

# IN DARREL'S MEMORY



Vermillion's second graders took time Monday to help the Vermillion Parks Department plant a new tree in Prentis Park in celebration of Arbor Day and to celebrate the life of Darrel Christopherson. Darrel, a veteran, and survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor, passed away earlier this year. At the end of WWII, he returned to Vermillion where he served as a city police officer. After his retirement, he often visited local schools to talk about Americanism, his experiences in the Navy, and proper flag etiquette. On hand to witness the planting of the Autumn Blaze Pear tree in the park were Darrel's widow, Bea, his son, Rick, his granddaughter, Kourtney Christopherson, and Rick's girlfriend, Jan Kohen.

(Photo by David Lias)

## Epsilon Sigma Alpha members, Vermillion show support for St. Jude

Members Vermillion's three ESA chapters are pleased to announce the receipt of a proclamation from Governor Dennis Daugaard declaring the week of May 7-11, Epsilon Sigma Alpha Week in South Dakota. The proclamation is in recognition of ESA's outstanding service to its communities throughout the state through many hours of volunteer work, participation in local projects, and many dollars raised in support of local causes and charities as well as in celebration of ESA's 40 year association with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



Members of Theta Omega Chapter of Vermillion hosted the eighth annual Tour of Tables in St. Agnes School's Father Wolf Auditorium on April 21 to benefit the young patients of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

ESA members are celebrating the \$3,300 that was raised for the hospital by this event.

One member of Theta Omega who has visited the hospital several times has often spoken about her first trip to St. Jude saying, "I was almost afraid to visit the hospital. I thought it would be a sad and difficult experience. But, the hospital is simply amazing. It is a bright and beautiful place filled with loving, caring people who support each other at all times. The staff (doctors, researchers, custodians, cooks), families, and patients give each other the strength and will to do the work that they do ... whether it is keeping the hospital's doors open (fund raising), mopping floors, performing bone marrow transplants, or holding each other's hands.

"After hearing a presentation by one of the nurses, I asked her 'How can you work here? Isn't it hard?' Her reply to me was, 'Our patients are going to get well.' Her outlook is the same hospital wide. They are going to work until there is no longer a need for the hospital because cancer and other catastrophic diseases of childhood will have been cured and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital can close its doors."

**ABOUT EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA**  
Founded in 1929, ESA offers programs and projects to help make a positive difference in the lives of others. ESA has created a powerful network of nearly 1,000 chapters to excel in community education, service, and

philanthropy. ESA adopted St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as their international philanthropic project in 1972. Over this 40 year partnership, ESA has maintained its position as the third-party organization providing the most support cumulatively to St. Jude. Those interested in ESA can learn more by visiting [www.epsilonalpha.org](http://www.epsilonalpha.org), or by contacting ESA Headquarters at 970.223.2824. Or, if you are interested in knowing more about our local Vermillion chapters, contact South Dakota ESA's state membership director, Earleen Varns at 624-8306.

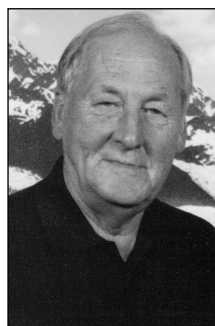
**ABOUT ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL**  
Since opening 50 years ago, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital has changed the way the world treats childhood cancer and other life-threatening diseases. No families ever pays St. Jude for the care their child receives and, for every child treated at St. Jude, thousands more have been saved worldwide through St. Jude discoveries. The hospital has played a pivotal role in pushing U.S. pediatric cancer survival rates from 20 to 80 percent overall, and is the first and only National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center devoted to children. It is also a leader in the research and treatment of blood disorders and infectious diseases in children. St. Jude was founded by the late entertainer Danny Thomas. Learn more by visiting [stjude.org](http://stjude.org).

### Wayne Rogers

Wayne Paul Rogers, 77, of Vermillion SD, formerly of Ida Grove, IA died Saturday April 28, 2012 at the Wakonda Heritage Manor, Wakonda, after a five-month battle with brain cancer.

Funeral services were 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at the First United Methodist Church in Yankton, with his son-in-law, Rev. Ron Johnson, officiating. Burial was in the Bluffview Cemetery in Vermillion. Visitation began on Tuesday, May 1 at 5 p.m. with a prayer service at 7 p.m. at the Hansen Funeral Home in Vermillion.

Wayne was born Dec. 12, 1934 at Lyons, NE to Frank and Elsie (Hendrickson) Rogers. He was baptized and confirmed at Divide Center Presbyterian Church, Lyons, NE. He attended Divide Center Country School and graduated at the age of 16 from Lyons High School in 1951. Following the sudden death of his father Wayne started farming and helping his mother raise his two younger brothers. On June 28, 1953, he married Maxine Frances Darling at the Presbyterian Church in Lyons, NE. Three daughters were born to this



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union.

Wayne and Max farmed 19 years near Lyons. In 1970 they then moved to Ida Grove, IA where Wayne was employed by Farmers National Co. of Omaha as a Farm Manager. In the late 70s, Wayne became a vice president and farm manager for Ida County State Bank in Ida Grove. In the early 90s Wayne started his own real estate/appraisal business in Ida Grove. He continued the appraisal business when they moved to Vermillion in October of 2009. He continued his appraisal work until January of this year.

Over the years Wayne served on the Board of Directors of the Divide Center School in Lyons, Horn Memorial Hospital Board, Housing Authority Board and the Ida County Board of Review in Ida Grove. He served in his churches as a trustee, elder, and on pastor search committees both in Lyons and Ida Grove. Since coming to Vermillion he joined the Eagles Club. He is a member of Masonic Lodge, Kane Lodge # 31, and a former member of the Kiwanis Club. He remained a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Ida Grove and was attending First United Methodist Church in Yankton at the time of his death.

He was a lifelong Husker Fan and quickly became a USD Coyote Fan. Some of his other favorite activities were watching his daughter play basketball and later his grandchildren participate in various sports. He really

enjoyed his time with his great-grandchildren as well. His favorite get-away over the years was his many trips to the mountains in Colorado. One of his most memorable trips to the mountains was for their 25th anniversary when they took the whole family in a motorhome. Another very special trip was an Alaskan cruise for their 50th Anniversary in 2003. Wayne had a great time with many coffee groups over the years and was always up for a good story.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Maxine, daughters, Marsha (Ron) Johnson of Yankton, Paula (Dave) Hultgren of Arnolds Park IA, and Linda Ferguson of Estes Park CO.

Grandchildren Aaron (Michelle) Johnson, Sarah (Jonathan) Meerbeek, Joshua (Laura) Johnson, Amy Hultgren (fiance Josh Rosenthal), Ryan Hultgren (special friend Elizabeth Davis), Allison Hultgren (special friend Preston Black), Luke Ferguson, Brooks Ferguson, and Michaela Ferguson; and seven great-grandchildren.

Brothers Willard (Karen) Rogers of Lyons, NE and Randall (Shirley) Rogers of Lyons NE; sister-in-law, Pat Martin of Valparaiso IN; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother Melvin Leright.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations will be directed to cancer research. [hansenfuneralhome.com](http://hansenfuneralhome.com)

### Laura Lou Marsh

Laura Lou Marsh, age 88 of Hartington, NE, died on Saturday, April 28, 2012 at the Golden Living Center in Hartington.

Funeral services were on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Hartington with Rev. Gary Kimm and Rev. Bernard Saylor officiating. Burial was in the Hartington City Cemetery. Visitation was on Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. with a Prayer Service, including a PEO Service, at 7 p.m. at the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington. Visitation began one hour prior to services on Tuesday at the church.



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Pallbearers were her eight grandsons and one granddaughter, Paul, Scott, David, Chris, Craig, Michael, Ryan, Tammi and Zach Marsh. Honorary pallbearers were the residents and staff of Golden Living.

Laura Lou was born the only child of A. Virgil and Blula (Engman) McDonald on July 18, 1923 at the family farm located on Spirit Mound, seven miles north of Vermillion. She attended Spirit Mound School District 15 through eighth grade, graduated from Vermillion High School in 1941

and the University of South Dakota in 1945 receiving a Bachelors of Science in Education. Laura Lou taught at Hartington Public School until her marriage on June 25, 1947 to Dean Marsh at a ceremony in Vermillion. They made their home on a farm southwest of Hartington where she lived until moving to the Golden Living Community in April of 2009. After years at home raising her boys, she returned to teaching at Hartington Public. She taught Social Studies and History, and coached speech. She retired in 1989 after 21 years of teaching at Hartington Public School. She continued to be a regular guest for many years when students studied Nebraska History.

Laura Lou was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Hartington, NE, serving on the Board of Trustees and member of the Women's Circle. She was an active charter member of the Hartington HZ Chapter of PEO for the past 30 years, and served on the Board of the Friends of the Library.

Laura Lou and Dean enjoyed

many years of parading with the Abu Becker Cornhusker Shrine Club and bowling mixed league in Hartington. She enjoyed Friday Night Group, refinishing antique furniture, embroidering quilts, playing scrabble, completing jigsaw and crossword puzzles. Visits and pictures from her grandchildren and great grandchildren brought her great pride and joy.

Laura Lou is survived by two sons, Steve (Joanne) and Tom (Lea) of Hartington and daughter in law, Carolyn Marsh of Omaha, NE; and nine grandchildren, Paul (Jessica) Marsh of Lincoln, NE, Scott (Erim) Marsh of Independence, MO, David Marsh of Lincoln, NE, Chris (Kassy) Marsh of Hartington, NE, Craig (Heidi) Marsh of Crofton, NE, Michael Marsh of Omaha, NE, Ryan (Megan) Marsh of Hartington, Tammi Marsh of Lincoln, NE and Zach Marsh of Hartington, NE. She is also survived by seven great-grandchildren.

Laura Lou was preceded in death by her parents; son Tim on April 1, 1987 at the age of 34; and husband, Dean, on May 24, 1993 at the age of 69.

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### OIF/OEF VETERANS AND SOLDIERS NEEDED FOR RESEARCH "Neural and Behavioral Correlates of PTSD and Alcohol Use"

If you have been deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan, are right-handed, and are between the ages of 18 and 45, and are not currently pregnant, you are being invited to participate in a research project about past experiences with stress and current behaviors. This study is being conducted by Drs. Gina Forster, Jeffrey Simons and Raluca Gaher at The University of South Dakota.

Participation in this study involves completing an interview and questionnaire with a research team member, which should take 3 hours or less. Your participation in this study is completely voluntary and your responses will be confidential.

You will be given \$100 for completing the initial interview and eligible participants will be invited to participate in a second study using magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) in which you will receive \$300. If you are active duty military, you will only be compensated for research participation if you are off duty.

If you are interested in this study, please contact Dawne Olson at 605-677-5170 or [neurostudies@usd.edu](mailto:neurostudies@usd.edu) for more information.