

Obituaries

Brenda Voeltz-Crego

Brenda Jill Voeltz-Crego, 46, of Minneapolis, formerly of Staples, died Oct. 9, 2009 at her home.

Funeral services are Friday, Oct. 16, at 1 p.m., at the Staples United Methodist Church with a visitation beginning at 11 a.m. Burial will be at the Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Arrangements are with the Brenny Funeral Home in Staples.

Brenda was born on March 17, 1963, in Minneapolis, to Manuel and Ruth (Geiger) Voeltz. She attended school in Staples, graduating with honors in 1981. During high school she was active in music, playing piano for choir, and worked at Perry's Ben Franklin. After high school she moved to Minneapolis and attended the University of Minnesota. She married Tom Crego in October 1996. She loved to travel, play piano and volunteer at nursing homes. She loved her pets, taking walks, enjoyed gardening and interior decorating.

For the last 20 years she worked as a sales consultant in the interior design industry. She also worked at I-Space (Workplace 2000), Brooks Interiors, Target



Commercial Interiors and was currently employed as an independent contractor with Hendricksen Office Furniture.

Brenda is survived by her parents, one brother, Tim (JoAnn), all of Staples; aunts and uncles: Ivan and Janice Voeltz, Doug and Diane Geiger, Dale VanWey, Gordon and Jean Voeltz, Carol Thorsfeldt-Geiger, and Dennis and Wilma Johnson; cousins; many special friends and co-workers.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents; two uncles, Russ and Howard; two aunts, Grace and Evelyn; two cousins; and her best friend Ben Jamin, her Golden Retriever.

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Gerald Ryle

Gerald "Jerry" Maurice Ryle, 91, of Staples, died Oct. 9, 2009 at the Lakewood Health System Hospital, Staples.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, Oct. 15 at 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples with visitation one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Yankton, S.D. at a later date.

Arrangements are with the Brenny Funeral Home in Staples.

Jerry was born Nov. 10, 1917, at Wagner, S.D. to Jerry and Marie (Murray) Ryle. He married Ardis Authier on Aug. 31, 1940 in the Cathedral of the Epiphany at Sioux City, Iowa. He served in the U.S. Army in WW II and was proud to have served in the task force of the 1st Infantry Regiment that liberated Bataan.

After the war Jerry and Ardis co-owned and operated Ray's Lockers in Pipestone, owned a theater in Moville, Iowa; and a resort on West Battle Lake. He joined the U.S. Air Force in 1952, served in Nebraska, Fairbanks, Alaska; Minneapolis and Brainerd (1957-1962 as an Air Force Recruiter), Tampa, Florida (during the Cuban Missile



Crisis), Orlando, Florida, and Osan, Korea, retiring as a Master Sergeant in 1966.

He received 22 decorations and awards including, the Combat Infantryman Badge, Bronze Star, Commendation Medals from the U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force, the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with two bronze battle stars and one bronze invasion arrowhead. He was a lifetime member of the VFW Post 791 in Yankton.

Jerry enjoyed hunting, fishing and a good joke. His passion later in life was genealogy.

Gerald is survived by his wife; one daughter, Pat, both of Staples; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and three sisters.

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Smokey's friend

Smokey the Bear was popular with the younger set at the open house at the Staples Fire Department Friday evening. Five-year-old Amellia Erickson enjoyed her time at the event hosted by the volunteer firefighters for Fire Prevention Week. (Staples World photo by Brenda Halvorson)



Information booths

Firefighter Mike DeGeest, left foreground, and Staples Police Sergeant Doug Case, staffed one of the information booths at the open house at the Staples Fire Department Friday evening for Fire Prevention Week. (Staples World photo by Brenda Halvorson)

The Other Day

... My world seemed noisy and full of chaos even though I was standing alone in the middle of my living room. I didn't know how to handle all the "needs" clamoring for my attention.

What near disaster should I address first?

The most apparent crisis needing attention was the buzzer on the oven. My cookies were done and quickly becoming well done to burnt. Couldn't have that. Slapping the timer to stop its incessant buzzing, I removed the cookies just in time. Mmmm, the chocolate chips were just starting to melt. One disaster squelched.

Without tasting even one of the cookies, I dashed to the laundry room to address the siren announcing the dryer had completed its job. Shaking the shirts to make sure they were wrinkle free, they were hung up and whisked off to

the closet. The remaining clothes would have to lie in wait while I stopped yet one more beep-beep-beep begging for my help.

Every 15 seconds the microwave keeps calling my name...your hot tea is done, your hot tea is done. The digital panel announces, "Your food is done, please remove. Shut the door." These machines are driving me to distraction and causing me much aggravation.

Enjoying my hot tea and a freshly baked cookie, I fold the remaining clothes and appreciate the time to relax. Reflecting on all the buzzers, beeps, and sirens announcing work accomplished, I am thankful for all the automated machines in my home. How did my Mom get everything done on time without the conveniences we enjoy and so easily take for granted? Ahh, we are so blessed.

May your day be filled with peace and quiet, but also cookies, tea (or milk) and clean clothes.

by Ruth Brill

Gregg Marquardt

Gregg Alan Marquardt, 62, died Oct. 10, 2009 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Memorial services will be held Friday, Oct. 16, noon at the Pilgrim Congregational Church, 2310 E. 4th Street in Duluth. Visitation will be Thursday, Oct. 15, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Arrangements are with the Cremation Society of Minnesota.

Gregg was born March 19, 1947, to George and Joan (Asselin) Marquardt in Wadena. He was raised in Wadena graduating from Wadena High School in 1965. He was active in Civil Air Patrol, earning the Jack Ollum Memorial Award in 1964 and was chosen to participate in the International Air Cadet Exchange Program in England, Scotland and Wales in 1965. He founded a CAP Squadron in Hermantown in 1968.

He married Wanda Annette Heern on May 4, 1968 and settled in Duluth. He started as a surveyor for the DNR in 1966 and worked for MnDOT retiring as a Senior Engineering Specialist after 41 years.

Gregg is survived by his



wife of 41 years; one son, Mike (Sue) Marquardt, two daughters, Denise Ozdemir and Paula (Milo) Swenson; two grandchildren, all of Duluth; mother, Joan Marquardt also of Duluth; three brothers, Charles (Carol) Marquardt, William (Debbie) Marquardt of Michigan; Brian Marquardt (special friend, Lorrie Larsen); one sister, Kristie (Ken) Lindstrom; Aunt Jeanne Whitney of Staples; and numerous aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was the grandson of the late Charles and Lyndall Asselin.

He was preceded in death by his father, father-in-law, Ralph Heern; one brother-in-law, Darwin Heern.

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Gary Truesdell

Gary A. Truesdell, 49, of Staples, died Oct. 8, 2009 at the Lakewood Health System Hospital, Staples.

Funeral services were held Oct. 12, at the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples. Burial was in the Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Arrangements were with the Brenny Funeral Home in Staples.

Gary was born on Aug. 19, 1960, in Bertha to Kenneth and Joan Truesdell.

He went to school in Minneapolis and worked for many years until becoming disabled. He moved to Fawn Lake in 2003. Gary enjoyed hunting, fishing, four wheeling and snowmobiling.

Gary is survived by his father and two brothers, David and Michael.

He was preceded in death by his mother and his grandparents.

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Merton King

Merton King, 85, of Staples, died Oct. 5, 2009 in Brainerd.

Funeral services were held Oct. 9, 2009, at the Staples Church of Christ with Pastor Barry Klein officiating. Burial was in the Swanburg Cemetery, Pine River.

Arrangements were with the Iten Funeral Home in Browerville.

Merton was born Oct. 3, 1924 to Robert and Linnie King. He grew up working on the family farm. He married Vonda (Bonnie) King on Sept. 1, 1956 in Robbinsdale. After several years in the Twin Cities, they moved back to the family farm in 1969. In 1971, they moved to North Long Lake in Brainerd, in 1979, to Pillager, residing there until 1991, when they moved to the Sylvan Shores area, south of Staples. He enjoyed living in the country, gardening, hunting, Solitaire, Cribbage, 31, Kings Corners, Bingo and Dominoes.

Merton moved into Staples in 1996, residing at the HiRise for several years before



moving to the Bethany Good Samaritan Home in Brainerd.

Merton is survived by two brothers, Dwight (Bonnie) King of Brainerd; Donald King of Sebeka; three sisters, Elsie Pickar of Menahga; Joyce Smith of Backus; Lois Petersen of Crosby; three grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, wife, infant son, four sisters, Alice Smith; Wanda Zumbrunnen; Patricia Loerzel; Sadie LaFlex; and one brother, Robert King, .

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Charles Clabots

Charles H. Clabots, 85, of Maplewood; formerly of Staples and Brainerd, died Oct. 6, 2009, in St. Paul.

Funeral services were held Oct. 12, at the Church of St. Jerome, in Maplewood. Burial was in Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Arrangements were with the Mueller-Bies Funeral Home in Roseville.

Charles was born April 14, 1924, in Staples to Carl and Hattie (Murgess) Clabots. He served in WW II with the U.S. Navy and Army Air Corps as a flight officer; service with the Army Corps of Engineers; and 35 years with the Minnesota Department of Transportation as an engineer.

Charles is survived by his wife of 56 years, Claire "Peggy" (St. Pierre); three



sons, Charles; William (Connie); Thomas; three grandchildren; one sister, Mildred Mangan, of Chicago; and other family and friends.

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

Memorials preferred to the Little Sisters of the Poor or St. Jerome's School.

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Student Achievement

• NICOLE BARNETT, Staples, has been awarded a Thrifty White Pharmacy Scholarship from the College of Pharmacy, Nursing and Al-

lied Sciences at North Dakota State University. Nicole is a 3rd year student in the pharmacy professional program.

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