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Berri Balka
May 20, 1942 – May 19, 2013
Lincoln, NE

Berri Balka, 70, died May 19, 2013. He was born May 20, 1942 to Berri Marvin and Charlotte (Bills) Balka in Oshkosh. He grew up in Garden County on a ranch near Lisco. Berri graduated from Garden County High School in Oshkosh, receiving a BA with honors from the University of Wyoming and Juris doctorate from the University of Nebraska. Berri served in the U.S. Army and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Parachute Badge, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation and Aircraft Crewman Badge. Berri had a life-long love of politics. He served as the state of Nebraska Insurance Director 1976-1978 in the Exon administration, Tax Commissioner 1991-1999 for Gov. E. Benjamin Nelson and was currently serving as Legislative Aide to State Sen. Galen Hadley.

Survivors include his wife of 35 years, Judy; daughter, Sara (Ryan) White and grandsons, Hudson and Lucas of Bloomington, Illinois; daughter, Ana (Steven) Ysma of Kiln, Mississippi; and sister, Sandra (Floyd) Schmitt of North Platte; niece, Michelle Okomoto and family; nephew, Galen Young and family.

Francis W. “Bud” Benedict
July 27, 1931 – October 15, 2012
Castle Rock, CO

Francis Ward “Bud” Benedict, 81, passed away on October 15, 2012. He had put up a valiant fight against Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma since 2000. Bud was born in Lincoln, Nebraska to Albert and Frances Benedict on July 27, 1931. After graduating from the University of Nebraska with a law degree, he moved the family to Chicago for three years, then to Marin County to work in the Legal Dept at Fireman’s Fund in San Francisco. After retiring from Fireman’s Fund, he and Barbara moved to Castle Rock, Colorado. Bud had a rich and full life and did everything with the utmost integrity. He was always active with his Church, and served on many boards offering his sound advice and years of experience. He loved to sail his boat in the San Francisco Bay, and spend time at his cabin in Lake Tahoe. His years in Colorado included lots of golf and snow skiing. Bud’s first love was always his wife and family and lots of time was spent every year traveling to stay with each of them in California, Arizona, Virginia, Boston, Ohio and Nebraska.

Bud is survived by his loving wife, Victoria “Vickie” of six years, his children, Sharon (Allen) Luce, Susan (Nick) Hulsebos, Cathryn Benedict, Scott (Kelley) Benedict, and Vickie’s daughters, Cheryl Schenk and Michelle (Dennis) Bachman. Barbara Benedict his beloved wife of 52 years predeceased him in 2004.

Hon. William D. Blue
January 20, 1926 – January 14, 2013
Lincoln, NE

The Honorable William D. Blue died on January 14, 2013, just a few days short of his 87th birthday. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II. Judge Blue graduated from the University of Nebraska College of Law in 1952. He practiced law with the Barney Pearson law firm in Lincoln for a few years, before joining the Lancaster County Attorney’s office, eventually becoming the chief deputy county attorney.

Judge Blue was appointed to the Lancaster County District Court bench in July 1972. He served on that bench until he retired in December 1996. During his 24 years of service, Judge Blue was a mentor to a number of the judges who joined the Lancaster County District Court bench after him and to others across the state.
As a judge, Judge Blue was the judge you aspired to be. He was extremely fair and even-tempered. If you had to be in court, Judge Blue was the judge before whom you wanted to appear. He was courteous to all those who appeared before him. It did not matter to him whether you were a lawyer from a prestigious law firm, a solo practitioner who had just hung out a shingle or a pro se litigant. He treated all those who appeared before him as he viewed them - equal.

During his tenure on the bench, he was invited to sit with the Nebraska Supreme Court to hear cases. He wrote opinions on several occasions. He served on several Supreme Court committees, including the Practice and Procedure Committee that drafted the Nebraska Pattern Jury Instructions.

In addition to being fair minded and kind, Judge Blue was a man with a great sense of humor. A good example of his humor was when one of his boys was talking with him about burial versus cremation. In pure Bill Blue fashion, he responded: “As Bob Hope said . . . ‘Surprise me’!”

Finally, paraphrasing one of his boys: Bill Blue was a man of principle. He was compassionate and curious, very interested in people. He was a class act.

He is survived by his son, John W. Blue, and his wife, Sharry, of Ann Arbor Mich.; and daughter-in-law, Barbara Blue, of Chicago. He is also survived by his youngest son, James R. Blue, and his wife, Susanne, of Lincoln. His grandchildren are Daniel, Laura, Megan and Michael Blue. His step-children are Kristin Johnson, and husband, Ken; Robin Whitten, and husband, John; and Scott Walters. Step-grandchildren are John Whitten, Emily Whitten, Melanie Cohavi, Erik Johnson, Peter Johnson, Matthew Johnson, and David Johnson. He was preceded in death by his parents, his beloved Auntie Es, his first wife, Mary Elizabeth (Kinsinger) Blue and Marilyn (Coffey) Blue.

Russel E. Burford Jr.
April 8, 1948 – October 15, 2012
Omaha, NE

Russel E. Burford Jr. passed away October 15, 2012. He received his B.A. from the University of Nebraska - Lincoln and his J.D. from the University of Michigan in 1974. He was admitted to practice in Michigan, Washington D.C., California and Nebraska in 2000. He was a solo practitioner in Omaha and was previously employed by Chiquita Brands International.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Russel Sr. and Helen Burford. He is survived by his daughter, Sarah Burford.

Marianne Clare
April 15, 1949 – August 27, 2013
Omaha, NE

Marianne Clare passed away August 27, 2013. She received her undergraduate degree from Dana College and graduated from Creighton University School of Law in 1975, a member of the first class to occupy The Ahmanson Law Center. At the beginning of her legal career, she served as a deputy county attorney in North Platte. She later returned to Omaha to a solo practice before joining the law firm of Marks, Clare, Hopkins & Rauth. She eventually became a partner in the firm of Marks, Clare and Hopkins before her retirement. Judge Gary Randall said of his former law partner, “she was a brilliant attorney and loved serving the needs of her clients.” She will be remembered for her Irish wit and devotion to family, friends, and clients.

She is survived by her son, Kelly Vainiunas, former spouse Gus Vainiunas, sisters Jeanne Nolan and Denise Clare, brother John Clare, and uncle John Minton. She was preceded in death by her parents, Rosemary and Truman Clare.
Hon. John E. Clark  
October 26, 1924 – January 19, 2013  
Omaha, NE

The Honorable John E. Clark, 88, died January 19, 2013. John was born in Omaha to Pearl and Amy (Briggs) Clark. Like many of his generation, John’s views and values were profoundly influenced by the Great Depression and World War II, when he served in the U. S. Navy in the Pacific Theater aboard LST 919. He graduated from Creighton University Law School in 1951 and began a long and distinguished career as a Public Servant, holding the positions of FBI agent, Douglas County Deputy Attorney, Omaha Municipal Court Judge, and Douglas County District Court Judge.

He was preceded in death by wife Patricia; parents; brother Tom; sister-in-law Mildred Clark; brother-in-law Ray Kenney; and son-in-law Gary Rasher. He is survived by sons, Jim (Debi) Clark, Bill (Pam) Clark; daughters, Kathryn Clark, all Omaha, Mary Jane Rasher, Highlands Ranch, CO; grandchildren, Allie (Dave) Marchetti, Bellevue, Kayla, Michael, Bobby, and David Clark, Nicole, and Dan Carroll, all of Omaha; great grandchildren, Mackenzie, and Gabriella Marchetti, Bellevue; brother- and sister-in-law, Bill and Ann Kenney, Omaha; sister-in-law Martha Kenney, St. Petersburg, nieces and nephews.

Dr. Howard B. Dooley  
October 6, 1916 - May 15, 2013  
Aurora, NE

Dr. Howard B. Dooley, 96, died in Aurora on May 15, 2013. Howard was born on October 6, 1916, in Palmer to Isaac Turner Dooley and Katherine M (Badgley) Dooley. Howard graduated from Palmer High School, he earned his BA from Nebraska Central College in Central City, his BD from Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Omaha, graduate study at the University of Omaha, and his Juris Doctorate from the Creighton University School of Law in Omaha. Howard was also awarded Honorary Doctorates from Parsons, Doane and Hastings Colleges.

On January 28, 1939, Howard married Mary Elizabeth Rogers in Central City. Howard began his career as a pastor in Council Bluffs from 1939 to 1943. Howard entered the United States Navy in 1943 and served in the Central Pacific. He served as Chaplain at the Naval Hospital in San Diego, California in 1945 and 1946. After completing his active duty in 1946, Howard entered the United States Naval Reserve and served as Commanding Officer of Chaplains Company 9-10 until he retired as a Captain in 1976. From 1946 to 1952, he was the Protestant Chaplain at Father Flanagan’s Boys Home in Omaha, from 1952 through 1957 he was Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Council Bluffs, Iowa; and from 1957 through 1981, he served as President for the Nebraska Independent College Foundation and until 1983, was President of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Nebraska. Howard served as President of the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation from 1981 to 1994 and was Executive Director of the Nebraska Educational Finance Authority from 1981 through 2001. Howard was a long-time member and past president of the Omaha Downtown Rotary Club and was a member of the Nebraska Bar Association.

Those left to cherish his memory are his children - Roger Dooley and Hedy Pieramico of San Diego, California; Gary and Janet Dooley of Waterloo; and Mary Johnson of Marquette; four grandchildren; five great grandchildren; and his sister-in-law - Billie R. Gee of Central City.
Paul L. Douglas
September 19, 1927 – November 5, 2012
Lincoln, NE

Paul L. Douglas, 85, of Lincoln, passed away November 5, 2012. Born September 19, 1927 in Sioux Falls, S.D. to Louis and Victoria (Karavasilis) Douglas. Married to Ardis Hunt. Joined U.S. Marines during WWII and served 2 years in the Pacific and China and was called back for the Korean War. Upon his return, he graduated from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D. and earned a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Law. While in law school he was a member of Delta Theta Phi. Paul served as County Attorney for Lancaster County for 15 years and also served as Nebraska Attorney General for 10 years. Past President of the Lincoln Bar Association, member of Nebraska State Bar Association, Past President of the Nebraska County Attorneys Association, a Director of the National Association of District Attorneys, member of the National Association of Attorney Generals, Past Chairman of the Nebraska Crime Commission, served on National Task Force on Crimes Against Big Business and on National Task Force on Private Security. Paul was also a member of the Shrine, Scottish Rite, Masonic Lodge #210, A.F. & A.M. and was a 33rd Degree Mason, Jesters, Green Fez, Eastern Star, Elks Lodge #80, American Legion Post #3, Foot Printers, Sowers Club, Jayceeniles and an avid fan of all University of Nebraska Sports. Paul was a member of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church and a member of the church’s A.H.E.P.A. club.

Survivors include his wife, Ardis; numerous cousins and godchildren.

John R. “Dugie” Doyle
September 27, 1924 - August 28, 2013
Lincoln, NE

John Remine “Dugie” Doyle, was born in Lincoln, Neb. September 27, 1924 and died August 28, 2013. His parents were: father, L. R. “Lum” Doyle, and mother, Ruth Fitzgerald Doyle. He attended Lincoln High School and graduated from Campion Jesuit High School in Prairie Du Chien, Wis. and attended Yale University before enlisting in the armed services. He was a Navy pilot during WWII and served on the aircraft carrier USS Ticonderoga in the Pacific Fleet. After taking enemy fire during a bombing mission he was missing in action in the Philippines before being picked up by a Navy seaplane. He was awarded the Navy Cross for his military service. By profession he was a Nebraska lawyer. He served as former President of the Lincoln Council on Alcoholism and former Board Chairman of the National Council on Alcoholism. For years he served as chair of the NSBA’s Drug and Alcoholism Committee, and he was instrumental, along with a former president of the NSBA, in the establishment of the Nebraska State Bar Associations’s NLAP Program. He was actively working with the Director of that program in helping to assist impaired lawyers within a week before his passing.

Jane Burke added, “From time to time, Dugie assisted my clients who were experiencing problems relating to alcohol use. He would ask, “How old are you now?” Regardless of the answer to that question, Dugie would tell the client that their age was the perfect age to quit drinking. He would not judge the person with regard to their situation but, instead, would make them feel better about themselves. Dugie’s ability to visit with the client about their issue was handled with a lovely mixture of humor, fatherly guidance and sincerity. I am blessed by having had the opportunity to work with Dugie during the early years of my practice.”

He is survived by his wife, Barbara B. Doyle; and sons, Timothy J. Doyle (wife Mary) of Lincoln and Louis R. Doyle (wife Diana) of Pacific Palisades, Calif. Grandchildren are John C. Doyle and Anne Doyle; and Step-grandchild Kristin Kern-Lowe. He was preceded in death by brother, David F. Doyle, and sister, Mary M. Doyle-McQuiggan.
Kenneth H. Elson
April 26, 1922 – November 3, 2012
Grand Island, NE

Kenneth H. Elson, 90, died November 3, 2012. Kenneth was born in Frontier County, Nebraska on April 26, 1922. He was the son of C. and Clara Hamilton Elson. He graduated from the University of Nebraska School of Agriculture (high school) in Curtis, Nebraska. He was Class A - All State in basketball in 1939. He went to college at the University of Nebraska, where he lettered in basketball for the Huskers. In 1947, he graduated with distinction from the University of Nebraska with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. In 1949 he received his J.D. from the Nebraska College of Law, cum laude. His military service included General’s Aide in the 86th Infantry Division while in combat in Europe, 1944-45. He then served as a Captain in the Philippine mop-up operations of the Pacific Theater in 1946. He met Jo Duering in the Philippines during World War II, where Jo was serving the Red Cross, and married her after the war. Mr. Elson’s legal profession included practicing with the Luebs firm from 1949 to 1965. He then went into private practice from 1965 until his retirement in 2004. During his career he tried hundreds of jury cases, argued 56 cases in the Nebraska Supreme Court and others in the United States Court of Appeals. He was at the forefront of technology in his law practice. He was an active member of the Nebraska State Bar Association, a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and a member of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. He was also a President of the Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys. His hobbies included the enjoyment of classical music, golf, computer technology, and traveling. At 90, he created masterful multimedia projects of his family’s lives using his iMac computer and stayed in touch with his loved ones using his iPad.

He is survived by Josephine D. Elson, wife; Dr. Kenneth H. Elson, Jr., son; Dr Joel D. Elson, son; Debbie Elson and Brenda Elson, daughters-in-law; and grandchildren Amy Jean Elson Tanksley, Michelle Jo Elson, Joel Scott Elson, and John Christian Elson. He is also survived by his sister, Mary Ann Sibal. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Rod and Jon Elson.

Fellow Grand Island lawyer Jim Truell noted, “I arrived in Grand Island in 1975. Ken was already a fixture and senior member of the legal profession starting his practice with Al Luebs. The two became strong adversaries against each other after Ken left that association and started on his own. He was a sole practitioner. Few could keep up with the work ethic that Ken demanded. Those who tried to associate soon went elsewhere. Yet, he was kind to us new comers providing advice when asked, and sometimes when not. In the 80s Ken was preparing for the “hyper inflationary blowout”. He predicted unprecedented inflation and began buying gold and silver. At morning coffees Ken would drink his hot tea and eat almonds or cashews until he found out about possible cholesterol problems. He retired in his late 80s and told everyone, that he should have done it sooner. During his later years in practice, his wife acted as his secretary, making it a family business.”

Richard T. Emery
April 7, 1934 – April 22, 2013
Lincoln, NE

Richard T. Emery died April 22, 2013 at age 79. Richard served as a longtime Trust Officer of First National Bank in Lincoln and was a Senior Vice President and Trust Officer of the Trust Department at Firstier Bank. Through a series of acquisitions he continued working as the senior trust officer of the Lincoln branch of First Bank and subsequently US Bank. After retiring from US Bank, he took his skills to First Nebraska Trust Company and served as Senior Vice President and Trust Officer until his final retirement in December of 2012. Richard received his
bachelors degree in business from the University of Iowa and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Iowa College of Law. He was a member of the Lincoln Probate Discussion Group, Nebraska State Bar Association, Lincoln Estate Planning Council, Madonna Foundation Planned Giving, Lincoln Downtown Rotary Club #14, Lincoln Lodge #19 A.F. & A. M., and Sesostris Shrine. Richard is missed by his daughters, his grandchildren, and all of those who had the opportunity to benefit from his wisdom as well as his dry sense of humor.

He is survived by his daughter & son-in-law Sharon & Dan Caswell of Oregon City, Ore.; daughter & son-in-law Sarah & Chris McGowan of Omaha; grandchildren Jackson & Luke McGowan of Omaha; sister Virginia Davenport of Bloomington, Ill.; and nieces and nephews Kim & Drew Prince, Steven Prince, Connie & Steve Broguard, Dana & Phil Davenport, Susie & Gary Eggena; and many lifelong friends. Preceded in death by his parents and wife, LaVonne.

C. Randy Endelman
March 28, 1946 – February 23, 2013
Omaha, NE

C. Randy Endelman passed away at the age of 65 in Omaha on February 23, 2013. He graduated from the University of Nebraska - Omaha with a B.A. in psychology and from Creighton University School of Law in 1973 and was admitted to practice the same year. After many years in trust management at Wells Fargo Bank and Great Western Bank, Randy became Vice President and Trust Manager at Mutual of Omaha Bank. Omaha attorney and former NSBA president John Brownrigg said, “Randy was a true friend, a gentle and caring man.”

Randy was preceded in death by his sister-in-law, Debbie Krasne. He is survived by his wife, Penny; mother and father, Bob and Lois Endelman; daughter and son-in-law, Jamie and Troy Meyerson; son, Tony Endelman; grandchildren: Ainsley, Aiden and Audrey Meyerson; sister and brother-in-law, Sue and Paul Blackman; brother and sister-in-law, Mike and Krista Endelman; and brother-in-law, Jim Krasne; many nieces, nephews and close friends.

Conrad C. Erickson
February 7, 1919 – December 23, 2012
Green Valley, AZ

Conrad C. Erickson, 93, passed away on December 23, 2012 in Green Valley, Arizona. Con was born on February 7, 1919 to Carl Davis and Mary Isabelle (Allard) Erickson, at Ericson, Wheeler County, Nebraska. Con’s schooling began at Wheeler County Nebraska Four Corners, continued at Ericson, Nebraska High School, and concluded at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln with his Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1950. He served in WWII from October 1941, earning the rank of Captain before being honorably discharged from the Army Air Corp. in February 1946. Con practiced law in Burwell, Nebraska from 1951 to 2010. He served his community as Burwell City Attorney from 1956 to 1973. He was a member of Nebraska State Bar Association and American Bar Association for 49 years, the Burwell American Legion for 52 years, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Burwell First Congregational United Church of Christ in Burwell and The Good Shepherd United Church of Christ in Sahuarita, AZ. Con was husband, “Unc” (short for Uncle), Grandpa, step-father, friend, and Counselor. Whatever name he was called, he was loved and respected. He lived following the Golden Rule, was a man of high integrity, honesty, considerate, always saw the best in everyone, encouraged education, a Husker fan, a people person, and loved helping people. He enjoyed bird hunting, fishing, golfing, boating, and his automobiles. He had a way with words and shared many stories. He considered Burwell home but moved to Green Valley, AZ because of health concerns in 2010.
Con was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Ira and wife Jeanette, Leland, and Gaylord. He was also preceded in death by brother and sister-in-law, Donald C. and Doris Spencer. He is survived by his wife, Sandy, and step-sons: Jerry and Cathy Davenport, Sargent, NE and their children Dawn and Jacob, Milford, NE, Sarah and fiance Jeremy Jones, Lincoln, NE and Rebecca Davenport, Wayne, NE: and Jim and Judy Davenport and their children Joshua and wife Chantel, Jon and Jesse, Milford, NE. Sister, Irene and Gerald Larsen, Burwell, NE and brother, Gustave A and Lenna Erickson of Prescott Valley, AZ. He is also survived by nephews whom Con considered sons, David and Paige Erickson and children, Leland Conrad and Hannah, Eatonton, GA and Jeremy Erickson and Jill Bingman and son Christian Todd of Anchorage, AK. Sister--in-law Carolyn Erickson. Brandon, MS, and countless nephews and nieces, all special to Unc. Brothers and sisters-in-law: Ima Stapleman, Green Valley, AZ, Jerry and Edna Spencer, Chadron, NE, Ted and Shirley Spencer. Brewster, NE, and Dixie and Duanne Gaedke, North Platte, NE.

Patrick M. Ford  
February 5, 1943 – March 24, 2013  
Omaha, NE

Patrick M. Ford died March 24, 2013, after a long illness. Pat was born in Omaha and was a graduate of Creighton Prep and Creighton University. He received his Law Degree from Boston College. Pat spent most of his 40-year legal career in California, where his work ranged from running the Monterey Legal Aid Society to private practice work. He returned to Omaha in 2002 and began his career with Legal Aid of Nebraska. Pat was a dedicated advocate and champion for his clients. He enjoyed a legal challenge, a good book, and whiskey with friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bernard and Bernice (Sobczyk) Ford. He is survived by many friends and relatives.

Kenneth C. Fritzler II  
May 18, 1945 – July 9, 2013  
Broken Bow, NE

Kenneth C. Fritzler II, 68, of Broken Bow and formerly of Kearney, died July 9, 2013. Ken was born on May 18, 1945 in Omaha to Kenneth C. and Doris (Eastman) Fritzler. The family moved to Kimball, NE where he graduated from Kimball County High School in 1963. He attended the University of Nebraska Lincoln and was affiliated with the Triangle Fraternity and a member of Beta Gamma Sigma. He received his Bachelor's degree in 1967 in Business Administration. Ken then went on to receive his Juris Doctor degree from the UNL College of Law in 1970 graduating in the top 10% of his class. He was the editor of the Law Review and was a member of the Nebraska Chapter of The Order of the Coif. After graduation from law school, Ken was affiliated with the firm of Baylor, Evenen, Baylor and Urbom in Lincoln. After moving to Kearney in 1971, he was a member of the Tye, Worlock, Tye and Jacobsen law firm. In 1974, he joined Ross and Schroeder and was part of the law firm of Ross, Schroder and Fritzler until 1989. From 1989 until his retirement in 2006, he practiced on his own in both Kearney and Broken Bow. Ken married Linda Pape on May 27, 1972 in Kearney. They later divorced. He married Carol Repke-Jaskierny on October 3, 2002 in Broken Bow. Ken was a member of the BPOE Lodge in Kearney. He served many years on the Board of Mental Health of Buffalo County. Ken’s favorite pastimes included sailing, camping and fishing. He also enjoyed riding his motorcycle, flying his plane, the outdoors and caring for his cats. Ken had an affinity for the game of cribbage and contributing to the arts in the community. He loved music and sang in barbershop quartets and choruses most of his life including the Plum Creek Men’s Chorus of Lexington and 1733 Chorus of Kearney. Ken never met a stranger and befriended all those he could.
He is survived by: Sons: Jason Phelps and wife Marsha; Paul Fritzler and wife Erin of Chatsworth, CA. Daughters: Ginny Schauer and husband Bob, Sarah Zulkoski and husband John of Kearney, Rebekah Moritz and husband Brian of Omaha. Grandchildren; Rachael Nelson, Henry and Hayden Moritz all of Omaha, and Connor Phelps. Sisters: Janet Huntley (Jim) of Diamond Bar, CA and Beth Elliott (Pat Kendall) of Fort Collins, CO. Ken is also survived by aunts, uncles, many cousins, nieces, nephews and stepchildren. Ken was preceded in death by his parents and a sister.

**Sheldon M. “Shelley” Gallner**
**May 14, 1949 – July 12, 2013**
**Omaha, NE**

Sheldon M. “Shelley” Gallner, 64, long-time workers compensation lawyer in Council Bluffs, died on July 12, 2013. Gallner’s legal career, which spanned more than 37 years, focused mostly on the representation of people injured on the job. He founded and was principal owner of the Gallner & Patermann law firm. A Council Bluffs native, he graduated from American University in Washington, D.C. in 1974, later graduating from the University of Iowa School of Law. Prior to attending law school he was a sports agent for professional athletes. He was a member of the Iowa Law Review and was the author of the book “Pro Sports: The Contract Game,” published by Scribner & Sons, which was used as a text in the 1980s for a class he taught at Creighton University School of Law. He was a past president of the Iowa Association of Workers’ Compensation Lawyers, the Iowa Trial Lawyers’ Board of Governors, and the Council Bluffs Boys & Girls Clubs. He was a member of the Iowa Bar Foundation, the Iowa State Bar Association, the Nebraska State Bar Association, and the Pottawattamie Bar Association.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Kim, and children Elyse and Spencer.

**John J. Goc**
**April 17, 1945 – August 7, 2013**
**Lincoln, NE**

John J. Goc, 68, of Lincoln, died August 7, 2013. He was a graduate of the University of Nebraska Law School in 1975. John was a lobbyist since 1983 for Nebraska businesses including MUDD, City of Lincoln, League of Municipalities, & rural school districts. He worked with the unicameral from 1974-1983. John was a walking institution on legislative history and procedure. He had a keen knack of understanding the real “heart” of legislative issues and could navigate the politics of the legislative process very well. He enjoyed playing the card games of pitch and hearts with State Senators, Legislative Staff and other lobbyists over the noon hour. Also was administrative law judge for 10 years. Additionally, John enjoyed repairing, restoring, driving and owning classic motor vehicles. He was a member of the Nebraska State Bar Association and the VFW. He married Vicky Jones on February 20, 1971. He served in the U.S. Air Force, 1964-1969 including a tour in Vietman.

James T. “Jim” Goetz  
August 12, 1926 - February 22, 2013  
Yankton, SD

James T. “Jim” Goetz, 86, passed away February 22, 2013 in Yankton, SD. James was born to Henry and Alice (McGinty) Goetz on August 12, 1926 in Yankton, SD. He was raised in Hartington, NE and graduated from Holy Trinity High School in 1944. He graduated from Creighton Law School in 1948 and was a practicing attorney in South Dakota and Nebraska for 60 plus years. Her served as the city attorney of Yankton for 49 years retiring from the position in 2009. He served his country as a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

On April 14,1952, James was united in marriage to Margaret Dickens in Sioux City, IA and on June 15, 1969 she passed away. He remarried on September 29, 1975 to Sally Quinnell in Omaha, NE. Jim looked forward to the annual pheasant hunting trips with his family and grandchildren. He enjoyed viewing his farmland and crops, loved animals, horseback riding, flowers and gardening. He was a 4th Degree Knight in the Knights of Columbus, a member of the Yankton Rotary Club, VFW and was a loyal member of Sacred Heart Church.

He is survived by his wife, Sally Goetz of Yankton, SD; son, James T. (Lori) Goetz, Jr. of Centennial, CO; daughters: Nancy (John) Corcoran of Sheldon, IA, Mary Sowards of Omaha, NE, Peggy (William) Conroy of Chapin, SC, and Deborah (Dan) Beckmann of Omaha, NE; son, Bruce Goetz of Omaha, NE, and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Margaret, infant twins, son, Robert, his parents, Alice and Henry and one brother, Max.

William H. “Bill” Grant  
April 13, 1930 - March 16, 2013  
Columbus, NE

William H. “Bill” Grant, 82, of Columbus, NE, died March 16, 2013. Bill Grant was born April 13, 1930 in Omaha, Nebraska to James and Viola (Hough) Grant, although Bill grew up in Columbus and always considered it his home. Bill studied law at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln and graduated cum laude in 1954. He was a member of the 1953 College of Law Moot Court team - referred to some as “the Cinderella team” for its unexpected victory over Georgetown University to claim the national championship. Bill and his sweetheart Elizabeth “Betty” Ann Ernst were married in Columbus on June 27th, 1954. After fulfilling his Commission as Lieutenant in the Judge Advocate General Corps, Bill and Betty set up camp in Columbus. Bill had practiced law in Columbus ever since.

Bill is survived by his loving wife Betty Grant of Columbus; son Jim (Traci Ryba-Grant) Grant of Columbus; daughter Ann (James) Graham of Parker, CO; son Clark (Marcia) Grant of Columbus; 8 grandchildren; brother James (Verna) Grant of VA; many nieces and nephews.
Jerome P. Grossman
October 31, 1923 – March 18, 2013
Omaha, NE

Jerome P. Grossman, 89, died March 18, 2013. Jerome was born October 31, 1923 in Omaha. He was attending Creighton College of Commerce when he entered World War II in 1944. He fought in Europe in the 12th Armored Division and would eventually help liberate prisoners from a Nazi slave labor camp, Landsberg. Before his discharge, he helped organize the educational system for the command headquarters at Heidenheim, Germany. He set up a curriculum and later taught as an Assistant Professor both in Germany and at Biarritz American University in France. In June of 1948, he was the first civilian from Nebraska to be given a direct commission to the new Judge Advocate General's Corps. He would remain with the JAG part-time until 1977 when he was transferred to the retired reserve as a full Colonel of the U.S. Army. Upon return to the States after the War, he attended Creighton Law School where he received his Juris Doctorate and then went on to New York University where he earned his L.L.M. Degree in tax law. He began his private legal practice in 1947 in Omaha, where he would continue until his retirement in 2010. His other activities and honors include former Commander of the Jewish War Veterans for the States of Iowa and Nebraska, President and National Councilman of the Nebraska Department of the Reserve Officers Association, Pi Lambda Phi Alumni Association of Nebraska, First President of the Byron Reed Historical Society, President of the Omaha Coin Club (4 terms), Coordinator of the Byron Reed Collection Cataloguing Commission for the City of Omaha (caretaker of the City’s multi-million dollar coin and autograph collection), as well as many other positions for numerous organizations.

He is survived by his wife Betty J. Grossman; sons, Michael Grossman and Barry Grossman; daughter-in-law Stephanie Grossman; and grandchildren, Hannah Grossman and Noah Grossman.

George R. Horner
December 1, 1931 – April 4, 2013
Vermillion, SD

George R. Horner, 81, of Vermillion, South Dakota, died April 4th, 2013. George was born December 1, 1931 in Sioux City, the son of Samuel and Ann Marie (Lass) Horner. He grew up in Vermillion, SD and graduated from high school in 1949. He graduated from the University of South Dakota in 1953. He received his law degree in June 1956. He was admitted to practice in South Dakota and Nebraska. He was recognized for his legal service of 50 years by both states. George married Terri (Terese) Van Overscheld June 27, 1954. After graduation from law school, he and Terri moved to Omaha, where he was employed at USF&G Insurance Company as a claims attorney. They lived there for 10 years when George was promoted to adjuster in charge at the Grand Island office. In 1968, George became City Prosecutor. In 1969, George joined the faculty at the School of Business, University of South Dakota, and taught business law, risk management and real estate. He retired from the School of Business December 1996. George’s Naval career expanded 38 years (12 years enlisted and 26 years as a commissioned officer in Naval Intelligence). George held “Top Secret” clearance during his entire tenure as a commissioned officer. George loved fishing and he successfully hunted deer, antelope, geese, ducks, quail, pheasants and grouse. He enjoyed photography and took many outstanding pictures during his travels.

George is survived by his wife, Terri, of Vermillion, daughter, Catherine Bennett (Bill) of Taos, New Mexico and son, Robert Horner (Audrey Hanken), of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, three grandchildren, Jasmine Cecelic (Zach), Ashley Horner and Alex Horner; five nieces, and one nephew. George was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Marilyn Heald.
Guy Jackson Hugunin III (also known as P.T. Gustan in his blog), 65, passed away at home in Placitas, New Mexico, on June 9, 2013. Guy was born in Sioux City, Iowa, on November 2, 1947, to Guy Jackson Hugunin, Jr. and Ora Belle (Boardman) Hugunin. He was a member of the class of 1981 of the University of Nebraska College of Law.

Guy was preceded in death by his mother, Ora Belle Hugunin, and is survived by his wife, Jean Marie Marsden, father, Guy Jackson Hugunin, Jr., step-mother Carmen Hugunin, dear friend and cousin David Hugunin, and many other friends and family.

Daniel D. Jewell
October 20, 1922 - May 24, 2013
Norfolk, NE

Daniel D. Jewell, 90, died May 24, 2013. Mr. Jewell was born in Spalding, NE on October 20, 1922. He attended the University of Nebraska and was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. He joined the Navy in 1942, completing Officer Training in Chicago at Midshipman’s School. He was assigned to the European Theatre and took part in the Invasion of Normandy on D-Day. Upon returning from his service in the Navy, he graduated with his Juris Doctorate degree from University of Nebraska Law School in 1949. He was licensed to practice in all Nebraska Courts; the United States District Court for the District of Nebraska; and the United States Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit. He practiced law in Norfolk for over 60 years. At the date of his death, he was a partner in the law firm of Jewell & Collins, with Jane Mapes Jenkins and Dennis Collins. He was a member of the American Bar Association and the Nebraska State Bar Association, serving as President during the years of 1977 and 1978. Mr. Jewell was a member of the International Association of Insurance Counsel, the Federation of Insurance Counsel, and the International Society of Barristers. He was elected as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, a group of national trial lawyers who specialize in trial work. Since 1973, Mr. Jewell had been a member of the Nebraska State Bar Commission, and was involved in writing and administering the bar examination. Mr. Jewell was listed in the Personal Litigation section of the book, “The Best Lawyers in America” from 1987 until 1994. Mr. Jewell practiced in various areas of the law, including wills and estates, general trial practice with an emphasis on personal injury and property damage litigation, business litigation, and worker’s compensation. He was renowned for his negotiating skills, both in and out of the courtroom. He was an avid outdoorsman and adventurer. He was never afraid to express his opinion, accompanied by his quick wit and unique sense of humor. He left a lasting impression on all who knew him.

Preceded in death by parents, Dewey and Christina Jewell. Survived by wife, Lorene Klug Jewell, Omaha; daughters, Michelle M. Jewell, Omaha, and Danielle D. Jewell, Pittsburgh, PA; son, Richard F. Klug, Fort Lauderdale, FL; grandsons, Dr. Brandon J. Tilts and wife Dr. Dawn M. Tilts, Flagstaff, AZ, and Zachary Daniel Tilts, Houston, TX; and granddaughters, Shelby S. Tilts, and Jacqueline F. Drown and husband Scott, all of Omaha.
Albert M. Johnston  
December 28, 1923 – November 10, 2012  
Severna Park, MD

Albert M. Johnston, community activist, died November 10, 2012. A long-time resident of Severna Park, MD, he grew up in Lincoln, NE, and graduated from the University of Nebraska with both a BSEE and AB. He completed his graduate studies with a JD from Harvard Law School. He served in World War II from 1943-1946 where he was commissioned in the US Army Signal Corps and served in the Korean Police Action from 1951-1953 with the Army Security Agency. Associated with Father’s Law Practice in Lincoln, NE, he retained membership in the Nebraska Bar Association. He was a Patent Examiner, US Patent Office and following Korean service joined the Westinghouse Electric Corporation with assignments as Director, Technical Recruitment for the Bettis Atomic Power Division and appointments in the Baltimore Divisions in Compensation, Employment and Labor Relations. He later became Director, Personnel/Industrial Relations for ITT Electro-Physics Laboratories, the Walworth Company, the Roper Eastern Group, Kleinert’s Inc. and LeRoy Industries. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Briarwood Shoe Corporation. In addition to developing and presenting industrial training programs, also served as an adjunct member of the faculty at Tufts University, the State University of New York at Brockport and Towson University. Active in professional affairs, he served as President of the Washington (DC) Personnel Association and as the Washington Representative for the American Society for Personnel Administration as well as a Director in local Chapters. Other affiliations included Institute of Electric and Electronic Engineers, American Society of Mechanical Engineers and local Chambers of Commerce where he was active in employment, education and legislative affairs. He served three terms as President of the Greater Severna Park Council and also as President of the Ben Oaks Civic Association and the Severna Forest Community Association. Significant contributions to county legislation were made to both the 1967 and 1997 Anne Arundel General Development Plans, the 1998 Severna Park Small Area Plan, the 1992 Councilmanic Redistricting, the 1973 Comprehensive Rezoning and several Bills for Woodwise, the Severna Park Elderly Housing Corporation where he served as Corporate Secretary.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty L. Johnston, who died in 2003. He is survived by his sons, David Johnston, Laurel, MD, Roger Johnston, Severna Park, MD and Eric Johnston, Ellicott City, MD, a brother, James Johnston, in Ogden, UT and a sister, Elizabeth Jones, in Minneapolis, MN.

John F. “Jack” Kinney  
November 6, 1921 - January 18, 2013  
Sioux City, IA

Jack Kinney lead what most folks would agree was a very full life. He started his adult life as a fighter pilot/captain in the 325th Fighter Group, Checkertail Clan USAF from 1943 to 1946. During that time he received three Battle Stars, five Air Medals, and the distinguished Flying Cross. At the age of 90, he purchased a motorcycle and rode it almost daily. In between, he and his surviving spouse of 67 years, Virginia A. Kinney, raised ten children.

Born in Omaha to John Francis Kinney and Josephine (Kelley) Kinney, Jack was educated at Cathedral Elementary School, Creighton Prep, UCLA and Creighton Law School (1948-50).

Jack spent his entire legal career in the Law Department at Iowa Public Service Co. (IPS) in Sioux City, Iowa, where he served as General Counsel, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. During that time, he always maintained his membership in both the Nebraska and Iowa State Bar Associations. He proudly
accepted his 50 year recognition from the Nebraska State Bar Association in 2000.

Jack was a huge fan of Notre Dame football and Creighton basketball. Indeed, on fall Saturday afternoons he was pretty much simply left alone to do what he felt necessary to bring home a Notre Dame victory. A completely smashed, otherwise perfectly good GE clock radio is only one example of his efforts. One of his proudest possessions was a get well letter from Lou Holtz when he was battling colon cancer.

Jack fought Parkinson's disease for twelve years and succumbed on January 18, 2013.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents, his aunt, Catherine Kelley, and his grandson, Christopher Wieland. In addition to his wife, he is survived by ten children: Michael (Rondi) Kinney, Sue (John) Kinney-Wieland, Mary (Robby) Clouse, John Kinney, Jeanne (Ned) Buser, Molly (Roger) Campbell, Matt (LeAnn) Kinney, Teresa (Jim Miller) Kinney, Steve (Barb) Kinney, and Eileen (Tom McGrath) Kinney. He is also survived by his sister, Alice Marie (Daniel) Kinney-Grady, 28 grandchildren, and 31 great-grandchildren.

Jack had a reputation of being pretty thorough in his preparation and approach to projects. After his death, a tape was discovered on a small hand-held recorder. Whereas most people, if they tested the tape at all, would test it with the standard “testing, testing, 1, 2, 3”, Jack was overheard testing his as follows: “Testing, testing, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 ... 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1”.

Jack was surrounded by family at the time of his death and the survivors have been left with wonderful memories to help ease the loss.

Daniel D. Koukol
December 7, 1926 – August 29, 2013
Omaha, NE

Daniel D. Koukol died August 29, 2013. He was born in Omaha on December 7, 1926, to Czech immigrants Rev. Charles and Agnes Hornicek Koukol. He attended South High School, and upon graduating joined the U.S. Navy at the age of 17 with his parents’ permission. He served as a Radarman 3rd Class during World War II in the Atlantic and Pacific in 1944 and 1945. He graduated from Omaha University and earned his law degree from the University of Nebraska College of Law in 1952. He started his law practice the same year in a small office above a bakery in South Omaha. Dan later joined Hugh H. McCulloch and Lewis R. Leigh, which became the law firm of McCulloch, Leigh, and Koukol. He practiced with this firm until the early 1980s and established a strong probate and real estate practice. Dan and Lew Leigh merged with a firm that became Erickson Sederstrom, where he was a partner until his retirement in 2004. He was a member of the Nebraska State Bar Association for over 50 years. David Koukol said of his father, “Dan was a hardworking, empathetic, and honest lawyer. He enjoyed helping people with their legal needs ... [and] he loved his family, friends, and his profession.”

During a trip to Toronto in 1952, he met a Czech girl who stole his heart. The long distance courtship could only be made possible by him driving the 1,000 miles one way on weekends between Omaha and Toronto many times. He married Ludmila (Lida) Matysova on October 29, 1955 in Toronto. His primary interest and hobby in life were his family. He enjoyed traveling with his family, sailing, and at the age of 50 took up snow skiing.

Dan is survived by wife, Ludmila “Lida” Koukol; children, David (Cydney), Steven (Beth), and Janice Hanson (Kirk); nine grandchildren: Katie, Jeffrey, Connor, Libby, Claire, Alec, Cal, Leigh, and Megan, and nephews Rev. Samuel (Diana) Taylor, Don (Ginny) Taylor, Charles (Debbie) Taylor.
Vance E. Leininger  
_February 2, 1916 – December 13, 2012_  
_St. Joseph, MO_

Vance E. Leininger, died December 13, 2012. Vance was born on Feb. 2, 1916, in Gordon, Sheridan County, the youngest son of George Samuel and Ethel (Burns) Leininger. Vance attended Fullerton High School where he excelled in music, football, and all of his classes. In 1937, he earned his bachelor of fine arts in music at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. He taught public school music in Stanton, Iowa, and on Dec. 25, 1938, married Mary Lucille Davison of Falls City. Vance was music director of the Stanton public schools, during which time he also studied for a master of fine arts at the Northwestern University School of Music in Evanston, Ill. They subsequently moved to Shenandoah, Iowa, where Vance taught high school Latin and English, as well as music. From 1942 to 1946, Vance served in the U.S. Navy as a Chief Petty Officer teaching radio electronics for the Radio Materiel School at the Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, D.C. After his military service, the family moved back to Nebraska where Vance earned his Bachelor of Law degree at UNL in 1948. He joined the law firm of Walter and Albert in Columbus where his 40-year practice consisted of wills, estates, business contracts, real estate, and public power litigation. He was a member of the American College of Probate Counsel, the American Trial Lawyers Association, and President of the Platte County Bar Association. According to one of his law firm partners, he was a “lawyer’s lawyer whom one could turn to for help with especially difficult legal problems.” In the 1970s, Vance was under consideration as a candidate for justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court but decided to continue as senior partner of his law firm. Vance was president of the Columbus School Board in 1960 when the new Columbus Senior High School opened. He belonged to Rotary, Elks and Masonic Lodge No. 323. The Leininger family belonged to the Federated Church in Columbus. In 1987 Vance and Mary moved to St. Joseph where they joined the First Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph Country Club, Moila Club, and the Benton Club. Vance was also on the Performing Arts Association Board.

Vance was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers: Harold of Hemet, Calif., Donald of Grand Island, and Forrest of Beatrice. He is survived by his wife and three sons (Kurt of Malvern, Pa., Joel of Chapel Hill, N.C., and Ralph of Dayton, Ohio); one niece (Linda Anderson of Montesano, Wash.); one nephew (D. Steven Leininger of Grand Island), and four grandsons.

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Jerre William Moreland  
_Scember 9, 1955 – October 7, 2012_  
_Lacon, IL_

Jerre William Moreland, American Cherokee Indian, age 57, of Lincoln, passed away on October 7, 2012. He was born to James & Joanne (Davis) Moreland on September 9, 1955 in Peoria, Ill. In 1989 Jerre received his J.D. Law degree from UNL. He completed his doctoral studies in 1994 in Applied Social Psychology with an emphasis in American Indian Psychology and Law. Jerre belonged to many organizations; he had seven manuscripts in preparation for publication dealing with the political and legal aspects of the American Indians. Jerre has also received awards from the American Bar Association, American Indian Law Review, Native American Leadership Foundation, and the Native American Spiritual and Cultural Association. Jerre served as a staff attorney for the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature from 1989-1990, and from 1990-1991 he served as legal counsel. He had a private practice for the Nebraska Indian Country and served as a Public Defender for the Omaha Tribal Court and General Counsel for the Omaha Tribal Council, and from 1999-2000 as Chief Judge of the Omaha Tribal Court in Macy. Jerre also liked to teach, and taught from 1989-1992 at Southeast Community College in Lincoln, and from 1997-1998 with Mexican lawyers in Guanajuato,

Larry W. Myers  
**August 16, 1940 - March 29, 2013**  
**Omaha, NE**

Larry William Myers, 72, died on March 29, 2013 in the home he loved. He was educated at Westside High School, Princeton University, and the Universities of Nebraska and Michigan. Myers was an attorney and owner-manager of Countryside Village shopping center, located at 87th and Pacific Streets in Omaha. Myers practiced business and real estate law, but was most active fighting for “righteous causes,” according to Omaha trial attorney Ed Fogerty. Myers vigorously opposed the death penalty and energetically loved Nebraska football.

Husband of Mariana, father of David and Andrew. He is survived by Mariana and Andrew, as well his sister, Sue Myers, and her children.

Hon. Jerry C. Nelson  
**August 29, 1934 - February 22, 2013**  
**Colorado Springs, CO**

The Honorable Jerry C. Nelson, 78, died February 22, 2013. He was born in Norfolk, Nebraska to Harland and Georgie (Sanders) Nelson. He attended schools in Norfolk and in California. Jerry joined the Navy at the age of 17 and served during the Korean War. After his service, he returned to Nebraska and worked for the Nebraska Highway Patrol as a radio operator while attending the University of Nebraska - Lincoln. He entered Law College in 1962 and graduated in 1965. He went into private practice in Denver, CO and then moved back to Lincoln to be an Assistant City Attorney and later, the Lincoln City Prosecutor. He moved to Colorado Springs in 1967 to be a Deputy District Attorney and later Chief Deputy D.A. He was appointed El Paso County Court Judge in 1978 and retired in 1996. Jerry was married to Kay Borrett Nelson for 51 years. They have two children, Susan Nelson - Hayward of Colorado Springs and Joel T. Nelson of Charlotte, NC. Jerry loved reading, fishing, hunting, traveling, photography, and traditional jazz. He was an avid Nebraska Cornhusker fan. He and Kay traveled the entire U.S. and to numerous other places including Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. They enjoyed traveling to Traditional Jazz Festivals around the U.S. and Canada.

Jerry is survived by his wife Kay, daughter Susan, son Joel, and the family who calls him “Grandpa Jerry,” Alexandria, Anastashya, Angellina and Xzavier; and their parents Kari and Ryan Dodge. He is also survived by sisters Cathy (Roger) Greiner and Harla Gosch, Brother Bob (Kathy) Shelton, and brother-in-law Kenneth (Kay) Borrett.
James D. “Jim” Owens  
April 29, 1945 - November 28, 2012  
Longmont, CO

James Daniel (Jim) Owens, only son of Daniel E. and Estelle M. Owens, died Nov. 28, 2012, in Longmont, Colorado. Jim attended school in Benkelman, Nebraska and graduated in 1963. He attended Kearney State College where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in secondary education in 1967. He was a 4-year member of the Kearney track team where he set a record for the shot put in his sophomore year at Kearney State College- 50’ 81/2”- a record which stood many years. He attended Creighton University Law School, graduating in 1970. He returned to Benkelman and joined the practice of law with his father, Dan, in Owens and Owens, Attorneys at Law. Sister, Judith Owens, joined the firm from 1978 to 1981. She later rejoined Jim with her solo practice in the family firm office building. Jim was nearly retired from his practice when his death occurred. He was a highly respected member of the Nebraska Bar Association and the Nebraska Bar Foundation. He served several terms as Dundy County Attorney, serving the last term from 2008 to 2011. He served as City Attorney during that same period of time. Although adept at trial law, during his last 20 years of practice, Jim turned to probates, business practices and served many local and area Boards of Directors as attorney. He provided free services to a number of non-profit organizations when they needed his help. His generosity of free advice to local groups was very well known and appreciated. Jim was active in Jaycees for many years and continued to provide his legal counsel and services to the organization until his death. Jim was an avid reader, coin collector, and fisherman and took his sons and grandchildren fishing whenever possible. He enjoyed music, especially classical pieces, loved theater, especially musical performances and enjoyed travel although he had little time in which to do it. In addition to these interests, he was an avid Cornhuskers fan and attended most of the games for the past ten years. Most of all, Jim loved his family and was a doting father, grandfather, and uncle as well as a caring and supportive brother, and friend. His giving nature lasted into death. Being an organ donor, Jim’s generosity will allow at least seven people to benefit from his gift.

He is survived by his fiancee, Judy Coffey and her family of Longmont; his son Christopher D. Owens of Benkelman, Nebraska; step-son Jeffrey (Charisia) Raburn of Frederick, Colorado; his sisters, Barbara Moore and family of Ogallala, Nebraska; Judith Owens of Omaha, Nebraska; and Carol Lungrin and Family of Mesquite, Nevada. He be will missed by his entire family and many friends.

John K. Palmer  
June 20, 1942 - October 4, 2012  
Overland Park, KS

John K. Palmer, 70, of Overland Park, Kan., passed away October 4, 2012, in Green Bay, Wisconsin and he was buried in Lenexa, Kansas. John was born June 20, 1942, in Stillwater, Oklahoma to Vernon and Libby Palmer. John graduated in 1960 from Pius XI High school in Milwaukee, Wis., before joining the Air Force from 1960 to 1964 as a Communications Center Specialist and was stationed in Guam, he went on to graduate from Creighton University Law School in 1970. Then he served as an attorney for many years before retiring from Old Republic Title Insurance Co. in Kansas City, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his first wife, Judy Ann Palmer in 2005. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Palmer (Fonfara) and his three sons, Johnny Palmer, Jr. and wife Dawn, Jeff Palmer and wife Sarah, and Jamie Palmer and wife Ashleigh; grandchildren, Anthony, Andrew, Allison, Ainsley, James, and two on the way. He is also survived by his sister, Jean and Mike Galvin of Grafton, Wisconsin and his step family, Jacqueline and Joey Gray, Tyler and Joel; Jeff and Jennifer Poepepe and Elijah; and Tim Fonfara; and his beloved dogs, Cosmo and Sophie.
Hyman Polsky
May 21, 1917 - July 22, 2013
Beachwood, OH

Hyman Polsky, 96, passed away on July 22, 2013. Hyman was born on May 21, 1917 in Lincoln, being the second child of the late Isadore and Cecelia Polsky. Hyman attended the University of Nebraska, where he graduated in 1937. He then attended the U of N College of Law, graduating in 1940. As WWII commenced, Hyman joined the Army, where he served for 5 1/2 years, first as a soldier in the Philippines and then back in the States as a Judge Advocate General’s Corps attorney. After the war, Hyman returned to Lincoln to enter private practice. Hyman enjoyed a long and distinguished career until he retired at age 91. A loving family man, Hyman also cared deeply about his community and devoted much of his life to the service of others. He was a life time member of Tifereth Israel Synagogue, the Jewish federation, B’nai Brith, Shriners, Masons, Kiwanis, the Nebraska State Bar Association and the Lancaster County Bar Association.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Betty (Rosenberg); son, Alan Polsky; daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Dale Bass; grandchildren: Ben Polsky, Joshua, Jeremy and Marla Bass and Mitchell Bass; great-grandchildren: Nathan and Lilah Bass. He was preceded in death by his parents, Isadore and Cecelia Polsky; sister, Faye Unger and brother, Max Polsky.

Kathleen M. “Kathy” Quinn
February 27, 1949 - June 29, 2013
Omaha, NE

Kathleen M. “Kathy” (McMillan) Quinn, died June 29, 2013. Kathy was born and raised in Omaha, attending Holy Cross and Christ the King Elementary Schools. She graduated from Duchesne Academy High School, which she loved attending, and continued to support throughout her life. Immediately after high school, Kathy went to Creighton University, which she had to leave after 1.5 years to support her first husband while he finished his degree. A few years later, two wonderful children, Carrie and Nick Longo, were born. Kathy divorced, and with a house and two children in Catholic schools, she went back to her studies at Creighton. Within four years she finished her bachelor’s degree, and a law degree, graduating magna cum laude. Kathy’s career as an attorney began with the honor of serving as a law clerk to Judge Donald Lay of the 8th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals. She then became an Associate at the law firm of Fitzgerald Brown, before joining Kutak Rock, where she became a partner specializing in securities litigation. She finished her career as vice president and senior counsel of Sitel Corporation. Kathy was also heavily involved in Omaha’s Catholic community, serving six years on Creighton Prep’s Board of Directors, and six years on the Jesuit Partnership Council. Kathy took special delight in organizing and directing the Jesuit Partnership Catholic Married Couples Retreat. Kathy’s other true passions were her love for her children, Carrie and Nick; her grandchildren, Miranda, Mike, and Nate; her husband Mark; all her relatives; her very close friends; and her German shepherds. Kathy and her husband Mark traveled extensively, going overseas eight times; the Caribbean; Egypt; Mexico; Canada; and to most of the states in the U.S. She will be greatly missed by all.

Survived by her husband, Mark McMillan; daughter, Carrie (Mark Palmesano) Longo Palmesano; son, F. Dominic “Nick” Longo; grandchildren, Miranda, Michael, Nathan Palmesano; mother, Betty Alice Quinn; father, Courtney Quinn; siblings, Corinne (David) Quinn-Rodgers, Courtney “Corky” Quinn, Casey Quinn; brother and sister in-laws, Mike (Karen) McMillan, Greg (Lori) McMillan, Joyce (Mike) Pfeifer, Matt (Karen) McMillan; and many loving nieces and nephews from the Quinn, Longo, and McMillan families.
Georgiana F. Ruzicka
September 12, 1951 - January 13, 2013
Wahoo, NE

Georgiana F. Ruzicka, 61, of Wahoo died January 13, 2013. She was born Sept. 12, 1951, in Wahoo to George W. and Rosemary C. (Arp) Ruzicka. She graduated from Bishop Neumann High School in 1969. She attended Grinnell College in Iowa, graduating with a degree in sociology. From 1973-1989, she worked for LT & T in Lincoln. Following that, she attained her law degree at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and became self-employed as an attorney following her admission to practice in 1994. Georgiana enjoyed spending time with her family and pets. She is survived by her brother, Harold Thomas Ruzicka of Wahoo; her sisters, Cynthia Mahlin of Lincoln and Annette Ruzicka of Wahoo; niece, Stephanie Mahlin and husband Ian Cottingham; nephews, Brian (Amanda), Kyle, Kevin, Matthew and Jonathan Mahlin; aunts, Helen Ruzicka, Adeline Dwyer and Leanna (Jule) Anderson. She was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Richard Mahlin.

Donald R. Sampson
June 26, 1932 - May 27, 2013
Central City, NE

Donald Ross Sampson, 80, of Central City, died on May 27, 2013. Don was born in Central City on June 26, 1932, the son of Esther (Ross) and Donald Ferris Sampson. He graduated in 1950 from Central City High School. While in high school, he met and fell in love with Jackie Magnuson. They were married on June 11, 1954. Upon graduation from high school, Don enrolled at the University of Nebraska. Don served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Military Police Corps from 1954 to 1956. Upon his discharge, he returned to the University of Nebraska College of Law, graduating in June of 1958. Upon graduation and being admitted to the Bar, he returned to Central City where he began the practice of law with his father and Leo Armatys in the firm originally founded by his grandfather in 1893. Upon the death of Mr. Armatys and the retirement of his father, Don became associated with Steven Curry, John Hummel and Stephen Twiss. Don retired in 1997, and the firm continues to this day as Sampson Curry & Twiss. As a practicing attorney, Don became very active in the profession, holding numerous state and district offices. Perhaps his greatest professional honor came when he was elected as a Fellow in the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, the only Merrick County attorney ever so selected to this prestigious organization. Until his health prohibited, Don never missed a Cornhusker home football game, sitting in the 50-yard-line seats which his father had purchased in 1936. He was an avid golfer and voracious reader.

Don’s life centered around his family, his beloved wife Jackie; his sons - David and Paulette of Eau Claire, Wisconsin; Robert and Jennifer of Tampa, Florida; Joseph of New Hampton, New Hampshire; and his foster son - Rick and Katie Johnson of Pittsburgh; his four grandchildren - Sarah, Jack, Cormac and Josie. In addition to his wife, children and grandchildren; Don is survived by his sister - Eugenie Wenke of Newport Beach, California. He was preceded in death by his parents, a granddaughter - Sophia, and by his long-time golf partner and best friend, Dick Anderson.
Kristin Kay Schroeder
July 17, 1974 - March 23, 2013
Kearney, NE

Kristin Kay Schroeder, 38, of Keller, Texas, formerly of Kearney, died March 23, 2013. She was born June 17, 1974 in Kearney to Kent and Linda (Wotherspoon) Schroeder. Kristin graduated from Kearney High School in 1992, received a BA in English from Texas Christian University in 1996 with distinction, and a juris doctorate from Southern Methodist University Law School in 2002 and was awarded the Order of the Coif. Following graduation from law school, Kristin was a law clerk for a federal bankruptcy judge, Judge Barbara Howser in Dallas, TX. She then worked for an international law firm, Weil, Gotshal & Manges. She moved back to Lincoln, NE where she was employed at the Rembolt-Ludtke law firm, and then returned to Texas where she took a job as an associate professor at Baylor Law School, teaching Bankruptcy and Legal Writing. After leaving Baylor, she worked as a freelance law consultant specializing in bankruptcy.

Survivors include her parents, Kent and Linda Schroeder of Kearney; grandmother, Alma Jean Wotherspoon, of Kearney; sisters Erin Brinegar and husband, Brandon of Kearney and Lindsey Miller and husband, Ray of Omaha and their families; former husband, Cory Simpson and son Kason Simpson of Keller, TX; and daughter, Corrine Schroeder-Pouge and her father, Curtis Pouge of Bartonville, TX. She was preceded in death by grandparents, Al and Marge Schroeder and Allen Wotherspoon.

Gordon S. Senift
October 26, 1911 – February 1, 2013
Westlake Village, CA

Gordon Stanley Senift was born October 26, 1911 in Osmond, NE, the third child of Ruel LeRoy Senift and Katherine Elveria Tupper. At the age of 17, he was a member of the Osmond High School, Class B, Basketball Team that became the State Champions in 1928. He left Osmond with his family and moved to Lincoln, Neb., where he followed his older brother George to the University of Nebraska. He was a member of the Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity. He graduated from the Law School on June 7, 1937. He moved to California after graduation and accepted a job with the Bank of America in the Escrow, Loan and trust Departments. On September 26, 1938, he married his college sweetheart, Genevieve Olsen in the First Presbyterian Church, Long Beach, Calif. When WWII started, Gordon tried to enlist, but was classified 4-F. He went to work for Schwein Inc. in finance and purchasing. Schwein had many war contracts and contributed to the war effort. After the war he went to work for the Whittaker Corp. where he met Richard Miller. Gordon and Richard went into the insurance business together, and in 1973, Gordon became the sole owner of the Agency Insurance Corp. Gordon sold the Agency Insurance Corp. in the mid 1990s. He was an active member of The Lions Club and Toastmasters. He had a great love of music which led him to sing in his church choir, singing in his beautiful baritone voice. He played golf and bridge, and had traveled around the world several times with his wife Genevieve. They had no children, but were actively involved in the lives of their nieces, nephews and their children.

Predeceasing him is his wife of 73 years, Genevieve, who passed away on May 15, 2011; as well as his parents; his sister, Lucille Herbst; and his brother, George. He is survived by nieces, JoAnn LePere, Norma Keese, Nancy Meloeny, and Terry Beebe; 14 nieces and nephews; as well as 20 great-nieces and great-nephews.
Brian Charles Silverman, 66, of Alliance, died August 17, 2013. He grew up on a farm west of Mitchell with two older brothers and two younger sisters. At a very young age he worked with his brothers raising show stock for 4-H and FFA. Following the untimely death of his father in 1957, the family remained on the farm. The children, with their mother’s help, continued to work it and to excel in raising and showing winning livestock. He graduated from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln, where he also received his law degree (1972). He practice law in Mitchell, later joining Panhandle Legal Services, and following that, the Scotts Bluff County Attorney’s office. Over the years, he prosecuted many difficult and high-profile cases, always with the best interests of his community at heart. He was always available and willing to speak to school children, college students, or civic and service organizations. In 1992, Brian was nominated by the Governor’s Office to the American College of Prosecuting Attorneys. At that time only nine Nebraska attorneys had ever received this nomination. As a district judge, Brian was chosen in 1998 and again in 1999 by 700 child support professionals from across the state to receive the Judge of the Year award given by the Nebraska Child Support Enforcement Association. He served in all officer capacities for the Nebraska District Judges Association, including president in 2010. Although Brian’s professional successes and accomplishments were numerous, to those who knew him well his career was but a small part of who he was. He considered life an adventure, which he enjoyed and experienced to the fullest.

Brian is loved and will be sadly missed by his wife, daughter Stacy and Alan Lenny, Max and Charlie; son Matthew and Gina Silverman, Logan, Garrett, & Tate; daughter Gretchen and Barry Nye & Cody; son Jeff and Amanda Cotton, Hunter, Tyler & Jake; brothers Stephen & his wife Debbie and Michael & his wife Brenda; sisters Becky and Barbie; sister- and brother-in-law Connie and Gene Koepke; several very special nieces and nephews; and the countless individuals who were fortunate enough to call him “friend.”

Raymond Eugene Speer Jr., 57, passed away on December 4, 2012. Ray was born November 22, 1955 in Quincy, IL, and moved to Nebraska at a young age. He was one of the state’s top debaters, graduating at the top of his class from Papillion High School in 1973. A history major, Ray graduated near the top of his class from Creighton University in 1977. He graduated with high honors from Creighton Law School, with a J.D. in 1980. He was member of the Nebraska Bar Association and served on committees with them throughout his career. Ray served two stints as a deputy county prosecutor, first in Dakota County, and then later in Douglas County. He also worked in corporate law with Berkshire Hathaway in their Home States Insurance division. He spent the majority of his career in private practice in Omaha.

He was preceded in death by his father Raymond Speer, Sr.; his step-father Morris Goy; and a step-brother William Goy. Ray is survived by his mother Nancy Goy, Omaha; brother and sister-in-law, Mark and Pam Speer, niece Katie Speer and nephew Kyle Speer, all of Manhattan, KS; step-sister and her husband, Charis and Jesse Cox; and step-sister-in-law Marcia Goy, St. Joseph, MO. Also surviving are several first cousins, and step-nieces and nephews. Ray was a humble man with big heart. He loved his family and friends, and was very generous. Ray was a large powerful man in stature, but a quite sensitive man when it came to the feelings of others. He took funerals and bad news of his loved ones very hard. With that in mind, his final request was to go without a memorial. For those who knew him best, this was pure Ray.
Jerry C. Stirtz  
**October 7, 1933 - March 16, 2013**  
Minden, NE

Jerry C. Stirtz, 79, of Minden died March 16, 2013, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. He was born Oct. 7, 1933, in Wayne to C. Clifford and Wildon E. (Hammitt) Stirtz. In 1954, he married Geraldine E. Buehner in Wakefield. He grew up in the Wayne area and graduated from Wayne High School in 1951. Jerry attended Wayne State College, then the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and in 1957 graduated from UNL College of Law. After law school, Jerry served in the U.S. Army and in 1958 he separated from active duty. He served eight years in the Active Reserves and completed 20 years in the Army Reserves. In 1963, Jerry and his family moved to Minden. Jerry became a law partner with Fred and Gary Martin and practiced at Martin, Stirtz & Martin law firm until his death. He was elected to serve as Kearney County attorney for eight years. He served as Minden city attorney and Axtell and Wilcox village attorney and served on the Minden Airport Authority Board and the Minden Housing Authority Board. Jerry was a very active member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Minden. He taught Sunday school and served terms as an elder, Voters Assembly president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and chairman of the Building Committee. He served in several positions in the St. Paul Lutheran Laymen’s League as president, secretary and treasurer; was vice president and president of Hastings Zone 8; and was the LLL regional governor for Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska. He served on the boards of the International LLL, Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Nebraska District, Nebraska Muzzleloaders and the Nebraska Council of Sportsmen’s Clubs. Jerry had a love for aviation and was a pilot. He enjoyed being outdoors and spent many hours hunting. Hunting has become a Stirtz family tradition. His family was most important to him. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife; sons and their families, Bradley, wife Mary, children Cassidy, Carter and Georgia of Naperville, Ill., Craig, wife Lisa, children Tyler, Jordan and Kari of Gretna and David, wife Eileen and son Benjamin of Lincoln; great-grandchild, Liam; and brother, Ron and his wife, Sharon, of Creswell, Ore.

Willis L. Strong  
**April 27, 1931 - November 13, 2012**  
Omaha, NE

Willis L. Strong died November 13, 2012. He was admitted to practice in Nebraska in 1958.

He is survived by wife, Ruth Irene (Robinson) Strong; daughter, Jackie Lea Strong; son, Paul Lawrence Strong and wife Pam; granddaughters, Meagan and Alison; brothers, Melvin Strong, and Charles Strong and wife Nellie; and sister, Dorothy Chamberlain and husband Wayne.

Arthur C. Toogood  
**November 2, 1938 - May 24, 2013**  
Hastings, NE

Arthur C. Toogood, 74, of Hastings, died May 24, 2013. Arthur was born on November 2, 1938 to Herbert and Stella (Novak) Toogood, in Friend, Nebraska. He graduated from Crete High School, Crete, Nebraska in 1956. Arthur graduated from Doane College in Crete, Nebraska. After graduating from Doane he then attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and received his Juris Doctorate. On August 27, 1971, Arthur married Janet K. Adams at the Presbyterian Church in Seward, Nebraska. Arthur served as the Adams County Attorney and then the
Adams County Public Defender. He was a member of the Nebraska State Bar Association and the Masonic Temple Lodge #50 in Hastings, Nebraska. Arthur enjoyed golfing and working on his collection of cars. He is survived by his wife, Janet Toogood, Hastings, Nebraska; brother, Thomas (Michelle) Toogood, Denton, Nebraska; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Vlasta and Bob Dahms, Seward, Nebraska; nieces, Jan Dahms, New York City, New York, Lisa Stamm, Seward, Nebraska; great niece, Miranda Stamm, Seward, Nebraska; great nephew, Bobbie Hester, Seward, Nebraska; cousin, Judy (Alan) Jones, Danville, California. Arthur was preceded in death by his parents, Herbert and Stella Toogood; aunts and uncles.

**Peter J. Vaughn**  
**March 14, 1935 - August 25, 2013**  
**Omaha, NE**

Peter J. Vaughn, 78, passed away August 25, 2013. Peter was born and raised in Omaha, graduated from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and then attended the University of Oxford in England. He attended Stanford University Law School before transferring to the law school at Creighton University. He graduated from CU in 1960 and began working for the now closed Omaha law firm of White, Lipp. He moved to Fraser Stryker in 1965, practicing in estate planning and corporate law for 35 years before retiring as a partner in 2000. Fraser Stryker attorney, Mike Coyle, said of Pete: “Pete was well-known for his keen wit and sense of humor.” Pete was a member of the Omaha and Nebraska Bar Associations and was active in the Omaha Estate Planning Council. Vaughn was an outdoorsman who loved fly fishing and hunting upland game and ducks. He and his wife Pamela went bonefishing along the Bahamas, took a safari in Africa, canoed on the Amazon River and traveled in Mexico, Central America and China. They also took bird-watching trips. Pete enjoyed them so much that his license plate read “Birder”. He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Pamela (Adams) Vaughn; children and spouses, Daniel (Christina) Vaughn of Seattle, Maria Sullivan of Omaha, Therese (Aaron) Weiner of Omaha, Elizabeth (Jason) Kroll of Omaha; numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by parents, Charles and Dorothy Vaughn; half siblings, Charles Vaughn, Victor Kennedy, Marilyn Lindner; and numerous hunting dogs.

**Eugene P. Welch**  
**November 24, 1934 - May 22, 2013**  
**Omaha, NE**

Eugene P. Welch, 78, died May 22, 2013. Welch grew up in Omaha, graduating from Creighton Prep in 1952, then the University of Nebraska in 1956 and Creighton University School of Law in 1962. Between the two college stints, he served in the Air Force. Harry Welch, Eugene’s father, and Dan Gross founded the Omaha law firm of Gross & Welch in 1927. In 1962 Eugene joined his father at Gross & Welch and was with the firm until retirement in 2005. He was a trial lawyer and did a lot of insurance practice and insurance defense. Eugene’s son, Michael, said of his father, “He was a dutiful guy. He was a guy who you just felt (that) if you were under his wing, no wrong could happen.” Eugene served as secretary of the Omaha Bar Association from 1974-78 and president from 1979-80, as his father did in 1969-70. As a member of the Nebraska State Bar Association, he served in the House of Delegates and chaired several committees. He was a member of the Judicial Qualifications Commission, the Judicial Nominating Commission and the Supreme Court Committee on Practice and Procedure. He was president of the Nebraska Defense Counsel Association, a member of the Nebraska State Bar Foundation, American College of Trial Lawyers and the International Society of Barristers. He also taught at Creighton’s law school, which he enjoyed very much, especially mock trial courses.
Preceded in death by parents, Harry and Jean Welch. Survived by wife, Jean; children and spouses, Michael and Elaine (Eschenbacher) Welch, Christine and Kent Gerwick, Jeff and Renee Welch, and Katie and Doug Henningsen; eight grandchildren; sister, Roberta Brader; brother and sister-in-law, John and Lois Welch.

Malcolm Dow Young
May 10, 1920 - November 18, 2012
Omaha, NE

Malcolm “Mac” Dow Young was a brilliant man who loved to make people laugh. He thrived upon using language to weave ideas into effective communications, whether the outcome was a legal brief or a birthday poem. The practice of law was a natural fit. His memory was photographic. He engaged in intellectual battles tirelessly with focus and determination.

Mac lived large. An Omaha native, during World War II, he served from 1940 to 1946 as a Major in the U.S. Army, Signal Corps, primarily in the Pacific theater. He then received his law degree (L.L.B.) from Duke University. He passed the Washington Bar in 1949 and began his legal career as the Assistant Resident Counsel of the Atomic Energy Commission in Richland, Washington. He returned to Omaha to be the Staff Attorney for Peter Kiewit and Sons, a construction company headquartered in Omaha and was admitted into the Nebraska Bar in 1954. He then entered private practice, culminating with the establishment of his own law firm in 1961.

During the 1960s, his law firm began many attorney-client relationships which continue to this day, developing areas of expertise in construction law, labor law and school law in addition to corporate and commercial law. In 1970, he associated with Leland C. White, an esteemed attorney from Harlan, Iowa. Subsequently, the firm’s name became Young & White. During the 1970s, the firm broadened its client base, including litigating products liability cases in courts from coast-to-coast. Mac remained a vibrant counselor in Young & White until his retirement in 2009. His son, Duncan, is a partner in the firm today.

Mac celebrated life and family every day. He and his beloved wife Mary raised nine children. After many years in Omaha’s Dundee neighborhood, they built their dream home in the country. He never minded the daily commute, because he relished their country life. They rode horses, raised beef for family feasts, harvested crops to sell and fruit from their orchard, and hosted weekly Sunday dinners for their children living at home as well as those who had already flown their nest. Summer weekends were spent hosting family and friends at their Iowa lake house on West Okoboji.

Mac was proud of his heritage. Both of his parents emigrated from Scotland. His Omaha neighborhood of Dundee was founded by a Dow relative on his father’s side, who named it for his hometown of Dundee, Scotland. Mac shared his love of Scotland with his children. In return, his grown children honored him with the gift of a Scottish kilt, which he wore with pride.

Mac mentored minds. After an interaction with him, one walked away with greater insight, whether the topic was the law or the price of corn. In the words of one of his granddaughters, “He made everyone feel special.” He made the world a better place. And, for this, we thank him.