

# obituaries

## Darrel Carlyle Dirks

A memorial service for Darrel Carlyle Dirks, formerly of Ireton, a Gardnerville, NV, resident for the past five years, was held at 11 a.m. on December 29, 1998, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Carson City with Pastor Mark Demel officiating.

Mr. Dirks died December 25, 1998, at Valley Meadows Living Center. He was born February 18, 1922, in Hawarden, to Frederick and Margaret Renken Dirks.

He married Neva J. Webert June 2, 1950, in Ireton. Before moving to Gardnerville, he lived in West Hills, CA.

Mr. Dirks worked for Monogram Industries in California for 32 years. He was a sports fanatic. He loved baseball, basketball and bowling and he was very proud of his Dodgers jacket and cap. He was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Howard.

Among his survivors are his wife, Neva, of Gardnerville; son, Lynn Howard, of Palmdale, CA; daughters, Diane M. Imorde, of Newbury Park, CA, and Charla E. Dirks, of Tarzana, CA; brother, Carlyle "Swede" Dirks, of Orange City; sisters, Mildred Burleson, of Lodi, CA, Reva Albright, of Hinton, Myrna H. Howard, of Sioux City, Pearl Eilers, of Grand Marsh, WI, and Della Busch, of Longmont, CO; a sister-in-law, Arlene Schultz, of Le Mars; and four grandchildren.

Cremation was at FitzHenry's Crematory.

Memorial contributions may be made to Barton Memorial Hospital, 1107 Hwy. 395, Gardnerville, NV, 89410, attention Home Health and Hospice Agency or to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1837 Mountain St., Carson City, NV, 89703.

FitzHenry's Carson Valley Funeral Home, Gardnerville, was in charge of arrangements.

## Bernice Eilts

Bernice Eilts, 74, of Hawarden, died Wednesday, January 6, 1999, at the Hillcrest Care Center in Hawarden.

Funeral services were at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, January 9, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Hawarden with Rev. Loren Vogler officiating. Burial was in the Grace Hill Cemetery at Hawarden. Visitation began at 11 a.m. Friday, with a Prayer Service at 7 p.m. at the Porter-Dow Funeral Home in Hawarden.

Mrs. Eilts was born December 2, 1924, at Ireton, the daughter of William and Johannah (Nenaber) Boisen. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ireton. Bernice graduated from the Ireton High School in 1942. She married Raymond Eilts on August 6, 1944, at her parent's home in Ireton.

They farmed near Ireton until moving to a farm near Hawarden in 1949. They retired into Hawarden in 1995. Bernice was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Raymond; children and their spouses, Gloria and Henry Unruh, of Burke, VA, Bobby and Marialyce Eilts, of Urbandale, Richard and Vicki Eilts, of Wakonda, SD, Pat and Terry Karr, of Hawarden, Mary and Kenny Van Wyhe, of Ireton, and John and Lynn Eilts, of Hawarden; 13 grandchildren, Matthew and Stephanie Unruh, Brian and Andrew Eilts, Jason, Joshua and Colin Eilts, Angela De Raad, Travis, Tracie and Landon Karr, Blaine and Ashlyn Eilts; and 2 great-grandchildren; and sister, Neva Kircher, of Hawarden.

Bernice was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Harvey, Glenn, Ralph and Orin; sisters, Helen Abbey, Lois Miniets and Ruth Popken; and two grandsons, Ryan Christopher Eilts and Kenen Van Wyhe.

## Coilcraft Employee Blood Drive Has Good Turnout, Collects 20 Units

Thirty-two people volunteered and a total of 20 units were collected at the Coilcraft employee blood drive in Hawarden on Monday, January 4. This was a good turn-out considering the cold and everyone just coming back from a long weekend.

Following is a list of all that registered along with new donors.

We especially want to thank the first time donors. It takes a real leap of faith to make the first step in becoming a blood donor. To all those people we want to say keep up the good work.

Jamie Strong was a first time donor.

The Siouxland Community Blood Bank want to especially thank Ardis Baugus for coordinating this blood drive. The Siouxland Community Blood Bank extremely appreciates the support of Coilcraft.

The Siouxland Community Blood Bank serves all the blood needs of our 14 area hospitals and their patients. The only way blood products are made available for area patients is if individuals in our communities volunteer to donate blood on a regular basis.

Donors included: Nancy Keith, Robert Lynott, Macrina Searls, Deann Anderson, Linda Bouwman, Rick De Boom, Chris Lidgett, Ramona Schlup, Helene Wakeman, David Aldrich, Mary Ballard, James Bockelman, Amy Clarey, Charles Clark, Duane Forslund, Loreen Huenink, Mary Johnson, Jill Klaus, Daniel Klutman, Jean Lang, Maandy Lerdal, Arnold Lundstrom, Linda McCollam, Tim McKenney, Barbara Robinson, Jennifer Schuller, Justin Stock, Christine Strong, Jamie Strong, Billy Tilstra, Walter Van Ballegooyen and Orlene Van Noort.

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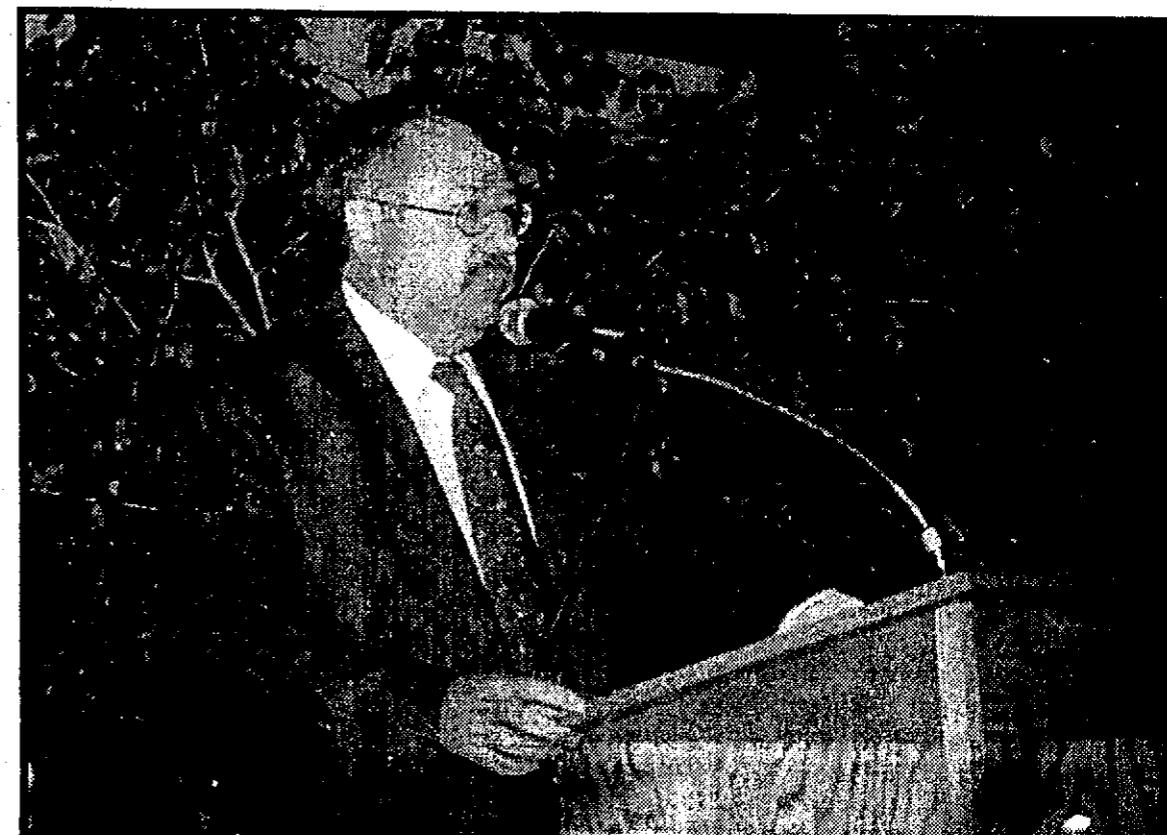
## Scenes From Chamber Banquet



Jan Matz gives her final speech as Chamber President and then handed over the reins to Jim Pickner.



A large crowd was on hand Saturday evening with around 150 people passing through the buffet line. Pictured is part of the crowd during the meal.



Jim Pickner delivers his first speech as 1999 President of the Hawarden Chamber of Commerce.



Left to right are: Jen Schlabach, Jon Feldhacker, Nicole Solberg, Megan Millage, Mary Schieben, Marissa Salberg, Barbie Schieben, Jim Feldhacker and Jess Schlabach. This group helped clean tables and wash silverware to raise money for a trip to St. Louis.