

# **Book of Memories**

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# Deloris Krumel Buhrman

Delores Krumel Buhrman, 90, formerly of Grand Island, died Wednesday, August 17, 2011, at the Friendship Villa in Spalding/

Services were 10 a.m. Monday at St. Mary's Cathedral in Grand Island. Her son, the Rev. Donald Buhrman celebrated the Mass, with Bishop William J. Dendinger and the Priests of the Grand Island Diocese concelebrating. Burial was in the Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Visitation was from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday at All Faiths Funeral Home Chapel, with a Catholic Daughters rosary at 4 p.m. and a Christian wake service at 6 p.m.

Delores was born, as a twin, on a farm south of Fremont, NE, in Saunders County on January 15, 1921, to Matthias and Mary (Shanahan) Krumel.

She is survived by two daughters and three sons, Mary and Steve Luebbe of Holdrege, John and Linda Buhrman of Arvada, Colo., Virginia (Ginger) and Bill Nowak of Festus, MO., Father Don Buhrman of Spalding and Jim Buhrman of Omaha.

Also left to cherish her memory are nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She is preceded in death by her husband in 2006, her parents, four brothers, two sisters, and a granddaughter, Sheryl Nowak.

Delores attended rural school in Saunders County and moved to Grand Island in 1941. She graduated from Grand Island Beauty School. She was part owner in Orchid Beauty Shop from 1946-1949. Delores married Bob Buhrman on April 24, 1948, at St. Mary's Cathedral in Grand Island. She worked at the Cornhusker Ammunition Plant during the Vietnam War.

Delores enjoyed traveling, playing cards and playing the organ.





# Phyllis Gene Dryer

Phyllis Gene Dryer, 81, of Grand Island, died Friday, June 24, 2011 at Primrose Retirement Community with her family at her side.

Services were 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, 2011 at St. Mary's Cathedral.

The Rev. Richard L. Piontkowski, Rev. Sidney B. Bruggeman, Rev. Thomas Dowd and Rev. Mark A. Maresh officiated. Burial was in the Grand Island City Cemetery.

Visitation was from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at Curran Funeral Chapel with a vigil service at 7 p.m.

Phyllis was born July 27, 1929, in Merrick County to Julius and Christine (Gerlach) Daberkow.

Survivors of her immediate family include her husband of 60 years, Bob Dryer, of Grand Island; two sons, Tom Dryer of Lincoln and Dan Dryer of Grand Island; nine daughters and seven sons-in-law, Cathy and Dr. Hugh Brown of Avondale, Pa., Mary Kay and Steve Chesley of Rifle, Colo., Barb and Jim Frank of Urbandale, Iowa, Stacia and Lloyd Yancey of Dallas, Carol Heimkes and fiancé Dave Edmunds of Bloomington, Minn., Debbie Plettner of Omaha, Jamie and Steve Meyer of Grand Island, Linda and Ron Glause of St. Libory, Sharon and Jim Liske of Grand Island, and 27 grandchildren; two brothers and sisters-in-laws, Dr. Stan and Julie Daberkow of University Park, Md., Don and Carol Daberkow of Grand Island, and one sister, Donna Larson of Kearney.

Other survivors include two great-grandchildren.

Phyllis grew up in Merrick County and graduated from Grand Island Senior High in 1945. She was employed for five years at Northwestern Bell as a telephone operator supervisor.

She married Robert "Bob" Dryer on Dec. 2, 1950, at St. Mary's Cathedral in Grand Island. They lived in Grand Island, where she raised her 11 children. She later worked as a media aide and educational assistant for special needs children at Grand Island Public School.

Phyllis was sports enthusiast. She especially enjoyed watching her grandchildren play football, volleyball, basketball, baseball and softball, as well as their dance recitals, music concerts, and play productions. She enjoyed crocheting pieces for her family and items for fundraising events. She enjoyed reading to her grandchildren. She was a true Husker fan.

She was a member of St. Mary's Cathedral, Cathedral Ladies, Eucharist Minister to the homebound and nursing homes, St. Mary's Study Club and past secretary-treasurer of that club and member of the YMCA.

She is welcomed into heaven by her parents; one granddaughter, Stefanie Chesley; and a son-in-law, Joel Plettner.

Memorials are suggested to St. Mary's Cathedral Square or Grand Island Central Catholic Foundation.

Online condolences may be given and her video tribute viewed at [www.curranfuneralchapel.com](http://www.curranfuneralchapel.com) under Phyllis's obituary.



# Betsy Eden

Beatrice "Betsy" Eden, 96, of Columbus died Sunday, November 6, 2011, at Meridian Gardens in Columbus.

Services were 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church in Columbus. The Rev. Tom Weisbecker officiated. Graveside services were 1:30 p.m. Monday at St. John's Cemetery in rural Lindsay.

Visitation was from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday at McKown Funeral Home, with a vigil service at 5 p.m.

Mrs. Eden was born August 22, 1915, in Monroe to Orville and Rose (Peterson) Fleming.

On September 23, 1940, she was united in marriage to Claude Eden in Nevada, IA.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a daughter, Judith Eden; and three sons, Richard, Mark and Joseph Eden.

Survivors of the immediate family include three daughters, Sister Karen Eden of Waverly, Connie Shank of Portland, Ore., and Lori Eden of Columbus; three sons and daughters-in-law, Jon and Paula Eden of Omaha, Ten and Sonja Eden of Grand Island, and Greg and Vida Eden of Lincoln; a sister, Bonnie Kroeger of Omaha; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Betsy graduated from Monroe High School in 1933 and went on to attend college. Betsy raised her family on a farm north of Monroe. While on the farm, Betsy was a member of St. Johns' and Lindsay Holy Family Catholic churches. She was also active in the Okay Extension Club. In 1977, she and Claude retired and moved to Columbus, where they were members of St. Bonaventure Catholic Church.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Robert Fleming; and a son-in-law, Fr David Shank.





# Theresa Garrett

Theresa M. Garrett, 85 of Grand Island died Saturday, December 10, 2011, at Tiffany Square Center in Grand Island.

Services were 10 a.m. on Tuesday at St. Leo's Catholic Church. The Rev. Charles Torpey officiated. Burial was in the Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Visitation was from 4 to 6:30 p.m. with a rosary and vigil service to follow, on Monday at the church. Apfel Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Garrett was born on August 29, 1926, at Greeley to John and Margaret (Gray) Halpin.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Warren B. Garrett.

Survivors of the immediate family include a daughter and son-in-law, Patt and Lonnie Rice of Grand Island; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael and Dee Garrett and Joel Garrett, all of Grand Island; a brother, Steve Halpin of Grand Island; and two sisters, Leona Thornton of Grand Island and Francis Cummings of Sabas, Calif.

Other survivors include four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Theresa grew up in Greeley and received her education in Scotia, graduating from high school.

She was united in marriage to Warren B. Garrett on April 7, 1947, at St. Mary's Cathedral in Grand Island. The couple then lived in Lander, Wyo. They later moved back to Grand Island, where she was a homemaker and a mother.

She was a member of the Catholic Daughters, St. Francis Auxiliary, the Saddle Club, Riverside Golf Club, the Platt-Deutsche Society and the Ladies of St. Leo's. She also was an avid bridge player and enjoyed bridge clubs.

Theresa was also preceded in death by her mother and father and two sisters, Margaret Murphy and Jeanette Jones.



# Alvin Greenwalt

Alvin A. Greenwalt, 70, of Allen, Texas, formerly of St. Paul, died on Wednesday, September 28, 2011, at his home after a short battle with brain cancer.

Memorial services were 10:30 a.m. Monday at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in St. Paul. The Rev. James Murphy and Deacon Dick Ziller officiated.

Inurnment was in the Elmwood Cemetery in St. Paul.

Visitation was from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday with a 6 p.m. vigil service at Peters Funeral Home in St. Paul.

Mr. Greenwalt was born on December 12, 1940, at St. Libory to Ambrose and Anna (Jansen) Greenwalt. He married his high school sweetheart, Janet A. O'Neill, on July 7, 1962, in St. Paul.

Survivors of the immediate family include his wife, Janet; one daughter and son-in-law, Becky and Dan Covert of Arlington, TX.; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Russ Greenwalt of Allen, TX., Dave and Lori Greenwalt of Bullard, TX., Chris and Trisha Greenwalt of Allen, TX.; adopted children, Marcia and Scott Phillips and Joe Peetom, all of Allen, TX.; 15 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; one sister and brother-in-law, Lila and Ed Kolar of Wolbach; and two brothers and one sister-in-law, Richard Greenwalt of Grand Island and Jerry and Sandy Greenwalt of Storm Lake, Iowa.

Alvin grew up and lived in Howard County most of his life. He received his education at Bunker Hill School, St. Libory's Parochial School, Walnut Junior High, Grand Island Senior High and graduated from Grand Island Central Catholic in 1958.

After their marriage, he and Janet lived in Omaha and moved to Grand Island a couple of years later so Alvin could return to farming with his father. They later moved to St. Paul, where they managed the Bel Air Motel. Later the couple managed the Johnson Steakhouse in Dannebrog. Alvin retired from Ore-Ida Foods in Grand Island at the age of 62 but continued farming until 2010, when they decided to move to Allen to be closer to their children and grandchildren.

Alvin loved to raise animals and work the land. But his greatest love was his children and grandchildren. His gentleness and kindness drew kids to him, and they all called him Grandpa. After he retired, he either had a child or dog on his lap.

He was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in St. Paul.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two sisters, Bethene Lauritsen and Dottie Speece.

Please sign Alvin's guestbook by visiting [www.petersfuneralhome.net](http://www.petersfuneralhome.net)





# Helen Grennan

Helen Grennan, 87, of Grand Island died at St. Francis Medical Center on November 11, 2011, after a brief illness.

The family welcomed friends for visitation at All Faiths Funeral Home from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, followed by a Christian wake service at 7 p.m.

The funeral mass was celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at St. Mary's Cathedral, with Father Charles L. Torpey celebrating mass and Father Richard L. Pionkowski concelebrating. Burial was in the Grand Island Cemetery.

Helen was born on September 24, 1924, to David and Margaret (Slattery) Alexander. She met her future husband, Robert Grennan, St. Mary's High School, where they both graduated in 1942. Helen married (then) Sergeant Robert Grennan on January 20, 1944.

Helen was a remarkably gifted musician. She gave the first solo piano recital at her high school. She declined a number of college scholarships in music due to the war. As a part of the war effort Helen served in the Hall Co. Sheriff's Office. During World War II she played the organ at the Grand Island Army Air Base Chapel; thereafter she played the organ at St. Mary's Cathedral for many years. Her favorite instrument was the piano, which she played beautifully.

Helen worked in the family business, Grennan's Central Electric, in downtown Grand Island, with her husband, Bob, and her father, Dave Alexander. Most people will remember her, however, for her service as a realtor in Grand Island. She was honored with the Realtor of Distinction Award by the Grand Island Board of Realtors in 2003. She retired from Woods Brothers Realty at the age of 82.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Grennan, her parents, and her sister, Berenice Mangelsen and her nephew, William P. Mangelsen.

She is survived by her sons; Terry (Peggy), an attorney with Cassem, Tierney, Adams, Gotch & Douglas, Tom (Michelle), and attorney with Gross & Welch, Ted (Sue) Chief Financial Officer for Strategic Health Solutions, LLC, and Todd, owner of Todd M Grennan Interiors, all of Omaha, Tim (Celeste) Grennan, M.D. an oncologist with Kaiser Permanente in Sacramento, Calif. Helen is also survived by 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Helen is also survived by nephews and nieces, and sisters-in-law, Mag Peterson and Doris Grennan.

The day she died, Veteran's Day, was originally known as Armistice Day, a day of peace. It was at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918 that World War I ended. Helen died shortly after 4:00 a.m. (which would be the eleventh hour in France, where World War I was fought), on the eleventh day of the eleventh month of the eleventh year of this century. A day of peace indeed.

Helen had a strong devotion to the Infant of Prague and offered her prayers to anyone who needed help.

She was loved by all of her family and friends and will be dearly missed. Her family suggests memorials to Central Catholic High School.



# Msgr Carl Hayden



Msgr. Carl T. Hayden, 90, of Gering died Tuesday, October 18, 2011, at Heritage Estates in Gering.

A Mass of Christian Burial was 11 a.m. MDT Friday, October 21 at St. Joseph's Church in Kimball with Bishop William J. Dendinger and priests of the Diocese of Grand Island concelebrating. Burial was in Mount Calvary Cemetery in Platteville, Wis.

Msgr. Hayden was born April 3, 1921, in Edwardsville, Ill., to Carl and Esther Hayden. He was educated at St. Ignatius High School and Loyola University in Chicago. His seminary training was received at St. Thomas in Denver. But rather than stay in the Chicago area where priests were in abundance, a priest friend recommended Nebraska where his classmate, Bishop Stanislaus Bono, was bishop of the Diocese of Grand Island. He was ordained to the priesthood on November 30, 1945, by Archbishop Edward J. Hunkelier.

Msgr. Hayden's first assignment in the diocese was as temporary administrator of Sacred Heart Parish in Shelton, where he served until March 21, 1946, when he was named assistant at St. Mary's Cathedral in Grand Island. In the summer of 1946, he was named editor of The West Nebraska Register, a position he held for 17 years. He was appointed chancellor of the diocese on June 30, 1950, also serving as diocesan master of ceremonies, posts he held until August of 1967. For about 20 years, he taught religion and Latin at St. Mary's High School and Central Catholic High School.

He was named a Papal Chamberlain in February 1949 and a Domestic Prelate in November 1963 and also served as a vice chancellor, a diocesan consultor and diocesan director of the Propagation of Faith. Msgr. Hayden was named pastor of St. Mary's Cathedral on September 14, 1964. In January of 1972, he was appointed Officialis of the diocesan tribunal, and was appointed pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in Kimball in 1973. He retired from active ministry in 1996 and moved to the Denver area until 2008 when he moved to Gering.

He is survived by a brother, Thomas of Chicago, nieces and nephews.

Tributes of sympathy may be left at [www.geringchapel.com](http://www.geringchapel.com)



# Margaret Hoelck

Margaret Ann Hoelck, 75, of Grand Island died peacefully on Friday, November 18, 2011, at Tiffany Square after a short illness with pancreatic and liver cancer.

Services were 10 a.m. Monday at St. Mary's Cathedral in Grand Island. The Rev. Richard Piontkowski officiated. Burial was in the Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Visitation was from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Apfel Funeral Home, with a rosary wake service at 7 p.m.

Mrs. Hoelck was born February 27, 1936, in Grand Island to Lawrence and Margaret Bernt.

Survivors of the immediate family include her husband, LeRoy C. Hoelck, a daughter and son-in-law, Maureen and Randy Mendyk of Grand Island; and a son, Patrick Hoelck of Los Angeles.

Additional survivors include grandchildren, Anna, Ashley and Evan Mendyk, and many dear friends and family.

She grew up on the family farm and attended District 1 Elementary School and St. Mary's High School. Margaret attended college at Duchene in Omaha majoring in business. She worked as a legal secretary for Overland National Bank in Grand Island.

On May 18, 1957, she married LeRoy C. Hoelck at Blessed Sacrament Church in Grand Island. Lee and Margaret moved to Denver for five years where Margaret worked as a legal secretary. They then moved to southern California for 28 years where she and Lee were self-employed in the retail business. In 1989, they returned to Grand Island to care for her father in his final stages of ALS. Margaret spent the rest of her life in Grand Island.

Margaret was a charter member of the Serra Club and Blessed Sacrament Church. She belonged to the Catholic Daughters, the Sunset Club, and the African Violet Society of southern California. Margaret was the original extreme couponer (before it became popular) and was a lifetime patron of the arts attending various symphonies, concerts and Broadway shows. She traveled extensively with her family, and her favorite city was Dublin, Ireland.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her aunt, Claire.

Memorials are suggested to the Central Catholic Development Foundation or to the St. Francis Cancer Treatment Center of Grand Island, NE.



# Rita Huismann

Rita Magdalen Huismann, 84, of Grand Island died Thursday, October 6, 2011, at home surrounded by her family.

Services were 10 a.m. Tuesday at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. The Revs. Todd Philipsen and Mark Maresh concelebrated. Burial was in the Westlawn Memorial Park.

Visitation was from 4 to 7 p.m. at the church, with a scripture wake service at 7 p.m. Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home was serving the family.

Mrs. Huismann was born July 8, 1927, in Schuyler to Andrew and Irene (Pollard) Heitz.

Survivors of the immediate family include her husband of 65 years, Don, four daughters and two sons-in-law, Marcia Brown of Denver, Colo., Pat and Larry Anderson, Donna Anderson, Julie and Melvin Griess, all of Grand Island, a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Lisa Huismann of Grand Island; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Betty Ehrenzeller of Pennsylvania and Irene and Bud Foust of Fremont.

Rita is also survived by her grandchildren, Don, Chris and Jon Anderson, Luke, Molly and Marc Anderson, Tyler, Tony and Madison Huismann and Emily Buettner, Jake, Melanie and Grady Griess; and seven great-grandchildren.

Rita was welcomed into heaven by her oldest daughter, Linda, her parents, her brother, Andrew, a sister, Jean and a grandson, Chris Brown.

She grew up in Schuyler and graduated from Schuyler High School in 1944. She was united in marriage to Donald F. Huismann on September 17, 1946, in Schuyler. The couple made their home in Grand Island where she taught in rural schools until quitting in 1948 to raise her family.

Rita was charter member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church and the Catholic Daughters. She volunteered in many capacities at Blessed Sacrament, including co-chairing the funeral dinner committee for 25 years. Rita also sang in the church choir.

Memorials are suggested to Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church of Grand Island Central Catholic High School.





# Mary Hunt



Mary Agnes Vande Vegt Hunt, 81, formerly of Grand Island, died peacefully at her home in Encinitas, Calif., on Sunday, November 20, 2011.

Mary was born on May 20, 1930, in Grand Island.

She is survived by her husband, Bob Hunt of Encinitas; daughters, Kathy Hunt and Linda Hunt Mullany, both of San Diego; a son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Debbie Hunt of Austin, Michael and Patrick Mullany, both of San Diego.

She grew up in Grand Island and graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1948, the family moved to California in 1968. She worked and volunteered at hospitals and was active in charitable fundraising and the Catholic Church throughout her life. She was a member of the St. John parish of Encinitas, Calif.

Mary was a great cook and loved being with her kids and grandchildren. She had an impact on everyone who knew her. She was very spiritual and caring. Her family and friends will treasure memories of her loving ways forever.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Ellen and W.J. Vande Vegt, and brother, Joe Vande Vegt.

Condolences may be sent to [Kathleen.hunt@att.net](mailto:Kathleen.hunt@att.net).

# David Janovec

David Joseph Janovec, 60, of Lincoln, formerly of Chapman and Grand Island area, died Saturday, October, 2011, in Atlanta due to a trucking accident.

Memorial services were 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Central City with the Rev. Jim Janovec officiating. Private family burial was in the Central City Cemetery.

Visitation was from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday at the church. Solt Funeral Home in Central City was in charge of the arrangements.

Mr. Janovec was born on May 19, 1951, in Washington, D.C. and adopted into the loving family of Joseph V. and Marcelline "Marcy" A. (Zoucha) Janovec.

Those left to cherish his memory are his children, Jennifer and Matt Myers of Archer and Allison and Kirk Feeney of Hastings; a brother and sister-in-law, Dennis and Kathy Janovec of Chapman; and a sister, Rita Kraning of Papillion.

Additional survivors include five grandchildren, Cody, Paxton and Brady Myers and Kieren and Gabby Feeney; many nieces and nephews; and a special friend, Gail Benner of Texas.

He grew up in the Chapman area and graduated from Grand Island Central Catholic High School in 1969; and received his degree from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln in 1974. Dave was united in marriage to Cheryl Shrewsbury. After college, Dave moved to Chapman and farmed with family. On April 7, 2001, he was married to Laure Magnuson. At the time of his death, he lived in Lincoln and was employed by Crete Carriers.

Dave was a member of Alpha Gamma Ro Fraternity at UNL and was involved in 4-H as a member and as a leader. His true passion was for his children and grand-children. He was always there to support them in their activities. He couldn't wait to share all of their accomplishments with the many friends he cherished in life. Dave will best be remembered by his on-the-go personality, his ability to talk to anyone, and a cup of coffee in his hand. He always held a special place in his heart for life in the country.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents and a brother-in-law, Ralph Kraning.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Grand Island Central Catholic Foundation or to the family.





# Richard Jolkowski

Richard M. "Dick" Jolkowski, 82, of Grand Island died Saturday, November 5, 2011, at the Grand Island Nebraska Veterans Home.

Services were 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mary's Cathedral. The Rev. Richard L. Piontkowski officiated. Burial was in the Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, with military honors by the United Veterans Honor Guard and the Nebraska National Army Honor Guard.

Visitation was from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday with a Christian Wake Service was 7 p.m. at All Faiths Funeral Home.

Mr. Jolkowski was born on February 18, 1929, on a farm near Arcadia to John and Vivian (Kaminski) Jolkowski.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Betty; three daughters, Sue Hovland, Mary Graves and daughter and son-in-law, Jean and Dean Kaslon, all of Grand Island; three sons and daughters-in-law, Jim and Kelly Jolkowski, Ken and Sue Jolkowski, Doug and Jeanette Jolkowski, all of Omaha, a sister and brother-in-law, Renie and Bud Gerweck of Falls City; a brother-in-law, Robert Blair of Lincoln; and 17 grandchildren.

Also surviving are three step-grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

As a child, he lived on a farm with his family and attended grade school in Valley County. He moved with his family to Bridgeport in 1941 and to Grand Island in 1945. He graduated from St. Mary's Cathedral High School, Grand Island in 1947.

Dick became an apprentice brick mason in 1948, receiving his journeyman license in 1950. He entered the U.S. Army in January 1951, becoming a paratrooper with the 11th Airborne Division, and was stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky., where he served as a heavy drop instructor in the Aerial Supply Division. While stationed in Kentucky, his unit participated in Operation Buster-Jangle, testing of nuclear devices held in the Nevada desert. He was honorably discharged in January 1953.

Dick and Betty Rombach were united in marriage on July 7, 1952, at St. Mary's Cathedral in Grand Island. After his discharge from the service, they lived in various communities in Nebraska, following his trade as a brick mason. They moved to Grand Forks, N.D. in 1958 and moved back to Grand Island in 1959. He worked more than 40 years in construction, helping build many schools and business establishments in and around Grand Island. Due to ill health, he retired in 1991. Following his retirement he volunteered for many years at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center and St. Francis Medical Center and on the funeral dinner committee at St. Mary's.

He was a member of St. Mary's Cathedral, serving on the Parish Church Board, Stephen Ministry, as a reader and Eucharist minister. He and his wife were honored with the St. Mary's Volunteer of the Year award in 1997. He served as a Cub Scout master and a baseball coach for Little League when his boys were young. He was an Honorary Life Member of the Third Degree of the Knights of Columbus, Council No. 1159, and was a past Grand Knight. He belonged to the Bricklayers Union No. 8, serving as a state secretary and officer in the local union.

He was proud of his Polish heritage and enjoyed listening to polka music, playing games on the computer and playing cards. He loved playing cribbage and entering tournaments, and taught all of his children the game.

Dick was preceded in death by a son, Michael in 1986; a grandson, John Elrod in 2005; a daughter-in-law, Lynette Kelly in 2010; two infant granddaughters; and an infant great-granddaughter.

# Dakota Karn

Dakota Christopher Karn, 14, died Wednesday, January 11, 2012, at Children's Hospital in Omaha, surrounded by his loving family who held his hand as he entered into God's kingdom.

Mass of Christian burial was 10a.m. Saturday, January 14, at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. The Revs. Charles Torpey and Mike McDermott officiated.

Visitation was from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Friday at the church, with a vigil service at 7 p.m. All Faiths Funeral Home was serving the family.

Dakota was born June 24, 1987, in Cooksville, Tenn., the son of Chris and Jeanie Karn. Those left to cherish his memory include his parents, Chris and Jeanie; three brothers, Nicholas and Zachary Karn and Nathan Hofer; and grandfather, Peter Karn of Rapid City, S.D.

His memory will also be cherished by aunts and uncles and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Dan and Marie Shyne and grandmother, Maureen 'Noonie' Karn.

It is hard to put into words how much Dakota meant to his family and friends and how he enriched their lives. His was an unconditional love, Dakota was the constant companion of his mom and dad, who would have had it no other way. Whenever you saw Jeanie and Chris, Dakota wasn't too far behind spreading smiles, high fives, hugs and laughs along the way. He was the best friend of his brothers, and their biggest fan. He loved them beyond description and was always talking about them. He couldn't watch a sporting event without shouting out whatever he saw a '4', "Mom, Dad, its Nick!" or a '13', "Mom, Dad, its Zach!"

Memorials are suggested to a fund that will be established in Dakota's memory.





# Sr Sue Keene

Sister Sue Keene, O.P. 75, of Springfield, Ky., died August 6, 2011 at Sansbury Center at St. Catharine, Ky.

Funeral services were held at St. Catharine Motherhouse on August 10 with burial in the St. Catharine Motherhouse cemetery.

A Dominican for 54 years, Sister Sue ministered as a teacher at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Campbellsville, Ky., and St. Augustine in Reed, Ky. Following her work in education, she ministered at Sansbury Care Center and St. Catharine Motherhouse in the food service department.

She later became secretary at Central Catholic High School in Grand Island, and also ministered to the elderly in private homes in New Haven, Ky., before returning to the Motherhouse.

She is survived by two brothers, James and Milton “Bear” Keene and several nieces and nephews.

# James Kramer

James “Jim” P. Kramer, 40, of Grand Island, died Tuesday, October 4, 2005 in Grand Island as a result of an auto accident.

Funeral services were Friday, October 7, 2005, 10 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church with the Rev. Francis T. Curran officiating. Burial was in the Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

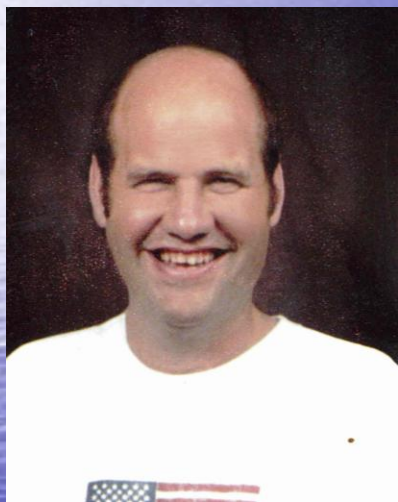
Visitation was Thursday from 3 to 8 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament with the rosary recited at 7 p.m. at the church. Memorials are suggested to Jim’s Children’s Education Fund.

Jim was born on July 8, 1965 at Grand Island, NE to LeRoy E and Arlene (Dohmen) Kramer. He grew up in Grand Island and received his education at Blessed Sacrament, District 1R and graduated from Grand Island Northwest High School in 1984. He later started Island Towing and Hoffer Truck & Trailer Repair business which he owned and operated at the time of his death.

He was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, also a member and past Vice President of Professional Towers Association of Nebraska, Platt-Duetsche Society and the Saddle Club. Jim collected miniature tow trucks and was an avid NASCAR fan.

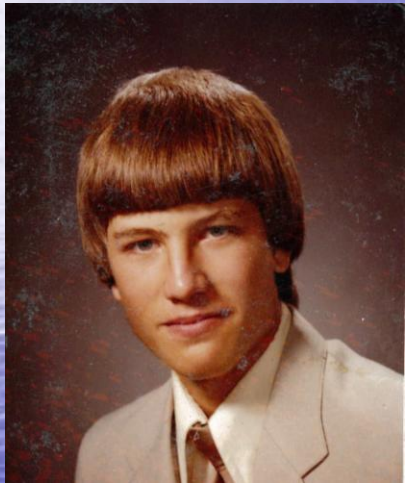
Survivors include his parents, LeRoy and Arlene Kramer of Grand Island; four children, Nicole Kramer, James Paul Kramer II, Brandon Kramer and Mykela Kramer all of Grand Island; grandmother, Ann Dohmen of Grand Island; sister and brother-in-law, Lisa and Tim Bartz of Grand Island and Patty Cornwell of Central City; Nephews, Steven and Joseph Bartz, Brock and Levi Cornwell; Nieces, Caitlin and Megan Bartz and Stacie Cornwell.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Steve Kramer; Grandfather, Chris Dohmen; Grandparents, Serena and Frank Kramer.





# Steven Kramer



Steven Eugene Kramer, 21, of Grand Island died Saturday in a Lincoln Hospital.

Services were Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, with the Rev. Lawrence Fenton officiating.

Burial was in the Westlawn Cemetery. Visitation was Monday from 3 to 9 p.m. at Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home.

The rosary was recited at 7:30 p.m. Memorials can be made to the Steven E. Kramer Memorial Fund.

Mr. Kramer was born on April 26, 1964, in Grand Island to LeRoy and Arlene (Dohmen) Kramer. He attended 1R School, graduating from Northwest High School in 1982. He continued his education at Southeast Community College at Milford, graduating in 1984 with a degree in auto mechanics.

He began working at Diers Motor Company, but shortly afterward joined the family operating Kramer Iron Company and Auto Parts in late 1984.

He was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic parish, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aeir No. 378.

Mr. Kramer is survived by his parents: LeRoy and Arlene Kramer of Grand Island; a brother, James P. Kramer of Grand Island; two sisters, Patricia and Lisa Kramer of Grand Island; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Dohmen of Grand Island; his paternal grandfather, Frank W. Kramer of Grand Island and paternal grandmother, Serena Kramer of Grand Island; a paternal great grandmother, Gertie Jensen of DesMoines, IA; and several uncles and aunts; and nieces and nephews.

# Robert McFarland

Robert Wayne “Bob” McFarland, 73, of Grand Island died unexpectedly on Sunday, October 9, 2011, at his home in Grand Island.

Services were 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Trinity United Methodist Church, with Rev. Del Roper officiating. Private family burial was in the Grand Island City Cemetery.

Visitation was from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Apfel Funeral Home in Grand Island.

Mr. McFarland was born on March 8, 1938, in Sumner to George Earl and Effie M. (Snurr) McFarland.

Survivors of the immediate family include his wife, Jean of Grand Island; two sons and daughters-in-law, Bruce Lee and Jennifer McFarland and Henry Alan and Kathy McFarland, all of Grand Island; Jean’s children, George and Julie McGough of Yonkers, N.Y. and Kelly and Kelli Preston of Mead, Colo.; a brother and sister-in-law, James J. and Cherie McFarland of Norwalk, Iowa; and a sister and brother-in-law, Pamela and Ron Miller of Kearney.

Additional survivors include grandchildren, Thomas R. McFarland and Kate B. McFarland of Grand Island, Lily A. Preston and Bethany G. Preston of Mead, Colo., and Mackenzie L. and Mikayla J. McGough of Yonkers, N.Y.

He grew up in Sumner and graduated from Sumner High School in 1956. He then graduated from Peru State College in 1960. Bob played football, basketball and baseball while at Peru State. He received his Masters Degree in Physical Education from the University of Illinois.

After graduating from Peru State he was hired at Grand Senior High School as a Physical Education Instructor in 1961. During his 37 year tenure, Bob coached boys and girls gymnastics, football, tennis, girls track and boys golf. Bob retired from the Grand Island Public Schools in 1998. Bob then coached boys golf at Grand Island Central Catholic from 2002 until 2009, where the Crusaders won three state titles in a row from 2002 to 2004. Bob also officiated football, basketball, volleyball, baseball and softball.

Robert married Karen Elizabeth Glade on August 4, 1962 and the couple had two sons, Bruce and Hank. Bob was preceded in death by Karen in 1999. He began a wonderful relationship with Jean Preston in March of 2006. Bob and Jean were married at Trinity United Methodist Church in Grand Island on July 2, 2009.

Bob loved almost any type of physical exercise, he loved to dance with Jean, travel, go to Grand Island Community Concerts, play golf, hunt, fish and play cards. He was especially loved playing sports with his grandchildren and any time he spent with his family.

Bob was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, the Nebraska Golf Association, the Nebraska Coaches Association and the United States Golf Association.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife, Karen McFarland.





# Rona Luton Melkus

Rona Melkus, formerly of Grand Island, died April 16, 2011, in Fresno, Calif.

A prayer service and celebration of her life was 11 a.m. Saturday, June 25, 2011, at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Grand Island. A lunch followed in the parish center. Her many friends and former colleagues were invited.

Rona Melkus was born in Hartley, Iowa on February 24, 1951. Rona's devotion to her family, friends, career and her faith touched the lives of many and those who were privileged to know her were endeared by her integrity, strength, kindness and everlasting smile.

Rona graduated from Grand Island Central Catholic in 1969, where she met her husband whom she married in 1971. She then graduated from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln in 1973, earning a BS in Education.

A true community servant, Rona dedicated her life to serving others. In honor of her son JJ's successful recovery, she became an active volunteer with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and in 2005 was named Woman of the Year for raising the most funds during an eight-week campaign. Rona was also a frequent donor at the Central California Blood Center.

Rona began her career teaching in Grand Island public schools and at the Grand Island School of Business she discovered her passion for accounting. When the family moved to Clovis, Calif., in 1986, she enrolled in accounting courses at Fresno State. In 1992, she began a nearly 20-year accounting career with the Central Valley Community Bank and was named Vice President Controller in August 1996. Rona's outstanding work ethic and excellent performance was highly regarded, consistently awarding her top honors and leaving a significant legacy for the bank's future.

Rona was preceded in death by her parents, Daniel and Marcella Luton, and her husband's parents, Leonard and Margery Melkus.

Rona will be deeply missed by her loving husband of 39 years, Gordon Melkus, and her three children; Robert Melkus, JJ Melkus and Elizabeth Hamel (Josuha). She is also survived by her nine siblings; Connie Luton, Barbara Boos (Ed), Marabeth Luton, Janet Perantoni (Jay), Dennis Luton (Pat), Dan Luton (Mary), David Luton (Sally), and Dana Luton (Hillary) and many beloved nieces, nephews and extended family.

She will always be remembered for her unconditional love of family, friends, community and her dedication to her faith, career and garden.

# Beata Moore

Beata Christine Elisa Krugman Moore, 93, of Grand Island died Sunday, November 6, 2011, at Tiffany Square Center, Grand Island with family at her bedside.

Services were 10 a.m. Thursday at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, with the Rev. Charles Torpey officiating. Burial was in the Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Visitation was from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the church, with a parish rosary recited at 7 p.m. Apfel Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Moore was born December 22, 1917, sixth of nine daughters to Henry and Bertha ( Hansen) Krugman in a cabin in White River, S.D. They moved to Winner, S.D. in 1921, where her father worked as a master carpenter. They made their home there until 1938 when they moved to Grand Island.

Beata graduated from Grand Island Senior High School and furthered her education at Grand Island School of Business where she was enrolled in the secretarial school. She received a job with the Commerce Department in Washington, DC and in 1942 she took a job in Kansas City, Mo., with the Department of Labor. She returned to Grand Island in 1943, where she was united in marriage to James A. Moore on November 30, 1943, at St. Mary's Cathedral in Grand Island. The couple made their home on a farm southwest of Wood River until 1948 when they moved to Grand Island. In 1950, she was employed as a secretary at the glove factory and later worked at O'Hara Plumbing Company from 1953-1955. In 1955, she began working for the Diocese of Grand Island and became the first Secretary to Central Catholic High School under the direction of Father Naughtin when the school opened in 1957. She worked at Central Catholic High School for 30 years as a financial secretary.

She loved cooking and baking, going camping, putting puzzles together and playing cards and Husker volleyball and football. Beata loved her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include three sons and daughters-in-law, James and Judith Moore of Lompoc, Calif., John and Susan Moore and Tom and Sherry Moore, all of Grand Island; two daughters, Barbara Binfield and Ruth Moore, both of Grand Island; 10 grandchildren, Dr. Kathy and Chris Lynch, Jerry S. Binfield, Jennifer and Brad Brummund, Jeremy and Heidi Moore, Sara and Eric Klein, James and Kelly Moore, Sean and Jane Moore, Michelle and David Taub, Ryan Moore, Rachel Moore and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, James A. Moore, son-in-law, Jerry Binfield, one brother, Heinrich Krugman and eight sisters, Irene Krugman, Rosena Nagel, Otillia Hewlett, Selma Dahlke, Esther Shepherd, Verna Rueffer, Mildred Lane and Florence Burse.

Memorials are suggested to Central Catholic Foundation.





# Bertha Schmidt

Bertha Schmidt, 87, of Mandan, ND, died October 26, 2011 at the Mandan Living Center in Mandan.

Services were Saturday, October 29, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Mandan, ND. with the Rev. Shane Campbell officiating. Parish rosary and vigil were Friday, October 28, 2011 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Bertha was born on October 16, 1924 to John and Eleanore (Pfau) Frank in Mandan, ND. She married Nick Schmidt on June 4, 1946 in Flasher, ND. She was an elementary school teacher in the rural schools in the St. Gertrude, Raleigh, Lark, Breien and Timmer areas. Bertha was a member of the Homemakers Club and Quilting Club where she demonstrated her artistic talents in Quilting. She also gave them to friends and family and donated them to the Senior Center. She also enjoyed painting and took classes to explore her talent. She was a weather observer/storm spotter and reporter for many years, along with being a Census taker, and 4-H leader. When you visited Bertha, hospitality was important to her you would never go hungry. She was a wonderful cook and large Sunday dinners were her specialty which her family enjoyed. Nick and Bertha enjoyed traveling throughout the United States throughout their lives.

Bertha will be deeply missed by her loving family, daughters; Marilyn Volmer, Bismarck, ND, Jane (Otto/Tex) Murry, Hastings, MN., Bonnie (Mike) Voigt, Menoken, ND; sons, Dave (Rosanne) Schmidt, Bismarck, ND., Steve (Cheri) Schmidt, Doniphan, NE and Dean (Leanne) Schmidt, Mandan, ND; 15 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; sisters, Angie Mahrer, and Rose Frank, both of Bismarck, and Tillie (Fedelis) Tischmak, Mandan, ND; sisters-in-law, Sharon Frank, New Salem, ND and Karen Frank.

Bertha was preceded in death by her parents; husband Nick; brothers, Ronnie, Richard (Mae) and Ralph; son-in-law Ken Vollmer and brother-in-law, Paul Mahrer.

# Shirley Ziemba



Shirley J. “Shushe” Ziemba, 64, of Grand Island died Monday, January 6, 2012, at her home after a courageous battle with cancer, with her loving family by her side.

Services were 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Leo’s Catholic Church in Grand Island. The Rev. Charles Torpey officiated. A private inurnment of ashes was at Westlawn Memorial Park.

To honor Shirley’s wishes, her body was cremated. The family greeted friends from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the church, with a wake service at 7:30. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to Central Catholic Foundation, Stuhr Museum, or family’s choice. Apfel Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Ziemba was born January 27, 1947, in Palmer to James and Evelyn (Scott) Davis.

Survivors of the immediate family include her beloved husband, Ron Ziemba of Grand Island; two daughters and their significant others, Melissa and Tony Randone and their children, Makayla and Bella of Grand Island, Dr Elizabeth (Liz) Ziemba and fiancé, Jeremy Colsen of Minneapolis, Minn.; special family members; one sister, Margie Davis and significant other, Ron Olson of Cathedral City, Calif.; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Jerry Davis of Palmer, Jim Davis of Central City, Bob and Sandy Davis of Worms, special lifelong friend, Dr Gordon and Sally Hrnicek, and many nieces and nephews along with a host of friends.

She grew up and attended school in Palmer. She was united in marriage to Ronald J. Ziemba on October 26, 1969, in Duncan. They made their home in Kansas City, Hastings and finally in Grand Island since 1976.

Shirley was employed at Internal Medical Associates (IMA) for over 20 years. She cherished the relationships she made at work and felt blessed to have the unending support from the co-workers and patients of IMA after she became too ill to work.

She enjoyed nothing more than spending time with her husband and family. Shirley was particularly fond of her grandchildren who lovingly nicknamed her “Shushe”. She was always the great organizer for family gatherings and especially uplifted by the love of her grandchildren.

Shirley’s legacy is summed up in one word “LOVE”. She often expressed, ‘What a wonderful group of people God allowed me to be a part of. Remember to be kind to one another. Support each other in whatever you do and never forget. FAMILY IS SO IMPORTANT when the times get tough, family will always be there.’ Anyone that ever met her casually or knew her intimately would say she showered them with her loving spirit which will continue forever.

Shirley was welcomed into heaven by her parents, brother, Ronald and nephew, Todd Davis.