

**OBITUARIES**

**LeRoy Backhaus**

LeRoy George Backhaus, 82, of Vermillion passed away on Friday, Sept. 30, 2011 at Sanford Vermillion Care Center.

Funeral service was on Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. at Concordia Lutheran Church in Vermillion with Rev. Samuel Needham officiating. Burial was in BluffView Cemetery following the service, with military graveside rites held by Vermillion VFW #3061. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Kober Funeral Home in Vermillion, with a prayer service and video tribute to begin at 7:30 p.m.



**BACKHAUS**

LeRoy was born on Nov. 2, 1928 in Emmons County, ND to George and Vera (Yeater) Backhaus. He attended school in

Pollock, and later joined the Army. While in Germany, he served in the constabulary during WWII. He married Donna Mae Geige on Feb. 15, 1952 in Herreid. LeRoy and Donna were married for 59 years and were blessed to have five children. They moved and settled in Vermillion in 1961.

LeRoy worked at the Vermillion Wastewater Treatment Plant from 1966 until 1990, and he was the first superintendent of the facility. He was also the South Dakota president of the Water and Wastewater Association from 1973-1975. He was a hard worker and was privileged to have been named the Outstanding Wastewater Works Operator, as well as receiving the Izaak Walton League Award in 1973 and the Water Pollution Control Federation William D. Hatfield Award in 1975. LeRoy was appointed city alderman from 1993-1999.

LeRoy enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He and Donna traveled all over the country on their motorcycle. He loved to ride motorcycle, spending time on the Missouri River – especially boating and

fishing, laughing and having a fun time with his family and friends. LeRoy was a member of the Concordia Lutheran Church in Vermillion, and the VFW. LeRoy truly believed in the importance of faith, family and community, and it played a very active role in his daily life.

LeRoy is survived by his wife, Donna M. Backhaus of Vermillion; children, Norrine (Leland) Ritter of Moberge, Jordan Backhaus of Gardena, CA, Candy (Harry) O'Connor of Burbank, John Backhaus of Vermillion and Danielle (Jason) Jacobs of Merrillan, WI; brothers, Gordon (Jean) Backhaus of Rapid City, and Dallas (Donna) Backhaus of Rochester, MN; sisters, Donna (K.O.) Kinson of Neosho, MO and Joyce Matheny of Moberge; and 10 grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by parents, George and Vera Backhaus; grandson, Michael O'Connor; and brother Russell Backhaus.

LeRoy has gone to be with his grandson Michael forever.

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

**William Remmes**

William Remmes, 84, of Vermillion, passed away in his home on Oct. 2, 2011.

Bill was born Feb. 16, 1927 in Charter Oak, IA to Bernhard and Verna (Staley) Remmes.

After his graduation from Charter Oak High School, he joined the Army Air Corps for nine months and then served in the Marine Corps from 1945-1946 as a corporal. When WWII ended he attended the University of Iowa where he ran on the track team. He joined the ROTC and was commissioned lieutenant for the US Army after graduating from the university. He then served in the Army during the Korean War in aerial reconnaissance, and after two years, he returned to Charter Oak to run an insurance agency and income tax service.



**REMMES**

He married Geraldine Heine in St. Helena on August 1, 1961, and moved to Vermillion from Fort Dodge, IA in 1972.

He was a member of the American Legion, VFW and the Knights of Columbus, and served on the SEDAC board and the Vermillion Hospital board. He was an active member of St. Agnes Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Geri of Vermillion; four sons, Dominic (Jennifer) of Galesburg, IL, Paul of Chicago, IL, Mathew (Christine) of Lisle, IL and Ryan (Tisha) of Omaha, NE. Also surviving are two daughters, Jeanne (Paul) Ives of Wheaton, IL and Sarah (Tom) Taggart of Vermillion; and 19 grandchildren. He is also survived by three brothers, Fr. Richard Remmes of Arcadia, IA, Leo (Ruth) Remmes of Denison, IA, Joe Remmes of Omaha, NE; and three sisters, Jean Remmes of Denison, Helen (Al) Steele of Olathe, KS, Cathy Jessen of Denison, and sisters-in-law Marian Remmes of Ames, IA and Colleen Schaben of Omaha.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, James, John and Tom; a sister and brother-in-law, Marilyn and Blackie Mechura; and a grandchild, Mark Anthony Ives.

A rosary was held at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 4 at the St. Agnes Catholic Church with a Memorial Mass at 5 p.m. and burial following in the Calvary Cemetery in Vermillion. [hansenfuneralhome.com](http://hansenfuneralhome.com).

**Paul Heine**

Paul Heine, 62, of Vermillion, passed away Friday, Sept. 30, 2011 in his home after a battle with cancer.

Paul was born Dec. 9, 1948 in Yankton, to Leonard and Mary (Wieseler) Heine. He attended school in St. Helena, NE, and graduated from Cedar Catholic in Hartington, NE. Following graduation he joined the Navy, serving during the Vietnam War.

Paul married Mary Jane Tramp on April 22, 1972 in Menominee, NE. He spent most of his life farming the land he loved in the Vermillion area. Though farming was his passion, his entrepreneurial spirit took him down many other paths including residential development.

While his hobbies in life included cooking, grilling, John Deere tractor restoration, hunting and playing cards; his true passion was his family. There has never been a father more adored by his children and son-in-laws. Those who knew him well would say his best qualities were his loyalty, work ethic and sense of humor. He was also well known for his integrity and character.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Jane of Vermillion; a son, Michael, also of Vermillion; three daughters, Tessa (Dale) Erdei of Winnetka, IL, Jill (John) Showers of Broomfield, CO and Heather (Collin) Prosser of Vermillion; as well as eight grandchildren. He is also survived by five brothers, Francis "Bud" (Doris) Heine and Daniel Heine all of Vermillion, Myron (Caroline) Heine of St.

Helena, NE, Donovan (Darlene) Wieseler of MN and Gary (Doreen) Wieseler of CA. And also six sisters, Geri (Bill) Remmes of Vermillion, Mary Lou Heine and Joyce McMahon both of Eudora, KS, Lois (Lee) Lammers of Hartington, NE, Lynette (Denny) Hochstein of Omaha, NE, and Michelle (Don) Becker of Yankton.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Phyllis Singer.

Funeral mass was held Monday, Oct. 3 at 10 a.m. at the St. Agnes Catholic Church in Vermillion, with burial following in the Calvary Cemetery in Vermillion. Visitation began at 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2 with a rosary at 7 p.m. followed by a prayer service all at the church. [hansenfuneralhome.com](http://hansenfuneralhome.com).

**Dougals E. Iverson**

Douglas E. Iverson, 62, Sturgis, died Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2011, at his home in Sturgis.

Douglas E. Iverson was born Sept. 13, 1949, at Vermillion, to Wayne and Mathilda (Jepsen) Iverson. The family moved to Sturgis while Doug was very young. He attended Sturgis schools until joining the Parks Job Corps Center in California.

Doug enlisted in the US Army and served as a door gunner on a Huey for three tours in Vietnam. Following his discharge, he returned

home and worked at the Homestake in Lead for six months. Doug married Joyce Staudinger on Feb. 14, 1974, at Ft. Meade. Doug re-enlisted and returned to active military service. The family lived in Ft. Leavenworth, KS, Ft. Richardson, Anchorage, AK, and Fitzsimmons in Denver, CO, prior to his honorable discharge. The family returned to Sturgis and Doug worked at Fort Meade in nursing services. He retired in 2000 from housekeeping.

Doug was a member of the VFW, DAV, and served on the Sturgis Veterans Honor Guard.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Iverson, Sturgis; one son, Jason Iverson, Huron; one daughter, Daneen (Michael) Domogalski, Sturgis; two sisters, Pam Iverson, Chicago, IL, and Michele McIntyre, Mazomanie, WI; and one granddaughter, Kylie Domogalski, Sturgis.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, parents, and one niece.

A memorial has been established to Sturgis Veterans Honor Guard. The inurnment was at the Black Hills National Cemetery, Sturgis.

**Flood insurance claim deadlines extended**

Missouri River residents who have flood insurance now have an extra 30 days to file their claim and statement of loss for 2011 flooding, officials with the National Flood Insurance Program have announced.

Owners whose buildings or property were initially damaged by Missouri River flooding on June 1 now have until Oct. 29 to file their claims and their "proof of loss" (a statement of what was

damaged by the flood). Those who first had damage on June 2 now have until Oct. 30, and so forth.

Flood insurance claims and proofs of loss usually must be filed with insurance agents within 60 days of the damage. That deadline has now been extended twice for the 2011 Missouri River flooding, to a total of 150 days.

**Apple Polishing Concert is Oct. 17**

Come early for the desserts and stay for the music. The Pride of Vermillion Marching Band and the VHS Concert Choirs present the 2011 Apple Polishing Concert, Monday, Oct. 17, at the Vermillion High School Auditorium starting at 7:30 p.m.

The concert is free and open to the public. Donations accepted for delicious apple desserts, cider and fall treats. Desserts sales start at 6:30 p.m. (Assorted plates also available for sale after the concert). Sponsored by the Vermillion Music Booster.

**Centerville Arts Council to present 'Nunsense 2 - The Second Coming'**

The Centerville Community Arts Council, Inc. is pleased to present the musical comedy "Nunsense 2 – the Second Coming" in the Centerville School Gold Gym, Centerville.

The Little Sisters of Hoboken are back to entertain you. The plot of "Nunsense 2" the sequel begins just six weeks after the Sisters have staged their first benefit. They have returned with song, dance and jokes to give a "thank you" show for all the people who supported them. Cast members include Sister Mary Regina (Gail Palmer), the model Mother Superior; Sister Mary Hubert, Mistress of Novices (Jacquelynn Skotvold) still aiming to be #1; Sister Robert Anne (Vonn Knutson), the streetwise nun who's full of

fun; Sister Mary Paul (Deidra Rahn), recovering from amnesia and hoping to get to Nashville; and Sister Mary Leo (Candy Bennett), the nun ballerina.

Performances are set for Saturday, Oct. 22 at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 23 at 2 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 27 at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 30 at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at the door: \$9/Adults, \$5/Students. Ice Cream Sundaes will be served one-half hour before each performance (free will donation).

"Nunsense 2" a musical comedy by Dan Goggin, is presented with special arrangement through Tams Witmark Music Library.

**Major grant helps cancer research at Sanford Research/USD**

Five research labs at the Center for Cancer Biology Research at Sanford Research/USD will benefit from a multi-million dollar, five-year grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The NIH has awarded the Center for Cancer Biology Research \$2.3 million annually for research done on breast, head and neck, colon, prostate and lymphoid cancers.

The NIH is the country's medical research agency. It supports scientific studies that improve the health and wellness of the nation. At the Center for Biology Research,

the money will be used to hire more investigators to help with the research and will aid in the development of what are called "core facilities." The facilities will be available for use by all Sanford Research investigators, not just those in the area of cancer.

The grant from NIH is noteworthy because it supports five investigators, whereas grants typically only support one at a time. Investigators include Kristi Eglund, PhD, Meena Jaggi, PhD, Subhash Chauhan, PhD, Satoshi Nagata, PhD and William Spanos, MD.

**Flu vaccination clinic set for Oct. 12 at VHS**

Sanford Vermillion announces a flu vaccination clinic at the Vermillion High School Commons, Wednesday, Oct. 12 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Vaccinations are being offered to school age children (K – 12) who meet the vaccine qualifying criteria. This clinic utilizes FREE vaccine provided by the State of South Dakota for children age 6 months through 18 years of age.

Two options will also be available for adults: flu vaccination for \$20 or flu mist for \$25. Sanford Health Plan and Medicare Part B clients may present your insurance card to cover the vaccine cost.

Vermillion PTA in partnership with Sanford Health Plan is also hosting a Children's Health Fair for students in grades 6-12. The health fair will be in the Vermillion High School gymnasium in conjunction with the flu clinic and will include a

variety of health related topics including, Zumba Fitness, SUPER foods taste testing, hydration station, UV safety and much more. The Children's Health Fair will also include prizes and drawings for fun giveaways.

**WHO SHOULD RECEIVE A FLU SHOT?**

Everyone who wants to reduce the risk of becoming ill with influenza or of transmitting it to others should get a flu shot. Certain groups are at higher risk and are strongly recommended to receive the vaccination:

- All children ages six months and up
- Pregnant women and anyone who becomes pregnant during the flu season
- People 50 years and older
- Adults and children with certain chronic conditions

**TO PREVENT TRANSMISSION TO HIGH-RISK POPULATIONS, VACCINATION IS ALSO RECOMMENDED FOR:**

- Healthcare workers
- Caregivers of children less than six months of age and adults over age 50
- Adults and children who live with children less than six months of age

• Adults and children who live with or care for persons with medical conditions that put them at higher risk for severe complications from influenza.

For more information about flu or flu vaccination, go to the CDC's web site at [www.cdc.gov/Features/FLU/](http://www.cdc.gov/Features/FLU/).

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**SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CITY OF VERMILLION**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING / OPEN HOUSE #1 VERMILLION TRANSPORTATION STUDY**

**Date:** October 27, 2011  
**Time:** 6:45 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.  
**Place:** Council Chambers, City Hall  
25 Center Street, Vermillion, SD 57069

The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) and the City of Vermillion will hold an open house style public information meeting to discuss and receive public input to the on-going long range transportation study. The long range transportation study is being updated from 2005 and represents the master plan for roadway, bike, pedestrian and transit improvements in town through 2035.

The purpose of this public information meeting/open house is to provide residents, business owners and university students/faculty/administrators with:

- Background on what goes into the long range transportation plan.
- An opportunity to voice your experience with daily travel throughout the community and to provide staff preparing the plan with ideas that you believe could improve the safety, efficiency and quality of the transportation system.
- Information on how to keep informed and involved throughout the year long project.

At 7:00 p.m. the open house will include a brief overview of the plan development process. Staff would like to reserve most of the meeting time to gather your input on gaps you experience in the system; things that you think work well and should be replicated elsewhere in town; and concerns that you have with the roadway network, the bike network, sidewalks and trails, parking issues; and bottlenecks in the system.

Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this open house/public meeting is being held in a physically accessible place. Please notify the SDDOT ADA Coordinator at least 48 hours prior to the open house meeting if you have special needs for which this department will need to make arrangements. The telephone number for making special arrangements is 605-773-3540 or 1-800-877-1113 (Telecommunication Relay Services for the Deaf).

All persons interested in helping to shape the future Vermillion transportation system are invited to attend this meeting/open house to share your views any time between 6:45 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Those who cannot attend the meeting or desire further information regarding the study may visit the study's webpage at:

<http://vermilliontransportation.blogspot.com/>  
or contact Steve Gramm at (605) 773-6641 / email [steve.gramm@state.sd.us](mailto:steve.gramm@state.sd.us).

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**Help Wanted**

Sacred Heart Parish in Yankton, SD, seeking a highly qualified, **full-time maintenance supervisor** for parish buildings and grounds. Some evening and weekends required. Successful applicant responsible for maintaining and cleaning all campus buildings and grounds, maintaining mechanical systems and records, supervising staff, and other duties as necessary. Valid driver's license and background check required. Candidate must have respect for the Catholic faith. Salary commensurate with experience.

Send resume and references to:  
**Sacred Heart Church, 509 Capital Street, Yankton, SD 57078 Attn: Fr. Mark Lichter**