

Service Notices

Betty Jean Bilney

Betty Jean Bilney, 96, of Cherokee, Iowa passed away on Saturday morning, January 4, 2025 in the Heartland Care Center at Marcus, Iowa.

Memorial services will be held at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Cherokee on June 7, 2025 at 10:30 AM. Burial will be in the Oak Hill Cemetery at Cherokee, Iowa. Pastor Mike Agnew will officiate.

The Boothby Funeral Home in Cherokee, Iowa is assisting the family with the arrangements. Online condolences can be left at www.boothbyfuneral.com

Darlene L. Dobson

Darlene L. Dobson, 98, of Flagstaff, Arizona, formerly of Cherokee, Iowa, passed away on Thursday, December 12, 2024 at Brookdale Senior Living in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Graveside memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 6, 2025 at the Oak Hill Cemetery at Cherokee, Iowa. A time of lunch and fellowship will follow the service at the cemetery at the First Church of Christ in Cherokee, Iowa.

The Boothby Funeral Home in Cherokee, Iowa is assisting the family with the arrangements. Online condolences can be left at www.boothbyfuneral.com

Patricia Ann Olson

Patricia Ann Olson, 85, of Cherokee Iowa, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at Accura Healthcare in Cherokee.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at Boothby Funeral Home in Cherokee, Iowa. Pastor Jonathan Riggert will officiate. Visitation with the family present will be held prior to the service beginning at 1:00 p.m. until service time. Private family interment will take place at Oak Hill Cemetery in Cherokee, Iowa.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that a memorial be made to the family for a future project in Patricia's name.

Thomas A. Green

Thomas A. Green, 72, of Cherokee, Iowa, passed away Friday, December 13, 2024 at Accura Healthcare in Cherokee, Iowa.Graveside memorial services will be held on Saturday, June 7, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at Oak Hill Cemetery in Cherokee, Iowa. Pastor Jonathan Riggert will officiate.

The Boothby Funeral Home in Cherokee, Iowa is assisting the family with the arrangements. Online condolences can be left at www.boothbyfuneral.com

WHAT'SHAPPENING

- **AA:** M 7 pm, W 8 pm, St. Paul's Methodist Church, 531 W. Main, Cherokee; Sat, 9 a.m., Crossroads Christian Church, 515 W. Main, Cherokee. Use the back door.
- **Aurelia Community Coffee:** Wednesdays at 9 am at the Aurelia Community Center.
- **Aurelia Kiwanis:** Thursdays at 7 am at the Aurelia Community Center.
- **Aurelia American Legion:** 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Aurelia Community Center.
- **BuenaVista Parkinson's Support Group:** Second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 pm in the library at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. The B.V. Parkinson's Support Group is affiliated with the American Parkinson Disease Association, the country's largest grassroots organization providing funds for research and patient and caregiver education and support across the United States. For more information contact Glenn Schulz at: Home - 712-732-1792 mobile - 201-317-3318
- **CAP Food Bank:** Tu & Th, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., IC Church, 709 W Cedar. Anyone in need of food is welcome to stop.
- **Cherokee Community Blood Drive:** the last Thursday of the month from 12 to 5:30 p.m. at the lower level of the Cherokee Community Center. Schedule a blood donation appointment online at lifeservebloodcenter.org or call 800-287-4903.
- **Cherokee Community School Board of Education:** The regular board of education meetings are held in the Cherokee Washington High School library. Agendas are posted on the school's website typically on the Friday prior to the meeting although they may be changed up to 24 hours before the scheduled commencement of each meeting. Visitors wishing to speak during the meeting should sign up prior to the meeting being called to order. Comments should be submitted to the superintendent, Tom Ryherd, at tryherd@ccsd.k12.ia.us by 2 pm the day of the meeting.
June 16, 2025 @ 5:30 pm July 21, 2025 @ 5:30 pm
- **Cherokee County Conservation Board:** 2nd Monday of each month at the 5 pm at the CCB Headquarters on River Road.
- **Cherokee Memorial Presbyterian Church** will hold a movie on Sunday, June 1, starting at 6 pm. The movie is Camp Harlow. This is a free community event. Popcorn and drinks provided
- **Cherokee Public Library:** READit Book Discussion, Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 am. Come as you are, bring what you're reading, and be part of our growing community of book lovers!
- **Cherokee VFW LA Wescott Post:** 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 pm in the basement of the Kee Stirs building.
- **MMC Food Pantry:** Marcus Senior Center, 405 N. Main St., Marcus. Hours of operation are Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 pm and Saturdays 9 am to 10:30 am.
- **NA Recovery in Action:** Tu & Th, 7 p.m., First Church of Christ, 772 N. 2nd St., Cherokee. Park in the south lot.
- **Quimby Public Library:** Quimby Public Library has "Story Time" every Wednesday at 3:00. Join us for fun books, games, and crafts!
- **Siouxland Food Bank:** the third Friday of the month at Trinity Lutheran Church, 230 N. Roosevelt, 5:30 pm. Please bring your own bags. If you are unable to come to the Food Pantry, but need assistance with food security, please call 712-229-4443 or 712-221-0350.
- **Welcome Plate and Food Pantry:** The Welcome Plate is a free meal served at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 300 E. Bow Drive, Watch here for the next Welcome Plate date!

Stay up to date with the online calendar on our website: www.chronicletimes.com

CCSD Summer Menu

**Cherokee Washington High School Commons
600 W. Bluff Street, 11:00-12:30, Monday-Friday
June 2 through June 27th.**

- Come in the front door and follow the signs!
 - This program is FREE to children 1-18, and \$3.75 for adults.
 - The lunch meal is eat in only, and there is a breakfast grab and go bag available to take with you if you are going straight home, due to containing milk.
 - Milk is served with every meal.
 - Turn to page 6 for full details of this program.
- Monday, June 2
Chicken Nuggets, Mashed potatoes, Fruit & Veggie Bar
Tuesday, June 3
Cheese bread, Corn, Fruit & Veggie Bar
Wednesday, June 4
Breaded chicken sandwich, french fries, Fruit & Veggie Bar
Thursday, June 5
Crispitos, Chips & Salsa, Fruit & Veggie Bar
Friday, June 6
Hot Dog, Baked Beans, Fruit & Veggie Bar



Marilyn Jean Kruse

Marilyn Jean Kruse, age 81 of Granville, IA, passed away Thursday, January 9, 2025, at Orange City Area Health System in Orange City, IA.

A public visitation will be held from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Saturday, May 31, 2025, at the Greenwood-Schubert Funeral Home in Marcus, IA.

Burial will take place at 12:00 p.m. Sunday, June 1, 2025, at St. John's Cemetery in Germantown, IA.

The Greenwood-Schubert Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.greenwoodfuneral.com.

Marilyn J. Kruse, the daughter of Carl and Vera (Hendrickson) Peterson, passed away at the Orange City Area Health Facility on January 8, 1925, at the age of 81 years old.

She was born on August 20, 1943, in San Diego, CA and



Marcia "Marty" Elaine Hammond

Marcia "Marty" Elaine Hammond, age 82 of Cherokee, IA passed away Sunday, May 25, 2025, at Careage Hills in Cherokee, IA.

A public visitation celebrating Marcia's life will be held from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at the Greenwood-Schubert Funeral Home in Cherokee, IA. Burial will take place at a later date in Wall Lake, IA.

The Greenwood-Schubert Funeral Home in Cherokee, IA, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.greenwoodfuneral.com.

Marty was born November 29, 1942, to Chester and Lylis (Witcombe) Sargent. She attended school in Quimby, Iowa.

Mary Jo Carstens

Mary Jo Carstens, age 79 of Quimby, IA, passed away Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at her residence in Quimby.

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 5, 2025, at the Greenwood-Schubert Funeral Home in Cherokee, IA. Pastor Karen Currier will officiate. Burial will be held at a later date. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

The Greenwood-Schubert Funeral Home in Cherokee, IA is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.greenwoodfuneral.com.

Mary Jo (Beckman) Carstens peacefully passed away in her sleep at her home in Quimby, Iowa, on May 27, 2025. Mary Jo was born in St Paul, MN on December 8, 1945.

The Beckman family owned a dairy farm where Mary Jo helped with the farm work.

Mary Jo attended St John's Elementary School in Jordan, MN and graduated from Jordan High School in 1963. She enrolled in Mankato State College (presently known as Minnesota State University, Mankato) and in 1967 graduated with a B.S. in Mathematics.

After college graduation

was a baptized member of Nazareth Lutheran Church in Marcus, IA.

Her childhood years were spent in Marcus, IA, where she attended school and graduated in 1961. She attended beauty school during the summer months of high school in Sioux City, IA. She obtained her Beauty School License upon graduating from high school.

In September of 1962, she was united in marriage to James Kruse. They lived on the farm north of Marcus. She operated a beauty shop there while her family grew up. She later spent 23 years at Tyson Foods in Orange City, IA.

She was an avid gardener and was particularly fond of flowers. She enjoyed watching Iowa State, The Hawkeyes, and Kansas City Chiefs. Health issues including childhood polio have limited her activities in recent years.

On January 9, 2025, Marilyn passed away at the age of 81.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Vera Peterson, paternal-in-laws, T.J. and Verna Kruse; two sisters, Janice in North Carolina and Carol in Oklahoma.

She will lovingly be remembered by her husband, James Kruse and their sons, Korey and Tyler and their families; and one sister Connie (Charles) Wright of Castor Valley, CA; and other relatives and friends.

Health issues, weather conditions, and graduations have prompted the family to delay services until that time.

She married Richard "Dick" Charles Hammond on October 13, 1958, at Sioux City, Iowa. This union was blessed with three children: Richard, Denise, and Tracy.

Marty held various jobs that involved her love for cooking, taking care of people, and tending to flowers and plants. She enjoyed raising a menagerie of animals, with a special love for birds and Chihuahuas.

If there was an animal that needed special attention, Marty was sure to use her special touch to bring it back to health.

It was not uncommon to find Marty at an Odd and Unusual Sale to see if there was an animal that she "needed." Her green thumb was prevalent in her gardens and flower beds. If Marty's hands weren't busy with animals or plants, she would also spend time crocheting.

Marty is survived by her children, Richard A. Hammond, Denise Freeman, and Tracy (June) Hammond, all of Cherokee, Iowa; six grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. She will also be remembered by her siblings, Chet, Judy, Brenda, Terry, Denny, Kelly, and Karla.

Marty was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Dick, and sisters Sandy and Karen.

Mary Jo and her twin sister, Margaret, spent a couple of weeks touring Europe.

Mary Jo accepted a position teaching high school mathematics in Buffalo, MN. During her time in Buffalo, she enjoyed playing golf and visiting siblings.

Later she worked as a statistician for General Mills in Wayzata, MN where she met her beloved husband, Gary. They were married on September 29, 1973.

She later worked for Frederick Herfurth Real Estate, Inc. closing real estate contracts.

Following Gary's employment at General Mills, they moved around the country. Mary Jo and Gary moved from Minnesota to South Easton, Massachusetts and Cave Creek, Missouri. From there Mary Jo and Gary moved to Storm Lake, Iowa and finally to Quimby, Iowa.

Mary Jo is preceded in death by her parents, sister Jenny (Beckman) Gunderman, twin sister Margaret (Beckman) Kajala, brother-in-laws George Kajala and Dennis Zaun, and nephew Greg Zaun.

Mary Jo is survived by her husband Gary, her sister Karen (Beckman) Zaun, brothers Ron Beckman and Mike Beckman.

In lieu of flowers memorials will be directed to projects in the town of Quimby

Obituaries



Loren R. Woltman

Loren R. Woltman, 83, of Cherokee, Iowa, passed away Friday evening, May 23, 2025 at Accura Healthcare in Cherokee, Iowa.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Pastor Mike Agnew will officiate. Burial will be in the Oak Hill Cemetery at Cherokee, Iowa. Visitation with the family present will be held on Monday, June 2, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Boothby Funeral Home in Cherokee, Iowa.

Online condolences may be left at www.boothbyfuneral.com.

Loren was born on December 6, 1941 to Ralph and Fern (Bierman) Woltman at Marcus, Iowa. He graduated from Marcus High School in 1959. He was united in marriage to Darlene M. Gregg at St. Paul's United Methodist Church on July 14, 1963.

Loren farmed for many



Michele Ann Forest

Michele Ann Forest, age 67 of Red Oak, IA, and formerly of Cherokee, IA, passed away Saturday, May 24, 2025, at the Red Oak Rehab and Care Center in Red Oak, IA.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, June 2, 2025, at the Greenwood-Schubert Funeral Home in Cherokee, IA. Father Dan Guenther will officiate. Burial will be at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Cherokee, IA. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

The Greenwood-Schubert Funeral Home in Cherokee, IA is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.greenwoodfuneral.com.

Michele Ann Forest was born on June 10, 1957, in Canton, S.D. to Duane and Eleanor (Knutson)Forest. She passed away on May 24, 2025, at Red Oak Rehabilitation Center in Red Oak, Iowa, after a lengthy illness. Michele moved to Cherokee, Iowa from Inwood, Iowa with her family in 1963, where she lived until 1967.

In 1969 she was enrolled in St Coletta School in Jefferson, Wisconsin, where she gradu-

years and retired from farming in 1997. He then worked at Wells Blue Bunny in Le-Mars, Iowa in the maintenance department. He retired from Wells Blue Bunny in 2012.

He was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, where he served as a trustee. He had been a member of 4H, member of Cherokee County Cattlemen's Association, and member of Pheasants Forever.

In his free time Loren enjoyed hunting, fishing, tractor pulling, fabricating, bowling, and spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Fern Woltman, brother-in-law Steve Millikan, sister-in-law Rachel Woltman.

Loren is survived by his wife, Darlene Woltman of Cherokee, Iowa; three children Dana (Kim) Woltman of Newell, Iowa, Brian (Janet) Woltman of Cherokee, Iowa, and Kyle (Candace) Woltman of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; 12 grandchildren, Derek Woltman, Lauren Woltman, Allison Larsen, Brad Woltman, Hannah Kalm, Alivia Woltman, Mya Woltman, Bradey Green, Bailey Green, Allison Hoberman, Kelsey Allen, and Jessica van Aanholt; 19 great grandchildren; siblings Gerald Woltman of Cherokee, Iowa, Dale (Paulette) Woltman of Shawnee, Kansas, Joan Millikan of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Randy (Carol) Woltman of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; also several nieces and nephews.

ated in 1976.

Michele spent most of her life in group homes for the intellectually disabled. She lived many of her years at a group home at Pacific Junction, Iowa until they closed in 2015.

She and her longtime roommates Joyce and Merna moved to Glenwood and then to Shenandoah, Iowa in 2016, until her health required a move to the Red Oak Rehabilitation Center in the fall of 2024.

Michele liked to run, swim, and bowl and earned many ribbons for swimming in the Special Olympics.

She loved a good rodeo and to drop a few dollars at the casino.

Later in life she enjoyed working on puzzles and coloring books.

Michele was always very social, and she loved to help others. Most of all she loved her bears, especially her favorite companion, Lori Bear.

Michele was preceded in death by her parents, Duane and Eleanor Forest, step-mother Betty Forest, grandparents Olaf and Blanche Knutson and Hans and Geneva Forest, nephew Josh Carney, and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

She is survived by her siblings, Michael (Suzanne) Forest of Columbia, Maryland; Linda (Paul) Cuthrell of Peterson, Iowa; Bruce (Mary) Forest of Park Hills, Missouri, and step-sister, Sally (Dennis) Carney of Des Moines, Iowa; ten nieces and nephews; and ten great nieces and nephews, along with aunts and uncles Mavis and Ron Greenwood of Merrimack, New Hampshire; John and Lyla Severson of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and Roger Knutson of Sioux Falls, South Dakota along with numerous cousins.

STUDENTNEWS

Morningside Fall Dean's List

Morningside University Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs Chris Spicer announced the 475 students named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2024-25 academic year.

The Dean's List recognizes Morningside students who achieve a 3.67-grade point average or better and complete at least 12 credits of coursework with no grade below a "C-."

Students that achieved a 4.0-grade point average are denoted with an asterisk (*).

Area students are:

- Aden Rieb, Alta
- Jena Jenness*, Cherokee
- Taya Phillips, Holstein
- Ben Woodall*, Sutherland

Dau recognized at Scholarship Dinner

Hannah Dau of Paullina received the Dr. Maureen Danks Scholarship, John Roslien Endowed Scholarship and The Mary Du Bois Wright Scholarship for the 2024-25 academic year from Central College for a high commitment to academic achievement. Dau is a member of the Class of 2025 at Central in Pella, Iowa.