

OBITUARIES

Norma Hostetter

Norma Jean Hostetter, 96, of Wapello passed away on Monday, June 23, 2025, at Wapello Specialty Care surrounded by her family. Private family services will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be directed to the family in memory of Norma Jean. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.sandhfuneralservices.com. Snyder & Hollenbaugh Funeral & Cremation Services of Wapello is caring for Norma Jean’s family and her arrangements.

Norma Jean Kerr was born on Sept. 28, 1928, in New Port, Iowa, the daughter of Rex and Ruby (Herr) Kerr. Norma was a 1947 graduate of Morning Sun High School.

On Feb. 19, 1949, she was united in marriage to Donald Hostetter. Norma Jean raised her children and helped on the farm until her children were grown. She would also babysit. Norma Jean then worked as a cook at the Yarmouth Café for 25 years.

She enjoyed reading, flowers, crossword puzzles, collecting dolls and hunting for geodes with her grandchildren, known as “rocking.” Family was very important to her and she loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Norma Jean will be deeply missed by her children, Chris (Don) Harter of Burlington, Mike (Pam) Hostetter of Moore Haven, Fl, Connie (Doug Wallman) Harris of Yarmouth, Mary (Bill) Ivins of Mediapolis, Sherri (Donnie) Metzger of Morning Sun, Boone Hostetter of Yarmouth, Rod (Darcy) Hostetter of Sperry and Jane (Brad) Quigley of Wapello; 13 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren; many step-grandchildren, great-grandchildren and extended family.

Norma Jean was preceded in death by her parents, husband, siblings, Helen Rahmiller, Marjorie Otto, Milton Kerr, Merle Kerr and Robert Kerr; two sisters-in-infancy; great-grandson, Jonathon Hostetter and son-in-law, Jeff Charbonneaux.



NORMA HOSTETTER

Sarah Ann McNamer was born on August 25, 1936 in Grandview, the daughter of Lee Roy and Sophie (Cupps) McNamer. She attended Grandview High School. Sarah worked at the County Home in Bloomfield from 1955 to 1966.

She was united in marriage to Melvin “Bud” Machholz on June 20, 1956. They welcomed their two boys, Fredrick and David, into the world. She enjoyed tending to their large garden, fishing, reading, puzzle books, playing bingo, jigsaw puzzles, watching the Game Show Network, old classic reruns, all Iowa Hawkeye games, taking small road trips to see nature and wildlife, being around people and, most all, she loved being with her family.

Sarah is survived by her sister, Mabel Shepherd; sons, Fred (Dorothy) and Dave (Chrystal) Machholz; granddaughters, Morgan and Tara Machholz and great-grandchildren, Adriel Cenicerros, Willow, Ivy and Neakita Webster.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lee Roy and Sophie McNamer; husband, Melvin “Bud” Machholz, sister, Lila (Ron) Jones; brothers, Bill Wade, Jim (Shirley) Wade and Guy (Pearl) McNamer; great-granddaughter, Kaiah Webster and brother-in-law, John Shepherd.

William “Bill” Tomson

A memorial service honoring William L. Tomson will be held July 11, 2025, at Dundee Presbyterian Church, 5312 Underwood Ave. Omaha, Neb.

Rev. JD Georlett will officiate. Visitation with the family will be from 1-2 p.m., and memorial services will begin at 2 p.m.

Interment will precede the memorial service on July 10, 2025, at 11 a.m. at the Omaha National Cemetery, 14250 Schram Rd., Omaha, Neb.

A celebration of life will be held July 13, 2025, at the Morning Sun Community Center, 106 N. Main St., Morning Sun, Iowa, with the service beginning at 1 p.m. and a light luncheon will follow the service.

William “Bill” Tomson, 70, of LaVista, Neb., passed away on May 27, 2025. A devoted husband, stepfather, Air Force veteran and antique enthusiast, Bill lived a life full of service, passion and generosity.

Born on Oct. 29, 1954, in Iowa City, Iowa, Bill graduated from Morning Sun High School and went on to earn a Bachelor’s degree from the University of Iowa and a Master’s degree in business from Binghamton University, State University of New York. He also held a real estate and broker license in Nebraska.

Bill proudly served in the United States Air Force for 31 years, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel after a distinguished career as an electronic warfare officer aboard the RC-135 aircraft.

Following his military service, he continued to serve through the U.S. Government Civil Service and the Defense Contract Management Agency as a contracts ad-

ministrator.

On July 9, 1994, Bill married Jill (Cunningham-Taylor) Tomson. Together, they built a life filled with love, travel and shared passions. Bill owned and operated two antique stores—Wild Horse Antiques in Plattsmouth, Neb., and South Amana Mercantile in South Amana, Iowa.

He had a deep interest in genealogy, home improvement and collecting coins, stamps, election memorabilia and rocks. He was also an accomplished stained-glass artist, an avid golfer and enjoyed skiing.

Bill was a proud member of the Acacia Fraternity at the University of Iowa and a lifelong Hawkeyes fan. He and his family attended Dundee Presbyterian Church in Omaha.

Known for his warm smile, generous heart and helping spirit, Bill will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Jill; stepson, Christopher Ryan Taylor of La Vista, NE; brothers Douglas Tomson and James (Dawn) Tomson, both of Salem, Iowa; sisters Charlotte (John) Peck of Fairfield, Iowa, and Betty (Terry) Oosthoek of Colorado Springs, Colo.; sister-in-law Carol Tomson of Junction City, Kan.; and 14 nieces and nephews.

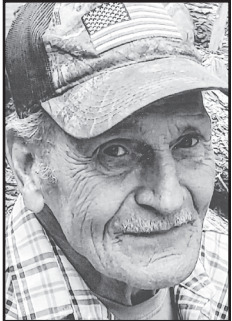
He was preceded in death by his parents, Kelly and Martha Tomson; his brother, Kenneth Tomson; and his in-laws, Ray and Lois Cunningham.

George Vaughn

George Vaughn, 80, of Wapello, Iowa, passed away on Friday, June 27, 2025, at his home in Wapello.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at 1 p.m. at the Wapello Cemetery. Following the service, a celebration of life was held at Wooster’s.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to the family in memory of George. The Snyder & Hollenbaugh Funeral and Cremation Services of Wapello is caring for the family. Online condolences may be left at www.sandhfuneralservice.com.



GEORGE VAUGHN

George Allen Vaughn was born on Feb. 4, 1945, in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, the son of Harold and Pearl (Griest) Vaughn. On Aug. 2, 1961, he was united in marriage to Anna Beeding.

George worked for 24 years at Klein manufacturing and 14 years at Fullerton until his retirement. He was a member of the “Cedar River Gang” and the “Garage Boys,” a band made up of him, his brother and his friends. George loved country western music and playing his guitar.

He also enjoyed road trips to visit family, making rings and woodworking, making planters, sheds and his famous octagon picnic tables. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family.

George will be deeply missed by his wife Anna of Wapello; children, Romona (Lee) Hainey of Wapello, Jackie Cover of Nichols, Catricia (Jeff) Sinn of Wayland and Mark (Cindy) Wehrle of Wapello, Kathy Thomason, Melinda Hoover and Wendi Noble, all of Stronghurst, Ill.; grandchildren, Terra Allen, Thomas Hainey, Caleb Hainey, Hanna Volk, Makenzie Cover,

Mason Sinn, Sammi Helmer, Alexa Wehrle, Dawson Wehrle, Olivia Hoover, Hannah Campbell, Caitlin Peterson, Zach Smith, David McIntyre, Deana McIntyre, Tiffany Davis, Tiffany Huppenbauer and Amber Huppenbauer; great-grandchildren, Kaden Schneider, Roxie Allen, Delaney Volk, Charlotte Volk, Sophie Lindley, Emma Holmes, Lillain Slaton, Annabelle Hainey, Casen Helmer, Hattie Helmer, Baby boy Sinn, Dakota Hoover, Brycen Peterson, Drake Torrance and Nova McIntyre; sister, Dalena Vaughn; brother, Darrell Vaughn and many nieces, nephews and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Kevin Vaughn; grandsons, Jeremy Hoover and Josh Good; granddaughter, Kimberly Huppenbauer; siblings, Roberta Vaughn, Ramona Simmons, Jean Duncan, Dick Vaughn, Shirley McDowell, Patricia Palmer, Harold “Rick” Vaughn and Robert Vaughn and son-in-law, Greg Cover.

Wanda Perkins

Wanda Perkins, 69, of Wapello, Iowa, passed away on June 26, 2025, at Mercy One–Genesis East Campus in Davenport. A celebration of life for Wanda will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established for the Des Moines County Humane Society in Wanda’s name. Memorials may be sent to Snyder & Hollenbaugh Funeral & Cremation Services, 209 Franklin Street, Wapello, Iowa 52653 in care of the Perkins family. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.sandhfuneralservices.com.



WANDA PERKINS

Wanda Sue Bodkins blessed this world on May 8, 1956, in Washington, Iowa, the daughter of Hobert and Helen (Blodgett) Bodkins.

On July 26, 1997, Wanda was united in marriage to Richard Perkins in Wapello. Wanda worked for the Morning Sun Nursing Home, the Tri-State Envelope Company in Wapello and, alongside her husband Rich, owned and operated Thunder Road Liquor.

Wanda enjoyed the great outdoors – bird watching, watching the eagles in the wintertime, gardening, all types of animals and mowing. In her younger days, she enjoyed horses, especially barrel racing.

Wanda was a loving soul that was known for her conversation, definitely while enjoying a margarita or two. She had a smile that would light up a anyone’s day. She knew no stranger — especially of the four-legged kind.

Wanda will be deeply missed by her husband, Rich “Perk” Perkins of Wapello; daughter, Bev (Daryn) Harwood of West Burlington and step-daughter, Sierra (Cory) Buchholz of Richmond, Va.; grandchildren, Samantha (Levi Forbess) Sypherd, Caleb Vorhies, and Issac and Evan Buccholz; great-grandchildren, Nick and Dani Forbes and siblings, Nancy (Jerry) Lankford of Richland, Iowa and Bill (Stephanie) Bodkins of Wellington, Colo., and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Wanda was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Bob, Jim and Kenny and sister, Leona Arnold.

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