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our own story, a narrative that makes sense to us from the inside, from where it has been lived.

An obituary written before the fact isn't a fixed document. The story doesn't stop. You can keep revising it to the end. It's the gist that counts.

When the first of us dies, the other can simply call up the file. Grieving will not be compounded by having to decide what to say in the paper. The same will be true when the other dies. Our children will not have their grieving hijacked by wondering how to articulate a parent's story.

The obituary says how you want to be remembered.

The funeral or memorial service or celebration of life (lots of choices these days) says how you want to be sent on your way. Again, it's a blessing to those who are left behind that you have already identified what you'd like done, how, where and by whom. They can make changes if they wish, but they don't have to start from scratch.

Do you want closed casket or open, or cremation? Do you have a place already purchased for burial or inurnment (or maybe you want your ashes scattered in a place you love)?

Pre-planning our funerals relieves the remaining one (and subsequently, the children) of countless distractions.

Pre-paying (a separate decision) offers a benefit we wouldn't have guessed. A prepaid funeral is considered an excludable asset when Medicaid expenses accumulate, as they well might in case one of us goes into a nursing home. Mention of nursing home calls into play the "emotion of uneasiness" that surfaces when prolonged illness takes the stage.

Planning a funeral needs to be prefaced with planning for end-of-life that precedes the funeral.

We believe a Health Care Directive is really a blessing for our family. It is part of our portfolio.

There is help available at lightthelegacy.org: "The mission of Light The Legacy is to educate and empower the people of Central Minnesota about the importance of personal health care planning through facilitating conversation and inspiring action." Check it out.

Maybe "keeping death daily before your eyes" is a bit much, but avoiding it daily is both delusional and selfish. I urge you to think about it at least enough to give a gift to those who will be left.

This is the opinion of Patrick Henry, retired executive director of the Collegeville Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research and author of "The Ironic Christian's Companion." His column is published the first Sunday of the month.

Obituaries

Mae Kampa

FOLEY - Mae Kampa age 94 of Foley, passed away on April 5, 2019 at the Foley Nursing Center. A Mass of Christian Burial will



be 10:00 AM, Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at St. John's Catholic Church, Foley. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church on Tuesday. Burial will take place in the Parish Cemetery. Service with Dignity provided by the Foley Funeral Home.

Mae Mildred Kampa was born February 5, 1925 in Maywood, Illinois to Jack and Pauline (Rothermel) Emig. She married Louis Kampa on March 5, 1943 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Mae volunteered for many years at the Cross Center and the Dewey Nutrition Center in Foley. She was a talented artist and crafter who continued her artistry well into her nineties. She was a member of St. John's Catholic Church and the Christian Mother's. Mae will be deeply missed.

She is survived by her children: Lou (Tom) DeMarais, Pat (Jack) Abfalter, Gary (Susan) Kampa, Tim Kampa (Lynn Marie Volkens), Sheri (Brandon) Fouquette and Robert. She is also survived by her 14 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Louis on September 26, 1991 and sisters; Lillian Anderson and Jackie Lake.



David Parker

NEW YORK CITY - David passed away on November 21, 2018, in New York City from a heart attack.

Born March 20, 1969, in St. Cloud. He graduated from Technical High School in 1987 and from Arizona State University in Tempe, AZ, in 1996. David moved to New York City shortly after his college graduation and lived in Manhattan until his death. Survived by his mother, Joanne of Minneapolis, MN, and his father Steve (Amy) of Bella Vista, AR, brothers Bob of Ramsey, MN, and Dan of San Francisco, CA, sister Deb (Scott) Proball of Anoka, MN, and nephew Jonathan Proball. He is also survived by aunts, uncles, cousins, and many friends. David excelled at bringing a room together with his charm, wit, and storytelling, and he is sorely missed. There will be a Celebration of Life on May 4, 2019, from 1:00-4:00 pm at the Bunker Hills Activity Center, in the Oak Room, at 550 Bunker Lake Blvd NW, Andover, MN 55304.



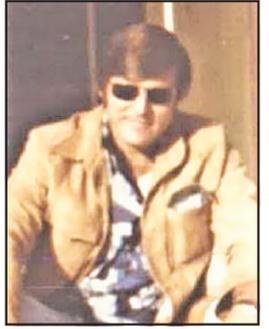
Kenneth Brisse

FRIDLEY - Age 85, of Fridley, MN, passed away at home surrounded by family on Apr. 3, 2019 due to complications with COPD. He is forever reunited with his beloved wife, Gail who passed away April 8, 2002. Ken is also preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Dolores Schillo & Rose Mary Arnold; brother-in-law, Richard Arnold; grandson, Alex Brisse. On Aug. 23, 1933 Ken was born in Richmond, MN to Anton & Marie (Brunner) Brisse. He grew up in the printing trade working with his Dad at the Richmond Reporter. Ken graduated in 1951 from Eden Valley High School and served in the U.S. Army in Okinawa from 1954-1956. Following his service Ken completed his learning of the printing trade at Graphic Arts Technical School in Minneapolis. On Jun. 13, 1961 Ken joined the International Typographical Union in Rock Island, IL. Ken proceeded to work in various commercial print shops and newspapers in Iowa, Illinois and Minnesota. He retired from the Star Tribune on Aug. 23, 1995 after working 27 years in the Composing Room. Survived by children, Don (Deb), Jim, Mary & Dave (Jill); grandchildren; sister-in-law, Loretta Hobert; former daughter-in-law, Annette; cousins, nieces & nephews. Mass of Christian Burial 11AM, Tues. Apr. 9, 2019 at the Church of St. Timothy, 707 89th Ave. NE, Blaine, MN. Visitation 1-3PM, Mon. Apr. 8, 2019 at Miller Funeral Home, 6210 HWY 65 NE, Fridley and continuing 1 hour prior to the service at church Tues. Private interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, MN.



Robert Andrew Weisbrich

Robert (Bob) Weisbrich died December 16, 2018 in the Kingman Emergency Regional Medical Center in Kingman, Arizona, due to complications related to heart disease.



Bob was born on the Weisbrich family farm near Upsala, MN (near Pine Lake) on January 20, 1939. He would have been 80.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Anna Maria Weisbrich, two brothers and two sisters, Clarence Weisbrich, Big Lake, MN., Anthony (Tony) Weisbrich, Los Angeles, CA., Mary Anna Maki, Victorville, CA. and Irene Lee, Corcoran MN. Bob is survived by daughter, Peri Weisbrich, Seattle, WA. and his son, Matthew Weisbrich, Issaquah, WA.; two brothers, John Weisbrich, Las Vegas, NV, Richard Weisbrich, Rio Rancho, NM., and sister Cathy Weisbrich, Santa Clara, CA. After the death of his parents in 1947, the five youngest children (Irene, John, Cathy, Bob and Richard) were placed in the St. Cloud Childrens Home in St. Cloud, MN. When he was a teenager Bob was placed in a foster home on the Richard (RJ) Janski's dairy farm south of St. Augusta, MN. He finally had a feeling of family. He spent three years in the U.S. Marine Corp. After his discharge he went to work in the aerospace industry as a self-taught machinist. He worked in Washington and California. Upon his retirement, he traveled in his pickup/camper pulling a house trailer. In the winter he went to the deserts of the southwest and the summers to the mountains of the northwest. He was a little hard to keep track of.

Bob was cremated and in the spring, he will be interred in the Tahoma National Cemetery, Seattle, WA.

Rest in peace brother, we will meet again.

To submit your Memorials contact your funeral home, email obits@stcloudtimes.com or call 320-255-8753.

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TODAY'S OBITUARIES AND DEATH NOTICES

Name	Age	Town, State	Death Date	Arrangements
*Baenninger, Ph.D., Ronald	81	Doylestown, PA	29-Mar	Reed and Steinbach Funeral Home
Bautch, Erma R.	91	St. Cloud, MN	02-Apr	Daniel Funeral Home
*Brisse, Kenneth	85	Fridley	03-Apr	Miller Funeral Home
Bruns, Gerald M.	65	Annandale	04-Apr	Dingmann Funeral Care Burial & Cremation Services
*Herold, Lois J.	88	Sauk Rapids	30-Mar	Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home
*Hoover, Pauline	92	St. Colud	04-Apr	Daniel Funeral Home
*Hoppe, Aloys P. "Pete"	86	Paynesville	05-Apr	Daniel-Anderson Funeral Home
*Kampa, Mae	94	Foley	05-Apr	Foley Funeral Home
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*LeVasseur, Kenneth John	89	Staples	31-Mar	Brenny Family Funeral Chapel
*McDonald, Joan M.	56	Sauk Rapids	05-Apr	Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home
*Parker, David	49	New York City	21-Nov	-
*Weisbrich, Robert Andrew	79	-	16-Dec	-
*Zwick, Donald "Don" P.	86	Sauk Rapids	05-Apr	Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home

* Additional information in display obituaries
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ACT on Alzheimer's

St. Cloud Metro Area

Legal Planning for Dementia

The St. Cloud Metro Act on Alzheimer's initiative is striving to create a supportive environment for people living with Alzheimer's and their families/friends. We are committed to providing monthly community education sessions that explore all aspects of living with memory loss and supporting their caregivers, with the goal of building dementia friendly community. Please join us for this free educational session.

Presenter: *Betsy Lund Ross, P.A.*

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