

# Obituaries

## Edward Allen Moeller

Edward Allen Moeller, 92, of Redfield, SD, passed away Wednesday, November 11, 2020, at the Community Memorial Hospital Avera in Redfield. Public visitation will be 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Monday, November 16, 2020, at St. Bernard Catholic Church in Redfield. Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 10:30

a.m. with military honors outside the church after the service. Reverend John Short will officiate. Interment will follow at a later date.

The Mass at 10:30 a.m. will be live-streamed to the funeral home's website. Masks and social distancing are recommended. Arrangements have been entrusted to

Hyke Funeral Home of Redfield. ([www.hykefuneralhome.com](http://www.hykefuneralhome.com))

On February 25, 1928, Edward Allen Moeller was born in Redfield, SD to Otto and Anna (Fink) Moeller. He attended Catholic school in Zell, SD until the eighth grade. In 1951, he joined the Marine Corps in San Diego, CA. He returned home to



the family farm in 1952. Edward married Villa

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## Charles Benjamin "Chuck" Sorensen

Charles Benjamin "Chuck" Sorensen, 73, of Moorhead, MN, passed away on Friday, November 6, 2020 in his home.

Chuck was born March 5, 1947 to Ralph and Nina (Pletcher) Sorensen in Volga, SD. He grew up and attended school in Redfield, SD. Following high school, he entered the Air Force and served three tours in Vietnam.

Chuck married Bonnie DeBoer on December 27, 1971 and was a proud father to Joelle and Audra and grandpa to Austin. He loved his family very much.

He was a long-time employee of Nash Finch in Sioux Falls, SD, and later transferred to their Fargo location where he worked until his retirement. The family made their home in Moorhead. Chuck was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Chuck was a dog lover and for years raised Schnauzers, Scotties and most recently a Corgi named Ty. He loved to tinker on cars and was an aquarist.

Chuck is survived by his brother, Neil (Kari)



Sorensen; sisters, Laura (Mike) Shelbourn and Jill (Ken) Hostetter; grandson, Austin Luetjens; sister-in-law, Barb Sorensen; brother-in-law, Ken Uhren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Bonnie; daughters, Joelle Sorensen, and Audra Luetjens; brother, Paul Sorensen and sister, Vivi-an Uhren.

Memorials in Chuck's honor can be made to your preferred charity.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Online guestbook, video tribute and updated service information will be available at [www.wrightfuneral.com](http://www.wrightfuneral.com)

## Marlene Sue (Olson) Forgey

Marlene Sue (Olson) Forgey, 84, of Redfield, SD passed away Sunday, November 15, 2020, at Avantara Redfield. Arrangements have been entrusted to and are pending with Hyke Funeral Home. ([www.hykefuneralhome.com](http://www.hykefuneralhome.com))

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# EDWARD ALLEN MOELLER/ from pg.1

Barton on February 11, 1956, in Mellette, SD. They loved to have a great time together and with family and friends. He enjoyed dancing, roller skating, roller blading, bike riding, golfing, fishing, camping, hunting, reading, boating, and snowmobiling. He was the best backhoe operator in Spink County. For many years, he

worked at Leinen's Construction and spent 15 years working for the county. He was known as a self-taught man. Edward was a proud 60 plus-year member of the American Legion, serving as Commander for many years. Grateful for sharing his life are his wife, Villa Moeller of Redfield; and children: Lana Francis of Herndon, VA; Steve

(Patty) Moeller of Creston, IA; Sandy (Jim) Rikard of Lawton, OK; and Lisa (Russ) Franks of Redfield. He is also survived by ten grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law: Dorothy Hahn, Linda Brunn, Donna Palmer; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Martin, Edwin, and Laurens;

sisters: Carolyn, Clara, and Edna; granddaughter Jessica Moeller; grandson Levi Zens; great-grandson Teague Miller; and son-in-law Joe Francis. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorials directed to the Clay Kiser American Legion Post #92 or the Alzheimer's Association of South Dakota.

# Maverick Dean Bickner

Maverick Dean Bickner, 19, of Kimball, SD passed away Thursday, November 5, 2020, near Kimball. A private family and friends memorial service is planned for 7:00 p.m. on Friday, November 13, 2020, at Hyke Funeral Home in Redfield. Pastor Harold Loewen will officiate. The service will be live-streamed to the

funeral home's website. Masks and social distancing are recommended. Arrangements have been entrusted to Hyke Funeral Home. (www.hykefuneralhome.com) On August 3, 2001, Maverick Dean Bickner was born in Aberdeen, SD to Rod William Bickner and Erin Fawn (Wipf) Mason. Growing up, he

called Doland, Kimball, and Watertown home. He was a proud member of the Doland High School Class of 2020. He was involved in Cub Scouts in Watertown, SD as a child, and in high school participated in FFA, Ag Class, and band.

Mechanically, Maverick had a gift. He worked on small engines, lawnmowers, go-karts, and vehicles. He was best known for his "redneck ingenuity." Farming was something Maverick enjoyed, and even though he despised moving bales, he always did it anyways. He would joke about feeding the "inmates" (cows) and he loved all four-legged critters. He looked forward to checking cows with Becky, tractor pulls, and treasure hunting with family.

Family and friends were very important to Maverick. Mav enjoyed hanging with the littles and his buddies, listening to groovy music, grilling and baked beans, and kay-

aking. His most memorable times were spent with Dirby, his cousin and best friend, and all his dear friends and family doing the things they were bound to get in trouble for later (but NO regrets!) "Maverick will be missed by all of us!! He loved every single one of us!"

He is survived by his dad Rod Bickner (Becky Walker, Braiden and Brynn Mahrt) of Kimball, SD; mom Erin Fawn (David Mason) and Mercedes (Ashten and Jaxon) Crook, Montana Bickner, all of Doland, SD, Madison Mason of Watertown, and Mackenzie Mason of Doland, SD; grandparents: Raymond and Susan Bickner; Gary and Carol Wipf; extra grandparents: Scott and Cindy Walker; and Zane and Brenda Mason; great-grandparents: Lois Bickner, Marie Pazour; and extra great-grandparents: Iza Walker, Phyllis Keillen, and Carol Ragatz. He is also survived by his

many aunts and uncles: Ira (Jahn) Schumacher; Jan (Scott) Huls; LeAnne (Dan) Bawek; Brandon (Kristin) Wipf and Dexter Wipf; cousins: Kelsey Olson; Blayne and Emily Schumacher; Alex and Ashley Huls; cousin and best friend Dirby Bawek; Jodyn and Bryxx Bawek; and Jake, Tillie, and Ajay Wipf; as well as his Doland High School Class of 2020 – Dirby, Tait, Taryn, Nate, Natasha, and Jewell.

He was preceded in death by Donald Bickner; Chester Pazour; AJ and Tillie Wipf; Duane, Frances, and Bonnie Ellis; Jenny Bickner; David Wipf; Eugene, Maxine, and Rosalie Mason; and Wayne Ragatz.

"Don't let who you used to be get in the way of who you are meant to be." - Author unknown Maverick wishes to thank all of us for all the love and support!

He's forever in all our hearts. He's still here if you STOP! Open your



eyes, slow down, listen and just feel....See what I mean?! That's Mav!!!

He's here, he's everywhere and in everything around us showing us his love for us! Pay attention! He hasn't gone anywhere! Don't miss it! It's important! He's the simple little things - all around us - the little things are the big things!

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# Donald Sheldon Bottum

Donald Sheldon Bottum of Redfield SD, formerly Tulare, SD passed away Sunday, November 8, 2020, at the Eastern Star Home. His public funeral service will be 2:00 pm, Saturday, November 14, 2020, at the Tulare United Church. Pastor Lorah Houser Jankord will officiate. There will be a Masonic service following funeral service at the church. Burial, with military honors, will be at the Burdette Cemetery west of Tulare after the Masonic service.

Visitation will be one

hour prior to the service at the church. Masks and social distancing are recommended. The funeral service will be live-streamed to the funeral home's website. Arrangements have been entrusted to Hyke Funeral Home of Redfield. ([www.hykefuneralhome.com](http://www.hykefuneralhome.com))

Donald Sheldon Bottum was born March 3, 1931, to Sheldon Gale and Ellen Mildred (Ladd) Bottum in Wessington, SD. He attended rural country school with his sisters through eighth grade, graduating from Redfield

High School in 1949.

He served with the 33rd Army band station in Germany from 1952 to 1954.

He married Marlene Schmidt on June 4, 1954, in Rockham, SD, and to this union, three children were born. He was a farmer his entire life and spent his life on the farm he was raised on until 2011 when he moved to town.

He enjoyed going to sporting events at the Tulare and Hitchcock-Tulare School when he was able and rarely missed a

ball game.

Donald was a past Tulare School Board Member, Tri Church Parish Board Member, and was the Burdette Twp. clerk for many years. He also enjoyed singing, singing in the church choir and men's quartet for many years.

Donald was a member of Tulare United Church, Tulare American Legion Post #292, Zenith Lodge #202 and Oasis Chapter Order of Eastern Star #128, Tulare.

Donald is survived by his children: Diane

(Doug)Tipton, Dwight (Ann) Bottum, both of Tulare and Dennis (Sylvana) Bottum of Melissa, TX. He is also survived by grandchildren: Christian Tipton, Colin (Charina) Tipton, Chad (Stephanie) Tipton, Tiff (Anna) Bottum, Tawny (Shannon) Kaup, Nicholas (Miquette) Bottum, Cassandra Bottum, Tristan Bottum, Tiara Bottum & Trishia Bottum. He is also survived by 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife in



2008, his parents, and his sisters: Geraldine Kasin, Mildred Trongard, and Alice Kaye; and also a great-grandson, Andrew Joseph Tipton.

# Charles "Chuck" M. Moffenbier



Charles "Chuck" M. Moffenbier, 86, of Aberdeen, passed away Tuesday, November 3, 2020, at his home, surrounded by family. Chuck's wishes were to be cremated and his memorial service will be 1:00 p.m., Monday, November 9, 2020, at Schriver's Memorial Mortuary and Crematory, 414 5th Avenue NW, Aberdeen, with Father Michael Griffin officiating.

Burial, with military rites, will follow at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Aberdeen. Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the service on Monday. Family and friends may sign Chuck's online guestbook and view his service via the live stream service link at [www.schrivermemorial.com](http://www.schrivermemorial.com). Chuck's family respectfully requests casual dress and the use of masks will be optional. Charles M. Moffenbier was born September 23, 1934, in Aberdeen, SD to Martin and Rozella (Marker) Moffenbier. He attended St. Mary's Parochial School and graduated from Aberdeen Central High School. Chuck was united in marriage to Kaylene Zens on May 1, 1957, in Aberdeen. One

month later, on June 6, 1957, he was inducted into the United States Army. Chuck completed basic training at Fort Hood Texas with the 4th Armored Division and spent the next 18 months serving his country in Germany. He received his Honorable Discharge with the rank of Sergeant in 1959 and returned to Aberdeen. Over the years, Chuck was employed at various places in Aberdeen including the Olwin Angell Store, Moffenbier's Cleaning Service, The Holiday Inn, and most recently, Walmart, before retirement.

Chuck was a life-long member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, where he served as an usher for many years. He was also a lifetime mem-

ber of VFW Post 17 in Aberdeen. In his younger years, Chuck loved coaching softball teams and always made the games fun for everyone. He also had a special place in his heart for children and enjoyed collecting pens, crayons, and notebooks and donating them to different grade schools in town. Blessed to have shared Chuck's life is his wife of 63 years, Kaylene Moffenbier; his children: Terry Moffenbier, Michael (Linda) Moffenbier, Deb Sterzinger (Charlie Mehlhaff), Mary (Scott) Weinzirl and David (Julie) Moffenbier; nine grandchildren: Daniel, Nicholas, and Hannah Moffenbier, Ryan Moffenbier, Lindsay Rodriguez, Jessica (Travis)

Anderson, Sarah (Fred) Ossanna, and Tyler and Jack Moffenbier; and his great-grandchildren. Chuck was preceded in

death by his parents, two brothers, and two sisters.

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# Earl Chesnik

On the morning of Sunday, November 1st, Earl Chesnik, age 86, lost his battle with mesothelioma. He was surrounded by his family at his home in Sauk Centre, Minnesota.

Earl was born to the late Frank and Margaret Chesnik on May 1, 1934 in West Allis, Wisconsin. His long and illustrious career in plumbing and heating started with Bud's Burner Service, a furnace cleaning company that Earl started while in high school, foreshadowing his savvy business skills later in life.

On September 12, 1953, at the age of 19, Earl married the love of his life, Sharon Lynn Rau. Earl and Sharon (Sherry) met a year earlier at the Riverside ice skating rink on the east side of Milwaukee. They shared 67 years of marriage together. Yes,

you read that right - 67 years of marriage. Earl's unconditional love for his beloved Sherry is everlasting.

Earl and Sherry became a family of four with the birth of their daughter, Carrie (born 1957), and son, Kevin (born 1959). In the summer of 1961, Earl and his family headed for Redfield, South Dakota. Redfield would never be the same.

Earl first worked in Redfield as a do-it-all furnace serviceman before building two successful businesses: Dakota Sheet Metal and NCK Developers. Earl was a skilled contractor and built a reputation for being able to do everything from install plumbing for a bathroom to repair a broken furnace to design the layout of an entire building.

Earl left his mark not

only on the buildings he built but the lives he changed. He believed strongly in helping your fellow neighbor. He turned his belief into action by becoming actively involved in and nationally recognized for his civic engagement. Drive through Redfield and you'll see Earl Chesnik's legacy all over this small South Dakotan town. Earl set up subdivisions for low-income housing, created the town's business park, and built the Star Nursing Home for the elderly. Earl was also involved in local politics in Spink County, he served twice as the South Dakota Delegate for the National Democratic Party Convention and he was the Chairman of the South Dakota State Democratic Party in 1976. Multiple past Governors from numerous states wrote Earl letters of commendation, acknowledging the positive impact that he made on his community. There is no replacing Earl, that's for sure, but the world could definitely use more Earl Chesnik's in it right now.

Earl enjoyed teaching gun safety to youth and would spend the third Saturday morning of every October driving out to the dirt gravel road leading up to Wayne Nelson's farm to pheasant hunt with his son. Kevin also remembers the time he traveled 130 miles to Sisseton, South Dakota with his high school bas-

ketball team for a game only to arrive and realize that he forgot his uniform and thought he wouldn't be able to play. But Kevin had Earl as a father, and right on cue, Earl was there to meet him when he got off the school bus, his son's basketball uniform in hand.

In 1978, Earl sold both of his businesses, packed everything up in storage, and hit the road with Sherry. They traveled the country together as Earl built motel after motel - first with Super 8 Corporation in Virginia, Georgia, and Maryland; next with Thorolson's in Idaho, Ohio, Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, and Kansas; and finally with Spirit Hospitality in Colorado and Wyoming. In a contest of "who's visited more states," Earl would probably win. During his time in construction, Earl worked his way from being a Superintendent to a Project Manager to a Developer and Consultant, a testament to how well he knew his craft.

In 2009, at the age of 76 (yes, he really was still building motels in his mid-seventies!), Earl decided to retire after working on a whopping 36 different motel building projects. He settled down with Sherry in the beautiful, three-story house he built himself (I mean, are you surprised?) fourteen years prior on a five-acre lot in Sauk Centre, Minnesota. If I could draw you a picture

of Earl and Sherry's final house, you would see a quiet road leading up to a cozy house in the country with a full wrap around porch sitting on top of a hill surrounded by red oak and birch trees, the "ladies" as Earl called them, whose leaves would whistle in the wind. It was as if that house had Earl's personality built into it.

Next to this picturesque house was a separate completely furnished workshop, home to Earl's 2,500 (I'm not exaggerating, okay maybe a little) different tools. It's more of a tool palace, actually. Earl was a connoisseur of tools. If you needed a circular saw or a sheet metal break, Earl had it, and he knew how to use it. His extensive builder knowledge came quite in handy when he was called upon to put up drywall in his granddaughter's basement or give his son advice for fitting a new kitchen sink. When in doubt, we called Earl. He would know what to do.

Beyond Earl's handyman skills and infamous collection of tools, he also collected baseball hats. He had nearly 100 different baseball hats, many of which lined every inch of his home office. But his signature hat was the classic cowboy hat. You would always know when Earl entered the room. His presence was captivating.

When Earl was young, he had an unparalleled thirst for learning. He



absolutely loved reading history books, especially books on World War I and World War II. He passed his love of history on to his son. If you ever caught them in a conversation, you'd hear them both rattle off historic dates and places without breaking a sweat. It was quite impressive. Like father, like son.

Earl's thirst for learning stayed with him his entire life. In his later years, he wanted to keep with the times so he learned how to text, email, and use the internet. When Facebook became a thing, Earl was on it. He set up his profile account and would send Facebook messages to his family members, all of whom would chuckle when they received his messages because they secretly knew Earl was better at Facebook than they were! Earl believed you never stopped learning, and he certainly lived up to it.

If you haven't caught on yet that he was a special guy, Earl was a member of the Lions Club, **EARL CHESNIK/** pg.4

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# EARL CHESNIK

Kiwanis Club, Jaycee's, and Redfield, South Dakota Chamber of Commerce. If you were lucky enough to know Earl, you knew of his kind heart, the smirk he would make when trying not to laugh, and the passion he poured into everything he did. He was known for giving the biggest of hugs. When he hugged you, he really hugged you. We are all giving him the biggest hug back today.

Earl is survived by his wife Sherry, his two children, Carrie and Kevin, his daughter-in-law, Connie, his sister Marilyn and brother-in-law Jerry, his nephew Ben and niece-in-law Shannon, and his three grandchildren, Kelly, Hayley, and Valerie. Earl relished his role as "Grandpa Bud" to his grandchildren. They shared a mutual love for breakfast food with their Grandpa and they will

always remember their many outings to Truckers in Sauk Centre to stuff their faces with eggs, hash browns, and jumbo-sized pancakes. They will never look at a stack of juicy buttermilk pancakes again without thinking fondly of their Grandpa's face. If you're reading this and thinking that pancakes sound like a good idea for dinner tonight, I think Earl would support your decision.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be sent to the Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation (<https://www.curemeso.org/donate/>) in honor of his memory.

We love you, Bud. We miss you deeply. Until we meet again. Hugs and Kisses.

# Gertrude C. Hahler

Gertrude C. Hahler, 102, of Redfield and formerly of Wecota, went to be with her heavenly Father, Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at the Eastern Star Home, Redfield.

Private family services will be held on Friday, November 6, 2020, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Wecota, with Pastor Colin Ford and Pastor Peter Utecht presiding. Burial will follow at the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Wecota.

Gertrude Clara Joachim was born to Christian and Beata (Bauer) Joachim

on October 30, 1917 at Venturia, ND. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. At an early age, she moved with her parents to Delmont, SD and later to Agar. This is where she grew up and attended school, graduating from Agar High School in 1935.

Gertrude attended Northern Normal, Aberdeen, for one year and received a first-grade teaching certificate. She taught in rural schools for six years.

She met William Hahler of the Wecota area, and they were married in

1942. They lived on the farm and this is where their children Gary, Diann, and Donald were raised.

Gertrude was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, L.W.M.L., and American Legion Auxiliary. She taught Sunday school and was a 4-H leader.

Having a garden, canning, baking, sewing, quilting, crocheting afghans, and doing crossword puzzles were things she enjoyed.

After her husband's untimely death in 1970,

Gertrude continued to live on the farm until 2009 when she moved to Redfield to be closer to her daughter.

Survivors are her children: Gary Hahler, Ipswich, Diann (Alan) Steinheuser, Redfield, and Donald Hahler, Faulkton; brother, Paul Joachim, Kalamath Falls, OR; sister-in-law, Audrey Joachim, Milbank; five grandchildren: Melanie Hahler, Kristin Esser, Kendra (Chad) Huff, Colton (Alex) Hahler, and Kylee Amato; six great grandchildren; and many

nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death was her husband, William; her parents; brothers: Walter, Victor, and Benjamin; half-sisters: Bertha Peters and Olga Gohr; and daughters-in-law: Jewel Hahler and Barbara Hahler.

Memorials may be directed to Immanuel Lutheran Church, PO Box 106, Wecota, SD 57438 and Messiah Lutheran Church, 225 1st St E, Redfield SD 57469.

Luce Funeral Home of Faulkton has been entrusted with Gertrude's



arrangements. ([www.familyfuneralhome.net](http://www.familyfuneralhome.net))

# Tom Christiansen

Tom Christiansen (T.C) died 11/6/2020. Born 11/19/31 in Redfield, South Dakota to "Cap" and Ann Christiansen. He is survived by his sister Eleanor and her family and by the family of his deceased sister Betty.

Graduated from high school, college and served in the United States Navy. Tom worked when he had to and recreated all he could; liking all kinds of fishing, flying and chasing birds with his best friend (his dog) Sally!

Life was good!

Tom and Sally's ashes will be dispersed along the Missouri River near Hardy Bridge.

There will be no services

**"Time in its aging course changes all things."  
— Unknown**





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# LeRoy Stapp

LeRoy Stapp, 87, of Redfield, SD, went to be with the Lord, Friday, November 13, 2020. LeRoy had been residing at the Eastern Star Home in Redfield.

A private family funeral will take place Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at the Greenlawn Cemetery in Redfield. Pastor Melissa Rowenhorst will officiate the service. Out of safety concerns, no visitation will take place.

LeRoy was born October 28, 1933, at the home-stead and farm of Ted and Tillie (Neu) Stapp in rural Rockham, SD. LeRoy attended grade school at a country school and high school in Redfield, SD. He met and dated the love of his life Ginny Eidsness in high school and they married on April 5, 1952, in Redfield. LeRoy and Ginny began farming with LeRoy's parents. They resided at

Ted and Tillie's home for three years. They then moved to Rockham in 1955 and lived there until 1966 with their three girls, Marty, Brenda, and Sheila. In 1966, they moved back to the farm. In 1993, Ginny and LeRoy moved to Redfield. LeRoy continued to farm and ranch into his 70's. LeRoy welcomed and loved the partnership of his son-in-law, Mark Muellenberg. They made

quite a team, as both had the same work ethic and were very committed to their farm and ranch. Both enjoyed moving their cattle on horses and LeRoy continued to ride bareback into his 70's. Their cattle were their pride and joy.

LeRoy was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. Ginny kept LeRoy active on their social calendar! LeRoy was a loyal friend. The tightknit and rural communities of Rockham and Redfield offered lifelong friendships. The friends worshiped, danced, and shared life's celebrations and losses together.

LeRoy's daughters always knew they were loved and supported. In those times, the mothers often had the role of the day to day schedules and activities for their children, but LeRoy would always show up and be there for them! He was very proud of all three of his daughters. He taught his daughters by example that hard work and honesty build respectability. He was a strong man of faith with strong morals and respected by many.

LeRoy enjoyed his grandchildren immensely. He enjoyed having them in their home and

attending their events. He loved them all very much.

LeRoy loved the outdoors. He enjoyed hunting and took yearly trips to the Black Hills to hunt. He traveled to Alaska for a fishing trip with his son-in-law, Steve Kalkman, and very much enjoyed that experience.

LeRoy served on the Rockham Elevator Board and the United Methodist Church Board. His most favorite social outing, however, was early morning coffee with the guys!

LeRoy is survived by his daughters: Sheila Muellenberg, Redfield, SD; Brenda (Terry) Schmidt, Watertown, SD; and Marty (Steve) Kalkman, Rapid City, SD. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Heather (Chris) Rude; Heidi (Gabe) Gehrke; Michelle (Shawn) Poe; Stephanie (Jan) Stenstadvolden; and Kristina Kalkman. He is survived by his great-grandchildren: Ella Rude-Peterson, Brody and Grady Rude; Tillie and Jack Gehrke; Calista and Elise Poe; Anders and Owen Stenstadvolden; Lilly and Waverly Seale, and Natalie White. He is also survived by his brother LaDell (Lani) Stapp; sister-in-law Lois Stemper; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins of the Stapp, Neu, and



Eidsness families.

He is preceded in death by his wife Ginny (Eidsness) Stapp, parents Ted & Tillie Stapp, sister Dorthea Schmidt, and son-in-law, Mark Muellenberg.

Memorials will go to the Future Farmers of America, Redfield United Methodist Church, and numerous other non-profits.

No flowers are requested. Family or friends are welcome to order a balloon with a message to be released at the cemetery. If interested, please call Country Classic Floral Shoppe at 605-472-1125.

The family is planning a celebration of LeRoy's life in the spring.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Hyke Funeral Home of Redfield. ([www.hykefuneralhome.com](http://www.hykefuneralhome.com))

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# J. Lorene Barbee

J. Lorene Barbee, 92, of Redfield formerly of Harrold/Highmore area, passed away Friday, November 6, 2020 at Avantara Redfield Nursing Home in Redfield.

A private funeral service will be held at the Church of Christ in Highmore with Pastor Jeffry McKean officiating. Burial will follow at the Medicine Hill Cemetery. The family invites all to watch the service live at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, November 14, 2020 on the funeral home website.

J. Lorene Blount was born in Rotan, TX April 20, 1928 to William Earnest and Eula (Baltzell) Blount. She attended school in Rotan until her 10th grade. Her family moved to Goodlett, TX where their mom ran the telephone office and Lorene met her future husband. She graduated high school in Goodlett, with the honor of Class Valedictorian.

Lorene Blount married Hulan Barbee in Goodlett, TX December 27, 1944. Larry and Mary were born in TX. They lived in Goodlett until 1951 when they moved to a farm near Onida, SD, where Roger was born. In 1954, they moved to a farm north of Harrold, SD where they remained until 1982. Lori, Teri, and Cary were born while living at Harrold. The family moved into Harrold in 1982. Cary was the only one at home by then. Hulan and Lorene purchased

a house in Highmore in 1995, then returned to Harrold in 2008. They moved to Lakeside Assisted Living, Redfield, SD in 2014. Hulan passed away in 2016 and Lorene moved to Avantara in 2018 where she resided until her death.

Hulan and Lorene were delivered a huge blow when a soldier arrived at their house on June 10, 1969 to tell them their oldest son, Larry, had been killed in combat, June 6, in Viet Nam.

Lorene had many jobs through the years, besides being a mother and farmwife. She raised chickens to sell eggs during the 60's. She sold eggs to Crossman Hatchery in Miller and several places in Pierre, including St. Mary's Hospital and Fischer's Grocery in Ft. Pierre. The kids got involved in all aspects of the work including delivering eggs, learning to count change in the process. She also babysat, worked in the Harrold Post Office, and at the Highmore Nursing Home.

Lorene was well-known for her tasty homemade pies. When Harrold celebrated its Centennial in 1986, she was the chairperson for the food committee and organized the picnic for that celebration.

One of Lorene's favorite pastimes was visiting with her many friends. There were lots of laughs when they met for birth-

days or for any reason to have coffee.

Lorene made some unique Christmas presents for her five children over the years. She made quilts for each one using Larry's uniforms from the military and service station work. She put together a huge photo album for each one, chronicling their life and history in pictures starting with their great-grandparents. Another year she gifted recipe books containing all the family favorites. She rewrote her own recipes that contained instructions of two drags of flour, three fingers of sugar, etc., measuring those items so the recipes made sense and could actually be used to make those favorite dishes! She was quite creative.

Lorene was an avid quilter and sewer. She spent many hours at her sewing machine making quilts for every family member, patching and altering clothing for friends and neighbors.

Lorene loved music, mostly listening to Christian gospel & anything Texas. After living in SD nearly 70 years people still asked where she was from because she never lost her southern accent.

Lorene was a lifelong and faithful member of the Church of Christ and firmly believed in the promise of eternal life in heaven.

She is survived by children: Mary Nagel, Gettysburg, Roger



Barbee, Karnes City, TX, Lori (Tom) Mattheis, Ellendale, ND, Teri (Mark) Rosenberg, Redfield, Cary Barbee, Redfield; grandchildren: Kim (John) Christensen, Brandon (Kelli) Nagel, Kara (Jedrey) Baumann, Ben (Kerry) Barbee, Robert Barbee, Brian Barbee, Justin Davies, Jenna Barbee, Allison (Troy) Radermacher, Jared Kuehn, Bryce (Mariah) Barbee; great grandchildren: Peyton, Olivia, Emma Christensen, Kaden Cronin, Claire, Foster Baumann, Nadia, Gabriel, Lillian Barbee, Alan Barbee, Camryn, Braden Radermacher; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by her parents: Earnest and Eula Blount; husband, Hulan; son, Larry; son-in-law, Larry Nagel; grandson, Chad; great granddaughter, Alexandria; brother, Bill Blount; sisters: Lillian Stephens, Marie Carmichael, Nadine Westmoreland.

Luze Funeral Home of Highmore has been entrusted with Lorene's arrangements. Visit [www.familyfuneralhome.net](http://www.familyfuneralhome.net)

**“Time is an available instrument for reaching the eternal.”**  
— John W. Lynch



**“VIRTUAL” Annual Members Meeting**

**FRIDAY, December 4, 2020**

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## Agenda

**Business Meeting.....1:00 PM**

**Officer's Reports**

**Audit Report**

**General Manager's Report**

*Prizes will be drawn throughout the “Virtual” Annual Meeting for those participating and will be mailed out at a later date!*

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# Cecil Matthew Francis Yungwirth

Cecil Matthew Francis Yungwirth, age 80, of Redfield, SD passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 14, 2020, in Redfield. His funeral service will be 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2020, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Redfield. Masks and social distancing are required at the church. The service will be live-streamed to the church's Facebook page. Reverend Brian Wasmoen will officiate. Interment will follow at Greenlawn

Cemetery in Redfield. Arrangements have been entrusted to Hyke Funeral Home. (www.hykefuneralhome.com)

Cecil was born March 29, 1940, in Redfield, SD to Joseph and Anna Marie Struver-Yungwirth.

He was married to Kathy Larson and was preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Anna, brother James, and first wife Ruth of 25 years.

Cecil grew up on the family farm, went to country school, and

eventually public school. In high school Cecil was proud to be one of the first in his class to drive. He was always bound and determined to have a nice car. He loved mechanics and loved to create with his hands. After his father passed, he was a dutiful son to his mother and put her needs above his own personal life.

Cecil worked on the family farm until the early eighties after his mother passed. He moved to Redfield with his wife

Ruth and worked at St. John Welding for approximately 15 years. Following his welding job, he worked in sales for an over the road travel insurance company for a short time before he retired.

Cecil married Kathy in 2007 and enjoyed thirteen years of marriage together. Cecil learned how to navigate the large family he inherited and enjoyed playing dominoes with family and good friends Bill and Jane Newton. They traveled to Minne-

sota, Montana, Washington, and other small trips to visit family until his health began to decline.

Cecil is survived by his wife Kathy; niece Autumn Spletto and husband Dave; nephews: Dennis, Patrick, and Joe Yungwirth; cousins: Doris Berkey, Shirley and Sharon Jungwirth; five great nieces and nephews; as well as many distant cousins and relatives.

Stepfamily members include Lisa Larson (Doug), Rick Larson (Julie), Paul



Larson (Sarah), Dan, Greg (Lisa) and Susan; thirteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

## Pastor's Column: Godspell

*Dear Friends –*

How many of you are old enough to remember Godspell? Godspell was an Off-Broadway musical in the early 1970's and the music from it formed the soundtrack of my teen years. I even owned the album. How many of you are old enough to remember albums? Godspell is based on the Gospel of Matthew and although I like a lot of the songs the one that has been swirling in my brain is All Good Gifts. This thanks giving song was written by John-Michael Teblak and Stephen Schwartz and the lyrics are:

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land

But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand

He sends us snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain

*The breezes and the sunshine and soft refreshing rain*

*All good gifts around us, are sent from Heaven above*

*So thank the Lord, oh, thank the Lord for all His love*

*We thank Thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good*

*The seed time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food*

*No gifts have we to offer for all Thy love imparts*

*But that which Thou desirest, our humble thankful hearts*

*All good gifts around us, are sent from Heaven above*

*So thank the Lord, oh, thank the Lord for all His love*

I really wanna thank You Lord

As we approach the holiday of Thanks-

giving, we know that it will not be the same as in years past. Our family usually has four generations sitting around the food laden table but this year our elders, who live in a place with tight restrictions due to the pandemic, will probably not attend. I know... this seems pretty trite when there are so many elders missing the holidays due to death. I also know that it seems counterintuitive to celebrate Thanksgiving with an undercurrent of lament. Paul's words in I Thessalonians encourage us to "Rejoice always... pray constantly and give thanks for everything." Everything? Another translation puts it this way "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing; give thanks in all circumstances." That seems at least closer to doable. All Good Gifts mentions seed time and harvest, life, health,

and food. Those are all circumstances where tragedy can and does happen but even then we have something for which to be thankful and that is for God's love. How many of you remember acting unlovable? (I knew I'd finally get you all to raise your hands.) God loves us even when we act unlovable. God loves us even when we lament. God loves us when we don't deserve it. No gifts have we to offer for all Thy love imparts

But that which Thou desirest, our humble thankful hearts.

**Peace, Pastor Lorah Houser Jankord, Tulare United Church (UCC and UMC)**

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