

DEATHS/EASTERN IOWA

CEDAR RAPIDS

Ernest Kosek, 92, a resident of Cottage Grove Place, passed away Aug. 31, 1999, after a sudden illness.

He is survived by his son, Ernest G. Kosek and wife Susan of Cedar Rapids; a daughter, Karen V. Nelson of Minneapolis; a sister, Rose Prastka; eight grandchildren, Geoff Kincaide and wife Julie, Wendy Ferrari and husband Mike, Stephanie Kincaide, Lisa Nelson Abrahamson and husband Chuck, Todd Nelson, Brook Adkins and husband Rob, Jennifer Rinas and husband Josh and Angela Kosek, as well as four great-grandchildren, Victoria Adkins, Eleanor Rinas, Alison Kincaide and Eva Abrahamson.

Ernest Kosek was born in Cedar Rapids on March 13, 1907, in the Kosek Bakery on 16th Avenue, now known as Sykor's Bakery. At the age of 6, he moved with his family to Taylor, Ark., where his family owned a sawmill and timber company. After 10 years, the company burned and his family returned to Cedar Rapids, where Ernest attended and graduated from old Washington High School located in downtown Cedar Rapids.

During the summer months he would lifeguard at Ellis Park Beach. He then went on to study at Coe College, played college football, then transferred to the University of Iowa, where he played football and graduated with an electrical engineering degree and a minor in money and banking in 1931. He received a commission in the Army Engineers and was accepted for training as an Army Air Corps Cadet. In 1932, Ernest left the Army Air Corps, worked for one year in investment banking and, in 1934, started his own investment banking business — Ernest Kosek and Company, which he successfully ran for 40 years.

With other Iowa investors, Ernest started the Iowa Fund. Together they were responsible for the Development of Affordable Housing in the Fairfax area. He also served on the Board of Governors of the National Association of Securities Dealers.

In 1934, Ernest married Vlasta Victoria Vondracek in the Coe College Chapel. Ernest served in the Navy during World War II as a Lt. Senior Grade. He was a Dispersing Officer for the 3rd Naval District, stationed in New York City, where he helped set up some of the first discharge centers.

Ernest was also well known in the political arena in Iowa. He served 23 consecutive terms on the Linn County and Cedar Rapids School Boards. He served as a state representative and a state senator to the Iowa Legislature for 18 years. He co-authored the bill which resulted in the construction of Interstate 80. Ernest also served on the Money and Banking Committee, Ways and Means Committee, and the Health Education and Welfare Committee. He championed many mental health bills helping to advance the plight of those affected by mental illness. He also served on the executive committee of the National Association of Mental Health.

Ernest was a member of First Presbyterian Church, El Kahir Shrine, the Odd Fellows, Elks, the American Legion and was a 32nd-degree Mason. He was also a long-time member of the Cedar Rapids Country Club, the Sokol, the Iowa Republican Party, the Czech Heritage Society, the Czech Village Association and Western Fraternal. Ernest and United State Senator Huska started the first English-speaking lodges in the Western Fraternal.

Ernest Kosek was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Vlasta; his parents, Charles and Anna Hradecky Kosek; four brothers, Charles, George, Frank and Otto; and a beloved daughter, Ann Jeanette Kincaide.

Ernest Kosek was a pillar of strength and a leader to emulate. A man who knew no boundaries when it came to love and generosity. He never ceased to maintain a positive attitude, and saw only the good in others.

His family and friends feel a great loss, but feel blessed to have been touched by his life.

Visitation: 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Cedar Memorial Funeral Home. Services: 11 a.m. Friday at Cedar Memorial Chapel of Memories.

Family requests, instead of flowers, donations to be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Eastern Iowa at 3100 E Ave. NW, Cedar Rapids, IA, 52405, in memory of Ernest Kosek.



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CEDAR RAPIDS

Myrtle Jean Roman, 75, of 481 Wilson Ave. Dr. SW, died Friday, Sept. 3, 1999, in Living Center West following a long illness. Services: 1 p.m. Tuesday, St. Ludmila's Catholic Church, by the Rev. Harry Koelker. Burial: St. John's Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at Turner Chapel East, where a wake service will be held at 6 p.m.

Surviving in addition to her husband, Frank, are two daughters, Bernice Roman and Mary Baldwin, both of Cedar Rapids; a son, Paul Roman of Deerfield, Ill.; three sisters, Nancy Coppess of Cedar Rapids, Ruth Balster of Marion and Velma Rasmussen of Maquoketa; four brothers, William West of Brandon, Robert West of California, Roy West of Ohio and Darrel West of Wyoming, Iowa; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother and a sister.

Jean was born July 31, 1924, in Mechanicsville, the daughter of Roy and Ruth Tharp West. She went to school in Martelle and graduated from Onslow High School in 1943. She married Frank J. Roman on Jan. 3, 1948, in Cedar Rapids. She was a machine operator at Square D for almost 30 years, until her retirement in 1988. Jean was a member of St. Ludmila's Catholic Church and the Machinists Union.

Kenneth Dean Nelson, 57, of Choteau, Mont., formerly of Cedar Rapids, died Friday, Sept. 3, 1999, in his home, of cancer. Memorial services: 11 a.m. Thursday, Trinity Lutheran Church, Choteau, Mont. Gorder Funeral Home, Choteau, Mont., is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include his wife, Eyglo; three daughters, Ester Petterle of Sparks, Nev., Connie Nelson of Bozeman, Mont., and Kristy Nelson of Choteau, Mont.; five sons, Benjamin, Leif, Erik and Haraldur, all of Iceland, and Kenneth II of Choteau, Mont.; his parents, Clair and Harvey Nelson of Cedar Rapids; a brother, Michael Nelson of New York City; and two sisters, Patricia Kock of Oklahoma City and Linda Dreier of San Antonio.

Mary Louise Leedom, 76, of Plano, Texas, formerly of Cedar Rapids, died Friday, Sept. 3, 1999, in Hiawatha. Services: 10:30 a.m. Monday, Murdoch-Linwood Funeral Home, by the Rev. Gary Dobbins. The family will greet friends from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial: Cedar Memorial Park Cemetery.

Survivors include her daughter, Jamie Walker and husband Steve of Plano, Texas; and three grandchildren, Jason, Ryan and Carrie Walker, all of Plano, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Mary was born May 27, 1923, in Chickasha, Okla., to Dale and Gertrude Cooper Bond. She married James Leedom in 1945, in Kansas City, Mo. He died Aug. 4, 1997. Mary was in sales at Killian's for 25 years, before retiring in 1983. She was a member of the Sharon United Methodist Church and the Malta Chapter O.E.S.

A memorial fund has been established in her name.

MARION

Marie L. Pearson, Services: 11 a.m. Tuesday, Murdoch Funeral Home, Marion. Graveside services: 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Cedar Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.



IOWA CITY

Ruth Ellen Colwell, 51, of 1316 Dover St., died Saturday, Sept. 4, 1999, in her home following a long illness. Arrangements are pending at George L. Gay Funeral Home & Crematorium.

W. Albert Cox, 83, of 4406 Turkey Creek Rd. NE, died Friday, Sept. 3, 1999, in Oaknoll Retirement Residence, Iowa City, following a long illness. Services: 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, First United Methodist Church, by the Rev. Deborah Kiesey. Burial: Memory Gardens Cemetery. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at George L. Gay Funeral Home & Crematorium.

Survivors include his wife, Harriet; two daughters, Rebecca Toolan Sucharov of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, and Susan Cox of Iowa City; three brothers, Harold Cox of Naples, Fla., Howard Cox of Raytown, Mo., and James Cox of Lee's Summit, Mo.; and a sister, Hazel Blazer of Huntington Beach, Calif.

Henry "Buzz" Allen Dorman, 67, of 1215 Highland Ave., died Saturday, Sept. 4, 1999, in Mercy Iowa City following a sudden illness. Arrangements are pending locally with George L. Gay Funeral Home & Crematorium, Iowa City, and also with Hrabak Funeral Home, Belle Plaine.

James B. "Jim" Stronks, 79, of 701 Oaknoll Dr., died Saturday, Sept. 4, 1999, in University Hospitals, Iowa City, of leukemia. There will be no services in Iowa City. Following cremation, interment will be in Oakland Cemetery. There will be no visitation. George L. Gay Funeral Home and Crematorium is in charge of arrangements.

There are no immediate survivors.

BROOKLYN

Margaret Mowrey, 75, died Saturday, Sept. 4, 1999, in Grinnell Regional Medical Center, Grinnell, after a long illness. Services are pending at Nevenhoven Funeral Home, Brooklyn.

FAYETTE

Elsie Mae Anderman, 102, of rural Fayette, died Friday, Sept. 3, 1999, in Maple Crest Manor, Fayette, after a brief illness. Services: 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Garden Prairie United Brethren Church, rural Arlington, by the Rev. Robert Dagit. Burial: Floral Hills Cemetery, Hazleton. Friends may call from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday at Jamison-Schmitz Funeral Home, Oelwein, and for one hour before services Tuesday at the church.

Survivors include two sons, Melvin Anderman of Tampa, Fla., and Marlan Anderman of Ocean-side, Calif.; and a daughter, De-lore Frederick of Luzerne.

TIPTON

William Lewis Rogers, 87, of Davenport, formerly of Tipton, died Friday, Sept. 3, 1999, in Crest Health Center, Davenport, following a lingering illness. Services: 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Fry Funeral Home, Tipton, by Pastor Steve Bang. Burial: Tipton Masonic Cemetery, Tipton. Friends may call from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Survivors include a daughter, Beverly Albert of Florissant, Mo.; a son, Richard Rogers of Solon; and a sister, Bertha Mae Goldsmith of Mesa, Ariz.

Todd Allen Swick, 29, died Saturday, Sept. 4, 1999, at the intersection of Delta Avenue and 210th Street, Tipton, due to injuries suffered in an automobile accident. Services: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Fry Funeral Home, Tipton, by Pastor Ron Lashmit. Burial: Tipton Masonic Cemetery, Tipton. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Survivors include his mother, Sheryl Swick of Tipton; and a brother, Terry Swick of Tipton.

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SHELLSBURG

Frances C. Albert Donels, 80, died Saturday, Sept. 4, 1999, in Mercy Medical Center, Cedar Rapids, following an extended illness. Services: 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oak Grove Christian Church, by the Rev. Larry Rodgers. Burial: Oakwood Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at Phillips Funeral Home Chapel, Vinton.

Survivors include five sons and four daughters-in-law, Richard and Rebecca, Stanley and Donna, Dennis and Mary Ann, Dean and Yvonne, all of Cedar Rapids; her daughter and son-in-law, Joan and Robert Jewett of Duncan, S.C.; 20 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; her brother and sister-in-law, George and Janice Albert of Independence; and three sisters, Edna Schneeman of Independence, Irene Geiger of Vinton and Grace Behrends of Marshalltown; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Leon, who died Sept. 24, 1979; two sisters, Marie Gill and Dorothy Walker; two infant brothers; two brothers, Milo and LaVern Albert; and a granddaughter, Heidi Donels.

Born in LaPorte City, she was the daughter of John and Cora (Loveless) Albert. On Jan. 29, 1938, she married Leon Ardell Donels in Vinton, and the couple farmed north of Shellsburg all of their married life. She was a former member of the Farm Bureau and always found time to help neighbors and friends with painting and wall-papering projects. After Leon's death, Frances moved to Shellsburg and lived there until the last months of her illness when she made her home with her son, Richard, and his wife.

A cheerful and kind woman with a warm smile, she will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

A memorial fund has been established for the Building Fund of the Oak Grove Christian Church in Shellsburg.

CASTALIA

Phillip C. Wander, 83, died Friday evening, Sept. 3, 1999, in Ossian Senior Hospice, Ossian, following a brief illness. Services: 10:30 a.m. Monday, Zion Lutheran Church, Castalia, by the Rev. Dave Lenth. Burial: Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 8:30 p.m. today at Schutte Funeral Home, Postville.

Survivors include two sons, Cletus Wander of Cedar Falls and Craig Wander of Marion; a daughter, Chris Bodensteiner of Ossian; a sister, Margaret Schweinefus of West Union; and a brother, George Wander of Postville.

Taste crowd pounded by Verve Pipe

The power pop sounds of The Verve Pipe pounded across May's Island last night, kicking off the Taste of Iowa musical celebration.

From the relentless rhythms of "Television" to the vivid colors of "Photographs," this band paints strong images through vibrant lyrics that echo the concerns of today's youth.

Fellow hitmakers Blessid Union of Souls rocked the island later in the evening.

Diana Nollen's full review of the bands' performances will run in Monday's Gazette.

ALSO MONDAY: Marcella Lee reviews Riverside Theatre's latest production: Bernard Pomerance's acclaimed "The Elephant Man."

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WILLIAMSBURG

Harold C. Kelting, 81, died Friday evening, Aug. 27, 1999, in Rose Haven Nursing Home, Marengo, after a long illness. Memorial services: 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Williamsburg, by the Rev. Carl Cloeter. Inurnment: Pilot Grove Cemetery, rural Williamsburg. There will be no visitation. The body was cremated. Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo, is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include his wife, Eleanor; three sons, Arlen of Williamsburg, Garth of Williamsburg and his special friend Sandy Hughes and Darlo and wife Diana of Grinnell; two daughters, Lanette Crow and husband Lyle of Oxford and Karen Grimm and husband Kenny of Apache Junction, Ariz.; two sisters, Mildred Jones of Williamsburg and Frieda Kelting of Cedar Rapids; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Viola Gilde-meister; and a daughter-in-law, Norma Kelting.

A memorial fund has been established.

OELWEIN

Leila L. Sanford, 87, died Friday evening, Sept. 3, 1999, in Mercy Hospital of Franciscan Sisters, Oelwein, after a long illness. Services: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Grace United Methodist Church, Oelwein, by the Rev. Robert Dagit. Burial: Woodlawn Cemetery, Oelwein. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Jamison-Schmitz Funeral Home, Oelwein, where there will be a public Eastern Star service at 7 p.m., and for one hour before services Wednesday at the church.

Survivors include two sons, Gordon Sanford and Larry Sanford, both of Oelwein; and a brother, Milton Ponsar of Oelwein.

DEATH NOTICES AND OBITUARIES

Death notices and obituaries can be submitted to The Gazette between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 12:30 to 7 p.m. on Saturday and 4 to 7 p.m. on Sunday and holidays. The deadline for all submissions is 7 p.m. daily.

Arrangements pending and death notices, including immediate survivors, and a photo of the deceased are published as a news item on this page. These notices must conform to Gazette style and sequence or the item is subjected to the per-word charge.

Other obituary material, including additional survivors, employment, education, military service, civic and social activities, accomplishments, special interests and hobbies, friends, pets, memorials and eulogies will be published for 35 cents per word.

Second-day funeral notices and other deaths (formerly out-of-town) will be published at 35 cents per word.

See your funeral director for help in preparing an obituary. For further information about The Gazette's guidelines call 398-8221.

IN MEMORY OF

Sarah J. Behrends
 9/05/16 — 4/17/99

Dear Lord,
 We are asking you to Bless our Loved one and to let her know she is loved and to have a sense of peace that we miss her very much and she is never alone.

It's surprising how often we think of you and mention your name over some silly thing we laughed about or did.

We hold you very close in our Hearts and our thoughts. It's hard to understand that you are really gone.

You are truly Missed as a Friend, Mom and Grandma.

— Love, your Family,
 Herman, Mary & family,
 Lucille & family



Sara Elizabeth Berger
 9/05/84 — 5/11/96

Give me the strength I need to open up my mind and soul, that I might show compassion and love to others before I go, for if not a heart was touched by me and not a smile was left behind then the life that I was blessed with will have been a waste of time.

Sara, you gave so much of yourself to everyone you met that we feel truly blessed to have had you in our lives.

Happy 15th birthday, sweetheart.

— Loving you always
 and forever, your family.
 Still so many tears.



Brian Lee Schappert
 3/02/67 — 9/08/89

Sometimes it seems like yesterday, but it has been a decade ago that someone took our precious son's life at the Kum and Go Store on Mount Vernon Road.

Sometimes it seems like it must be a hundred years the way we still miss him so. There has been no closure. Maybe we will never know who or why. We do know it changed our lives.

We wonder how that person feels or thinks, or do they? How could they possibly live with what they had done and how they did it? God knows. We believe He knows "The big picture" and justice will be served.

Like our son, Darrin, says, "Brian is better off than we are at this time." "He is with the Lord."

— Arnold and Laura Schappert



TASTE OF IOWA SCHEDULE

Today
 • CEDAR RIVER DUCK RACE: 1 p.m. corporate duck race, 4 p.m. general duck race, from First Avenue bridge. Benefits St. Luke's Child Protection Center.
 • FIREWORKS: 11 p.m.
 • MAIN STAGE: (May's Island) 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. — Big Wooden Radio
 2:30 p.m. — Chris Ridge and Stampede
 4:30-5:45 p.m. — Montgomery Gentry
 6:15-7:30 p.m. — Don Boyle Blues Band
 8-8:45 p.m. — Jake Andrews
 9:45-11 p.m. — Doobie Brothers
 • FESTIVAL STAGE (First Street West)
 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Bad Actors
 1:30-3:30 p.m. — Shekinah Glory Missionary Baptist Church Gospel Choir
 4:30-6:30 p.m. — Wylde Nept
 7:30-10 p.m. — Flat Cat
 • KIDZONE STAGE (First Street West)
 1 p.m. — Cedar Rapids Performance Company
 2 p.m. — Fax the Mime
 3 p.m. — Rick Struve
 4 p.m. — Duck Race
 4:30 p.m. — Fax the Mime

James F. Stewart's Plain Talk about Funeral Facts

WHAT OFFICIAL INFORMATION ABOUT ME MIGHT I EVER NEED?
 When accurate information is needed to fill out forms and announcements, it is often hard to locate or remember. You need all sorts of information when you marry, buy insurance, apply for credit or a job, and yes, even when death occurs.
 It is wise to prepare such a total record now and keep it in a safe place... not in a safe-deposit box because they are usually locked until after the funeral, but rather in a locked drawer of your desk. Do, however, inform your spouse where this information may be found.
 Information most often needed includes: 1) full name, address, social security number, armed forces serial number, 2) birthdate and place, 3) blood type, 4) employer records, 5) name of father's and mother's birthplace and date, 6) names of organizations and publications to be notified, 7) location of important documents, 8) any special funeral preferences or arrangements, 9) prearranged donation of eyes or body organs, 10) names and addresses of all persons to be notified of your death.
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