BARBARA BLUMENTHAL

Barbara Alice Abbott Blumenthal, age 85, most recently of Quincy, Florida, passed peacefully from this world at home surrounded by family and friends after a long illness March 13th, 2015. She is known to loved ones as "Oma".

Barbara was born on June 2nd, 1929 in Buffalo, New York to Mary Alice and Walter Orlando, both deceased.

Barbara was married to James D Abbott of Quincy, Florida, in January of 1947 in California. She and James had 5 children, 9 grandchildren and one great grandchild from this marriage. They divorced in 1983.

Barbara was married to Phil Blumenthal of Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1991 after a long penpal correspondence and courtship. From this marriage Barbara was



Blumenthal

Cope of Cortez, CO. Barbara enjoyed 2 grandchildren from her marriage to Phil, Austin and

wife of Frank

Elana Cope. Education was a strong value in Barbara's family and she was a lifetime learner. She attended Junior College in California, read voraciously, wrote voluminously throughout her life and always sought new challenges. She traveled the world extensively and studied the customs of many different cultures. She was a Member of Mensa for over 40 years. Barbara engaged in a number of occupations through

she served as a telephone operator for Ma Bell. In the 1970's Barbara created and established a childcare service in Mifflin Park, PA. This business was so well received that the Reading Eagle Newspaper printed a profile of it. "Mrs. Abbott's Children" are now grown and many have children of their own. She also helped manage the family business, Abbott's Printing. Throughout the 80's and 90's Barbara managed the Dental Offices of Drs. Brown and Grove in Sinking Spring, PA; Spring Valley Apartment Homes in Sinking Spring PA; and the office of the Neumann Center in Saint Joseph's Hospital in Reading, Pa.

the years. As a young adult

After her employments in Reading, PA, she traveled the country extensively by motor home for almost 5 years, during which time she was an employee of various

State Park Systems. She re-married in Indianapolis where she worked as the office manager of the Indianapolis Zoo. Shortly after that she retired. During her retirement she frequently spent her summers, along with her husband Phil, in York England. She and Phil traveled Europe extensively. This was a great dream fulfilled. Barbara called many places

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home during her journey. She lived and loved on both coasts, out west, back east, in the Midwest, on the plains and in the Deep South. More permanent residences were in California, Pennsylvania, Indianapolis, South Dakota, and Florida, including several years at 101 S Pine Street, Vermillion.

Throughout her life Barbara engaged in numerous pursuits. She swam competively in High School, played the accordion in the USO

during WWII, learned public speaking in Toastmasters, sang with the Sweet Adeline Women's Barbershop Chorus in Reading, PA, Became a Master Gardener through the Berks County Extension Office in Pennsylvania, worked as a Tour Guide to further her traveling aspirations and, became a docent at the EitelJorg Museum in Indianapolis. She collected rocks and seashells and was an accomplished storyteller, travelling to numerous storytelling conventions around the country.

She made a home in many different spiritual traditions as a decades' long member of The Unitarian Universalist Church, both in the United States and Great Britain. Barbara Blumenthal was a forty year cancer survivor. Barbara Blumenthal is survived by brother, Walter Orlando, husband of Sally of Bakersfield, California,

niece Wendy and nephew Randy. Also, son Edward Charles Abbott, of Quincy, FL and daughters Monica Rose Abbott, of Reading, PA, LindaMarie Nwokeji, wife of Kennedy Nwokeji, of Quincy, FL, and Anne Élizabeth Abbott, of Vermillion, SD. Grandchildren to Oma are Tarila, Kayla, Zimife, Kanene, Bailey, Micci, Zadya, Sheridan and Tracy James, Austin and Elana. A great grandchild, Kari, daughter of Kayla, was born in 2014.

Predeceased are Barbara's youngest son Walter Eugene Abbott, of Shillington, PA, and husband Philip Blumenthal, of Indianapolis.

Services were private. The family invites each one to celebrate Barbara's life in his or her own special way. In lieu of flowers, donations should be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

JOHN "FRITZ" **BARTELS**

John F. "Fritz" Bartels, 83, of Vermillion, SD, passed away on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at Sanford/USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, SD after being ill for several months.

The Celebration of Fritz's Life was at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Vermillion with Fr. John Fischer officiating.

Visitation with family being present was from 6 to 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at St. Agnes Catholic Church with rosary at 7 p.m., and a wake service followed at 7:30 p.m. Burial of cremains will be

at a later date. John Frederick Bartels was born on Dec. 14, 1931,

the second **Bartles**

eldest of six children born to Freddie and Babe Bartels of Hubbard, Neb. They nicknamed him Fritz,

name most people knew him by, which became clear when he was hospitalized and visitors at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls were told, "I'm sorry, we don't have a patient named Fritz Bartels."

He married Mary Lorraine Fritz on May 23, 1953 in South Sioux City, Neb. The couple talked about having six children but turned out to be overachievers and produced nine. In his earlier days, Mr. Bartels used to lament about having only two

boys and seven girls but later on he said with girls you get kids who could work both inside and outside.

When his youngest children -- otherwise known as the "four little girls" -bought him a multi-colored pair of "jams" for Father's Day one year, he said, "I look like a peacock in heat." But it wasn't the shorts that drew laughter, it was his bird legs.

When his wife Mary said she needed a banana every day to keep up her energy, he quipped, "It would take a Chiquita factory."

He served in the Navy during the Korean War and drove the landing craft to shore to drop off soldiers and pick up bodies. For most of his life, he rarely talked about the war, instead telling his children about his time on Guam where he loved

playing cards with his fellow sailors.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartels moved to a farm outside Meckling, S.D., in 1956. Over time they became avid fans of the University of South Dakota Coyotes and everything else Vermillion. They moved "to town" in 1990. After Mr. Bartels was hospitalized in Sioux Falls, all he could think of was getting back to Vermillion and seeing his friends. He went into the hospital on Dec. 9 and left on Feb. 18. It was a shock to all when he became sick again and was re-admitted on March 12.

During Mr. Bartels' career, he farmed, welded and designed and built grain bins, elevators and feed mills across a wide swath of the Midwest. With an uncanny understanding of math, he

drew detailed engineering schematics. His work ethic was legendary and even in his 60s and 70s he was overseeing projects.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Mary of Vermillion; his nine children: Joe (Jodene), of Sioux Falls, Mary Kay (Dennis) Zimmerman of Vermillion, Lynn Bartels of Denver, CO, Jeanne (Jim) Rayburn of Albuquerque, NM, Jerry (Julia) of Bow Valley, NE, Susan (Bruce) Welz of Minocqua, WI, Brigid (Brian) Bungum of Denver, CO, Caroline Bartels, of New York City, NY, and Kitty (David) DiMartino of Silver Spring, MD; twenty grandchildren he delighted in teasing, and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death

by his parents, his sisters

Marian Rehg and Joan Walsh, his brother Eugene Bartels, and his daughterin-law Deborah Buckmieir Bartels. Fritz Bartels could count

on one hand the things that really mattered to him: his family, friends, his wife's brisket, the USD Coyotes and the laughter he inspired with his famous one-liners. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to St. Agnes Catholic School/ St. Agnes Charity (St. Vincent DePaul), 416 Walker Street, Vermillion, SD 57069. Kober Funeral Home of Vermillion has been entrusted with services. Condolences may be posted online to www.kober-

funeralhome.com

JAMES DWYER II

James H. (Jim) Dwyer II, 91 of Vermillion passed away Friday 13, 2015 at his home from congestive heart

Funeral mass was held at 10:30am, Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Vermillion with Fr. John Fischer officiating. Burial followed in Calvary Cemetery.

Visitation was from 5 to 7pm, with a prayer service beginning at 7:00pm, Monday, March 16, 2015 at

St. Agnes Catholic Church. was born in Sully County

Dwyer

South Dakota to Tom and Hanna Dwyer on

Jim

near Onida,

October 1, 1923. The family moved to Wakonda in 1931 where Iim attended Wakonda School, graduating from high school in 1941. He attended college at

Southern State Normal in Springfield, South Dakota on a basketball scholarship. He enlisted with the United States Navy on November 19, 1943, serving in the South Pacific as an aviation ordnance man. When returning home in December 1945, he worked as a brakeman on the railroad and for the construction company that built most of the Clay County electric line. Jim went to work for Clay Union electric as a lineman, where he dedicated 35 years of

his career and retired in 1984. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Eagles Club and the Knights of Columbus. Jim and Ardiss Hall were married April 11, 1950 at St. Patrick's Church in Wakonda. Later that year, they moved to Vermilion, then in 1953 back to Wakonda, where Jim was the Foreman of the Clay-Union Outpost. On October 31, 1965 they returned to Vermilion and Jim served as Customer Service Representative and

Wiring Crew Foreman. Jim loved his work, and loved to help others in any way he could. Retirement simply meant moving on to other tasks, wiring, fixing, and construction with and for his family for many years. Survived by his wife of almost 65 years Ardiss and seven children: Scott - Sioux City, Iowa, Dan -Tempe, Arizona, Jim III - Vermillion, South Dakota, Joe - Vermilion, South Dakota, Salem) - Omaha, Nebraska,

Indiana, Debbie (Steve) Vermillion, South Dakota. He was also survived by eighteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren He was He was preceded in

David (Susan) - Bargersville,

death by his parents, one grandson Justin James Salem and five saplings, Naomi Shrader, Elwood Dwyer, Veronica Fredrickson, Lovella Matson and Donald Dwver.

For obituary and online condolences visit hansenfu-

Clay County Sheriff

SUNDAY, MARCH 8 2:41 p.m. - A deputy did a standby to keep the peace while a person gathered belongings to move from a rural der was issued.

5:22 p.m. - A deputy responded to Wakonda for a report of a domestic disturbance. The issue was discovered to be civil. The male party had active warrants out of Lawrence County and was arrested.
7:00 p.m. - A deputy mediated

a civil dispute between two rural residents.

10:21 p.m. - A deputy responded to a report of a man standing over the body of another person on Highway 50 near Meckling. The parties were located and it was discovered they were walking home after their car ran out of the gas. The driver was identified and arrested for DUI.

MONDAY, MARCH 9 1:20 p.m. - The school resource officer was approached about a student possibly having a gun in his locker at the high school. The student was approached by the deputy and it was discovered that there had been a misunderstanding and that the student did not have a

gun at the school. 2:31 p.m. - A deputy responded to a grass fire near a shed west of Vermillion and provided traffic control for the fire department until the fire was extinguished

TUESDAY, MARCH 10 12:38 p.m. - Deputies attempted to locate a suicidal person who the Yankton County Sheriff was searching for and was believed to be in rural Clav Countv. The man was later found in

Yankton County.
1:26 p.m. - A caller reported a dog that runs out to the road from a rural residence when she runs past. A deputy contacted the dog's owner and notified her of the issue and asked her to try to keep her dog off the

5:05 p.m. - A deputy mediated a civil dispute between parties over the care of a dog. The parties eventually agreed on terms for the animal's care.

5:10 p.m. - A Wakonda woman called to report that she had been received harassing text messages. A deputy contacted the second party and advised her of the complaint and both parties agreed to cease contact between each other.

7:36 p.m. - An inmate was transported from the Clay County Jail to the Yankton County Jail to be placed on a prisoner transport to Lawrence

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 8:54 a.m. - An inmate was transported to a doctor appointment and then returned to the 12:45 p.m. - A second inmate

was transported to a doctor appointment and then returned to

9:40 p.m. - A deputy respond-

ed to the jail after an inmate complained of extreme abdominal pain. She stated she was having appendicitis. The inmate was transported to the emergency room and examined and no issues were found. The inmate was returned to the jail. THURSDAY, MARCH 12

12:55 a.m. - A deputy responded to a Vermillion business to a report of a woman who was known to be wanted for a parole violation. The woman was located and arrested and then turned over to the custody of the parole agent.

7:04 a.m. - A deputy assisted in the investigation of a death in Vermillion. The death was determined to be of natural

7:17 a.m. - Deputies transported an inmate from St. Cloud, Minnesota to the Clay County Jail after he was arrested there

for a Clay County warrant.

8:51 p.m. - An inmate was transported to the Yankton County Jail to be placed on a transport shuttle to the women's prison in Pierre after sentencing.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13 10:39 a.m. - A deputy responded to a medical emergency in Vermillion and assisted in patient care until the ambulance crew arrived.

1:09 p.m. - A vehicle was stopped and the driver was cited for speeding on University

1:24 p.m. - Deputies responded to a report of an intoxicated man shooting guns inside his house. The subject was arrested on charges and brought to

the Clay County Jail. 1:27 p.m. - A deputy located a harvested cornfield that was on fire. Two men were attempting to put the fire out and the fire department was contacted to assist in extinguishing the

SATURDAY, MARCH 14 12:02 a.m. - A deputy assisted the Highway Patrol with a vehicle pursuit on SD Highway 50. The driver was arrested for DUI, ingestion of an illegal substance, and an outstanding

4:19 p.m. - A deputy checked on the wellbeing of a Wakonda resident after receiving a call regarding the individual. The person was found to be okay and did not require any assistance. 7:33 p.m. - A rural resident dropped off an out of county license plate he found on his property. Once the owner of the license plate is located it will be returned to him.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 8 9:51 p.m. - Caller reported unknown person(s) had taken a front yard ornament and smashed it against a neighbors car, destroying the ornament and damaging the car. Under

investigation. MONDAY, MARCH 9 2:15 p.m. - A Nebraska Police Agency advised of a violation of a protection order in Nebraska by a Vermillion resident who was on probation. Information was forwarded to the suspects

probation officer. 6:37 p.m. - Caller reported several people yelling at customers in the parking lot of a local convenience store. Officers contacted the group on the sidewalk outside the store. One had an open container of alcohol and was cited. TUESDAY, MARCH 10

3:52 a.m. - Caller reported several people fighting outside near the street. Officer responded and contacted two of the participants. Interviews re-

vealed the two who were roommates, tried to get a third man to leave their dwelling when he became disruptive. The man had assaulted the two roommates and was pulled from the scene by another man. Investigation resulted in charges of assault against the suspect.

7:16 p.m. - An officer stopped a vehicle for speeding. The drive did not have insurance and was found to be in possession of prescription drugs not belonging to her. She was cited and charged for the violations. 7:29 p.m. - An officer respond-

ed to a medical call. A teenager has suffered a seizure. The of-ficer provided care until the ambulance arrived. 8:50 p.m. - An officer stopped a vehicle for speeding. He

found a toddler in the back seat of the vehicle with no restraint system. The driver was cited for speeding and having the child unrestrained.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 1:46 p.m. - Caller reported a vicious dog threatening him while he was walking. Officer found the dog which charged them growling and barking. Animal Control and the officers were able to capture the dog Charges were referred to the City Attorney.
THURSDAY, MARCH 12

12:55 a.m. - An officer assisted a Clay County Deputy with a warrant arrest.

2:10 a.m. - An officer saw a local tavern still open and serving alcohol 10 minutes after 2:00am in violation of City Ordinance. The officer contacted the bar manager and had the bar close and remove the remaining patrons. A citation will be issued to the bar manager. FRIDAY, MARCH 13

4:31 p.m. - Caller reported a man choking a woman. Officer responded and found the couple. Investigation led to the arrest of the man for Aggravated Assault/Domestic.

10:20 p.m. - A caller reported a woman driving drunk with

children in the car. Officer located the vehicle and witnessed erratic driving. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was intoxicated. There were children in the vehicle. The driver was charged with multiple offenses. SATURDAY, MARCH 14

9:12 a.m. - Caller requested assistance because her adult daughter was angry and slamming things around the house. Officer mediated a dispute about the use of a vehicle. After a time the daughter calmed down and the officers left.

4:55 p.m. - An officer stopped a car for failing to stop for a stop sign and speeding. The officer smelled burnt marijuana coming from the car. The car was searched and marijuana and associated paraphernalia was found. The driver was arrested for possession of marijuana, ingesting marijuana and DUI (intoxicated by drugs).

CHURCH SCHEDULES

Vermillion Police Report

Dalesburg Baptist Church, 30503 Beresford. Sunday School 9:45am, Worship 11am, Midweek Services WED 7pm 605-253-2622 www.dalesburgbaptist.org

Elk Point Baptist Church, 101 N. Green St., Elk Point, SD. Worship SUN 11am, Bible Study WED 7pm.

Baptist Church. Elmer First "Sandy" Aakre, Pastor. 605-624-6391 home, 605-624-4658 church. Sunday School 9:15am, Worship 10:30am, Choir Practice 11:50am.

Grace Baptist Church SBC, Pastor Steve Ford, 1102 E. Main. Phone 624-4949. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Prayer Meeting Wed. Night 7 p.m. Faith Fellowship of the Open Bible

Armbrust, 605-624-2921. Teresa of Calcutta Blessed Catholic Church, 995 N. Sioux Point Road, Dakota Dunes, SD. Masses: SAT 4:30pm; SUN 9:30am and

on Bypass 50 & Hwy. 19. Sunday Celebration 10:30am Pastor Tony

St. Agnes Church, 416 Walker St., Fr. John Fischer Office: 624-Rectory: 624-1995. Mass schedule: 5 p.m. Saturday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30a.m. Sunday

Cornerstone Church, A Place To Grow, located at corner of Crawford & Cherry St. Celebration Service: Sunday 9am and 10:30am (during school year); 10am (summers). Cornerstonesd.org or 624-8809.

Elk Point United Parish, 603 S Pearl Street, Elk Point, Pastor David Bambas. Sunday worship at 9:30 AM (nursery available) 605-356-2008, epups@iw.net or epunited-

Hillside Community Church, 1800 Constance Dr., Vermillion, Worship Sept.-May 10:30am AWANA Small groups; 9-10:15. Worship May-August 10am, 605-624-4862.

Komstad Covenant Church Rural Beresford and Centerville, SD: 18 miles north on University Road. Phone 563-2402. Sunday School 10 a.m., Worship Service 11 a.m.

One Hour: Worship is led by a talented live band in a style that is consistent with today's culture. On the USD Campus at the MUC, 6:30pm Sundays! www.one-hour.org Providence Reformed Church,

830 Madison, Vermillion: Sunday School 9:30am, Worship 10:30am. "We welcome you to historic protestant worship and fellowship. St Thomas More Newman Center. 320 E Cherry St, Vermillion. Sunday Mass 11am and 9pm www.usdnew

man.org for weekday Mass and

Adoration times. 605-624-2697 Unitarian Universalist "The Uncommon Denomination." Services: first and third Sunday of each month at 7 p.m. in the basement of the United Church of Christ, 226 E.

Church of Christ, 102 Prospect, Vermillion: Sunday Worship, 10am; Bible Study 9am; Bible Study Noon; Wednesday Night Classes, 7pm

The United Church of Christ Congregational, Highway 12 Newcastle, NE. Worship: 6:00 p.m. Saturday. Pastor Gary Kimm. Come join us!

United Church of Christ Congregational, 226 E. Main St., Pastor Steve Miller. 10:30a.m. Worship Service. No Longer Strangers www.uccvermillion.org

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Corner of Main and Linden. Sunday nursery available. 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist. 11:00 a.m. coffee hour. Call 624-3379 for more information

Bergen Lutheran Church "The Little White Church on Timber Road." Worship 10:30am, Sunday School 9:15am

Brule Creek Lutheran Church, Elk Point, SD: Worship 11am, Sunday School 9:45am-10:45am Christ Our Savior, WELS, Worship

SUN. 6pm, Bible Study TUE. 9pm,

Neuharth Center, 605-624-5398 or

1-800-1234.

Concordia Lutheran Church, (LC-MS), 7 South University St., Vermillion. Divine Service Sunday. 10:30am; Sunday School, 9am. Pastor Samuel Needham. 605-624-3459 or at lcmsvermillion.org

Dalesburg Lutheran Church, 12 miles north of Vermillion on University Rd., Worship 9:15am, Sunday School 10:45am, www.dalesburglutheran.org.

Faith Lutheran Church, 401 Main St., Maskell, NE, Sunday School, 9am; Worship, 10am w/Communion st and 3rd Sundays. 605-658-0240 (home) or (402)692-3323 (church).

Faith United Lutheran Church, 44874 303rd St., Volin, SD, 605-267-2277. Worship: 9:30am SUN w/ communion 1st & 4th Sundays, WOW Wednesday/Confirmation, 6:30pm

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Gayville Lutheran Church, 307 Washington St., Gayville, SD, SUN 9am Worship, Sunday School

Immanuel Lutheran Church Elk Point, SD: Worship Service 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

10:15am.

Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church. Rural Vermillion: Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Holy Communion First Sunday of every month. All welcome. Paul Lutheran Church,

31903 475th Ave., Elk Point, S.D. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School 9 a.m. The Rev. David Bentz, pastor, 605-356-2805; www.stpaullutheranelkpoint.com The Luther Center at USD Locat-

million. Wednesday evening worship at 8:30pm Fellowship events throughout the year. www.luther-Trinity Lutheran Church, 816

ed at Cherry & Plum Streets, Ver-

E Clark Street, Vermillion. Worship Saturday evening: 5:30PM and Sunday morning:10:00AM. Nate Lizarazo. www.trinityvermillion.org First United Methodist, 16 N.

Dakota St., Vermillion, Adult Sunday School 9am, Worship 10:25am. WED Youth 5:30-7pm, HS Group 7pm. Fore more info, 605-624-2179.

