

**Obituaries**

**Loretta Holmen**

Loretta Holmen, age 80, passed away at Waunakee Home Again Memory Care Facility on Friday, May 31, 2024.

Loretta was born in Powers Lake, ND in 1944. Her parents were Mildred and Luther Grubb. She lived on a farm and went to a one-room country day school through the eighth grade and graduated from high school in Powers Lake in 1962. She married Donald Holmen in 1964.

Loretta was a quality quilter and produced hundreds of beautiful quilts. Loretta lived her faith. She and her husband Donald were members of The Gideons' International (distributed bibles in hotels, prisons, and schools). Loretta went every Friday for fifteen years to the Dane County Women's Jail and gave each inmate a New Testament and prayed with and for them often.

Loretta is survived by her husband, Donald; sister, Diane (Glen Stevens); daughter, Doneta (Tom Chorney) and Della (Joel Dahlman). She was blessed with seven grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

Loretta was preceded in death by her parents, Mildred and Luther Grubb; and her son, Dalton Holmen.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Waunakee with a reception to follow.

Memorials may be made to Agrace Hospice Care in Madison.

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**John Charles (Jack) Cvancara**



**Apr. 8, 1936-June 2, 2024**

John Charles (Jack) Cvancara, 88, of Ross, ND, passed away on June 2, 2024, at Mountrail County Medical Center in Stanley, ND.

Jack was born April 8, 1936, to Joe and Antonia (Slemin) Cvancara at the family farm south of Ross, ND. Jack was the fifth of ten children. He grew up on the family farm and attended school in Ross and Palermo, and graduated from Ross High School in 1953. On June 7th, 1955, he volunteered for the US Army and proudly served his country from 1955-1957 when he was honorably discharged. While in the army he was stationed at Fort Huachuca, AZ, and then sent to Fort Chaffee, AR, where he was trained as a radio operator. He was also selected to be part of Queen Anne's Drill Team and performed at special events. After his time in the service, he met his wife of 63 years, Judene (Judy) Moore at Ponchos in White Earth, ND. They were married May 31, 1961, at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Stanley, ND. They purchased a farm near his parent's farm south of Ross where they raised their five children.

Jack loved his life on the farm. As well as farming, Jack and Judy raised beef cattle and milked cows. Jack also worked off the farm as a bus driver, at Farmers Union/Cenex, custom combining, Tri-City, and during the drought of the 1980's worked at Glacier National Park (a job he truly loved). He was also the "unlicensed community" vet for

Alger and Debing Township. Even though Dad was a busy man, he always made time for the little things in life that turned out to be the big things. He would send the kids to dig for worms while he finished up the milking and still catch an evening of fishing with them. He would stop what he was doing and take the time to see what you needed, help with or teach a life lesson. Dad's favorite time of the year was spring when it was calving, branding or anything else that would involve cattle but most importantly that's when all of the family would gather together, drink beer and smack talk.

His favorite activities were fishing, gardening, (weeds were the biggest produce out there), hunting with the boys (which he followed his own rules), and trying his luck at the casino where he had very little luck, (casino 20 - Jack 0). If he won everyone knew it. Jack loved to dance, they were members of the Swing and Twirl Square Dance Club. He loved a good Polka and a good game of horseshoes. He was an Eagle Scout, Scout Master, involved with 4-H, on the Alger Township Board, Soil Conservation Winner, but he was most proud of being a part of the American Legion and representing the Military during the Memorial Day and the 4th of July parades every year except this year. Jack was a very patriotic man and you stood for the Flag, no ifs ands or buts unless you physically couldn't. Dad's all-time favorite job was being a husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and rancher.

Jack is survived by his wife, Judy of Ross, ND; children, Jana Cvancara-Olson (Barry) of West Fargo, ND, and their family, Alex (Morgan) and August Sailor of San Diego, CA, and Kyle Olson of West Fargo, ND; Jaci Nichols (Robby) of Stanley, ND and their family, Drew (Kelsea), Abel, Layla and Jax Nichols of Stanley, ND; Landon, Asher, Swayzi and Suede Nichols of Watford City, ND; and Whitney (Chris), Kiplee, Koier, Kuf, Kaper and Kue Nordloef of Stanley, ND; Rowdy (Melanie) Cvancara of Sidney, MT and their family, Chase (Shannon) Brantley and Brielle Cvancara of West Fargo, ND; Malorie (Casey), Avalynn and Haisley Peterson of Sidney, MT; Jaret (Candy) Cvancara of Williston, ND and their family, Dawson Cvancara of Ray, ND; Payson Cvancara of Ray, ND; Lindsay, Sophia and Alex Falcon of Williston, ND; and Caitlin and Aniyah Falcon of Williston, ND; brothers, Dennis (Barb) Cvancara of Phoenix, AZ, and Clark (Kathy) Cvancara of Cold Spring, MN; sister, Marjorie Jaha of MI; many nieces, nephews, in-laws, outlaws, cousins, neighbors, and friends. I'm sure we may have missed a name or a title, but you know that you all were held near and dear to him.

Preceded in death and lovingly reunited with his son, Kip Cvancara; and grandson, Jaxon Cvancara; his father and mother, Joe and Tony Cvancara; brothers, Paul, Vic, Joe, and Bob Cvancara; sisters, Rose Aaberg and Alice Frandson; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Andy and Myrtle Moore; also, by so many animals but to name a few: Scooby, Mooch, Blue, Tripper, and Lady.

Dad you were the hardest worker we knew. You are so loved and will be so missed. But we are so excited for you to be reunited with Kip and Jaxon. Thank you for all you've done.

Jack's funeral mass was held on Thursday, June 6, 2024, at the Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Stanley, ND.

Church in Stanley, North Dakota. Father Jason Signalness officiated. Jack was laid to rest at the Fairview Cemetery in Stanley, North Dakota.

The funeral service was broadcast, you can view Jack's service directly on his obituary page on the website [www.springan Stevenson.com](http://www.springan Stevenson.com).

Springan Stevenson Funeral Home of Stanley have been entrusted with arrangements and services. Friends may sign the online register and give their condolences at [www.springan Stevenson.com](http://www.springan Stevenson.com).

**Sharry Hagen**



**Nov. 12, 1945-June 4, 2024**

Sharry Hagen, 78, of Palermo, ND, passed away on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at the Trinity Health Hospital in Minot.

Sharry Darlene Hagen was born November 12, 1945 in Bozeman, MT to Mary and Francis Buddenberg. Her father was adopted by a Buddenberg and her mother was adopted by a step-father. In December 1949, Sharry's father left their home in Pony, MT to never be heard from again. Her mother waited out the winter and the birth of her last child before moving her family of five children back to North Dakota in August 1950.

Sharry attended school in Bowden, ND until the 8th grade, then moved to Jamestown to finish out the 11th grade and obtain her GED. She was a mischievous child and pulled many pranks; never fearing the consequences of her actions, and that trait carried on throughout the rest of her life. Her mother had her hands full raising five children alone and Sharry did not make life easy on her, as he was quite the handful.

She met Larry Hagen Sr. at the Snake Pit in Sanish, ND and they married December 9, 1967 and lived on their ranch near Charlson, ND. They had four children, Molly, Kari, Larry Jr., and Lovetta. They divorced in 1977 and she moved to various places, mainly Williston. She enjoyed fishing, camping, gardening, watching old westerns, and various frowned upon activities. Sharry did not concern herself with what anyone thought of her and lived her life on her terms. She would take her children fishing and camping during their summer visitation and they always looked forward to seeing her. She was fun to be around with all of her antics. After breaking her back at work, she required surgery after surgery to repair life-long spinal issues and endured daily pain which affected the quality of her life.

She met Dwain Newnam and they were together for 26 years until his passing on August 14, 2018. Declining health slowed her down, but did not stop her. Sharry loved the peace and solitude of living on the farm, but also loved going to town to

see her friends and make her rounds. She had a very good sense of humor, yet cross her, watch out, as she liked a good fight. She was a very generous person and did whatever she could to help another in need. She was a wild child that grew up to be a wild woman with many memorable tales. Sharry was a free spirit who marched to the beat of her own drum. May her restless spirit finally find peace.

She is survived by her children, Molly (Tracy) Moore, Kari Hagen, Larry (Shelly) Hagen Jr.; grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Randi (Cody) Swanson and their children Layla and Lanie; T.J. (Meghan) Moore and their son, Huxton; Sheridan Schwartzberger and his children, Jace and Hope; Annie (Jordan) Heinrich, and Keeley and Lathan Hagen; brother, John Buddenberg; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Lovetta; partner, Dwain; sister, Joan Waliser (brother-in-law, Allen); brothers, Kenny Buddenberg and Richard Buddenberg (who recently passed May 27, 2024); niece, Kelly Waliser; and sister-in-law, Nancy Buddenberg.

There will be a public visitation held from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2024, at the Springan Stevenson Funeral Home with a family service to follow beginning at 6:00 p.m. Sharry's funeral service will be held on Friday, June 14, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at the Springan Stevenson Funeral Home Chapel in Stanley, ND. Milo Mell will officiate. Sharry will be laid to rest at the Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery in Belden, ND.

The funeral service will be broadcast, you can view Sharry's service directly on her obituary page on the website [www.springan Stevenson.com](http://www.springan Stevenson.com).

Springan Stevenson Funeral Home of Stanley have been entrusted with arrangements and services. Friends may sign the online register and give their condolences at [www.springan Stevenson.com](http://www.springan Stevenson.com).

**Ordean Olson**

**Nov. 3, 1949-Nov. 7, 2023**

Ordean Olson, 74, formerly of Plaza and Minot died on November 7, 2023, in his Phoenix, AZ home from complications related to Multiple Myeloma.

Ordean was a long-time employee of Holmes/Main Electric and resided on a farm in the South Prairie area for many years.

Survivors include wife of 49 years the former Beverly Kay Erickson; children, Nathan (Elizabeth), Kim (Jared) and Karla; grandson, Corban; siblings, Brian, Loretta, Betty and Mary. He was preceded in death by his father, Vern Olson; mother, Mae Olson Mueller; and brother, Glen.

Memorial service will be held on June 15, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. in First Lutheran Church, Plaza.

Memorials are preferred to Pheasants for the Future, Minot, and First Lutheran Church, Plaza.

Memories and condolences may be shared at [www.thomasfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.thomasfamilyfuneralhome.com).

**Marie Roise**



**July 29, 1933-June 7, 2024**

Marie Roise, 90, of Stanley, ND, passed away on Friday, June 7, 2024, at the Trinity Health Hospital in Minot, ND.

After a quick fall the evening of June 6, 2024, Marie passed away peacefully the evening of June 7 at a Minot hospital. She had been scooting around the halls of the Bethel Home with her walker visiting, as usual, earlier in the day on the 6th. However, after an ambulance ride to Minot, she did not awaken from what they determined to be signs of strokes.

Marie was born on a farm in rural Powers Lake, ND to Maynard and Annie Godejohn on July 29, 1933. She grew up on farms in the Powers Lake and White Earth areas and attended school in White Earth, graduating from White Earth High School in May 1951.

Marie met Oliver Roise and they were married on September 30, 1951 at Cottonwood Lake Lutheran Church. They lived on the Roise farm where they raised their family for many years. The Cottonwood neighborhood was a special part of their life, but it was time for the next generation to take over farming so they moved to Stanley in 1977.

Marie worked at the Mountrail County Bethel Home, Dakota Drug and Reep Clothing. Marie and Oliver worked and lived at the Prairie Host Motel as managers for ten years. After they moved back to their house, they continued to live in Stanley for many years until Oliver passed away in 2009. Marie enjoyed helping numerous elderly people in Stanley with home health assistance over the years.

One of the highlights of her life was traveling to Norway multiple times with Oliver to meet all the Roise family relatives. Oliver's first cousins and their families were so special to them and in turn visited in Stanley many times after the first trip to meet them in 1974.

Marie was a member of White Earth, Cotton Lake, Holy Cross and Bethlehem Lutheran churches during her lifetime.

She enjoyed her homes and neighbors on 1st and 2nd Street in Stanley, but had moved into the Mountrail County Bethel Home in August of 2023 after celebrating her 90th birthday in July of 2023. She was the embroidered dish towel and Rummikub queen. She loved to tell you that you had to follow the rules! Her greatest love was the joy that she was able to give to people who

purchased her dish towels.

She is survived by her children and families, sons, Gerald Roise (LuAnn) of Minot, ND, Kenny Roise of Minot, ND, and Randy Roise (Linda) of Renton, WA; daughters, Joanne Erickson (Lynn) of Prairie du Sac, WI, Carol Spillum (Mike) of Sioux Falls, SD, and Cindy Lagerquist (Jody) of Westby, MT; grandchildren, Garrett Erickson, Brooke Erickson (Danielle), Adam Froyum Roise (Carissa), Dustin Roise (Barb), Jason Roise (Andie), Amanda Rabe (Matt), Joy Chrzanowski (Tom), Wade Spillum, Aaron Lagerquist and Alica Lagerquist; great-grandchildren, Beckham Erickson, Katy Roise, Cohen Erickson, Annie Roise, Isak Froyum Roise, Hans Froyum Roise, Jessy Roise, Linnea Froyum Roise, Omni Roise, Knute Roise, Makenzie Rabe and Rylie Rabe.

In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Ross, ND or the Activities Department at the Mountrail Bethel Home.

There will be a public visitation on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Springan Stevenson Funeral Home in Stanley, ND. Marie's funeral service will be on Thursday, June 13, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Springan Stevenson Funeral Home Chapel. Pastor Pauline Crowder will officiate. Marie will be laid to rest at the Cottonwood Lake Cemetery in rural Powers Lake, ND. There will be a luncheon held at the Roise family farm following the burial.

The funeral service was broadcast, you can view Marie's service directly on her obituary page on the website [www.springan Stevenson.com](http://www.springan Stevenson.com).

Springan Stevenson Funeral Home of Stanley have been entrusted with arrangements and services. Friends may sign the online register and give their condolences at [www.springan Stevenson.com](http://www.springan Stevenson.com).

**Sandy Cramer-Dillon**

Sandy Cramer-Dillon, 56, of Stanley, ND passed away on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at her home. Springan Stevenson Funeral Home of Stanley is assisting the family. Condolences may be left on the funeral home website at [www.springan Stevenson.com](http://www.springan Stevenson.com).

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