

**OBITUARIES**

**CAROLINE JULIA MUELLER**

On Thursday, Sept. 27, 2012, Caroline Julia Mueller, of Menominee, NE, died at the Golden Living Center in Hartington, NE. On that day, she was 93 years, 11 months and 23 days old.



MUELLER

Mass of Christian Burial was on Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Menominee with Rev. David Fulton officiating. Burial was in the St. Boniface Cemetery. Visitation was on Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 7 p.m. at the church and again one hour prior to services on Wednesday. The Wintz Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to the St. Boniface Parish Endowment, Cedar Catholic High School Endowment, or the West Catholic Elementary Endowment. To send online condolences, please visit [www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com)

Pallbearers were grandchildren, Frank & Don Smith, Greg & Eric Mueller, Jessica Mueller, Matthew Kathol, Jennifer Sauser, and Michael Hruza.

Caroline was born on Oct. 4, 1918 on the family farm, west of Menominee, to Albert and Elizabeth (Goeden) Tramp. She was the ninth of 11 children born to this union and was baptized at St. Boniface Catholic Church. She was named for her sponsors, Uncle Carl Goeden and Aunt Julia Goeden. She started school at District 11 and then graduated from St. Boniface Grade School in 1933. Prior to her marriage, Caroline did housework for the George Gurney family in Yankton for one summer and another summer for a family in Omaha, where she had to learn Jewish cookery. She and John J. Mueller Jr. were married at Menominee on Sept. 30, 1941. They made their home on a farm northeast of Menominee and were both lifelong members of the St. Boniface Parish community. After years of struggling with respiratory problems, she spent the last five months of her long life at the Golden Living Center in Hartington, NE.

Caroline was a member and past president of both the St. Boniface Ladies Guild and Christian Mothers. She was also

a member of the Young Ladies Sodality, Legion of Mary and spent nine years as a delegate to the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council and St. Boniface Pastoral Council. Caroline's name is in the Golden Book at the convent at Conception Abbey at Clyde, MO. She and John were charter members of the Cedar Catholic Development Committee, a fundraising group for the newly formed consolidated high school, representing Menominee. They were also instrumental in establishing the West Catholic Endowment Fund. She designed the quilt for the St. Boniface Centennial and had made and donated

many quilts for various fundraisers for the parish and area Catholic schools. In her later years she enjoyed designing and quilting countless children's quilts for the Nebraska Linus Project, became an avid reader and family historian. Caroline loved to garden, cook, bake, sew, and teach her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren how to do these things. She had a great love of the land and was a feisty advocate for small family farms.

Caroline is survived by nine children and their spouses, Sandra Smith of Minneapolis, MN, Allan and Janice (Kohles) Mueller of Menominee, Judith and Ron Wieseler of Vermillion, Lynette Kohles of Lincoln, NE, John A. and Lois (Dendinger) Mueller of Menominee, Rosemary and Glenn Kathol of Hartington, Cynthia and Gary Wieseler of Leigh, NE, Deborah Mueller Hruza of Denver, CO, Kristie and Matt Jarchow of Lincoln, NE; 21 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; a sister, Pauline Gobel of Banks, OR; five sisters-in-law, Dorothy Tramp and Heidi Tramp both of Yankton, Madeline Mueller and Esther Schulte both of Omaha and Cleopha Schulte of Downey, CA.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, John on Oct. 27, 1998 at the age of 82; a daughter, Dianne Mueller; two grandsons, Paul Smith and Nicholas Wieseler; a son-in-law, Roger Kohles; and brothers and sisters, Marie Kaiser Hegge, Andrew, Lawrence, George, Aelred, Richard, Laurina, and twins, Vernon & Sr. Antoinette (Verona) Tramp.

**ROBERT JOHNSON**

Funeral services for Robert Johnson were held Aug. 13, 2012, at Faith Lutheran Church, Forest Lake, MN. He died Aug. 8, at St. Paul, MN.

Robert Harold Johnson was born in Yankton on Sept. 1, 1918, to Lewis and Ericka Johnson; Ericka emigrated from Norway at the age of 16.

As a young man, Bob worked on the farm, hunted ducks with his dad and in limited spare time, played some football. In 1940, with the 147th Field Artillery of the National Guard, Bob served in the Army in the South Pacific and Australia.

He had some near misses as he recovered from an eight-month bout of rheumatic fever and shipped out of Pearl Harbor shortly before the infamous attack. Although offered the opportunity to be an officer in the Army, Bob chose to remain with his colleagues until discharged in 1945.

After the war, Bob was a budding business owner, bought a bowling alley in Vermillion, where he met his future bride, Gwen Hansen, forming a loving partnership that lasted 64 years. He convinced Gwen to move to Forest Lake, where they opened Bob Johnson Sporting Goods. After living for six months in the back of the store, they moved and readied themselves for the birth of their son Dick in 1951. Debbie followed in a year and a half and Jan, three and a half years later. Bob would later establish a successful insurance agency as well as return to the bowling alley business as a co-owner of Town & Country Lanes.

Bob and Gwen embraced Forest Lake and involved themselves quickly in the community. A founder and past president of the FL Chamber of Commerce, Bob was active in the FL Development Corporation. He was also an enthusiastic supporter and sponsor of several high school athletic sports. With other local businessmen and golf enthusiasts, he was a founding member of Forest Hills Golf Club. As an avid outdoorsman, it was only natural that he would be involved in the start-up of the FL Ducks Unlimited Committee, serving as chairman of the annual membership and sponsor banquets. Bob and

Gwen have been faithful members of Faith Lutheran Church for more than 60 years. Bob served on the church council after the church burned and the current church was built on North Shore Drive.

Bob and Gwen had an active social life, bowling, golfing and playing whist and bridge, forging friendships to last a lifetime.

Bob enjoyed supporting his children in their activities. A loyal Minnesota Twins fan, Bob was a regular at the Forest Lake baseball field. He also enjoyed cheering his grandchildren as they participated in baseball, basketball, football, hockey and gymnastics.

An ardent sportsman, sitting in a duck blind or casting for walleye or sunfish with his friends and family was a real joy for him. Whether hunting in Minnesota, South Dakota or Canada, he enjoyed the camaraderie of friends and family. He made sure that his children knew how to filet a fish, weave a duck blind and dip ducks in wax, in preparation for defeathering. Leading by example, he taught his children and grandchildren so much about work ethic and always giving over 100 percent.

Ninety-three years young, Bob stayed vibrant through his continued interest in others, young and old. He was truly one-of-a-kind and we feel blessed to have known him.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Gwendolyn (Hansen) Johnson; a son, Richard (Rebecca) Johnson; daughters Debra (Dan) Campanaro and Jan (Earl) Dick; grandchildren Andrew (Yvonne) Schmidt, Alex Johnson, Sam Johnson, Matthew (Sarorn) Swanson, Cody Dick and Logan Dick; sisters-in-law, Jacqueline Johnson, Janet Gilbertson, Betty Hansen and Gwen Hansen; and nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Bob was preceded in death by a grandson, Nicholas Swanson; parents, Lewis and Ericka (Sjerstad) Johnson; a sister, Ruth Peterson and a brother, William Johnson.

Inurnment with VFW Post 4210 and American Legion Post 225 Military Honors was held at Faith Lutheran Columbarian, Forest Lake, MN.

**POLICE**

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up to the building, get out of the car, walk up to the door, walk back, sit down, put your seat belt on and drive to the next building," Nelsen said.

In addition to making patrols easier, the bikes also could save the UPD money. "Outside of the startup costs of around \$5,000, the mountain bikes will eliminate wear and tear on patrol cars, and reduce the amount of gas and maintenance costs annually," said UPD director Pete Jensen in a press release.

This summer, eight of the UPD's officers became certified to ride the bicycles on patrol.

Nelsen is one of only two officers in the state to be a certified International Police Mountain Bike Association (IPMBA) instructor, and provided the necessary training. The class takes a minimum of 32 hours, four days at eight hours per day, he said.

"You start at the very base level and you say, 'This is a bike and this is what it does, and this is how it works, these are the parts of it,' and you just kind of work up from there," Nelsen said. "By the end of the week

they're riding down stairs and up stairs and doing tactical maneuvers."

The process of becoming an IPMBA instructor is even more complicated, with a required 40-hour instructor class.

"It's pretty rigorous," Nelsen said. "The first thing we did when we got there was take a test over all the material, and you have to score at least a 90 percent on that material to even continue in the class."

"Then you have to do a basic riding portion that you have to pass right away," he said. "That involves just riding some cold courses so that they can make sure they know you know what you're doing."

The rest of the week is filled out with written material, more tests and presentations, he said.

Along with the mountain bikes, the UPD acquired a Polaris utility vehicle. It seats two and does not utilize fuel to travel on campus, running instead on electricity.

"These are good assets for us," said UPD assistant director Dallas Schnack in a press release. "If you see an officer on a mountain bike or driving the utility vehicle, it starts a conversation. You don't have that opportunity in a car. It's not the same."

**Fall community blood drive scheduled for Oct. 5**

Vermillion, SD- Sanford Vermillion Medical Center and Community Blood Bank will host a blood drive on Friday, October 5 from 10 am to 1 pm and 2:30 to 5:30 pm at Sanford Vermillion Medical Center. Community members are encouraged to help boost the fall blood supply.

Every three seconds someone in the United States needs the precious gift of blood. The only way to meet these needs is through the generosity of volunteer blood donors committed to donating blood at their local blood drive. Community Blood Bank uses 550 units of blood per week to service 30 local hospitals including Sanford Vermillion Medical Center.

"This blood drive will help with meet the needs of patients that use blood this fall at Sanford Vermillion Medical Center," states Ken Versteeg, Executive Director, Community Blood Bank. "We

invite those that have donated multiple times as well as first time donors. Donating blood is a simple way to impact multiple lives within the community."

Donors must be at least 17 years old (16 years old with a signed parent consent form found at [www.cbllifeblood.org](http://www.cbllifeblood.org)), weigh 110 pounds or more and be in good general health the day of the donation. Please bring an I.D with you.

It is recommended that a person eat and drink plenty of fluids prior to donating blood. For information call Community Blood Bank at 1-877-877-3070 or Sanford Vermillion Medical Center at 624-2611. Walk-ins are welcome.

Additional Donation Opportunity  
Monday Oct. 8  
Masaba, 1617 317th St., Vermillion  
8 a.m. to 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

**DONALD BREWER**

Donald "Donnie" Joe Brewer died Sept. 20, 2012 after a courageous battle with cancer. By his side, was his wife of 42.5 years, Connie Brewer.

Donnie was born July 28, 1952 in Yankton. He and Connie spent their last several years in Kentucky.

There will be a celebration of Donnie's life held at The Moose Lodge in Yankton, South Dakota on Oct. 13, at 4 p.m.

Don joins his father, Lyle Brewer; and brother, Dana; and is survived by his wife, Connie; children, Jason and Dree; daughter in law, Jonna; grandchildren, Ashley, Hunter and Myles; his mother, Nita June Scency; brother, Terry Brewer; and sisters, Shelly Baumgardner and Nita Troupe.



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**WILBUR BRUNICK**

Wilbur Wayne Brunick, 86, of Vermillion, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2012 at the Sanford Vermillion Hospital.

Wayne was born Oct. 6, 1925 in rural Vermillion to Lewis and Lillian (Brown) Brunick. He attended country school and joined the Navy serving during WWII. He married Laura Girard on Nov. 21, 1946 in Vermillion.

He worked for the city of Vermillion Water Department for 23 years until his retirement in 1987. He enjoyed his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, fishing, hunting and golfing and was a member of the Vermillion Volunteer Fire Department for 44 years.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Laura, of Vermillion; three sons, Doug (Rena) of Meckling, Larry (Darlene) of Eudora, KS and Paul (Ann) of Vermillion; two daughters, Mary (Chuck) Taggart and Tricia (Leo) Taggart, all of Vermillion; a brother, Marion Brunick of Lakeland, FL; and a sister, Vivian Mount of Volin. He is also survived by 18 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; a daughter-in-law, Ruth Bremer of Vermillion; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sons, Bruce, Tom and Donnie; a granddaughter, Laura Brunick; five brothers and three sisters.

Funeral Mass was 10: a.m. Saturday, Sept. 29 at the St. Agnes Catholic Church. Burial followed in the Calvary Cemetery in Vermillion. Visitation was from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at the Hansen Funeral Home in Vermillion. [hansenfuneralhome.com](http://hansenfuneralhome.com).