioux Falls, Aldern was

employed by Spitznagel and Associates. Harold Spitznagel afforded him the opportunity to begin his commissioned liturgical artwork, the first of which were several projects at St. Mary Catholic and the soaring Ascension scene at Our Savior's Lutheran in Sioux Falls.

Immediate success was bestowed upon the young artist when he was awarded the Silver Medal by the New York Architectural League for Design on the sound

baffle at St. Mary Church.

Among his many commissioned works were reredos art forms for three International Lutheran Youth Conventions; Stations of the Cross, Christ the King Catholic, Sioux Falls; reredos paintings for the Augustana College Chapel; sanctuary wall, King of Glory Lutheran Dallas, TX; mural, Sioux Valley (Sanford) Hospital; lobby panel, Avera McKennan Hospital; triptych, Good Samaritan Corporate Offices, and four large paintings for the Good Samaritan Jerstad Center, Sioux Falls; reredos paintings, Gloria Dei Lutheran; laser cut steel panels, rest stop, Chamberlain, and others too numerous to mention.

Aldern also served as the second director of the Civic Fine

Arts Center in Sioux Falls. He taught at South Dakota State University; chair and professor of Art, USD; chair and professor of Art, Augustana College.

Some of Aldern's awards were: Alumni Achievement Award, Augustana College; SD Arts Council Senior Artist Fellowship; SD Governor's Award in the Arts; Spitznagel Award for Artistic Achievement; Mayor's Award for Achievement in the Arts.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Joey, of Sioux Falls; children, Marlys (Tony) Solbach, Vermillion, Noreen (Robert) Groethe, Minneapolis, MN, Jared (Mary) Aldern, Clovis, CA; grandchildren, Gretchen (Anthony) Burbach, Vermillion, Jessica (Wallace) Livesay, Friendswood, TX, Rachel

(Grayson) Witt, Houston, TX, Clayton Aldern, Minneapolis, MN, Natalie Aldern, Rome, Italy; Jacqueline and Belinda Aldern, Clovis, CA; great-grandchildren, Abby, Benjamin, and Sarah Burbach, Vermillion; a brother, John (Elaine) Aldern, Ft. Collins, CO; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Aldern was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Bradley; brothers, Deane and Joseph; and a sister, Ann (Carl) Muffly.

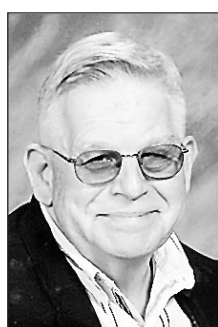
Memorial services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 18, 2011 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Memorials may be directed to the Aldern Art Scholarship Fund at Augustana College.

**Robert Van Why**

Robert "Bob" Everett Van Why, 74, of Vermillion passed away on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at Sanford Vermillion Care Center.

Memorial service will be on Saturday, June 25, 2011 at 10 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Vermillion with Pastor Trisha Boese officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church.



**VAN WHY**

Bob was born on May 25, 1937 in Springfield, OH to John and Elizabeth (Everett) Van Why. He lived in Michigan in 1950 before moving with his family to

Vermillion in 1951. He graduated from Vermillion High School and was a huge supporter and fan of the Vermillion High School (VHS) athletic program. Bob worked at the University of South Dakota's maintenance department for more than 30 years.

Bob was a great person and a friend to many people. He was very well-known and accomplished many things. He was privileged to receive many awards during his life such as the Friend of Football award from the Football Coaches Association in 1991 and the USD Faithful Servant Award on April 3, 1998. On July 10, 1998, Governor Bill Janklow pronounced that day to be "Robert Van Why Day."

Bob was a big fan of Vermillion High School, the University of South Dakota and the University of Michigan, which is where his father attended. He was given a plaque on February 11, 2000 by the USD Athletic

Department commemorating his lifetime support of the athletic program. Bob was also a VHS Lifetime Booster, and was named Optimist of the Year in 1986 and 1987.

The Vermillion Community was Bob's home and family. He will forever be missed by all who knew him.

Bob is survived by his sister-in-law Lee (Tom) Raines of Sioux Falls; nephews Scott (Laura) Van Why of Wisconsin and Kent Van Why of Iowa; nieces Joan Vrieze of Iowa and Jane (Eric) Pattison of Indiana; three great-nephews; four great-nieces; special friends Pat (Jerry) Pratt and Mary Lea (Jay) Hennies; and many other close friends near and far.

He is preceded in death by his parents, John and Elizabeth Van Why; and brother John Van Why.

Condolences may be posted online at [www.koberfuneralhome.com](http://www.koberfuneralhome.com).

**Kent Boline**

Kent Boline, 57, Mitchell, died Friday, June 17, 2011, at Avera Queen Of Peace Hospital in Mitchell.

Funeral services were Wednesday, June 22, 2011, 11 a.m., at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Mitchell. Burial was Wednesday, 3:30 p.m., at the Dalesburg Lutheran Cemetery, rural Centerville. Visitation was from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday evening with a prayer service at 7 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church. Arrangements are under the direction of the Bittner Funeral Chapel in Mitchell. A memorial fund has been established.

Kent Marshall Boline was born April 4, 1954, at Viborg, to Marshall and Ruth (Larson)



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Boline. He grew up in the Hub City and Parker area and graduated from Parker High School in 1972. He attended South

Dakota State University and the University of South Dakota. On June 27, 1981, he married Pamela Nielson in Mitchell. He worked at the Holiday Inn, Enchanted World Doll Museum and was currently employed at the Prehistoric Indian Village Museum. He was a member of

the Trinity Lutheran Church and the DWU Team Makers. He enjoyed photography, gardening, the outdoors, nature, and was an avid bird watcher. He dearly loved his nieces, nephews and his golden retrievers.

He is survived by his wife, Pam; two brothers, Jody Boline of Idaho Falls, ID and Garret Boline of Mitchell; a sister-in-law, Karen Nielson, Ft. Worth, T.; a brother-in-law, Richard Nielson (Shelley), Ft. Pierre; his father-in-law, Wally Nielson, Austin, TX; six nieces and nephews, Stephen, Maggie, Katie, and Emily Nielson of Ft. Pierre, Caddie and Avery Boline of Idaho Falls, ID and many other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

**Harold Hubert**

Harold W. Hubert, 75 years old, of Sioux Falls, passed away Monday, June 13, 2011 at his home. Mass of Christian Burial was 10 a.m., Thursday, June 16, 2011, at the Gym at St Joseph Catholic Church. Visitation was at 3 p.m., Wednesday, with the family present from 5 to 7 p.m., and a prayer service with rosary at 7 p.m., all at Miller Funeral Home, 507 South Main, Sioux Falls. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery in Vermillion, at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 16.

Harold was born on Jan. 10, 1936, in Burbank, to George and



**HUBERT**

Odella Hubert.

Harold grew up and attended schools in Beresford, and graduated from Vermillion High School. He

was united in marriage to Jeannette Girard on Nov. 18, 1972, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Sioux City, IA.

Harold and Jeannette lived in

Sioux Falls all of their married lives. He worked for John Morrell's until 1986, when he retired. Harold was also a devout member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Sioux Falls.

Those left to cherish Harold's memory include; his wife, Jeannette; brother Raymond (Phyllis) of Brandon, SD, and twin brother Gerald (Connie) of Sioux Falls; sisters, Helen (George) Baity of Vermillion, and Bea McGuire of Beresford; and many other nieces, nephews, other relatives, and his many friends. Harold is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

**Dolores Paulson**

Dolores A. Paulson, 91, of Le Mars, IA passed away Monday, June 6, 2011 at Plymouth Manor Care Center in Le Mars.

Mass of Christian Burial was 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 10, 2011 at St. James Catholic Church, Le Mars, IA with Reverend Matt Hewitt officiating. Interment was in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery-Neptune, rural Hinton, IA. Visitation with the family present will be after 5 p.m. Thursday, June 9, 2011 at the Carlsen-Feuerstein Funeral Home of Le Mars. There was a 6:30 p.m. Parish Rosary followed by a 7 p.m. Scriptural Wake Service Thursday evening at the funeral home. Visitation continued Friday morning at the church from 9:30 a.m. until service time. Expressions of sympathy can be extended to the family through [www.carlsenfuneralhome.com](http://www.carlsenfuneralhome.com).

Pallbearers were Dave Miller, Craig Bauerly, Gary Sitzmann, Steve Paulson, George Taylor, and



**PAULSON**

David Sitzmann.

Dolores Agnes Sitzmann was born April 26, 1920 on the family farm in Lincoln Township to John Joseph and Mary Jane (Connor) Sitzmann. Dolores was the youngest of 14 children. She attended and graduated from St. Joseph Catholic High School in Le Mars and then continued her education at Westmar College in Le Mars where she received her teaching certificate.

Dolores was united in marriage with Carl Paulson on Dec. 6, 1943 at the Cathedral of the Epiphany in Sioux City, IA. During Carl's career in the Navy, they lived in several cities across the country. The couple were

blessed with one son, Tom. When Tom was a young boy, the family settled in Le Mars.

Dolores was a lifelong member of St. James Catholic Church where she was a member of the altar society and Catholic Daughters. She enjoyed helping other people and was a frequent volunteer at the community homes for the elderly as well as the Peer program for those who were seriously ill. Dolores also loved to travel. She visited every state as well as several foreign countries.

She is survived by a son, Tom Paulson and his wife Linda of Vermillion, and a granddaughter, Margaret Paulson of Chicago, IL.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John Joseph and Mary Jane (Connor) Sitzmann; her husband, Carl Paulson who died on Jan. 24, 1985; a grandson, Michael Collamer Paulson, who died Aug. 16, 2000; and 13 brothers and sisters.

**Alton Larson**

Alton Larson was born May 18, 1919, in Clay County, SD to parents Aldric and Alma (Berg) Larson. He went home to be with the Lord on June 17, 2011 at the age of 92 years and 29 days.

Alton was raised on their family farm near Beresford where he attended Glenwood School. He married Clara Isakson on Sept. 8, 1942. Alton joined the Army and served during WWII in various places in the States. The couple resided on farms near Alcester and Vermillion. They were blessed with four children.

He enjoyed farming, visiting with family and friends, and taking rides to check out the crops. In addition to farming near Vermillion, he would go south each summer with his sons and a crew of men and did custom combine work harvesting grain from Oklahoma to North Dakota, as well as custom work for other farmers in the Vermillion area.

During the winter months, Clara and he spent time in Florida, Texas, and California. They enjoyed being together and rarely were seen without each other. They retired from the farm and moved to Vermillion in 1985.

They were members of St. Peter Lutheran church for many years were Alton served as a trustee. He most recently was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church in Vermillion. He



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accepted Jesus Christ and made a public profession of his faith as an adult and loved God and his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his beloved wife, Clara in 2004; sisters Alta Collins and Madeline Vik; brothers, Van Dale, and Verdell Larson.

Among those who survive and gratefully shared his life are his children, LeRoy (Marlys) Larson of Vermillion, Janice (Allan) Charrlin of Beresford, JoAnn (Erlan) Olson, of Burbank, and David (Shirley) Larson of Sioux Falls; 13 grandchildren, Matthew (Dawne) Olson, Angela, (Greg) Cable, Mark (Lesla) Olson, Jason (Holly) Charrlin, Josh (Katie)

Larson, Mitchell Olson, Jodi (Doug) Skartvedt, Jesse (Angela) Larson, Jamee (Sean) Coffman, Lonna (Matt) Thelen, Justin (Danielle) Larson, Leslie and Kayla Larson; 17 great-grandchildren, Garret, Cody, Grace and Micheala Olson, Alexis and Colby Olson, Allan, Brookly and Jase Charrlin, Justin and Alivia Cable, Jayda and Torey Coffman, James, Stella, Haywa, and Grant Larson; one brother, Delsmore (Florence) Larson of Vermillion and many nieces and nephews.

We celebrate Dad's passing knowing that he will be united with his Lord and Savior and loved ones who have gone on before.

Funeral services for Alton were 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at Brooklyn Evangelical Free Church in Beresford. Visitation was 4:30 to 8 p.m. Monday at Wass Funeral Home in Beresford with the family present from 6 to 8 p.m. and a prayer service at 7 p.m.

*Thank You!* Family & Friends & Fellow Golfers... *Thank You!*

I want to thank everyone who came to help celebrate my birthday on Friday night. Thanks for the fellowship, the cards, the laughter and memories. It was a very enjoyable evening and one that I will not soon forget.

*Thank You!* BOB SOLOMON SR *Thank You!*

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**Saturday, June 25 • 11AM**  
There will be a lunch to follow.

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