

Urban W. Anderson, 86

Urban W. Anderson, age 86, formerly of Waseca, died Thursday, May 16, 2002 in Mesa, Arizona.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 25, 2002 at 2 p.m. at Kinder-Dennis Home for Funerals in Waseca with Rev. Victor Roth officiating.

Interment will follow at Woodville Cemetery in Waseca.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, one hour before services at the funeral home.

Urban, the son of Frank and Hannah (Johnson) Anderson was born September 24, 1915, in Battle Lake. He graduated from high school in Deer Creek in 1934 and Teacher Training in Wadena in 1935. He later received his B.A. Degree from Moorhead State University in 1941 and completed his Master Degree at the University of Minnesota and Mankato State University. He taught in rural school District #102 in Otter Tail County prior to teaching history,

industrial arts, physical education and coaching in Dodge Center from 1941-1942. He married Emily Sletten on August 24, 1941 at her parents home. He and his wife moved to Waseca in 1943 where he taught industrial technology until his retirement in 1980. During his retirement he spent winters in Mesa, and summers in Waseca and at his West Lake Jefferson home. He had been residing permanently in Mesa since 1993. He also remained an avid softball player and enjoyed traveling and dancing. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Waseca.

He is survived by one son, Dennis Anderson, and his wife, Peg, of Rochester; one daughter, Arlene Abraham, and her husband, Arden, of Duluth; and four grandchildren. He is also survived by two brothers, Vincent Anderson of Detroit Lakes and Larry Anderson of Bloomington.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife in 1991.

Rosella Swee, 89

Rosella Swee, age 89, of Wanamingo, died Thursday, Sept. 28, 2000, at Charter House in Rochester.

Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 2, at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Wanamingo. Rev. Byron Meline officiated.

Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Visitation was one hour before services at the church on Monday.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Rosella Swee was born on July 24, 1911, in Wanamingo. She was reared and educated in the area. She graduated from St. Olaf College in

Northfield and taught in Lancaster, Minn., before going to the University of Minnesota to get a degree in library science. She came to Waseca in 1947 and was the Waseca High School librarian. She maintained her residency in Wanamingo and went home every weekend and holiday to visit her mother and friends. She retired in 1974.

She was a charter member of Trinity Lutheran Church and enjoyed singing.

Survivors include a brother, Maurice, of Chicago, Ill.

She was preceded in death by a brother.

Edna M. Kral, 88

Edna M. Kral, age 88, of Rochester, died Wednesday, May 15, 1996, at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester.

A memorial service is Saturday, May 18, at 11 a.m. at Zumbro Lutheran Church in Rochester. The Rev. Gary Benson will officiate. Burial is at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Woodville Cemetery, Waseca.

Friends may call Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Ranfranz Funeral Home in Rochester. There will be no reviewal at the church.

Memorials are preferred to the donor's choice.

Mrs. Kral was born on Feb. 29, 1908, in Kasson, to Oscar and Clara (Folkestad) Munson. She received a bachelor's degree from St. Olaf College in Northfield and later her master's degree from Mankato State College. She taught in various places in Southeast

Minnesota, but the majority of her teaching career was in Waseca. Following her retirement she moved to Kasson and later moved to Rochester. She was married to Clem Kral in 1937, in Kasson, and he preceded her in death. She was then united in marriage to Ted R. Larson in June 1977 in Kasson. She was an active member of Zumbro Lutheran Church, Rochester. She was also a member of the American Association of University Women, the Minnesota Education Association, and the Red Cross.

She is survived by her husband, Ted Larson; by one brother, Arlin Munson of Hayfield; and by two sisters, Olga Dahle of Byron, and Margaret Giere of Rochester.

She was preceded in death by her parents, by her first husband, by two sisters, and by one brother.

Paul J. Andrejewski

Paul J. Andrejewski, 84, of Albert Lea, formerly of Waseca, died on Thursday, June 4, 2009 at the Albert Lea Medical Center.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, June 10th at 11:00 a.m. at St. Theodore Catholic Church in Albert Lea

with Fr. Jim Burning, officiate. Interment with military honors will be in the Calvary Cemetery, Waseca.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at McRaith Funeral Home in Waseca, and will continue on Wednesday morning for one hour prior to services, at St. Theodore's in Albert Lea. In lieu of flowers memorials preferred to the American Legion Post # 228, or The Paul Andrejewski Waseca High School Scholarship Fund.

Paul James was born on August 9, 1924, in Winona, Minnesota to Felix and Victoria (Wesolowski) Andrejewski. He graduated from Winona High School. During WWII Paul served in Pacific Theater with U.S. Army. Following his military duty he returned home, and on November 21, 1947, he was united in marriage to Mary Elizabeth Draskowski at St. Casmir's Catholic Church in Winona. Paul attended St. Mary's College in Winona and graduated from Winona Teachers College. He then



began a long career as a high school art teacher. He taught at Waldorf High School the first year of his career (1950). From 1951 until his retirement in 1986 he taught at Waseca High School. He was Waseca's first tennis and wrestling coach, and coached JV football for many years. After his wife Mary passed away in 1987, Paul married Millie Tiedeman. Paul and Millie resided in Albert Lea for the last 20 years. Paul was an avid sports fan, and was an active volunteer at Sacred Heart Church while living in Waseca and for the last 20 years at St. Theodore Catholic Church in Albert Lea. He was a member of the Waseca VFW-Sweet Sommers Post #1642, and the Waseca American Legion Post #228. Paul had served as American Legion Post Commander, 1st District Commander, State Commander, and National Vice Commander.

He is survived by his son James (Kris) Andrejewski of Woodstock, GA; by his daughters Nancy (Bob) Kelling of Waseca, Julie Andrejewski of St. Michael, and Victoria Andrejewski of Waseca; by his four grandchildren Abby (Randy) Bartz, Sagan Kelling, Jamie Andrejewski, and John Andrejewski; by his great granddaughter Ryley Bartz.

He was preceded in death by his parents; by his wife Mary on May 13, 1987, and his wife Millie in December of 2008; by his sister Margaret.

For on-line condolences go to www.mcraithfuneral-home.com

Margaret A. Cantwell, 92

Margaret A. Cantwell, age 92, of Waseca, died on Thursday, July 1, 2004 at the Lake Shore Inn Nursing Home in Waseca.



Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, July 5th at 11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Waseca with Fr. John Kunz officiating. Interment will be in the Calvary Cemetery in Waterville following services.

Visitation will be held on Monday morning from 9 - 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church. Arrangements are being completed by McRaith Funeral Home of Waseca.

Margaret Ann was born on June 29, 1912 to William H. and Grace A. (McShane) Cantwell in Morristown, Minnesota. She graduated from Morristown High School in 1931. She went on to attend Mankato Teacher's College, graduating from the two year program in 1936. She received her B.S. degree in 1961 from Mankato State University. Margaret's career in education included Waseca County and Rice County Country Schools,

Minnesota Lake Public School, Nicollet Public School, Montgomery Public School, and Waseca Public Schools. She retired from teaching in 1977. Margaret was a longtime member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Waseca, and it's St. Ann's Circle. Over the years she had been an active member of the Monday Study Club, and the Hospital Auxiliary. Margaret was active in various associations for retired educators including, the Waseca Area Retired Educators (W.A.R.E.), the Southeastern Retired Educators Association of Minnesota (S.E.R.E.A.M.) and the Retired Educators Association of Minnesota (R.E.A.M.). She was also a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International since 1965. In 1998 W.A.R.E. awarded Margaret with their second Pioneer Educator Award.

She is survived by one sister, Veronica Lynch of Richfield; by one niece, Kay Lynch of Bloomington; by two nephews, Jerry (and Linda) Lynch of Columbia Heights, Tom (and Sue) Lynch of Cottage Grove.

She was preceded in death by her parents; by one brother, William J. Cantwell; by one sister, Mary Donovan.



Mary Lee Fellrath Ebeling Pichner

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OWATONNA — Mary Lee Fellrath Ebeling Pichner, 70, of rural Owatonna, died Monday, Jan. 10, 2011, at her daughter's home in West Salem surrounded by family.

Mary Lee was born in Minneapolis on Aug. 15, 1940, and was adopted into the loving family of George and Florence (Rockman) Fellrath. She graduated from Cokato High School in 1958. Mary Lee graduated from Augsburg College in Minneapolis in 1962 with a degree in Theatre Arts and English Education. In September of that same year she started her teaching career at Waseca High School in Waseca. She taught there three years before marrying William Michael Ebeling. Mary Lee took 10 years off of teaching to stay home and raise the couple's two children, Thomas and Anne.

Mary Lee returned to teaching speech and English at Owatonna High School, Owatonna, where she taught for twenty four years. During that time she did her graduate work at the University of Minnesota, Mankato. Her degree was in reading.

In 1996, Mary Lee's beloved husband, Bill, of 31 years died after a short battle with cancer. In 2000, she married Eugene James Pichner and the couple lived on the farm in Meriden, Minn. Mary Lee was truly blessed to have had two loving husbands. Her special gift, second husband, Eugene Pichner died on June 6, 2009.

Church work was of the utmost importance to her and she taught Sunday school, Bible school and confirmation for many years at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Meriden. She was also active in the women's group of the church, served on the church council, and sang in the choir. She loved to study and teach the Bible and did so through St. Paul's circle Bible study and the adult church Bible study.

Mary Lee's hobbies included reading, sewing, games, visiting with friends and knitting.

Left to remember her are: her beloved son, Thomas William (and Kathleen) Ebeling of Victorville, Calif.; her precious daughter, Anne Margaret (and Richard) Garbers of West Salem, Wis.; her four beautiful grandchildren, Ashlee Anne Garbers, Andrew Richard Garbers, Jaclyn Marie Ebeling and Scott Thomas Ebeling; her bonus daughters and son (step-children) Debra (and Duane) Pichner Gehring and Douglas Eugene (and Jeanne) Pichner; six step-grandchildren and one great-step-granddaughter. She is also survived by her brother, John Fellrath of Renton, Wash., and several cousins. God also gave Mary Lee many friends. Five special ones are Dorette Kanengieter, Jon Wilker, Sandy Dinse, Doris Gerds and Dean Jones Family. Thanks be to God for her life and the many people who shared it with her.

Mary Lee was preceded in death by her first husband, William Michael Ebeling; her second husband, Eugene James Pichner; and her parents George and Florence Fellrath.

Visitation will be at Michaelson Funeral Home on Sunday, Jan. 16, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and one hour prior to the service in the church. Memorial services will be held Monday, Jan. 17, at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Meriden with the Rev. Gary Rusinko officiating. Her ashes will be interred prior to the church service at 9 a.m. on Monday in the Forest Hill Cemetery, Owatonna and all are invited to attend. Memorials are preferred to St. Paul's Lutheran Church-Meriden, Owatonna Public Library, Owatonna Hospice or donor's choice.

Donald C. Larsen, 78

Donald C. Larsen, 78, of Sun Prairie and formerly of River Falls, died Jan. 16, 2005, of a heart attack while attending a business conference in Miami, Fla.



The son of James and Anna (Christiansen) Larsen, he was born Oct. 25, 1926, in Jim Falls. He was the seventh of eighth children and was raised in Chippewa Falls. He graduated from Chippewa High School in 1944.

Upon graduation Mr. Larsen joined the U.S. Navy and served as a machinist mate third class during World War II. He was honorably discharged in 1946 and re-enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve, serving four years and was again honorably discharged in 1950.

He attended St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., earning a bachelor's degree in educational psychology. He also earned his master's at the University of Minnesota, graduating in 1963.

On June 12, 1948, he married Elaine Peterson. The couple raised five children: Tim, Debbie, Becky, Jenny and Judy. Mrs. Larsen died in 1969.

Mr. Larsen taught, coached and counseled in the Minnesota communities of Brooten, Madison and Waseca. He served as principal in Jackson, Minn., and at the River Falls High School beginning in 1962.

In 1973 he accepted a post with the Wisconsin Secondary school Administrators' Association as executive secretary. That organization reorganized becoming the Association of Wisconsin School Administrators where Mr. Larsen served as associate executive director.

He had concurrently held the position of executive director of the Wisconsin Association of School Councils. Though he officially retired in 2000, he continued to serve on national boards and in unofficial capacities.

His family said his passions

he shared with his family and national network of friends. He enjoyed sports at all levels, including the Badgers and the Packers, and took pride in celebrating his children's and grandchildren's successes.

They also said he enjoyed traveling and had visited many of the United States including Alaska and Hawaii, and Germany, Austria, Hungary and China. He also took pleasure in his yard and garden.

Mr. Larsen was preceded in death by his parents: James and Anna Larsen; wife, Elaine; sisters: Delma Kurth, Hazel Martineau and Mamie Schwahn; sisters-in-law: Margaret Larsen, Edna Larsen and Janet Barlow; brothers: Calvin, Paul and Herbert Larsen; and brothers-in-law: Howie Martineau, Don Barlow and Gordy Smith.

He is survived by his friend and companion, Susan Masterson of Janesville; family: Tim and Wanda Larsen of Northfield, Minn., and their children Brooke, Jay and Zach, Debbie and Pauly Cudd of River Falls and their children Jennifer and Jeff Edling (Jordyn and Jakob), Josh and Jena (Cole) and Joe, Becky and Perri Reinke of Sheboygan and their children Luke and Peter, Jenny Larsen of Stevens Point, and Judy Albertson of Stevens Point; sister, June Smith of Chippewa Falls; brothers-in-law: Louis Schwahn and Clifford Kurth, both of Chippewa Falls; several nieces and nephews; and many friends.

Visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, at Ezekiel Lutheran Church in River Falls and 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 22.

A funeral service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, with interment at Greenwood Cemetery.

A reception will follow at the River Falls Golf Club.

The family prefers memorials in lieu of flowers to: the Wisconsin Association of School Councils Torch Bearers, the WASC Donald C. Larsen Foundation, the American Cancer Society, or the American Heart Association.

Cashman Mortuary assisted the family with funeral arrange-

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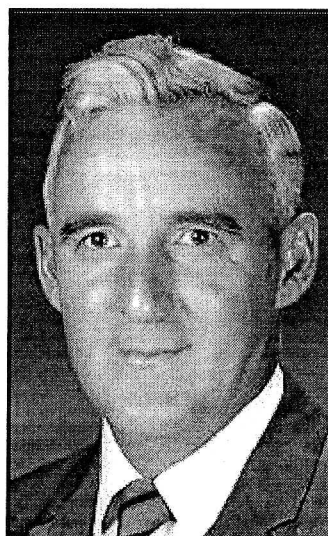
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Joseph E. Lynch



JOSEPH EDWARD LYNCH, age 82 of Waseca, died on Sunday, October 11, 2009 at the Waterville Good Samaritan Center.

Born on October 3, 1927 in Cohoes, New York, he was the son of Alpheus and Esther (Lyons) Lynch. Joe moved with his family to Watervliet, NY near Albany where he attended St. Patrick's Catholic School and graduated from Watervliet High School in 1945. Following his schooling, he served in the U.S. Navy from 1945 until his honorable

discharge in 1947. After his discharge, he attended Winona State Teacher's College (WSTC) from 1948 until 1952. He was active in high school sports and carried his enthusiasm to WSTC. He held several state high school records in track running the 440 and 220 yard dash. While at WSTC, Joe met Darlene Griebenow and they were married on March 28, 1953 in Harmony, MN. They made their first home in Ellendale where Joe taught business in high school and was active in coaching. Their son David was born while living in Ellendale.

Joe and Darlene spent three summer sessions at Colorado State College in Greeley, CO where he received his master's degree in administration. After leaving Ellendale, Joe and Darlene moved to Waseca in 1958. He taught at the U of M Southern School of Agriculture for one year and then began teaching at Waseca High School. Joe taught in the Physical Education and Business Departments and also coached varsity basketball with Manny Beckman, Tink Larson and John Bendix. Joe also assisted Whitey Aamot with the square dance program at school. Their son Daniel was born in Waseca in 1961.

Joe enjoyed his many years of teaching and coaching. He also participated in many sporting activities including volleyball, softball, golf, and refereeing basketball and football. He retired from teaching and coaching in 1987. Joe and Darlene purchased a lake home on Bay Lake in northern Minnesota with friends from New York. Together they owned the lake home for 27 years before selling it as Joe's health

deteriorated. Joe had been a resident of the Waterville Good Samaritan Center since 2002. While there he kept as active as he could spending a great amount of time outside interacting with people. Joe's close friend, John Bendix, was a faithful weekly visitor the entire time Joe lived at the care center. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Waseca.

He is survived by his wife, Darlene of Waseca; two sons, Dr. David (Dr. Sue Ravenscraft) Lynch of Edina and Daniel (Edwina) Lynch of Flower Mound, TX; and two grandchildren, Andrew Lynch and Sarah Lynch. He is also survived by one sister, Catherine (William) McQuade of Watervliet, NY and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers-William, Frederick, and Alpheus, and two sisters-Margaret Lynch and Mary Roddy.

Visitation will be held at Kinder-Dennis Home for Funerals in Waseca on Friday, October 16, 2009 from 4-8 PM with a 7:00 PM parish prayer service and continue one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Saturday, October 17, 2009 at 10:30 AM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Waseca with Rev. Marty Schaefer officiating. Interment with military honors will follow at Woodville Cemetery in Waseca.

Marvin D. Nissen

HUTCHINSON, MN — Marvin D. Nissen, age 82 of Hutchinson, passed away Wednesday, December 13, 2006, at his home in Hutchinson.

A Memorial Service will be held 11:00 A.M. Friday, December 22, 2006, at Christ The King Lutheran Church in Hutchinson.

Visitation will be 4:00-8:00 P.M. Thursday, December 21, and 8:00 – 9:00 A.M. Friday, December 22, at the Dobratz-Hantge Chapel in Hutchinson. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service at the church.

Clergy Officiating: Pastor Jon Lindekugel & Pastor Karl Kruse

Marvin Dean Nissen was born April 7, 1924, in Orient, South Dakota. He was the son of John and Hilda (Jurries) Nissen. Marv was baptized as an infant at Orient Methodist Church in Orient and later confirmed in his faith as a youth on June 19, 1939, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Vermillion, South Dakota. Marv received his education in Orient and was a graduate of the Orient High School Class of 1942. He went on to further his education at the University of South Dakota and received a Masters Degree in Music Education.

Marv entered active military service in the United States Army Air Force on May 22, 1943, and served his country during World War II in Alaska and the Aleutian Islands. He received an Honorable Discharge on December 9, 1945.



On August 25, 1949, Marv was united in marriage to Delpha Kissner in Redfield, South Dakota. This marriage was blessed with three children. They made their home in Waseca, Minnesota. Marv and Delpha shared 36 years of marriage until Delpha passed away on January 25, 1986.

Marv was united in marriage to Marilyn Lewis on June 15, 1990, in New Ulm, Minnesota. Marv and Marilyn resided in Hutchinson. They shared 15 years of marriage until Marilyn passed away on December 1, 2005.

Marv enjoyed teaching at Marion, South Dakota, Centerville, South Dakota and Minneota, Minnesota. He loved directing the choirs at Waseca High School for 28 years, until he retired in 1984.

Marv loved to travel and was especially thrilled to reconnect with relatives in Germany. He enjoyed exercising, entertaining, and volunteering whenever and wherever help was needed. Some of his most special times were spent attending the numerous athletic, musical and theatrical activities of his grandchildren. Marv lived life to the fullest with so much joy and kindness. He shared that love of life with anyone who crossed his path. He always remarked, "It's been a great life!"

Marv passed away, Wednesday, December 13, 2006, at his home in Hutchinson at the age of 82 years.

Blessed be his memory.

Marv is survived by his, Daughters, DeeAnn Smith and her husband, Stephen of Sand Point, Idaho, Debra Jo Peters and her husband, David of Northfield, MN; Son, Dr. Dean Nissen and his wife, Carol of Hutchinson, MN; 1 Step-Daughter; 1 Step-Son; Grandchildren, Andy Nissen, Josh Nissen Luc Nissen, David Nissen, Mark Nissen, Keelyn Smith, Joe Peters, and Natalie Peters; Step Grandchildren; Step Great Grandson; Brothers, Alvin Nissen and his wife, Eva of Miller, South Dakota, Jack Nissen and his wife, Betty of Auburn, Washington, Dick Nissen and his wife, Janize of Delta Junction, Alaska; Nieces, Nephews, other relatives and friends.

Marv is preceded in death by his Parents, John and Hilda Nissen; First wife, Delpha Nissen, Second wife, Marilyn Nissen; Brothers, Gordon Nissen and Bill Nissen.

Arrangements are with the Dobratz-Hantge Chapel in Hutchinson. Online condolences may be directed to www.hantge.com. Please click on online condolences.

Anne C. Olson, 93

Anne C. Olson, age 93 of Waseca, died on Saturday, May 8, 2004 at the Lake Shore Inn Nursing Home.



Memorial services will be held on Wednesday, May 12th at 2:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Waseca with Rev. Dr. Robert Christian officiating.

The family will greet friends on Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at McRaith Funeral Home in Waseca, and will continue on Wednesday afternoon for one hour prior to services, at church. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to donors choice.

Anne was born on June 24, 1910 to Allan and Helen (Phillips) Chalmers in Lyon County, Minnesota. She graduated from Marshall High School and then went on to earn a two year degree, and later a four year degree, from Mankato State Teachers College. She was united in marriage on June 14, 1937 to Erwin G. Olson in Mankato. Anne taught kindergarten and then second grade in the Waseca Public Schools from 1948 until retiring in 1973. Anne's two

greatest loves were her family and her teaching career. She cherished the opportunities she was given to teach. In retirement, she enjoyed writing poetry, walking, playing cards, watching the Minnesota Vikings and the Twins, and a really good cup of coffee. She was a member of the First Congregational Church, Monday Study Club, Waseca Historical Society, the Waseca Arts Center, and the Waseca Area Senior Citizens. Anne was a volunteer with Waseca Area Hospice from the time it first organized in Waseca.

She is survived by two children, a son Larry (and Marlene) Olson of Jonesboro, Arkansas, and a daughter Carol (and Bill) Rausch of Waseca; by two grandchildren, Dr. Kathy Rausch of Roseville, and Sandy Rausch of St. Paul; by a brother, Gordon (and Ellen) Chalmers of Waconia; by a sister, Gladys Johnston of Albuquerque, and a large extended family of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Erwin in 1979; by one sister, Grace Dahms.

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1 — But the righteous souls are in the hand of God, and there no grief, nor pain, nigh them shall come.

Gertrude M. Pestka, 94



Gertrude M. Pestka, age 94, of Waseca, died on Saturday, March 29, 2008 at the Lake Shore Inn Nursing Home in Waseca. she taught at Southside, Waseca Central, and Hartley. On March 28, 1953 she was united in marriage to Clement Joseph Pestka at the Immaculate Conception Parish House in St. Clair. That same year Gert began teaching in Pemberton. In 1958 she returned to Waseca where she taught until her retirement in 1976.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, April 6th at 2:00 p.m. at McRaith Funeral Home in Waseca, with Sr. Lois Erpelding, OSF, presider. Interment will be in the Immaculate Conception Church Cemetery in St. Clair.

Visitation will be held on Sunday afternoon from 12:00 noon until the hour of service, at McRaith Funeral Home. Memorials preferred to the Waseca Area Senior Citizens Center.

Gertrude Mary was born on November 17, 1913 in Madelia, Minnesota to Fred and Mary (McLean) Davies. She graduated in 1931 from Madelia High School, and in 1937 from Mankato Teachers College. She later earned her Bachelors Degree from Mankato State University. Gert taught 5 years in country school in Watonwan County Dist. # 6 (Truman) and Dist. #27 (St. James). She then taught 3 years in Hanska, and 2 years in Madelia. In 1948 she moved to Waseca where

She was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Waseca, its Tekawitha Circle, and the Catholic Daughters of America-Court Sacred Heart #1424. She was also a longtime member of the Waseca Area Senior Citizens Center, and had been involved in various retired teachers organizations.

She is survived by many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1970; one brother, James Davies in 1989, and a brother at infancy.

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Stewart Peterson



STEWART W. PETERSON, age 86 of Waseca died on Monday, October 19, 2009 at his residence in Waseca.

Stewart (Stu) William Peterson was born on a farm near Blooming Prairie, MN on October 7, 1923 to Charley J. and Mary Caroline (Dutton) Peterson.

Stu attended District 45 grade school, country school and graduated from Blooming Prairie

High School in 1941. After graduation he worked on the family farm while older brothers were fighting WWII. In February 1943, he joined the Army and trained for two years at Fort Campbell Kentucky as a light tank driver for Company D, 9th Tank Battalion, 20th Armored Division before shipping overseas. In Europe his unit went from Normandy to Salzburg February 18 to May 6, 1945. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge and his unit was cited for liberating Dachau Concentration Camp. His unit was scheduled to go to Japan in August 1945 when the A-Bomb was dropped and the war ended. He was discharged from Fort Sheridan Michigan in February 1946, having earned the European Theater and Good Conduct medals.

After his discharge, Mr. Peterson farmed for two years before taking advantage of the G.I. Bill to attend college. He attended Winona State Teachers College where he played football four years as an offensive guard and graduated in 1951 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Arts. After graduation, he taught school for one year in Russell, MN before returning to farming for four years. He then taught for two years in Claremont, MN, before moving to Waseca, MN where he taught from 1958 until his retirement in 1984.

Mr. Peterson was united in marriage to Eileen Hansen on April 11, 1953 in Blooming Prairie. He joined Grace Lutheran Church in Waseca in 1958.

Mr. Peterson was a 60 year member the VFW Post 878 in Blooming Prairie and Post 1642 in Waseca and a 50 year member of the American Legion. He served as Post 1642 Commander in 1970-71 and 1st District Commander in 1987-88. He served as the 1st District VFW Youth Activities Director for baseball and VFW Bantam Hockey and was State VFW Youth Activities Director in 1974-75. As an active member of the American Legion, he was involved with the Legion Baseball program. Mr. Peterson was a member of the Industrial Arts Association, Past President of Waseca Area Retired Educators and served as President of the 20th Armored Division Association in 2001. He headed the Waseca Memorial Day program for many years and was active in Voice of Democracy. He coached 8th grade football and taught Drivers Education during the summers. For many years he bowled in city league, enjoyed fishing and spending time at his cabin on Big Turtle Lake in Marcell, MN. Mr. Peterson was an avid reader, enjoyed the daily crossword puzzle and a true sports enthusiast.

Mr. Peterson is survived by his wife Eileen, sons: Paul (Denise) Peterson, Grand Prairie, TX; Mike Peterson, Waseca, MN; daughters: Sharon Peterson, Rochester, MN, Connie (Neil) Krohse, Sioux Falls, SD, and Rita (Joe) Miller, Waseca, MN; brothers Merle (Betty) Peterson and Howard (Mary)

Peterson, sister Shirley Kubat, sister-in-law Lucy Peterson, six grandchildren: Derek (Kellen) Peterson, SSG Darren Peterson, Sean and Matthew Krohse, Ben and Ali Miller; one great-grandson, Jace Peterson and many nephews and nieces.

He is preceded in death by his parents, brother and sister-in law, Charles and Ramah Peterson, brother Gerald Peterson, step-sister Evelyn Joyce Riggi, sister-in-law Delores Peterson, and brother-in-law Leo Kubat.

Visitation will be held at Kinder-Dennis Home for Funerals in Waseca on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 from 4-8 PM and continue on Thursday, one hour before services at the church.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, October 22, 2009 at 11:00 AM at Grace Lutheran Church in Waseca with Rev. Roger Haug officiating. Burial will be at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Honor Flight, Waseca VFW Post 1642, or donor's choice.

Guest Book

Phyllis B. Poehler, 85

Phyllis B. Poehler, age 85 of Waseca, died Sunday, January 18, 2004 at the Lake Shore Inn Nursing Home in Waseca.



Born in Waseca, Minnesota on February 13, 1918, she was the daughter of Leo and Dora (Dobberstein) Lynch. She graduated from Sacred Heart High School in 1934 and the College of St. Teresa in 1938 with an education degree and majors in English, Latin and French. She began her teaching career at Lourdes High School in Rochester and Nicollet High School before settling into Waterville High School where she taught from 1940 until 1955. She married William C. Poehler on July 2, 1955 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Waseca. Phyllis later taught English and French at Waseca High School from 1955 until her retirement in 1980. Following her retirement, she continued to provide English tutoring for 2 years. She enjoyed playing bridge, and was active with Volunteer Services and historical research, especially the "Waseca 88" promotion. She was a member of Sacred Heart

Catholic Church in Waseca and was a former member of the Catholic Daughters. She was also a member of the Waseca American Legion and VFW Auxiliaries, Retired Teachers Association and the Waseca County Historical Society.

She is survived by one daughter, Mary (Poehler) Fette, and her husband, Jeff of Waseca; and one sister-in-law, Mary Lynch of Faribault. She is also survived by two nieces, Patricia Bass and Margaret "Peggy" Rogers both of Minneapolis, and two nephews, Steve Lynch of Morristown and Mike Lynch of Minneapolis. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and two brothers-Buddy Lynch and Edward Lynch.

Visitation will be held at Kinder-Dennis Home for Funerals in Waseca on Wednesday, January 21, 2004 from 4-8 PM and continue on Thursday one hour before services at the church.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, January 22, 2004 at 1:30 P.M. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Waseca with Rev. John Kunz officiating. Burial will follow at Calvary Cemetery in Waseca.

Herbert Streitz

Herbert J. Streitz, 94, longtime resident of Waseca died Monday, August 25, 2008, at St. Marys Hospital in Rochester.

Born in St. Cloud, Minnesota on September 15, 1913, he was the son of Leonard and Amelia



(Richter) Streitz. He graduated from St. Cloud Technical High School and in 1931 graduated from St. Cloud State College. He did advanced work at Bemidji State, Vandercook College of Music in Chicago and received his Masters Degree in Music from MacPhail College of Music.

After college, Herb taught Band and Orchestra in Grand Rapids, MN Schools from 1935-1939. He came to Waseca in August of 1940 as the first full time Band and Orchestra Director and retired from teaching in 1969, except for two years in U.S. Navy Bands during WWII.

He is survived by his wife, Polly of Waseca; four children, Dr. William Streitz of Roseburg, OR, Bonnie Streitz of Minneapolis, Robert (Gail) Streitz of Shoreview, and Ben (Julie) Streitz of Fridley; 9 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild. He is also survived by three step-children, Steve (Lee) Fleming of Niceville, FL, Rick (Lynda) Fleming of New Richland, and Cathy (Craig) Johnson of Waseca; 7 step-grandchildren; 9 step-great-grandchildren and two sisters, Helen and Susan. He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife - Aileen in 1982, one brother-Alfred, and two sisters-Irma and Caroline.

Visitation will be held at Kinder-Dennis Home for Funerals in Waseca on Thursday, August 28, 2008, from 4-8 PM with a 7:30 PM parish prayer service.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, August 29, 2008 at 10:30 A.M. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Waseca with Rev. Marty Schaefer officiating. Burial with military honors will be at Woodville Cemetery in Waseca.