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Joseph (Jack) Charles Fichter

Joseph (Jack) Charles Fichter, age 86 of Randolph, IA died Sunday, December 27, 2009 at Elm Heights Care Center in Shenandoah, IA following an extended illness. Jack was born July 5, 1923 in the family home at Randolph, Iowa to Elmer Fichter and Ruth Lavana (Smith) Fichter. He was a 1941 graduate of the Randolph High School and went to San Diego to study hydraulics mechanics. In December of 1941 Faith Fitzwater joined Jack in San Diego where they were married on December 16, 1941. Later he and Faith returned to Omaha, Nebraska where he was employed at the Martin Bomber Plant before joining the U.S. Air Force in 1943. After completing basic training he was sent to the Air Force Pilot Training Program; however, due to his color blindness, he was unable to complete the pilot training. Subsequently, he was stationed in Amarillo, TX as a Flight Engineer where he trained pilots. After being discharged from the Air Force, he and Faith moved back to Randolph where he farmed for

over 50 years and was an integral part of the community. He was a member of the Randolph First Presbyterian Church where he served as church treasurer for many years. Jack served 2 terms on the Fremont-Mills School Board in the early 1960's and was a member of the Randolph Development Corporation as well as a founding member of the Randolph Elevator. Jack was preceded in death by his wife, Faith Elaine Fichter; his parents; sister, Juanita Beam; and a brother, Allen Fichter. He is survived by 2 daughters and a son, Judy Tackett and husband Bill of Sugar Grove, IL and Pam Carlson and husband Stan of Shenandoah, IA; Joe Fichter and wife Robyn of Kamuela, Hawaii; 4 grandchildren, Greg Tackett and wife Kim, Beth Worthem and husband Scott, Chris Carlson and wife Kim and Doug Carlson and wife Lori; 10 great grandchildren; Lauren and Megan Tackett, Ashley, Emily Faith, Aly and Ed Worthem, Tyler, Katelyn, Kelsi and Nicholas Carlson; 2 sisters, Carol George and Donna Sue Noble and hus-

band Bill all of Kansas City, MO; sister-in-law, Marge Fichter of Farragut, IA; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 30, 2009 at Crawford-Marshall Funeral Chapel in Tabor, Iowa with Rev. Tom Clark officiating. Recorded songs were "On Eagle's Wings", "Amazing Grace" and "The Old Rugged Cross". Beth Worthem was in charge of the memory book. Flower committee was Kim Carlson, Kim Tackett and Lori Carlson. Pallbearers were Chris Carlson, Doug Carlson, Greg Tackett, Scott Worthem, Tyler Carlson and Dick Fichter. Honorary pallbearers were Bill Fichter, Keith Schaaf, Stan Schaaf, Stan Hansell, Dale Malcom, Jack Walker and Rod Carter. Interment was in the Randolph, Iowa Cemetery with Military Rites by Rommel-Conklin VFW Post #7064. Memorials go to the Randolph Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad.

Jerry Alan Jobe

Jerry Alan Jobe, one of three children of Ralph Marion Jobe and Norma Jean (Johnson) Jobe was born April 4, 1946 in Hamburg, Iowa. He graduated from Fremont-Mills High School in 1964 and Peru State College with a Bachelor of Science in Education in 1969. Jerry served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam Era. He worked at the First State Bank of Tabor for almost 40 years, most recently serving as Vice-President. Jerry was a member of the First Christian Church in Tabor. Jerry took pleasure in breeding horses and raised several World Champions. He was also very involved in 4-H helping his nephews

with their projects and taking the time to teach and help other youth learn about horses, goats, rabbits, and dogs. Jerry will be remembered as a kind, gentle workhorse by all those who knew him. He worked hard in all aspects of his life and gave so much of himself to family, friends, and his animals. Jerry died Monday, December 28, 2009 in Tabor at the age of 63. He is preceded in death by his father, Ralph Jobe and brother-in-law, George Korver. He is survived by his mother, Jeannie Jobe of Tabor, Iowa; sister, Janie Korver of Tabor, Iowa; brother Bruce Jobe of Denver, Colorado; 2

nephews, Travis Korver and wife Mary Beth of Glenwood, Iowa and their children Claire and Ryan; and Nathan Korver of Tabor, Iowa; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends. Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 2, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at First Christian Church in Tabor, Iowa with Pastor Richard Billingsly officiating. Interment of ashes will be at a later date in the Tabor, Iowa Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers were members of Tabor and surrounding communities. Memorials suggested to the Tabor Rescue Squad.

Dixie DeAnne Brake

Dixie DeAnne Brake, age 49 of Sidney, IA died Monday, December 21, 2009 at the Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, NE following a brief illness. Dixie was born August 7, 1960 in Hamburg, IA to Darrel Dean Brake and Neoma Fay (Boyer) Brake at the Hamburg Hospital. She was a member of the Church of Christ in Sidney, IA. Dixie brought joy into the lives of her parents and was a born caregiver from the tender age of three, when her brother Derek joined the family. She was certain she could meet his every need, from feeding to cuddling and all around TLC. While shaking his bassinette, she would call, "Mama, come quick, I think he's waking up!" and thus created an opportunity to cuddle him on her lap or hold his bottle. After graduating from Sidney High School in 1979, she worked in Geriatric Care facilities in both Iowa and Nebraska. She also completed three semesters of nursing school and many courses in other areas of care giving. After moving with her parents to Springfield, MO in 2001, she honed her skills by taking classes in Medical Aide and Child Psychology. She used those skills as a Behavioral Technician at the Children's Psychiatric

Hospital in Springfield. She also worked at Waiver Home facilities with the physically and mentally handicapped, where she took her responsibilities very seriously. She loved making a positive difference in the lives she touched. Dixie carried this caregiver attitude throughout 30 years of employment. She helped care for her father in his last years when he suffered from heart ailments and leukemia. She recently returned home to Sidney with her mother and was employed at Kevington Lane in Sidney. She was happy to have returned to dear family and old friends, and was excited about spending quality time with those dearest to her. On Thanksgiving Day, Dixie became ill and was hospitalized in late November at Grape Community Hospital in Hamburg. Within 24 hours she was transferred to the Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha with a viral infection, which doctors were unable to diagnose. For 20 days, she fought a valiant battle, but she couldn't overcome the virus. Her heart stopped on December 21, and she could not be revived. She has gone home to be with the Lord and to a new body and new life.

Dixie was preceded in death by her father, Dean Brake and her grandparents, Dewey Fleet Brake, Elsie Elma (Foster) Brake, Herman Wayne Boyer and Vera Aretta (Sumner) Boyer. She is survived by her mother, Neoma Brake of Sidney, IA; brother, Derek Brake of Friend, NE; numerous aunts, uncles, many other relatives and friends. Memorial services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, December 28, 2009 at the Crawford-Marshall Funeral Chapel in Sidney, IA with Pastor Clarence Schaffner officiating. There was no viewing or visitations. Interment of ashes was in the Sidney, Iowa Cemetery and memorials go to the family. The Crawford-Marshall Funeral Chapel in Sidney, IA is in charge of arrangements.

Nicholas A. Mutchler



Nicholas A. Mutchler, age 22, of Aurora, Colorado, passed away Friday, December 25, 2009 in Aurora, Colorado. Nicholas Andrew Mutchler was born October 19, 1987 in Omaha, Nebraska the son of Jeffrey and Christine (Thorn) Mutchler. He lived in Omaha until the age of 10 when the family moved to Littleton, Colorado. At the age of 17 he joined the

United States Army and served a tour of duty in Iraq. He received the Army Commendation Medal and Rating of Expert in Firearms. Currently, Nicholas was a student at the Colorado School of Trades. One of his favorite hobbies was snow boarding. Preceding him in death were his grandfathers: Tommy A. Thorn and Allen Mutchler; and uncles: Tommy L. Thorn and Rick Mutchler. Survivors include his mother: Christine Pope and husband Tim of Thurman, Iowa; father Jeffrey Mutchler and wife Helen Lorame of Redding, California; brothers: Stephen Mutchler who is serving in the United States Navy Bryan Pope and Justin Pope both of Thurman, Iowa; sisters: Amy Pope and Natalie Pope both of Thurman, Iowa; grand-

mothers: Nina Cristofano and husband Dan of Denver, Colorado and Norma Tichy of Red Oak, Iowa; girlfriend: Cheyenne Traversie of Aurora, Colorado; many aunts, uncles, cousins, and other relatives and friends. Funeral services were held 10:30 a.m. Saturday, January 2, 2010 at the Nelson-Boylan-LeRette Funeral Chapel. Burial was in the Rose Hill Cemetery at Shenandoah, Iowa. Visitation with the family was held from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Friday, January 1, 2010 at the Nelson-Boylan-LeRette Funeral Chapel. Memorials are suggested to the Siena/ Francis House in Omaha, Nebraska. Nelson-Boylan-LeRette Funeral Chapel of Red Oak, Iowa is in charge of arrangements.

Charles William Clark

Charles William Clark, one of five children of Geraldine Elaine (Fort) and Marion Robert "Bud" Clark, was born on June 16, 1938 in Hastings, Iowa. He grew up and attended the Strahan School. Charles served in the United States Army. He later worked as a farm laborer and at a grain elevator in Nebraska City, Nebraska. Charles moved to Red Oak in 1970 and worked as a maintenance

worker for the Super Suds Car Wash in Red Oak before his retirement. Charles passed away on December 31, 2009 at the Montgomery County Memorial Hospital in Red Oak. He attained the age of 71 years, 6 months, and 15 days, and was preceded in death by his father Bud Clark in 2003; and brother Tom Clark in 1999. Charles is survived by his mother Geraldine Clark of

Red Oak, formerly of Malvern, IA, sisters, Elaine Campbell and husband Robert of Lincoln, NE, and Janice VanMeter and husband Harold of Red Oak; brother Steve Clark of Centennial, CO; and other relatives. No formal services are scheduled at this time. Mansfield-Hertz Funeral Home of Malvern in charge of arrangements.

Arthur John "Art" Pedersen



Arthur John "Art" Pedersen, 84, of Glenwood, Iowa entered into eternal rest on January 1, 2010 in Council Bluffs, Iowa. He was born May 23, 1925 in Louisville, Nebraska to Anton and Mary (Green) Pedersen. Art faithfully served his country in the Navy during WWII. He was united in marriage to Darlene May McMurtrey on September 3, 1949 in Rockport, Missouri. To this union two children were born, Darla and John. Art was employed with Mid American Energy for 30 years until his retirement. He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church. Art enjoyed traveling, reading, fixing things, but most of all he loved spending time with his family. He was a huge presence in the life of his children and grandchild-

dren and they loved him dearly and will forever miss him. Preceding Art in death were his parents; wife, Darlene in 2007, brothers; Robert, Charles and Jess Pedersen and sister, Margie Christensen. He is survived by his children, Darla Sell and John Pedersen both of Glenwood, Iowa; grandchildren, Dusty and wife Jill Sell and their daughter, Jayme Parker Sell all of Emerson, Iowa; Mary and husband Bryan Pinker of Omaha, Nebraska; Joshua and Jesse Pedersen of Glenwood, Iowa; brother, Franklin and wife Katie

Pedersen of Hammond, Louisiana, sister, Maurine Farnsworth of Cozad, Nebraska; nieces, nephews, extended relatives and a host of friends. Visitation was held on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 from 7:00 until 8:00 p.m. at Peterson Mortuary in Glenwood, IA. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church in Glenwood, IA. Interment was in the Glenwood Cemetery in Glenwood, IA. A memorial fund has been established.

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