In memoriam

April 2020

Sioux City Journal
LaVonne R. Abelson  
SIoux City  
Feb. 23, 1931 - March 25, 2020

Kenneth Amick  
Formerly Of  
Sioux City/Neenah, WI  
Died Feb. 28, 2020

Janet M. Baack  
Le Mars  
June 28, 1951 - March 9, 2020

Bradley Bartels  
AvA/Formerly Of  
Dakota City  
June 13, 1950 - Feb. 28, 2020

Garry O. Allen  
Sloan  
May 23, 1944 - March 11, 2020

Mary Jane Anderson  
Sioux City  
Oct. 8, 1925 - Jan. 31, 2020

Randy L. Bachman  
Ponca, NE  
Nov. 1, 1949 - Feb. 1, 2020

Jeannette E. Beekman  
Dakota City  
April 28, 1936 - Feb. 5, 2020

Millie (Plotkin) Altman  
Formerly Of  
Sioux City/Omaha, NE  
Died Feb. 12, 2020

Hulda “Polly” Anfinson  
Pierson  
Aug. 6, 1922 - March 14, 2020

W.O. “Bill” Barbee  
Formerly Of Sioux City/Wichita, KS  
Jan. 14, 1927 - Feb. 22, 2020

Col. Elliott Benson  
Formerly Of  
Sioux City/Monument, CO  
April 30, 1958 - Jan. 29, 2020

Becky A. Amick  
Sioux City  
June 16, 1955 - March 11, 2020

Gilles Denis Arsenault  
South Sioux City  
June 17, 1945 - March 8, 2020

Gloria “Jean” Barclay  
Sioux City  
July 6, 1942 - Feb. 3, 2020

Robert “Bob” Berger  
Gillet Grove  
Died Feb. 7, 2020
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Mary Kay Berigan
CINCINNATI, OH/
FORMERLY OF OMAHA, NE
Nov. 30, 1930 - Feb. 7, 2020

Harold C. Bose
SIoux CITY
Nov. 17, 1932 - March 19, 2020

Sheryl Kay Burkhart
SALIX
Died Feb. 16, 2020

John K. Cimino
FORMERLY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY/LONE JACK, MO
Feb. 3, 1949 - March 20, 2020

Frances M. Conrad
PONCA, NE
Sept. 8, 1932 - Feb. 27, 2020

Marie Cownie
SIoux CITY
Jan. 27, 1936 - March 13, 2020

Kenneth H. Bern
CHEROKEE
May 29, 1927 - March 24, 2020

Rita M. Brassfield
SERGEANT BLUFF
Dec. 16, 1924 - Feb. 14, 2020

Karroll Carson
SIoux CITY
May 17, 1923 - March 1, 2020

Guy L. Clark
SIoux CITY
June 8, 1960 - Feb. 15, 2020

Ralph R. Cook
SIoux CITY
June 12, 1938 - Feb. 11, 2020

Marjorie M. Dagle
HAWARDEN
July 20, 1922 - Feb. 11, 2020

Elizabeth “Betty”
Bernard
DAKOTA DUNES
July 31, 1926 - Feb. 24, 2020

James M. “Jim” Bride
SIoux CITY
Nov. 16, 1931 - Feb. 21, 2020

Dr. Rene J. Chicoine
FORMERLY OF SIOUX CITY/ COLORADO SPRINGS, CO
Aug. 22, 1947 - March 2, 2020

Jane Cochran
NORFOLK, NE
Oct. 4, 1928 - Jan. 25, 2020

Ruth J. Cook
MAPLETON
March 11, 1932 - March 11, 2020

Douglas L. D’Agostino
SIoux CITY
March 10, 1961 - Feb. 10, 2020

Doris “Dickie” Brooks
LE MARS/FORMERLY OF BRUNSVILLE
March 16, 1923 - March 9, 2020

Donna Sexton
CHRESTENSEN
SIoux CITY
Dec. 8, 1935 - Feb. 2, 2020

Donna R. Conner
SIoux CITY
Jan. 26, 1946 - March 6, 2020

Freda M. Coury
SIoux CITY
Nov. 9, 1924 - March 10, 2020

Connie Dahl
FORMERLY OF SIOUX CITY/SIOUX FALLS, SD
Oct. 23, 1947 - Feb. 20, 2020

Ruth P. Black
HORNICK
May 16, 1927 - Feb. 16, 2020

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FORMERLY OF SIOUX CITY/SIOUX FALLS, SD
Oct. 23, 1947 - Feb. 20, 2020
Joseph A. Dailey  
SIoux City  
Aug. 18, 1961 - March 8, 2020

Kerry L. DeWitt  
SIoux City  
Dec. 11, 1965 - Feb. 28, 2020

Marjorie Dupic  
SIoux City  
Nov. 30, 1927 - Feb. 9, 2020

Jessica Marie Fischer  
SIoux City  
Sept. 21, 1995 - Feb. 6, 2020

Mona Mary “Nick” Georgesen  
Hubbard, NE  
March 4, 1940 - Feb. 9, 2020

Craig A. Dangler  
Dakota City  
Died Feb. 13, 2020

John “Jack” Dillon  
South Sioux City  
Dec. 24, 1945 - Feb. 5, 2020

Richard “Rich” Warren Ellison  
Lawton  
April 8, 1942 - Feb. 20, 2020

Robin K. Ford  
SIoux City  
June 28, 1960 - Feb. 18, 2020

Andrew “Andy” Godbersen  
SIoux City  
May 15, 1962 - Feb. 6, 2020

Marilyn A. Daniels  
SIoux City  
Dec. 16, 1936 - Feb. 22, 2020

Harold G. Drapeau  
SIoux City  
June 11, 1941 - March 12, 2020

Dolores M. Engle  
Sergeant Bluff  
Dec. 31, 1924 - March 25, 2020

Richard “Dick” Thomas Hansen  
SIoux City  
Jan. 9, 1948 - March 26, 2020

Mona Mary “Nick” Georgesen  
Hubbard, NE  
March 4, 1940 - Feb. 9, 2020

Andrew “Andy” Godbersen  
SIoux City  
May 15, 1962 - Feb. 6, 2020

Dean A. Dufek  
Rosalie, NE  

Genevieve R. Evans  
Formerly of  
SIoux City/Arlington, TX  
Oct. 25, 1927 - Feb. 20, 2020

Elaine I. Gebhardt  
Formerly of  
SIoux City/Mason, OH  
Oct. 6, 1921 - March 12, 2020

Elizabeth Grieve  
Formerly of  
SIoux City/Omaha, NE  
Feb. 27, 1921 - Feb. 25, 2020

Loren “Larry” Dale Gordon  
Formerly of  
Correctionville/St. Joseph, MO  
July 28, 1937 - Feb. 22, 2020

Karolyn Kay Haveman  
Formerly of  
Whiting/Kansas City, MO  
Died Jan. 31, 2020
IN MEMORIAM

Gladys I. Hedquist
SOUTH SIOUX CITY
Jan. 5, 1922 - Feb. 29, 2020

Ronald Chris Heyl
SIoux City
Nov. 23, 1950 - Feb. 26, 2020

Barbara J. Hutchinson
ONAWA
Nov. 28, 1923 - Feb. 8, 2020

David J. Johnson
SIoux City
Sept. 19, 1972 - Feb. 23, 2020

James D. “Jim” Karr
FORMERLY OF
SIoux City/Armour, SD
Dec. 26, 1942 - Feb. 21, 2020

Robert T. Kingsbury
SIoux City
June 29, 1936 - Feb. 17, 2020

Dr. John Cornelius Heffernan
GRIMES
April 10, 1948 - March 14, 2020

Mildred “Millie” J. Hogan
NORTH SIOUX CITY
March 26, 1929 - Feb. 18, 2020

Colleen (O’Brien) Jackson
FORMERLY OF SCHLESWIG/ MARSHALL, MO
Aug. 9, 1960 - Feb. 9, 2020

Steven Kluthe Keairns
SIoux City
Jan. 23, 1956 - Feb. 26, 2020

Charles Michael Klink
SIoux City
July 5, 1961 - March 16, 2020

Gloria Hegenbart
FORMERLY OF
SIoux City/OMAHA, NE
Aug. 25, 1925 - Jan. 31, 2020

Lorraine F. Hovde
SIoux City
Jan. 12, 1927 - March 13, 2020

Marianne “Mary” Jensen
ELK POINT, SD
Sept. 11, 1919 - March 9, 2020

Donald A. Johnson
SIoux City
Jan. 24, 1931 - March 12, 2020

Ramona Rowe Kelly
SIoux City
Nov. 17, 1924 - Feb. 17, 2020

Junille Knaack
CORRECTIONVILLE
Feb. 3, 1941 - Feb. 6, 2020

Emma Louise Hewitt
SIoux City
April 3, 1946 - Feb. 12, 2020

Donald M. Hungerford
SPIRIT LAKE/ FORMERLY OF HILL
Dec. 22, 1942 - Jan. 27, 2020

Alan Jurgen Jepsen
FORMERLY OF SIoux CITY/ATLANTIC
April 12, 1941 - Jan. 26, 2020

Maxine A. Jones
FORMERLY OF
SIoux City/LOVES PARK, IL
June 13, 1928 - Dec. 22, 2019

Laura L. (Pottebaum) King
SIoux City
Nov. 11, 1963 - Feb. 15, 2020

Fonda P. Kooistra
INWOOD
Died Feb. 12, 2020

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Landry - Mueller

Dorothy Marie Landry
SIoux City
May 24, 1924 - March 13, 2020

Randall W. Lilly
SIoux City
April 24, 1941 - Feb. 9, 2020

Daniel Mahr
Formerly of
SIoux City/Topeka, KS
Sept. 21, 1951 - March 11, 2020

Dale K. McMahan
Elk Point, SD
Aug. 30, 1951 - March 12, 2020

Dwight Wayne Moats
Marcus
Aug. 26, 1936 - Feb. 20, 2020

Richard Arthur Morgan
SIoux City
July 24, 1925 - March 13, 2020

Sharon La Tourette
SIoux City
June 19, 1943 - March 10, 2020

Phyllis Lou Lorenzen
IDA Grove
Jan. 16, 1930 - March 4, 2020

April Malone
SIoux City
Jan. 10, 1960 - March 1, 2020

Lois J. Meier
South SIoux City
May 12, 1934 - Feb. 27, 2020

Barbara Joan Moore
SIoux City
Jan. 29, 1943 - Feb. 20, 2020

William Robert
“Bob” Morley
SIoux City
Sept. 13, 1951 - March 27, 2020

Annette T. Lethcoe
SIoux City
Oct. 15, 1932 - Feb. 21, 2020

Erna Lorig
Formerly of
SIoux City/Eugene, OR
Sept. 28, 1923 - March 21, 2020

Margaret “Marge” Massey
SIoux City
April 21, 1938 - Feb. 25, 2020

Arnold “Bruce” Menuey
South SIoux City
April 22, 1936 - Feb. 4, 2020

Pamela Sherilyn Moore
South SIoux City
Aug. 18, 1951 - Feb. 21, 2020

Barbara L. Mueller
Formerly of SIoux City/Weston, WI
Aug. 19, 1929 - Feb. 7, 2020

Cody A. Lethcoe
SIoux City
Aug. 5, 1990 - Feb. 25, 2020

Marlene May Luse
SIoux City
Aug. 21, 1942 - Feb. 19, 2020

Beverly J. McCallister
Formerly of
SIoux City/Remsen
March 6, 1926 - Feb. 14, 2020

Frances E. Mikkelsen
SIoux City
Sept. 21, 1919 - Feb. 21, 2020

Ione Beryl Morgan
SIoux City
Dec. 2, 1927 - March 19, 2020

Mary E. Mueller
Le Mars
Aug. 31, 1931 - Feb. 16, 2020

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SIoux City/Eugene, OR
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Le Mars
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Muller - Pettit

Maryann Muller
FORMERLY OF
ONAWA/WHITING
Feb. 1, 1922 - March 18, 2020

Margaret M. “Meg” Nelson
SIOUX CITY
July 23, 1948 - Feb. 28, 2020

Ann M. Nye
AKRON
Oct. 12, 1960 - March 8, 2020

Dorothy A. O’Meara
FORMERLY OF GALVA/
ROCHESTER, MN
Nov. 11, 1931 - March 25, 2020

Florence Jane Pearson
SIOUX CITY
April 14, 1932 - Feb. 2, 2020

Milton “Milt” Peters
SOUTH SIOUX CITY
May 19, 1930 - March 9, 2020

Keith A. Murkins
SIOUX CITY
June 17, 1950 - Feb. 19, 2020

Helen J. Newberg
FORMERLY OF SIOUX CITY
Nov. 8, 1930 - Feb. 16, 2020

Thomas R. Oehlerking
SERGEANT BLUFF
Died Feb. 15, 2020

Emily L. Otte
SUTHERLAND
March 30, 1930 - Feb. 8, 2020

Mahlon S. Pekarek
BLENCOE
March 11, 1939 - Feb. 15, 2020

Curtis Larry “Pete” Petersen
SIOUX CITY
Nov. 1, 1943 - March 11, 2020

Dr. Bramlett Murphy
FORMERLY OF SIOUX CITY/OXFORD, MS
Died Feb. 17, 2020

Martin “Marty” Nichols
SIOUX CITY
Nov. 27, 1967 - March 21, 2020

Esther Olivier
SIOUX CENTER
Sept. 8, 1927 - March 5, 2020

Lyda Van Otterloo
ROCK VALLEY
Died Feb. 11, 2020

Donald Perera
SIOUX CITY
July 12, 1955 - Feb. 9, 2020

Louise E. Peterson
SIOUX CITY
March 12, 1945 - March 11, 2020

Mary Murray-Hollenbeck
SALIX
Oct. 29, 1939 - Feb. 18, 2020

Carl Norberg
FORMERLY OF HAWARDEN/
HIGHLANDS RANCH, CO
Jan. 25, 1933 - March 22, 2020

Trygve “Trig” Olund
SIOUX CITY
May 30, 1930 - Jan. 29, 2020

Georgia “Jo” Mae Parker
SIOUX CITY
Nov. 12, 1958 - Feb. 20, 2020

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SIOUX CITY
March 9, 1922 - March 2, 2020

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SIOUX CITY
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SIOUX CITY
Nov. 15, 1930 - March 2, 2020
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Louis John Pfeister
FORMERLY OF SIOUX CITY/LINCOLN, NE
Feb. 13, 1942 - March 27, 2020

Don Duane Pratt
SIoux City
April 18, 1948 - Feb. 21, 2020

Jo Ellen Rizk
SIoux City
Died March 5, 2020

Brandon Paul Sands
Allen, NE
Aug. 21, 1986 - Feb. 6, 2020

Patricia J. Schurdevin
Elk Point, SD
May 11, 1945 - Feb. 15, 2020

Gwendolyn R. Shoemaker
FORMERLY OF SIOUX CITY/SUN CITY WEST, AZ
1936 - Feb. 9, 2020

Paul L. Pick
Remsen
March 11, 1935 - March 10, 2020

Maxine Karla Rasmussen
Jackson, NE
Sept. 6, 1942 - March 8, 2020

Anthony “Tony” Roark
Jefferson, SD
June 4, 1957 - Feb. 18, 2020

Darlene M. Sargent
Correctionville
Aug. 5, 1920 - March 11, 2020

James R. “Jimbo” Shumansky
Sioux City
March 31, 1949 - Feb. 11, 2020

Dan Ping
Yankton, SD

Ila Arlene Raynor
FORMERLY OF South Sioux City/Olathe, KS
March 29, 1936 - Feb. 2, 2020

Victor M. Runions
Sergeant Bluff
March 25, 1936 - March 20, 2020

Arlene R. Schmiedt
South Sioux City
Oct. 22, 1938 - March 24, 2020

Lydia A. (Thomas) Semple-Gorham
Sioux City
July 14, 1957 - March 24, 2020

Bob Sievert
Storm Lake
March 17, 1942 - Feb. 28, 2020

Theodore J. Pins Jr.
Wentworth, SD
Died March 11, 2020

Robin “Rob” Gordon Riffle
FORMERLY OF Sioux City/Flagstaff, AZ
Dec. 4, 1947 - March 2, 2020

Daniel “Doon” Jay Ryan
Pipestone, MN
Died Feb. 19, 2020

Rev. Leland P. Schmidt
Sioux City
June 24, 1945 - March 6, 2020

Raymond J. Severson
Moorhead
Died March 21, 2020

Eleanor (Andersen) Simonsen
Rock Valley
Died Feb. 11, 2020
Emmett J. Sitzmann  
KINGSLEY  
Oct. 5, 1928 - Feb. 4, 2020

Karen J. Snyder  
SIOUX CITY  
June 9, 1947 - Jan. 29, 2020

John C. “JB” Steffen  
REMSEN  
Jan. 23, 1959 - Feb. 14, 2020

William “Bill” H. Thompson  
SIOUX CITY  
Oct. 24, 1927 - March 15, 2020

Lloyd M. Tresham  
ARNOLDS PARK/FORMERLY OF HORNICK  
March 25, 1945 - Feb. 14, 2020

Dale R. Vander Kooi  
MERRILL  
Oct. 24, 1933 - March 20, 2020

Jeffrey Dean  
“Chuck” Smith  
SIOUX CITY  
Sept. 4, 1960 - March 11, 2020

James Sommervold  
ALCESTER, SD  
Died Feb. 11, 2020

Delford C. Strandburg  
FORMERLY OF SIOUX CITY/GRAIN VALLEY, MO  
Feb. 28, 1948 - Feb. 4, 2020

John R. Thomson  
FORMERLY OF CLEGHORN/SIOUX FALLS, SD  
Died Feb. 12, 2020

Robert “Toby” Tyler  
SIOUX CITY  
Sept. 23, 1935 - March 21, 2020

Ione Cecilia (Reese) Vogel  
VERMILLION, SD  
March 26, 1935 - March 26, 2020

Ronald C. Smith  
SIOUX CITY  
Oct. 6, 1937 - March 17, 2020

Jeriann Spillane  
PONCA, NE  
Aug. 15, 1956 - March 5, 2020

Margaret Elaine Sypersma  
SIOUX CITY  
Dec. 27, 1924 - Feb. 26, 2020

Cheryl M. Tongish  
DAKOTA CITY  
Nov. 20, 1954 - March 1, 2020

Elizabeth “Liz” Ulerich  
FORMERLY OF SIOUX CITY/SIOUX FALLS, SD  
April 28, 1973 - Feb. 20, 2020

Shirley Ann Waag  
AKRON  
March 13, 1934 - March 9, 2020

IDA GROVE  
Aug. 18, 1929 - Dec. 20, 2019

Kathleen Ann Spohr  
SLOAN  
Died March 9, 2020

Karen M. Tague  
SIOUX CITY  
Nov. 12, 1955 - March 13, 2020

William Clement Topf  
FORMERLY OF SALIX/ORANGE, CA  
Died Feb. 21, 2020

Norman F. Utesch  
LE MARS  
Sept. 27, 1927 - March 10, 2020

Delores Wenzel  
KINGSLEY  
July 6, 1932 - Feb. 21, 2020

Karen M. Tague  
SIOUX CITY  
Nov. 12, 1955 - March 13, 2020

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VERMILLION, SD  
March 26, 1935 - March 26, 2020

Shirley Ann Waag  
AKRON  
March 13, 1934 - March 9, 2020

Delores Wenzel  
KINGSLEY  
July 6, 1932 - Feb. 21, 2020
**Text Tributes**

- **Tammy L. Brown**  
  SOUTH SIOUX CITY  
  Died Feb. 16, 2020  
- **Jean R. Bruneau**  
  ELK POINT, SD  
  Died Feb. 5, 2020  
- **Mildred L. Burns**  
  WHITING  
  Died March 18, 2020  
- **Arlin I. Bylsma**  
  MAURICE  
  Died March 8, 2020  
- **Dorothy E. Camerer**  
  FORMERLY OF SERGEANT BLUFF/LINCOLN, NE  
  Dec. 21, 1917 - Feb. 1, 2020  
- **Michael Allen Carey**  
  DAKOTA CITY  
  Died Feb. 2, 2020  
- **Wayne C. Carlson**  
  ONAWA  
  Died March 8, 2020  
- **Patricia A. Caskey**  
  SOUTH SIOUX CITY  
  Jan. 20, 1948 - Feb. 16, 2020  
- **Phyllis G. Chambers**  
  HOMER, NE  
  Died Feb. 13, 2020  
- **Bernadine M. Christensen**  
  ONAWA  
  Died March 10, 2020  
- **Linda Clark**  
  EARLY  
  Died March 10, 2020  
- **Michael “Mike” D. Clemon**  
  SOLDIER  
  Died Feb. 8, 2020  
- **Jerry Alton Collins**  
  SIOUX CITY  
  Died March 20, 2020  
- **Fran Connealy**  
  FORMERLY OF WALTHILL/WAYNE, NE  
  Died Feb. 28, 2020  
- **Joseph A. Cook**  
  VERMILLION, SD  
  Died March 17, 2020  
- **Robert E. “Bob” Cresap**  
  HOLSTEIN  
  Died Feb. 9, 2020  
- **Frank Dahlsten**  
  SIOUX CITY  
  Died March 3, 2020  
- **Joyce J. Davis**  
  VERMILLION, SD  
  Died Feb. 21, 2020  
- **Harvey J. De Boer**  
  ORANGE CITY  
  Died Feb. 3, 2020  
- **Duane “Dewey” Driesen**  
  CHEROKEE  
  Died Feb. 2, 2020  
- **Constance “Connie” Duffy**  
  STORM LAKE  
  Died March 23, 2020  
- **Eugene “Gene” Egdorf**  
  FORMERLY OF BOYDEN/SHELDON  
  Died Feb. 20, 2020  
- **Angie Elgersma**  
  SHELDON/FORMERLY OF SANBORN  
  Died Feb. 19, 2020  
- **Ron Ellefson**  
  STORM LAKE  
  Died Feb. 18, 2020  
- **Jan Ernst**  
  LE MARS  
  Died Feb. 22, 2020  
- **Juan Flores-Cruz**  
  SIOUX CITY  
  Died Feb. 19, 2020  
- **Barbara K. Foster**  
  SIOUX CITY  
  Died Feb. 24, 2020  
- **J. Byron Foster**  
  PRIMGHAR  
  Died Jan. 6, 2020  
- **Thomas Alan Fuchser**  
  WALTHILL, NE  
  Died Feb. 12, 2020  
- **Delmer “Gene” Fulk**  
  SANBORN  
  Died March 17, 2020  
- **Rick B. Ginger**  
  LE MARS  
  Died March 16, 2020  
- **Don Richard Glissman**  
  PENDER, NE  
  Died Feb. 18, 2020  
- **Jeanie “Jean” E. Gormally**  
  SIOUX CITY  
  Died March 7, 2020  
- **Larry Kenneth Green**  
  HAWARDEN  
  Died Feb. 17, 2020  
- **Ann M. Gregory**  
  SIOUX CITY  
  Died March 24, 2020  
- **Della D. Grindberg**  
  SIOUX CITY  
  Died March 1, 2020  
- **Sid Gustafson**  
  PRIMGHAR  
  Died Feb. 14, 2020  
- **Sandra Hacker**  
  SIOUX CITY  
  Died March 2, 2020  
- **Nancy Hair**  
  IDA GROVE  
  Died Jan. 14, 2020  
- **Maryann Halupka**  
  OT/FORMERLY OF NEW JERSEY  
  Died Feb. 1, 2020  
- **Kenneth Mac Hanshaw**  
  BATTLE CREEK  
  Died March 22, 2020  
- **Marlys Harms**  
  LE MARS  
  Died Feb. 17, 2020  
- **Mildred L. Harms**  
  MARCUS  
  Died March 19, 2020  
- **Gerald C. Harrington**  
  FORMERLY OF SIOUX CITY/ARLINGTON, TX  
  Died Feb. 26, 2020  
- **Tom L. Harrington**  
  SIOUX CITY  
  Died Feb. 3, 2020  
- **Ray L. Johnson**  
  MOVILLE  
  Died March 11, 2020  
- **Richard Lee “Stretch” Johnson Jr.**  
  FORMERLY OF SERGEANT BLUFF  
  Died Feb. 9, 2020  
- **Jeanne A. Johnson**  
  MOVILLE  
  Died Feb. 7, 2020  
- **Sandra Eileen Johnson**  
  HAWARDEN  
  Died Feb. 24, 2020  
- **Dorothy Caroline Wiekoski**  
  SIOUX CITY  
  April 10, 1920 - March 7, 2020  
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**Become an organ donor**

When you make a commitment to donate healthy organs or tissue at the time of your death, you positively impact the lives of others. When planning your legacy, it’s easy to have your loved ones at the forefront of your mind, but a simple registration could influence the life of a stranger.

According to the United States Department of Health & Human Services, there are two ways to sign up to be an organ donor. From the comfort of your home, visit their website and fill out a simple form. If you would rather complete the process with a representative, the experts at the local Department of Motor Vehicles can help.

**Statistics**

There are thousands of Americans in need of healthy organs or tissue. Here are some sobering statistics from the United Network of Organ Sharing, to show you the importance of registering:
- 113,864 people are on a waiting list for a lifesaving organ transplant.
- One organ donor can save eight lives.
- A person is added to the national transplant waiting list every ten minutes.
- In 2018, there were 33,432 transplants performed.

**How you can help**

Adults who are legal citizens in the United States are eligible to donate organs at the time of death, and, in some cases, during their lifetime. Of course, certain diseases may inhibit your from becoming a donor; be honest about your health conditions during registration. Some things that may prevent someone from applying are an HIV infection, cancer or a systemic infection. Keep in mind that organs that aren’t affected from these diseases may qualify, so visit a representative to discuss your options.

**Talking with family**

Make sure to discuss your wishes with your family. Conversations regarding death are never easy. You should approach the subject with sensitivity by discussing the benefits that registration offers to others. Your loved ones may even be curious as to how they register for the national donor list.

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**Choosing a grief support group**

Grief support groups help people overcome depression and loneliness. Whether because of the loss of a loved one or another major life change, a support group can be a big help in working through some of life’s most difficult moments. Especially in scenarios involving unexpected loss of life, experts say support groups can help the bereaved overcome tremendous pain and regain a sense of self after sustaining a difficult loss.

**What is a grief support group?**

Grief support groups around the country meet every day to talk about how to cope and deal during the grieving process. People from all walks of life come together, united by the loss of a loved one, to share feelings and thoughts with one another. Trained professionals from the mental health field are often on hand to moderate the groups. Counselors, psychologists and social workers have the skills to assist, gained from years of training and experience. The mourning process is often filled with pain and uncertainty. They will guide participants through the stages of grief.

**Benefits of a grief support group**

Mental, emotional and spiritual connections are the glue that bind these support groups. Each person in the group can help another since they are sharing the experience. There is a special bond that comes from people who help each other through grief.

Participants listen to each other without judgment. Each person gets a chance to share feelings or memories. Sometimes, members may simply need to express what they feel at the present moment. All meetings are confidential.

A support group is the best place to feel and express strong emotions. Everyone in attendance understands what the survivor is going through.

Members also assist each other in moving forward. Some groups plan events and activities as a way to ease the loneliness.

Through attendance at these groups, members are assured that their thoughts and feelings are normal. The support group reinforces the idea that everyone deserves respect.

**Types of support groups available**

There are also support groups for grieving individuals dealing with special circumstances. Some groups may focus specifically on military families, while other groups will concentrate on helping wives, children or husbands deal with losses in the immediate family. Sometimes groups may limit membership to people of the same gender. There are also teen, children or adult groups. Elderly grief support groups help survivors who have lost their spouses or entire families.

**How to choose a grief support group**

There are plenty of places to find a grief support group. Hospitals and hospices have information on local meetings. Religious institutions, including churches and synagogues will also have a list of groups. Funeral homes are another place to find information.

It is important to choose a group in which you feel comfortable and respected. There is no shame in talking about your feelings during this difficult time.
How to choose a funeral home

The emotional pain and suffering that occurs when a loved one dies can be crippling. And often the closest family members hurting the most must also deal with difficult responsibilities like choosing the right funeral home.

Choosing a funeral home is never an easy process. But there are ways to make this difficult decision a little bit easier on you and your family.

Here are some tips to help make choosing the right funeral home less stressful.

**Compare Prices**

If you have had to make funeral arrangements in the past, you may be tempted to just go with the funeral home you have experience with. While this may be a smart option for some people, it’s not always the right option.

Depending on how long it’s been since you needed to make funeral arrangements for a loved one, the price of that particular funeral home may have gone up. That’s why it is wise to shop around and compare the prices of the various funeral homes in your community.

**Ask For References From Friends**

Even if you have never had to choose a funeral home in the past, you may have a friend or two who has. Ask these friends if they would recommend the services provided at the funeral homes they have used.

They may be able to share valuable information about the staff, facility and prices of a specific funeral home.

**Ask About Packages**

Whether your deceased loved one had a specific list for their final wishes or you have to make these decisions for yourself, it is important that you ask a potential funeral home what types of packages they offer.

You will find that not all funeral homes are created equal, and each offers their own different ways of handling a service. No matter what type of requirements you have, it is best to choose a funeral home that will cater to your specific needs in order to make this difficult situation a little less daunting.

**Caring Staff**

When visiting a potential funeral home, the funeral director can be a major deciding factor when you choose whether or not to use this particular company to handle the funeral of your loved one.

A caring and professional funeral director and staff will take the time to explain all your options in an empathetic way so you can make a better choice when choosing a funeral home. If the director seems short or uninterested in your needs or makes you feel like you and your deceased loved one aren't important, you won't want to choose this facility to handle the funeral of your loved one.

While dealing with the death of a loved one is hard, choosing the right funeral home can help relieve you of some stress.

If you want your loved one to receive the proper funeral he or she deserves, following the above listed tips should help you make the right choice.

**Final resting places**

Many people choose burials; others cremation. Either way, you should be comfortable with your final resting place. Consider your family’s needs and preference because they are the ones who will be visiting your gravesite or, likely, possess your urn.

Some options:

**Burial**

The burial process comes with plenty of issues to consider, the first being convenience. Families choosing burials may do so to ensure they can visit the body for years to come. Nature also is an important part of the cemetery experience, so finding one with beautiful landscaping or expansive forestry can help provide a peaceful, natural environment for family members and friends to visit.

**Cremation**

The cremation choice is popular because of its convenience and the opportunity for family members to display a decorative urn holding the ashes of their loved one. If an urn isn't your top option, you could always plan a special day that includes the spreading of your ashes across the ocean, mountaintop or river. Pay attention to any local, state and federal regulations that may govern the distribution of your ashes.

**Consider a Marking**

A marker that bears the name, dates of life and loving inscription can help loved ones reminisce over fond memories and shared experiences. You can plan ahead of time to customize a marking with specific colors, shapes and sizes. And don't forget to get creative with the design.
LEAVING A LEGACY

How will I be remembered after I’m gone?” There comes a time in our lives when we begin to ask ourselves this question.

It’s important for us to feel that we are leaving behind a strong example for our family members and friends to carry on. We want our work to continue and our spirit to remain strong.

One of the best ways to achieve these important goals is through proper legacy planning. Working with a local attorney to determine what you want your legacy to be is the first step. You will need to answer questions about what is most important to you and how you want to leave it behind.

Legacy planning goes beyond estate planning because of the creative aspect. You can build various parts that form one main legacy, such as setting up multiple scholarship funds to be doled out at your high school alma mater, or a sizable donation to the charity of your choice.

**Fund a Scholarship**

One way to positively impact your community for years to come is to set up a college scholarship program with some of your financial savings. Coordinate doing so with your target high school and an attorney who specializes in wills, trusts and estates.

Once the details are set on the legal end, this can be a fun project because you can choose specific eligibility requirements for the scholarship.

Let’s say you’ve been interested in the music arts for many years. Your scholarship can be offered only for students who wish to pursue a career in music.

You can make the application process require an original recorded piece for consideration for the scholarship. Don’t forget to set up a collection of friends or school officials as the scholarship board, which will be entrusted with keeping the legacy going and selecting the winning students.

**Building a Nonprofit or Foundation**

One way to positively impact your community for years to come is to set up a nonprofit organization or a foundation with some of your savings. This can be an enjoyable project because you will be able to visualize how your contribution will make a positive impact on society.

Your new entity can perhaps fund initiatives such as feeding the hungry in your community or providing coats to children who need them during the winter. Think of the causes that are important to you and talk with your attorney about the proper ways to structure and build your plan.

**Talk it Over**

Many people have a difficult time deciding how they’ll divvy up their savings and possessions when they pass away. Emotions may run high if one of your family members feels they aren’t receiving equal amounts of your estate. That’s why talking about making a large charitable donation is so important. Trustworthy, loving family members will respect your wishes to contribute some of your financial savings, property or even possessions to a charitable organization.

Others may have negative feelings toward your decision. It’s critical that you have an open discussion with your closest family members to get feelings out on the table to achieve an honest dialogue.

Organize your finances

Your debts don’t disappear at the time of death. In many cases, your family may be held responsible for any outstanding obligations. When planning your estate, spend time organizing your finances to ensure an executor knows what you owe and how to make the payments.

A life insurance policy means more than leaving something behind for your loved ones, it should also cover funeral expenses and fund your financial responsibilities. Determine the amount you owe and adjust your plan with an insurance agent.

Your family members will be dealing with grief at the time of your death, what you do to ease the stress before the fact, can make it easier for them to adjust.

**Important documents**

You should print out clear documentation of life insurance policies and retirement plans, including pensions and annuities. Keep them in a safe place and disclose the location with loved ones. At the time of death, they will require these forms to ensure your contribution is dispersed to the right person, rather than going unclaimed and ending up with the state.

It’s a good idea to give copies to your estate planner, attorney or even in a safe-deposit box. These documents should be easily accessible when they are needed.

**Gathering debts**

Another set of documents you will need to disclose with your estate executor is a list of your financial responsibilities. These include mortgages, vehicle commitments and credit card debts. Keep your account information in a secure and organized portfolio to make payments easier.

Don’t forget to update balances regularly to keep numbers accurate.

**Leave clear instructions**

A great expert to have when gathering your debts is a financial advisor. Together, you can set up beneficiaries for retirement plans, allow family to access accounts and even create savings strategies for your surviving family and finances.

Modern technology makes bill paying easy with services like autopay. Make sure your loved ones know how and what comes out of your bank account. It’s easy to forget small charges like subscriptions and utilities.

They should know how to opt out of these fees as every dollar can be crucial when meeting final financial obligations.
Estate planning tips and advice

Estate planning is for everyone. Don’t make the mistake of believing estate planning is only for the rich.
Making a plan for how your affairs will be handled after death is the best thing you can do for your loved ones, regardless of your financial standing.
Document how you want your property and other assets handled to help your family avoid legal difficulties, inconvenience, unnecessary taxation and family arguments. An estate planning professional can have a lasting impact on your legacy.
Estate planning isn’t just about protecting heirlooms; it also provides security for your family. Consider these tips for creating a sound, logical estate plan.

Seek legal counsel
Some people use online forms to draft a will, most people will benefit from consulting with an estate planning attorney. This experienced professional can create legal documents with your specific circumstances in mind.
It’s true everyone should have a will, regardless of age. But that is only the first step in developing a solid estate plan. You should also create a living will, power of attorney and possibly a trust.
Consult an attorney who has experience in developing estate plans for those whose situations are similar to yours. Do not try to do it alone.

Life insurance policies
Life insurance policies provide for your loved ones in the event of your death.
There are a wide range of options, and only a few will make sense for your situation. A professional can guide you through the possibilities and help you make appropriate choices.
Term life insurance policies are generally less expensive than other types of coverage. But whole life policies, annuities and other insurance products may be more appropriate for your circumstances.
Understand what you might be buying. In some cases, a policy may benefit the salesperson more than it does the customer.
It is essential you take all the time you need to learn about a particular policy before purchasing it. If you have any hesitation or confusion, ask another professional or keep researching. You should feel certain that you are choosing the best policy for your needs.

Funeral expenses
Funerals are very expensive, sometimes up to $10,000. You don’t want to leave your family with large bills. That’s why you should plan ahead to cover the cost of your own funeral.
Pre-paid funeral plans are a popular option, or you can simply buy a burial plot in advance so that one major task will be handled before your death.
It may be uncomfortable and even frightening to consider, but it is something that must be addressed as part of a solid estate plan. Visit funeral homes in your area to discuss prepayment options.

Communication is key
Communicate with your family in general terms about your estate plan. Talking to them about what they can expect could head off estate disputes and heartache.
A good estate planner can help you navigate complicated family dynamics and concerns that may accompany this process. The right estate plan and experienced professionals can make your legacy a blessing that your heirs will treasure for the rest of their lives.

Buying funeral insurance
Ensuring the cost of a funeral is covered before the time of death will guarantee your family is not left with the financial burden. If your life insurance policy doesn’t cover the service expenses, it’s refreshing to find a third party who does. Check with your insurance agent.
According to the National Funeral Directors Association, the average cost of a funeral with viewing and burial services was $7,360 in 2017. Consider the burden loved ones face if there is no policy in place to cover the cost. This expense can cripple the financial security of family members, especially if they are responsible for other unresolved debts.

Pre-need funeral insurance
Much like burial insurance, this policy is in place to prepay for foreseen costs like burial or cremation services, funeral arrangements and church donations. The main difference in pre-need insurance is that the available funds are given to the funeral service provider you choose. Understanding the finances are directly going toward the right outlets is an important aid for family members who are grieving. When shopping for policies, look for services who offer a locked in price. This protects you against the rising costs of expenses by guaranteeing your service will be priced at today’s standards.

Discussing with family
Talking about death with loved ones is never easy. However, being honest about your final service expectations helps everyone be prepared when the time comes.
How to choose cremation services

Making plans for your funeral is a tough subject. Most people would rather skip the subject or opt to have others plan their funerals. But the reality is procrastination or avoidance does not change reality.

It’s also worth planning ahead because funeral costs can be a major burden on the deceased’s family. Cremation services are becoming more popular these days because of high funeral costs. They can be a cost-effective alternative to traditional burials.

It is always best to take care of details in advance.

Making decisions in advance about cremation services can take the burden off loved ones during a painful time. Otherwise, they will need to make tough choices while stressed and grieving.

With cremation, the family doesn’t have to purchase an expensive casket. Loved ones may spend more money than they can afford in an effort to respect the memory of the deceased.

But a cremation service is an affordable way to respectfully memorialize a friend or family member. The service can be a peaceful time to grieve and remember.

A funeral home may have a partnership or connection with a cremation center. They may have additional services, such as grief counseling or assistance with necessary paperwork.

After the cremation, you will receive an urn. You can choose to bury the urn, keep it in your home or place it in a memorial building.

When searching for a cremation center, check with your family or friends for referrals. If you cannot get an appropriate referral, you might be able to join a cremation society. For a small fee, you will receive up-to-date information about your options and the process.

Membership may also help you obtain a lower cost on cremation services. These societies will provide assistance with many details connected to the service and disposition of remains.

The Internet Cremation Society and the Cremation Society of North America are sources of information about cremation societies.

Choosing a final resting place

Choosing a final resting place is similar to buying real estate. Location will play a large part in choosing a cemetery plot or mausoleum.

Your final resting place should have special meaning for you and your loved ones. Ideally, it should be neat, clean and have long-term arrangements for taking care of the grounds. A convenient location is preferable, so loved ones can pay their respects easily and conveniently.

Much of this decision will be based on personal preference. It might be a small, quiet country location or a plot in the middle of a bustling city. There are plenty of options available, depending on your wishes.

The property manager should have a stellar reputation and a lengthy track record of being professional. It is important that they make you feel comfortable and at peace with your decisions.

Look for a cemetery that will be run in perpetuity. It should have stable management now and detailed plans for ongoing maintenance through decades to come. Do not be afraid to ask questions about the company’s history and plans for the future.

Headstones

Deciding on the right headstone is another way to leave a legacy.

The monument or headstone can say a lot about the deceased’s life. You can choose a simple, straightforward stone or an elaborate stone with a custom design. You can also leave a message for descendants. This headstone will be around for a very long time, and it can inform people about your life.

So you might want something more unique. Monuments can also reflect the personality and interests of the person they are honoring.

Many companies offer a variety of designs and layouts for people who want a special headstone. They have symbols and messages that can honor religious beliefs, clubs, honors or careers. These elements will add personal appeal to your headstone.

These companies are happy to cater to your request. They might also make recommendations.

A final resting place will honor a legacy for many years to come. The decisions you make will leave a meaningful impression, so take the time to choose wisely.