

OBITUARIES



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Deborah M. Buschelmann, 55, of Sioux City, IA, died Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at a Sioux City hospital from complications of a surgery. A memorial service was held 6

p.m. Monday, March 22, at Meyer Brothers Morningside Chapel in Sioux City, IA. A visitation was held starting one hour prior to service time. Condolences may be sent online to www.meyerbroscapels.com.

Deborah was born April 18, 1954 to Joseph and Helen (Oakie) Hirocke, Sr. in Sioux City, IA. She graduated from Vermillion High School in 1972 and attended college in Des Moines, IA. She was employed at Tyson Foods as a shipping clerk.

Deborah's favorite pastime was spending time with her grandchildren, shopping, and going for drives. She had an infectious smile and was very quick to laugh. She was known as "Little Grandma" to many.

Deborah is survived by her

husband, Roger of Sioux City, IA; daughters, Andrea "Andi" Iddings of Vermillion, and Miranda Rydstrom and her husband Dusty of Killeen, TX, her grandchildren, Taylor, Merragin, Nevaeh, and Jeric; her sisters, Nadine Burow of Yankton, JoAnn Mentzer of Ponca, NE, Rose Hirocke of Vermillion, Ella Hirocke of Gayville; her brothers, Raymond and Michael Hirocke of Massachusetts, Joe Hirocke, Jr. of Florida; several nieces and nephews, and an even larger extended family than most.

Deborah was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Les and Clifford Hirocke and Gordon Horn Eagle; sister Delores "Tiny" Drupeau; and nephew Mark.

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Bob and Hazel were blessed to have one son, Jim, one granddaughter, Jamie Grabiec, and a special little great-granddaughter, Elizabeth Grabiec.

Preceding deaths include his parents, two brothers, and an infant daughter.



Christine Charles

Christine Marie (Ahrendt) Charles

Christine Marie (Ahrendt) Charles, 56, (Beloved Mother, Grandmother, and Sister) of Vermillion/Yankton area, passed away Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at her residence.

Christine was born Dec. 9, 1953 in Vermillion, to Delores (Hillery) and Ronald C. Ahrendt. She moved to California during her teen years but returned home to Vermillion as an adult.

Family was always Chris-

tine's priority. As the eldest of four children, Christine took on the role of leader/teacher/mother early in life. It was a role she assumed eagerly and was well suited to. She cared deeply for those she loved, if it can be said of anyone "they wore their heart on their sleeve, it can be said tenfold of Christine. If she loved and cared about someone, or some cause, it was evident to all who met her.

She loved her two children deeply and held them up as her greatest achievements. She beamed with pride at their every success and shed tears of sorrow at their losses as if they were her own loss.

She was overwhelmed with joy at the birth of every one of her grandchildren. Her greatest joy in recent years was spending time with her grandchildren and rejoicing in their company. She had just learned that she was about to become a great-grandmother and was excited about seeing a new generation begin.

She is survived by her chil-

dren, Angela (Norman) Lee of Gayville, and Michael (Pamella) Millsap of Scotland; her father, Ronald C. Ahrendt of Citrus Heights, CA; her step-father, James Grabowski of Vermillion; her sisters, Teri (Richard) Heggstad of Vermillion, and Jeannie (Alva) Davis of Sioux Falls; her brother, Ronald W. Ahrendt of Vermillion; nine grandchildren, and one great-grandson; numerous of nieces, and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Larry Charles and her mother, Delores Grabowski.

Funeral services were held at 11:30 a.m., Monday, March 22, 2010 at First Baptist Church, Vermillion with Rev. Elmer "Sandy" Akre officiating. Burial was in Gayville Danish Cemetery, rural Gayville. Visitation was 5 to 7 p.m., Sunday, March 21, at Iverson-Siecke-Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion with a video tribute/prayer service at 7 p.m.

Condolences may be sent online to www.koberfuneralhome.com



Robert Clifford

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Robert Clifford, 90, was born in Vermillion, Oct. 6, 1919, to John and Mary Clifford. He attended grade and high school in Vermillion, skipping a grade as he went.

After graduation, he worked in Los Angeles, but

was called into the service and spent time at Lubbock, TX, as well as the Aleutian Islands. During his four years in the Army Air Corps he earned the rank of Staff Sergeant.

While on furlough, he met and married Hazel Anderson, a teacher at Elk Point. In 1945, Bob was released from the service and they returned to Vermillion, where James (Jim), their only child, was born.

Phoenix was their next move and was home for almost 30 years. Bob worked his way up the ladder for Safeway Stores, eventually becoming a Senior Buyer.

Bob was an accomplished outdoorsman and hunter, who once bagged an antelope at a range of over 500 yards. He was proud to be a Life Member of the National Rifle

Association.

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