

Jim Henkes

Jim Henkes, 76, of Staples, formerly of Fergus Falls, died March 27, 2009 at Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples.

Funeral services were held April 1, at the First Lutheran Church in Fergus Falls with Rev. Saul Stensvaag officiating. Burial was in the First Lutheran Cemetery North, Fergus Falls.

Arrangements were with the Glende-Nilson Funeral Home in Fergus Falls.

Jim was born June 8, 1932, in Fergus Falls to John and Ada (Martin) Henkes. He was baptized and confirmed at First Lutheran Church and graduated from Fergus Falls High School in 1950. He attended and graduated from Bemidji State University in 1954. Jim met Bette Stengrim at Bemidji State and they were married June 11, 1955, in the First Presbyterian Church in Stephen by Rev. Wilhelm Hempel.

Teaching and coaching were Jim's passion, along with hunting, fishing, feeding the birds, puttering in his garage, Viking Cafe in Fergus Falls, his hat and radio collections and 20 years of weather journals. His first coaching job was in Nome, North Dakota followed by Battle Lake and Wheaton where he taught and coached for over 30 years until 1974. Jim retired from Wheaton as Athletic Director in 1979, he continued to coach and teach his children and grandchildren up until the 2009 NCAA basketball playoffs.



He was a member of the Traverse County Masonic Lodge #189, the Wheaton Fire Department, volunteer driver for American Red Cross and a lifetime member of the Minnesota Coaches Association. He was also a member of the Fergus Falls High School Hall of Fame, the Fergus Falls Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame, Bemidji State Hall of Fame and the Minnesota Coaches Hall of Fame.

Jim is survived by his wife, five daughters, Mary (David) Freeman, Laurie Bach; Nancy Jo Henkes, all of Staples; Ann (John) Henkes-Anderson of Maple Grove; Karen (John) Tomassetti of Chicago, Ill.; 10 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Fritz and John Henkes.

Memorials are preferred to Jim Henkes Scholarship Award Fund at Wheaton High School and the American Red Cross.

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Charles Westin

Charles "Chuck" Edward Westin, 81, of Staples, died March 27, 2009 at Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples.

Funeral services were held March 30, at the Congregational UCC Church in Staples. Burial was in Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Arrangements were with the Brenny Funeral Home in Staples.

Chuck was born Feb. 20, 1928, in Staples to Elmer and Myrtle (Cooper) Westin. He graduated from Staples High School and enlisted in the U.S. Navy following World War II. On March 18, 1951, he married Wanda Lindblom in the Aldrich Congregational Church. Chuck worked for the railroad in a variety of positions for almost 40 years before retiring in the 1990s. He enjoyed fishing, camping, hunting, especially deer hunting and the many trips north, to his deer hunting shack.

Chuck is survived by



his wife of 58 years; three daughters, Sandra (Terry) Wiczek of Apple Valley; Kristine (Richard) Huebsch of Staples; Cheryl (Tod) Swenson of Coon Rapids; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one sister, Lillian Johnson of New Hope and one brother, Robert Westin of Apple Valley.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one infant son, Duane; one granddaughter; and one brother, Larry.

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Bobby Willis

Bobby Willis, 41, of Staples, died March 28, 2009 at the Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples.

Arrangements are pending with the Brenny Funeral Home in Staples.

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John Harris

John W. Harris, 54, of Leader-Motley area, died March 21, 2009, at Lakewood Health System hospital.

Funeral services were private.

Arrangements were with the Brenny Funeral Home of Staples.

John was born July 27, 1954, to Willis "Johnny" Harris and Junice Whipple. He loved the outdoors, hunting, riding motorcycle and especially 4-wheeling with his grandchildren.

John is survived by his wife, Patricia; two daughters, LaMina Harris; Stacia Harris; two step-sons, Sean (Andrea) Donovan; Christopher Donovan; six grandchildren; special nieces, Marcy Harris and Sadie Harris; and other family and friends.

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Marilyn Mahling

Marilyn Ida Mahling, 81, of Randall, died March 25, 2009 at St. Gabriel's Hospital in Little Falls.

Funeral services were held March 30, at the St. James Catholic Church in Randall. Burial was in the St. James Catholic Cemetery.

Arrangements were with the Brenny Funeral Home in Randall.

Marilyn was born in Little Falls Aug. 14, 1927 to Henry and Marguerite (Evans) Gosch. She attended school in Randall and graduated from Little Falls High School in 1945, before attending St. Cloud State University. She married Robert James Mahling on Feb. 15, 1947.

She was a life long resident of Randall, working as a homemaker and part time employee of Gosch's store and a paraprofessional for 14 years at Lincoln and Dr. S.G. Knight Schools. She also wrote a recipe column for the Little Falls Daily Transcript for several years.

Marilyn was a long time member of the Board of Directors for the Morrison County DAC, St. James Catholic Church and St. Francis Xavier Mission Circle. She and Bob also charted St. James Cemetery and two other cemeteries for the Morrison County Historical Society.

Judith Brill

Judith (Judy) Elaine Brill, 55, died March 17, 2003, at her home in Greenville, S.C., from COPD.

A celebration of life/memorial will be on held on Tuesday, April 7, 2009, starting at 3 p.m. at Ten-Hi on Hwy 10 in Motley.

Judy was born to Lawrence and Wilma (Gehlar) Brill on Oct. 5, 1947, in Staples. She attended and graduated from Staples High School in 1966.

Judy lived in Minneapolis until 1975. She and her daughters moved to Las Vegas, N.V., then to Bullhead City, Ariz., until 2000.

Judy worked as a waitress and a black jack dealer at Harrah's Casino in Laughlin, N.V.



She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Lucile Lewis and Elaine Larson.

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For health reasons in 2000 Judy moved to South Carolina to live with her oldest daughter, Tina, where she lived until her death.

Judy is survived by two daughters, Tina Compton, Greenville, S.C., and Tanya Brill, Wadena; three grandsons, one granddaughter, and three great-grand children; two sisters, Sharon (Jack) Olson, Wadena, Carolyn (Tony) Johnson, Beulah, N.D., and two brothers David (Becky) Brill, Burlington, Iowa and Charles Brill Superior, Wisc.

She is preceded in death by her parents, three brothers; Herbert, Douglas and Larry; and two nephews.

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Norman Murray

Norman DuWayne Will Murray, 80, of Klamath Falls, Ore., and formerly of Staples, died March 10, 2009 in Klamath Falls. Burial will be in Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples at a later date.

Norman was born May 2, 1928, in Verndale, to Elsie Mallow and William Murray. He attended school in Staples. In July of 1950, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served as a Staff Sergeant for 21 years. After his retirement from the air force, he worked for Weyerhaeuser Company in Klamath Falls, later retiring from that job.

He loved golf, camping

and traveling back to visit relatives and friends in the Staples area.

Norma is survived by one daughter, Dawn (Jim) Ivie of Cathedral City, Calif.; one son, Ken Murray of Klamath Falls; two brothers, Kent (Clara) Carlson of Brainerd; Bruce (Sandi) Carlson of Melrose; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and friend, Ruth Christiansen of Klamath Falls.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Marie Petric Murray, one brother, Donald Carlson of Mont.; one sister, Lavon Bennett of Staples; and one grandson.

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Wayne Johnson

Wayne Milton Johnson, 55, of Moorhead, died March 14, 2009, at Merit Care Hospital in Fargo, N.D.

A memorial gathering is planned for Saturday, April 4, 2009, from 2 - 5 p.m. at the Brenny Funeral Home in Staples. Arrangements are with the Brenny Funeral Home, Staples.

Wayne was born Nov. 2, 1953, in Wadena, to George L. and Dolores (Chapin) Johnson. He graduated from Staples High School in 1971. He enlisted in the United States Army on Oct. 15, 1971. Following his tour of duty he returned to Min-

nesota and went to work for Bernie's Off Sale Wine and Liquor Store in Moorhead, and then for MinnKota Recycling in Fargo.

Wayne is survived by his mother, Dolores Johnson of Staples; two brothers, Richard (Tanya Sigred) Johnson of Lawton, Okla., and Eugene (Michelle Serrault) Johnson of Rochester; two sisters, Kathy (Gary) McGillivray of Anoka; Doris (Darrell) Nelson of Baudette; many cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, and one uncle, Burl Chapin.

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Robert Case

Robert L. (Bob) Case Sr., 82, Staples, died March 20, 2009, at Lakewood Health System Care Center, Staples.

Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 3, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Staples. Visitation is Thursday, April 2, at Brenny Funeral Chapel, Staples, from 5 to 7 p.m. with Parish Prayers at 6:30 p.m. Burial will be at Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples, at a later date.

Arrangements are with Brenny Funeral Home, Staples.

Robert L. Case Sr. was born on October 20, 1926, to Cyril V. and Lillie M. Case. He attended school in Staples and graduated with the Class of 1944.

Bob went to work for the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1943. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1944 and served his country in the South Pacific during World War II. He was stationed aboard

the destroyer John D. Henley. He was discharged as Seaman First Class on July 24, 1946.

Bob returned to Staples and worked for the Northern Pacific. He married Patricia Anne Jay on June 25, 1949. He retired from the Burlington Northern Railroad in 1989.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Church and a life long member of the Robert W. Hand VFW Post 1910.

Bob is survived by his wife Pat; four sons, Bob Jr. (Pennee), Cloquet; Doug (Toni), Staples; Dan (Gina), Apple Valley; and Bill (Lisa), Kannapolis, N.C.; one daughter, Cindy (Wayne) Bostel, Burnville; 13 grandchildren, one great-grandchild; and one brother, Alan (Nancy), Staples.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Bruce Case.

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- April 9, 6:30 p.m. Cards and coverall
- April 10, 10 a.m. Catholic Good Friday services; 1:30 p.m. Protestant Good Friday services
- April 13, 2 p.m. Gospel singer, Willie Longnecker
- April 14, 6:30 p.m. Bingo with Marge
- April 15, 10:30 a.m. Memorial service
- April 17, 1:45 p.m. Sarah Yetter, entertaining
- April 19, 2 p.m. Assembly of God singers
- April 21, 6:30 p.m. Bingo with Marge
- April 22, 2 p.m. Bingo hosted by Poplar Birthday Club
- April 23, 6:30 p.m. Coverall and games
- April 24, 1:45 p.m. The Vagabonds entertaining
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