

Jake Allen Adelmund

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NEW HARTFORD—Services for Jake Allen Adelmund, 3, who died early Thursday morning at University Hospitals in Iowa City from injuries received when his head was pinned in an automatic car window in New Hartford Wednesday, will be 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church in New Hartford; burial in Oak Hill Cemetery in New Hartford; survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Adelmund of New Hartford; a sister, Crystal, at home; a brother, Albert Jr., at home; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Adelmund of New Hartford; a paternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Luella Abbas of Allison; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Seldon Huntley of New Hartford; great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Huntley of Stout and Mrs. Mary Jane Ashby of Kingman, Ariz.; his great-great-grandmothers, Ada Huntley of New Hartford and Polly Ashby of Kingman, Ariz. Friends may call anytime at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in New Hartford.

Jake Allen Adelmund, 3, of New Hartford, died early Thursday morning, September 16, at the University Hospital in Iowa City as a result of injuries sustained in an accident in New Hartford on Wednesday afternoon.

He was born on June 16, 1972, in Waverly, Iowa, the son of Albert and Kathy (Huntley) Adelmund, and lived all of his life in New Hartford.

He is survived by his parents, one sister, Crystal, one brother, Albert, Jr., his paternal grandparents, John and Dorothy Adelmund of New Hartford and great grandmother, Luella Abbas of Allison, his maternal grandparents, Seldon and Sylvia Huntley of New Hartford, great grandparents, Charles and Arlene Huntley of Stout, and Mary Jane Ashby of Kingman, Arizona, and great great grandmothers, Ada Huntley of New Hartford and Polly Ashby of Kingman, Arizona.

Following the graveside services, relatives and friends are invited to return to the church for fellowship with the family.

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Dorothy Adelmund

Dorothy A. Adelmund, 81, of New Hartford, Iowa, died peacefully early Tuesday morning, January 22, 2008, at her home of natural causes.

She was born on April 20, 1926 in Ackley, Iowa, the daughter of Aielt & Ella (Voy) Abbas. She attended country school east of Butler Center, and following her formal education remained in the area. On July 3, 1943 she was united in marriage to John Adelmund in Allison, Iowa. The couple lived in several communities in the area, including Parkersburg, Stout, and Dike, but lived in New Hartford for most of their years together. Over the years Dorothy had worked for the A & R Café in Cedar Falls, Burbidge Turkey Farm, Cedar Falls, Santa Claus Associates in Waterloo, and then Plastronics (now known as Norwesco) in Grundy Center, Iowa, where she retired from at the age of 65. For three years she and John also managed a fishing resort, Woodland Park, in Henning, Minnesota, a job they just loved. Dorothy then devoted her time to caring for her grandchildren and great grandchildren, and loved to baby sit the great grandchildren, a job she enjoyed right up to the present. John died on April 17, 1994 and Dorothy continued to live in their home ever since.

She raised large gardens over the years and enjoyed canning, especially tomatoes. Dorothy had a passion for stray cats, and would adopt them by the dozens, with 18 being the greatest number cared for at one time. Her greatest joy, though, came from caring for her family, especially the grand and great grand.

Dorothy is survived by six sons, John Adelmund of Moses Lake, WA, Allan (Marie) Adelmund of New Hartford, Jim (Diane) Adelmund of New Hartford, Jess Adelmund of Cedar Falls, Albert (Kathy) Adelmund of New Hartford, Frank Adelmund of New Hartford; three daughters, Sharon (Dennis) Hartema of Parkersburg, Barb Adelmund of New Hartford, Marilyn (Roy) Buss of New Hartford; 17 grandchildren; 38 great grandchildren; one great-great grandson, and two sisters, Barbara Johnson of Parkersburg and Alda Vae (Dick) Bass of Elk Run Heights. She is also survived by her "honorary" grandchild, Tonya Schipper of New Hartford, and special friends, Nate & Mary Linda Frazee of Waverly, and Sally Schipper of New Hartford. She was preceded in death by her husband, John; one son, Robert; two grandchildren, Sandy & Jake, and one sister, Lillian Poppen.

Funeral services were Saturday, January 26, 2008, 10:30 am at the New Hartford Methodist Church with burial in the Oak Hill Cemetery, New Hartford. Memorials may be directed to the family. Condolences may be left at: www.kaisercorson.com.

Dorothy is survived by six sons, John Adelmund of Moses Lake, WA, Allan (Marie) Adelmund of New Hartford, Jim (Diane) Adelmund of New Hartford, Jess Adelmund of Cedar Falls, Albert (Kathy) Adelmund of New Hartford, Frank Adelmund of New Hartford; three daughters, Sharon (Dennis) Hartema of Parkersburg, Barb Adelmund of New Hartford, Marilyn (Roy) Buss of New Hartford; 17 grandchildren; 38 great grandchildren; one great-great grandson, and two sisters, Barbara Johnson of Parkersburg and Alda Vae (Dick) Bass of Elk Run Heights. She is also survived by her "honorary" grandchild, Tonya Schipper of New Hartford, and special friends, Nate & Mary Linda Frazee of Waverly, and Sally Schipper of New Hartford. She was preceded in death by her husband, John; one son, Robert; two grandchildren, Sandy & Jake, and one sister, Lillian Poppen.



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MESSAGE

Sandy K. Siebrands (1977-2004)

PARKERSBURG — Sandy Kay Siebrands, 26, of Parkersburg, formerly of New Hartford and Cedar Falls, died at home Sunday, Feb. 29, of natural causes.

She was born Sept. 11, 1977, in Cedar Falls, daughter of Frank and Sharon Aswegan Adelmund. She married Ronnie D. Siebrands on Aug. 17, 2002, in Cedar Falls.

Mrs. Siebrands was a 1996 graduate of Dike-New Hartford High School; attended Hawkeye Community College, Waterloo; and LaJames School of Beauty, Cedar Falls. She was currently employed at the Cedar Falls Health Care Center, Cedar Falls.

Survivors include: her husband; a daughter, Angelina Nicole Siebrands at home; a son, Sean Anthony at home; her father of New Hartford; her mother, Sharon Aswegan of Waverly; three sisters, Tracy Lynn and Tara Ann Adelmund, both of New Hartford, and Destiny Sheridan Paeper of Waverly; paternal grandmother, Dorothy Adelmund of New Hartford; and maternal grandmother, Charlotte Aswegan of Decorah.

Preceded in death by: maternal grandfather, Lyle Aswegan; and paternal grandfather, John Adelmund Jr.

Services: 10 a.m. Thursday at Hope United Community Church, Bremer; with burial in Oak Hill Cemetery, New Hartford. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. today at Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home, Mill Rock.

Memorials: may be directed to the family.



Sandy Siebrands

IRENE J. ADELMUND

Irene J. Adelmund, 66, of 202 Broadway St., New Hartford, Iowa, died of cancer Saturday, September 17, 1994 at Covenant Medical Center in Waterloo.

She was born January 24, 1928 in rural Parkersburg, Iowa, the daughter of Raymond and Anna (Eilers) Puisner. She went to school in Parkersburg, and graduated from Parkersburg High School. In 1946, Irene was united in marriage to Delos Thorne. On August 2, 1952, she was united in marriage to Jacob Adelmund in Bethany, Missouri. The couple owned and operated Jake's Tap in New Hartford for a time, and later owned and operated Pop a Top Inn in Greene, Iowa. Irene worked for Santa Claus Industries in Waterloo for a few years before operating her own painting and wallpapering business. She later worked for the New Hartford Schools and Walmart in Cedar Falls. Most recently, Irene owned and operated the Fire and Ice Tavern in New Hartford, until May 30th of this year, when her illness forced her to stop working.

She was a member of the New Hartford Anchor Rebekah Lodge #46, as well as the New Hartford American Legion Post Auxiliary and the Cedar Falls Amvets Post #49 Auxiliary. She was also a member of the First United Methodist Church in New Hartford. Irene is remembered by her family as a very generous person, always taking care of everyone around her, including the elderly and disadvantaged.

She is survived by seven children and their spouses: Darrell L. and Joy Adelmund of Waterloo, Daniel L. and Sharron Adelmund of Gray's Lake, Illinois, Sally D. and Roger Schipper of New Hart-

ford, Carolyn K. Mulford of New Hartford, Doug R. and Mary Thorne of Evansdale, Iowa, Mary I. & Russ Fuller of New Hartford, and Jack L. & Lori Adelmund of Round Lake Beach, Illinois; 21 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; her stepmother Hattie Puisner, of Fort Smith, ARK; one brother Wayne Puisner of Cedar Falls; 3 half-brothers: Allen Puisner, Keith Puisner, and Jim Puisner, all of Fort Smith, ARK; and 2 half-sisters Darlene Morris and Denise Smalz, also of Fort Smith, ARK.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jacob in 1978; one infant son, Arthur Dale Thorne; two infant granddaughters, Nicole

and Bethany Fuller; two infant grandsons, Scott and Troy Adelmund; and one brother Arthur Dale Puisner.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 20, 1994, at 1:30 p.m. at the New Hartford United Methodist Church with Rev. Charles Layton officiating. Burial will be in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Parkersburg. On Monday there was a 7:00 p.m. service by the Cedar Falls Amvets Post #49 Auxiliary, and a 7:00 p.m. memorial service by the New Hartford Anchor Rebekah Lodge #46.

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Cedar Falls was in charge of the arrangements.

Oct 20, 1982
DEATH

FANNIE ADOLPHS

Mrs. Henry (Fannie) Adolfs, 59, of New Hartford, died Sunday night, October 17, at Sartori Hospital in Cedar Falls.

Fannie Conraads was born on February 4, 1923, near Parkersburg, Iowa, the daughter of Henry and Margaret (Uhlenhopp) Conraads. She attended country school at Buck Grove near Parkersburg and on November 30, 1942, she was married to Henry Adolfs in Parkersburg. They farmed near Aplington for seven years before moving to a farm near Shell Rock where they farmed for eight years. They then moved to a farm near New Hartford for three years before returning to the Shell Rock area where they farmed until 1970 when they moved into New Hartford. Fannie was employed at the New Hartford Community Schools as a custodian for the past ten years until her death. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in New Hartford.

Fannie is survived by her husband, Henry, five sons, Willard Adolfs of Marshall, Missouri, Harvey and Dennis Adolfs, both of Cedar Falls, and Marlin and Allan Adolfs, both of New Hartford, one daughter, Dorothy, Mrs. Tom Fobian of New Hartford, and three sisters, Mrs. Elmer (Johanna) Kampman of Cedar Falls, Mrs. Fred (Jennie) Ridder of Allison, and Mrs. Willard (Mary) DeVries of Parkersburg. Also surviving are ten grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, one daughter, Donna Marie at 3 months, and one granddaughter, Kristal.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. from the First Baptist Church in New Hartford with Rev. Richard Johnson and Rev. Steve Hill officiating. Burial will be in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Parkersburg. Friends may call at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in New Hartford afternoon on Tuesday.

HENRY ADOLPHS

Henry Adolfs, 71, of New Hartford, Iowa, died early Thursday morning, Jan. 17, 1991, at the Waverly Municipal Hospital where he had been taken a short time earlier.

He was born on February 21, 1919, on a farm near Parkersburg, Iowa the son of Menno Ben and Hattie (Van Hauen) Adolfs. He attended school at a country school near his home and in Parkersburg. He then worked as a farm hand and then served in the U.S. Army during World War II. On November 30, 1942 he was united in marriage to Fannie Conraads in Parkersburg. They farmed near Aplington for seven years before moving to a farm near Shell Rock where they farmed for eight years. They then moved to a farm near New Hartford for three years before returning to Shell Rock area where they farmed until 1970 when they moved into New Hartford. Henry was then employed by the City of New Hartford until his retirement in 1982. Fannie died on Oct. 17, 1982, and Henry continued living in their home until his death.

Henry was a member of the First Baptist Church in New Hartford.

He is survived by his six children and their spouses: Willard and Arlene Adolfs of Marshall, MO., Harvey and Elly Adolfs of Cedar Falls, Dorothy and Tom Fobian of New Hartford, Marlin and Marcella Adolfs of New Hartford, Dennis and Brenda Adolfs of Cedar Falls, and Allan and Sandy Adolfs of Cedar Falls; one brother, Herman Adolfs and one sister Hattie Johnson both of Parkersburg; 14 grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; one daughter in infancy; one granddaughter; three sisters: Tillie Iblings, Henrietta Allspach, and Marie Allspach; and one brother Bennie Adolfs.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, 1991 at the First Baptist Church in New Hartford with Pastor Paul McDowell officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Parkersburg.

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Shell Rock was in charge of the arrangements.

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CEDAR FALLS — **Harvey Lee Adolphs**, 52, of Cedar Falls, died Sunday, April 25, at Covenant Medical Center, Waterloo, from complications of cancer.

He was born Feb. 13, 1947, in Aplington, son of Henry and Fannie Conrad Adolphs. He married Ellie A. Sevey on July 29, 1989, in Cedar Falls.

Mr. Adolphs was employed as a molder at Viking Pump Co. for 20 years, retiring April 1.

Survived by: his wife; four daughters, Shannon Ford of Cedar Falls, Greta and Megan Adolphs, both of Lansing, and Lori Sevey of Cedar Rapids; two grandchildren; four brothers, Willard of Marshall, Mo., Marlin of New Hartford and Dennis and Allan, both of Cedar Falls; and a sister, Dorothy Fobian of New Hartford.

Preceded in death by: his parents; a sister, Donna Marie Adolphs; and a daughter, Crystal Elaine Adolphs.

Services: 2 p.m. Wednesday at Dahl-Van Hove-Schoof Funeral Home, Cedar Falls, with burial in Oak Hill Cemetery, New Hartford. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until services Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials: may be directed to the family.



OBITUARIES

BENNIE ADOLPHS

Bennie Adolphins, son of Menno Ben and Hattie VanHauen Adolphins, was born March 29, 1916, in Butler County, on a farm near Parkersburg, Iowa. He received his education in the Parkersburg School System.

On January 22, 1940, he was married to Margaret Ridder in the Christian Reformed Parsonage, Parkersburg, Iowa. They established their home on a farm near Allison, working as a hired couple. They farmed near Shell Rock before purchasing their present farm on which they moved in 1950. In 1978 they retired from active farming, but continue to live on their farm.

They established their church home at Bethel Christian Reformed Church, Rural Allison, where Bennie served on the Consistory. When Bethel closed their church, they re-established their church fellowship in the Reformed Church of Stout where he remained an active member, enjoying the many fellowship activities associated with the church. He enjoyed fishing with his children and grandchildren, and attending sporting and musical events with his grandchildren.

On December 3, 1990, he suffered an apparent heart attack and died at Sartori Hospital in Cedar Falls. He reached the age of 74 years, 8 months, and 4 days. He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters, Marie Allspach, Henrietta Allspach, and Tillie Ibeling.

He is survived by his wife Margaret, Rt. 1, Parkersburg; by three sons, Marvin of Parkersburg, Kenneth of Traer, and Darrel of Miles; by one daughter, Doris, Mrs. Steven Heerts, New Hartford; nine grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Hattie Johnson, Parkersburg; and two brothers, Henry, New Hartford, and Herman, Parkersburg.

Funeral Services were held 11:00 A.M., Thursday, December 6, 1990, at the Reformed Church of Stout with Pastor Don Ringnald officiating. Elaine Schnell was the organist and Sarah Deckert sang "I Asked The Lord" and "It Is Well With My Soul". The congregational recessional hymn was "Now I Belong To Jesus". Casketbearers were Calvin Spree, Marlin Adolphins, Marilyn Allspach, Jim Ridder, Dale Nelson, and Tom Fobian. Due to the illness of Mrs. Adolphins, interment was held 11:15 A.M., Monday, December 10, 1990 at Oak Hill Cemetery, Parkersburg, Iowa. Schwartz-Engelkes Funeral Home of Parkersburg was in charge of arrangements.



In Loving Memory of Margaret Adolphins

Margaret Dorothy Adolphins, age 84, of New Hartford, Iowa, was born the daughter of John and Dirtje (Freimuth) Ridder on July 21, 1918, in Emden, Germany. She immigrated to the United States with her parents in 1923. She received her education in country schoolhouse Jefferson #6 near home in Butler Center.

On January 22, 1940, Margaret Ridder was united in marriage with Bennie Adolphins at the Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church Parsonage by Rev. K. Tebben. They made their first home together on the farm they rented from John Ackerman near Allison, Iowa. Margaret and Ben later rented the Kothe farm near Shell Rock, Iowa. They moved in 1949 to the farm northwest of New Hartford, Iowa, which they later purchased from Ben Franken, and continued to farm for the next 30 years until their retirement in 1982. Margaret was a loving wife and enjoyed helping Ben with the farm. Ben died on December 3, 1990, and shortly following his death she moved to her present home in New Hartford.

Margaret was a member of the Reformed Church of Stout in Stout, Iowa where she served on the Women's Guild. She was a former member of the Bethel Christian Reformed Church in rural Allison where she taught Sunday school and Bible school and served on the Women's fellowship group. Margaret liked to do embroidery work and spend time in her garden growing vegetables and flowers. She enjoyed the company of her friends and especially loved her grandchildren and great grandchildren's visits.

At 10:50 p.m. Monday, September 23, 2002, Margaret died at the Cedar Falls Lutheran Home in Cedar Falls, Iowa, of natural causes. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bennie Adolphins; one sister, Tena Spree; and four brothers, Joe, Henry, Adolf and Fred Ridder.

Margaret is survived by one daughter, Doris Heerts and her husband, Steven of New Hartford; three sons, Darrel Adolphins and his wife, Lisa of Miles, Iowa, Ken Adolphins and his wife, Carolyn of Traer, Iowa and Marvin Adolphins and his wife, Delores of Parkersburg, Iowa; ten grandchildren and their spouses and eight great grandchildren; and one sister-in-law, Hattie Johnson.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, September 30, 2002 at the Reformed Church of Stout, Stout, Iowa with Rev. David Powers officiating. Organist was Elaine Schnell and Vocalists were: Mareah Adolphins and Hannah Heerts (Jesus Loves Me), Tim Heerts (The Lords Prayer), accompanied by Doris Heerts. Congregational hymns were "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus" and "Blessed Assurance".

Readings given by: Christopher Adolphins, Darin Adolphins, Jason Heerts and Lillian Marks. Casketbearers were: Tim Heerts, Darin Adolphins, Dan Heerts, Brandon Adolphins, Jason Heerts and Christopher Adolphins.

Interment was in Oak Hill Cemetery in Parkersburg, Iowa. Redman -Schwartz Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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80TH BIRTHDAY

Margaret Adolphi of 1118 York Street, New Hartford, recently celebrated her 80th birthday by making a trip to her native homeland Ostfriesland, Germany.

Margareta Friemuth Ridder Adolphi was born on July 21, 1918 in Emden, Germany. She moved with her family from Ostfriesland to the Aplington, Iowa area in 1923 and became a United States Citizen.

To assist in her birthday celebration, cousins Elsa Winter and Bridgette Wingarten of Norden, Germany planned a formal afternoon tea which was attended by 26 guests. Margaret was then driven to Emden, her birth city for dinner. German cousins and friends made certain that the day was one to be remembered. Margaret has now returned to Germany twice since her immigration to Iowa and plans to visit again if possible. She is the sole surviving member of the immediate Ridder family here in Iowa. Accompanying Margaret on her trip were her daughter and spouse, Doris and Steven Heerts. A family dinner was held at the Amana Colonies upon their return to celebrate Margaret's 80th birthday. She reports a wonderful trip and a most memorable birthday.



25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Marlin D. Adolphs will observe their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

Marlin D. Adolphs and Marcella A Drahas were married July 29, 1972 at Faith Lutheran Church, Shell Rock, Iowa.

Their children are: Michael D. 21, Travis D. 20, and Amy C. 18.



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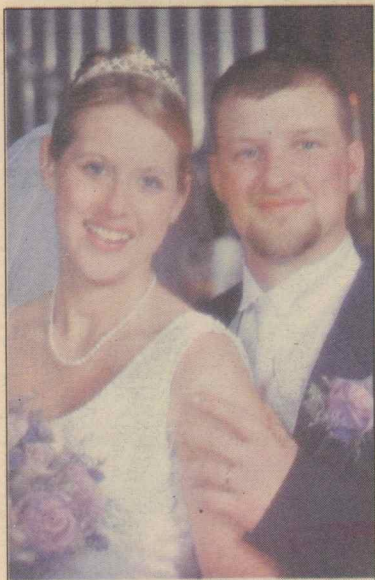
Amy Christine Adolphs of New Hartford and Benjamin Earl Hutchison of Denver were united in marriage on March 21, 1998 at a 3:00 p.m. wedding at the First Baptist Church, New Hartford. Pastor Paul McDowell and Pastor James Ackerson officiated the ceremony.

The bride is employed at Professional Property Management. The groom is employed by Weicher's Construction, Inc.

Parents of the couple are Marlin & Marcella Adolphs of New Hartford and Leon & Patricia Hutchison of Denver.

The bride chose her friend Sarah Moore from Dysart, as her Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids were: Trisha Adolphs of Janesville, sister of the groom, and Wendi Hutchison of Denver, sister of the groom.

The groom chose his brother Eric Hutchinson from Waterloo, as his Bestman. Groomsmen were Michael Adolphs, brother of the bride, from Janesville, and Aaron Severs, friend of the groom from Clarksville. Travis Adolphs, brother of bride served as candleabra lighter and usher; Marc Moore, friend of the couple from Dysart, and Bruce Mallie, friend of the couple



Sarah and Travis Adolphi

Smith-Adolphi

NEW HARTFORD — Sarah Marie Smith and Travis Dale Adolphi were married April 12 in Cedar Falls. **2003**

Parents of the couple are John and Joyce Smith and Marlin and Marcella Adolphi, all of New Hartford.

Dr. Bruce Ursin performed the 2 p.m. wedding at First United Methodist Church.

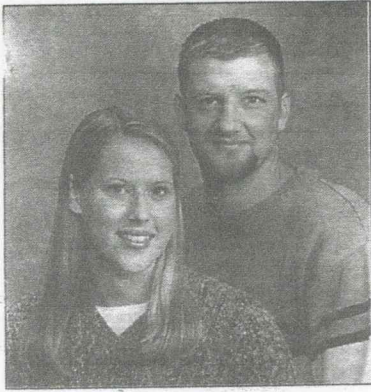
Maid of honor was Jenny Smith of Cedar Falls. Bridesmaids were Sarah Amling of Dike and Trisha Adolphi of Cedar Falls.

Best man was Mike Adolphi of Cedar Falls. Groomsmen were Jeff Smith of New Hartford and Ben Hutchison of Waverly.

Flower girls were Jessica Heffner of Parkersburg, cousin of the bride, and Christine Hutchison of Waverly, niece of the groom. Ring bearer was Aaron Adolphi of Cedar Falls, nephew of the groom.

The bride is a substitute teacher, and her husband is employed by Unverferth Manufacturing.

They reside in rural New Hartford.



Sarah Smith
Travis Adolphs

Smith-Adolphs

NEW HARTFORD — Sarah Smith and Travis Adolphs are announcing their engagement and upcoming wedding.

Parents of the couple are John and Joyce Smith and Marlin and Marcella Adolphs, all of New Hartford.

The bride-elect is a substitute teacher, and the groom-elect is employed by Unverferth Manufacturing.

Vows are planned for 2 p.m. April 12 at First United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls.



Sarah and Travis Adolphs release rock doves after their wedding Saturday at First United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls.

Photos by BRANDON POLLOCK / Courier Staff Photographer

Love birds

Doves released at weddings, funerals are trained to return

By **MATTHEW WILDE**
Courier Staff Writer

CEDAR FALLS

Sarah Adolphi dreamed about Saturday her entire life.

Walking down the aisle, arm-and-arm with her soul mate in a beautiful wedding dress, Sarah and her husband of only minutes, Travis Adolphi, emerged from the church to cheers of family and friends. But a handful of rice, bird seed or bubbles just wouldn't do.

Sarah wanted a grand finale, a show stopper, something that would set her wedding apart. Enter The Bird Lady of Cedar Falls — Lori Gutnecht, owner of White Wings Bird Release.

Instead of getting showered with a few soapy bubbles, the couple released white rock doves symbolizing their love. Time seemed to stand still as the couple and the crowd watched in awe as the graceful birds took flight outside of First United Methodist Church.

"We opted for a pretty traditional wedding, but we wanted that added touch many people haven't seen before," Sarah Adolphi said.

Joyce Smith, the mother of the bride, added, "It's kind of symbolic how they fly off together. They may fly in slightly different directions at times, but they always go home — they mate for life."

Within hours, the birds were safely back in their loft at Gutnecht's farm south of town. She trains her doves, cousins of the homing pigeons, to fly home to work another day.

The only business of its kind in Northeast Iowa, she rents doves for release, display or both at weddings, funerals and other special events.

"I'm 46 years old and known as The

White Wings Bird Release

Owner: Lori Gutnecht

Location: rural Cedar Falls

Services: White rock doves for display in decorative cages and release at weddings, funerals or other special events. Birds are trained to fly back to their loft at the Gutnecht farm.

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Bird Lady," Gutnecht hesitantly boasts, not knowing if being branded with that name is a good thing.

But the nickname proves the trend is catching on. Since starting the business three years ago, she's gone from a dozen jobs to more than three dozen bookings already this year.

Gutnecht said more people are looking for a unique way, with a touch of religious symbolism, to make their special events even more memorable. For weddings, doves are supposed to represent love, fidelity, prosperity and good luck.

By releasing doves at funerals, the birds represent the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit soaring away, closely followed by the loved ones' spirits. While weddings are fun, she said funerals give her the most satisfaction since the birds tend to ease the sorrow of the family.

"It's funny what people will associate



Lori Gutnecht, owner of White Wings Bird Release of Cedar Falls, raises rock doves for release and display at weddings, funerals and other special events.

with them. One time the birds circled three times and the family thought that was for three children (of the deceased)," Gutnecht said. "Another time they flew over a golf course, and the kids laughed because their dad loved to golf."

"Funerals are nice because people will ask what happens to them and I say they go home. That comforts them," she continued.

Since her birds do return home, that's what separates her business from others that simply sell birds for release and leave them to survive in the wild. Since those birds are domesticated, Gutnecht said they have no survival skills and most likely will die.

She provides high-quality food, water, shelter and a place to bathe. And since most were born on the farm, that's home.

"That's one thing I really liked. I love little animals, and I wouldn't like it if they flew off and died," Sarah Adolphi said.

After reading about similar businesses in other parts of the country, Gutnecht originally bought 16 rock doves in June 1999 as a 4-H project and possible business for her children.

However, the birds failed to mate and the children lost interest. "They didn't like each other, I guess," she said.

Determined to succeed, Gutnecht introduced 20 more birds the next

spring. The birds paired up, and the business took off. Now she has about 100 doves.

Birds are banded at birth for identification. Another band is added later to show how many miles the bird can be released from the farm.

Her 13-year-old daughter, Marissa, has taken an interest, though her three older boys think it's too feminine.

"It is a little bit, they are beautiful. She likes the weddings and the frilly baskets and cages," Gutnecht said. "It's more of a hobby for me."

She hopes her hobby will start to pay off this year. Buying equipment, birds, feed and training is costly. She hopes to get out of the hole and eke out a profit soon.

Once the birds are three months old and fit to fly, the time-consuming training begins. She'll start off easy, releasing young birds with experienced ones at the end of the driveway and making sure they come back.

The process is repeated, this time just far enough so the farm is barely in sight. Then the distance is increased, increased again and the directions varied. Her best birds have a 60-mile radius.

"They learn by watching others," Gutnecht said. "No matter where you take them, they come home. I find that magical."

Obituary of the Late Andrew Ahrenholz

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New Hartford—Andrew Ahrenholz, aged 68 years passed away early Saturday morning, after only a few days illness of stomach and bowel trouble. He had been in the dairy business here for several years here for several years and was very industrious and of cheerful disposition. His death came as a shock to his friends as he was about his work as usual up to Monday evening.

Andrew H. Ahrenholz was born in Osteel, Germany, August 7, 1866. He was married to Mary Meyer in 1888 and they came to America in 1901 and settled in Grundy Co., where they resided until they moved into New Hartford about seven years ago.

He leaves besides the widow, three sons; Henry of Grundy center; Oscar, Waterloo, and Andrew Jf., New Hartford; also three daughters: Mrs. Anna Cornelius, Stout; Mrs. Ella Henzie and Mrs. Carrie Smith, New Hartford and several grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Gospel Hall in Stout in charge of Oliver G. Smith of Waterloo with burial in the cemetery four miles west of Stout.

Card Of Thanks

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to those of our friends and neighbors who aided us and bestowe dtheir deeds of kindness upon us after the death and at the time of the funeral of our loved one.

Mrs. Andrew Ahrenholz and children

Funeral Held for Andrew Ahrenholz

(Courier Special Service)

Stout, Ia.—Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon for Andrew Ahrenholz, 68, former Grundy county resident who died Saturday at his home in New Hartford, Ia. Services were held at 1 o'clock from the home there, and at 2 o'clock in the Stout Gospel hall with Rev. Oliver Smith, Waterloo, Rev. James Erskine, Des Moines, and Rev. William Grevison of Texas, officiating. Burial was made in the Salem Lutheran cemetery, four miles southwest of here.

Casketbearers were Sam Cirkensa, Henry De Groote, Arendt Nabor, George Ahrends, Harm De Buhr and Conrad Weber.

Mr. Ahrenholz was born in Germany, Aug. 7, 1866. In 1888 he married Mary Meyer. They came to America in 1901 and resided near Stout until about seven years ago when he retired from farming.

Surviving are three sons, Henry, Grundy Center; Oscar, Waterloo, and Andrew, New Hartford; and three daughters, Mrs. Fritz Henze, and Mrs. Henry Cornelius, both of Stout, and Mrs. Fred Smith, New Hartford.

Died September 11, 1934

New Hartford Woman Marks 99th Birthday

(COURIER NEWS SERVICE)

NEW HARTFORD — Celebrating her 99th birthday anniversary Wednesday will be

Mrs. Mary Ahrenholz. She will be honored by her family at a 1 p. m. party at Washington Twp. School.

Mrs. Ahrenholz was born Aug. 24, 1861, in Petkum, Germany, and came to the United States when she was about 40 years old. She now makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Henry Cornelius, and also spends part of the year with her son, Henry, Grundy Center.

Her other children are: Oscar, Waterloo; Andrew, Shell Rock; Mrs. Carie Smith, Cedar Falls, and Mrs. Ella Henze, deceased.



Mrs. Ahrenholz

Aug. 21, 1960

New Hartford Woman Dies At Age 102

(COURIER NEWS SERVICE)

NEW HARTFORD — Funeral services will be Saturday for 102-year-old Mrs. Mary Ahrenholz, who died Tuesday morning.

Services will be at 1:30 p. m. at the Stout Gospel Hall, with burial in the Salem Lutheran cemetery.

Mrs. Ahrenholz was born Aug. 24, 1861, in Petkum, Germany, and came to the United States when she was about 40 years old.

She died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry Cornelius, of New Hartford, where she had made her home.

Surviving besides Mrs. Cornelius are another daughter, Mrs. Carrie Smith, Cedar Falls; 3 sons, Henry, Grundy Center, Oscar, Waterloo, and Andrew, Shell Rock.

Friends may call at the Engelkes Funeral home, Parkersburg, after 7 p. m. Wednesday.

World's highest mountain, from base to peak, is Hawaii's Mauna Loa.

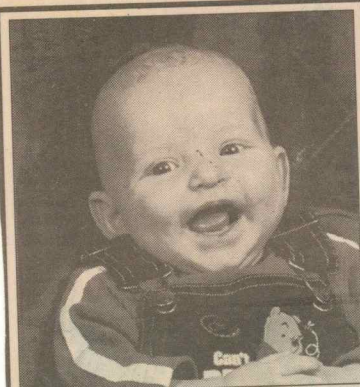
Hello World

Travis and Sarah Adolphs are the proud parents of a baby boy, born May 22nd, 2004. Cameron Todd Adolphs weighed 7 pounds 13 ounces and was 21" long.

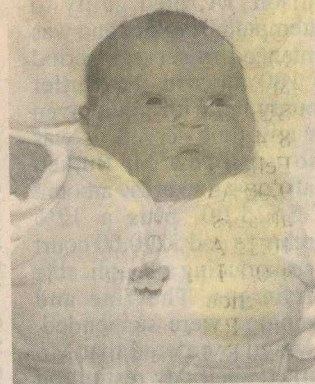
Maternal grandparents are John and Joyce Smith. Paternal grandparents are Marlin and Marcella Adolphs, all of New Hartford.

Great grandparents are Audrey Heitland of Aplington, and Duane and Joan Drahos of Shell Rock.

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Cameron Todd Adolphs
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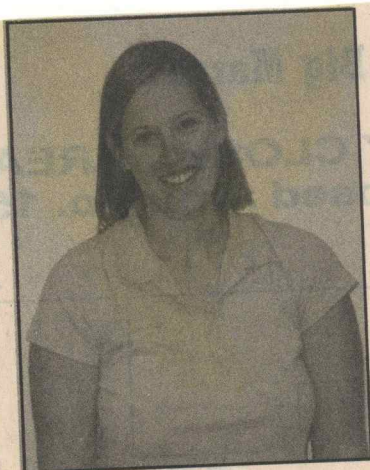


Hello World

Travis and Sarah Adolphs are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Kaylin Isabelle, born February 24th, 2007, at the Waverly Health Center. Kaylin weighed 8 pounds 10 ounces and was 20 inches long. She is welcomed home by her 2 1/2 year old big brother Cameron.

Grandparents are Marlin and Marcella Adolphs and John and Joyce Smith, all of New Hartford.

Great Grandparents are Audrey Heitland of Aplington and Duane and Joan Drahos of Shell Rock.



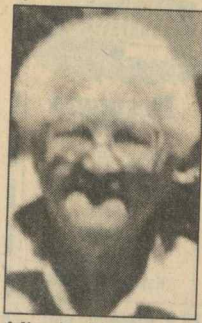
Adolphs To Teach At Kidquest

Kidquest Preschool & Daycare are excited to have Sarah Adolphs as our new preschool teacher. Sarah comes to us from New Hartford where she and her husband Travis live with their two children. They have a 3 year old son Cameron and a 5 month old daughter Kaylin. Sarah received her teaching degree from UNI and has been substitute teaching for the past four years. This year she will be busy teaching 2 four-year-old preschool classes Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and afternoons along with a three year old preschool class on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Welcome Sarah!

Minnie Ahrenholz

Minnie Ahrenholz, a resident at Ravenwood Care Center, observed her 90th birthday Saturday.



Minnie Ahrenholz

A family dinner will be hosted today by her children, Bob and Mary Pecenka, William and Janice Ahrenholz, Marvin and Phyllis

Ahrenholz and Andrew Jr. and Larue Ahrenholz.

There are 10 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Minnie Huisman was born April 18, 1902, in Titonka, and married Andrew Ahrenholz June 20, 1922. He is deceased.

AUGUST 11, 1993

MINNIE AHRENHOLZ

Minnie Ahrenholz, 91, of Ravenwood Health Care Center in Waterloo, and formerly of 1018 Water St., New Hartford, IA died of natural causes Saturday, July 31, 1993 at the nursing home.

Minnie was born April 18, 1902 in Ruthven, Iowa, the daughter of William and Minnie Saathoff Huisman. She married Andrew Ahrenholz in Grundy County, IA on June 20, 1922. The couple farmed in Butler County for many years, and Andrew also worked for Assink Bros. in sand and gravel excavating. Minnie worked in laundry at Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls for many years retiring in 1956. On November 8, 1980 Andrew died. Minnie lived in New Hartford until October of 1991, when she became a resident of Ravenwood, where she had lived ever since.

Minnie loved fishing, traveling with her family, and especially spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Minnie is survived by three sons: William Ahrenholz of Readlyn, Marvin Ahrenholz of Reinbeck, and Andrew Ahrenholz of New Hartford; one daughter Mary Pecenka of Waterloo; two brothers: Ed Huisman of Clarksville, and George Huisman of Holliday,

MO; three sisters: Grace DeGroot of Parkersburg, Tillie Hershey of Waterloo, and Wilma Miller of Waverly; 22 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and 7 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Andrew; four brothers: Dick Huisman, Jerry Huisman, Richard Huisman, and Willie Huisman; two sisters Helen Huisman and Mattie Roemling; and one granddaughter Julia Grummitt.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Aug. 4, 1993 at 1:30 p.m. at Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Cedar Falls with Merrill Oster officiating. Burial was in the Garden of Memories in Waterloo.

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Cedar Falls was in charge of the funeral arrangements.



October Wedding

Hannah Dyer and Adam Ahrenholz were married October 16, 1999 at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa.

Parents of the couple are Jodi Dyer of Waterloo and Tim Dyer of Stout and LaRue and Andy Ahrenholz of New Hartford.

The Maid of Honor was Tasha Dyer, sister of the bride from Waterloo. Best man was Shane Ragsdale, cousin of the groom of New Hartford.

A small reception was held in the Andrew Ahrenholz home following the ceremony.

Adam is employed by Van Buskirk Construction. The couple reside in New Hartford.



25TH ANNIVERSARY

Andrew Ahrenholz and LaRue (Westendorf) Woods were married January 22nd, 1977 in Raymond.

They have a combined family of eight children, and a son Adam.

LaRue is the Beaver Grove correspondent for the Eclipse, and Andrew is semi-retired from Ahrenholz Excavating.

A trip to Branson is planned for early spring.

Phyllis F. Ahrenholz (1925-2007)

NEW HARTFORD — Phyllis F. Ahrenholz, 82, of New Hartford, died Friday, Feb. 16, at the Hampton Health Care Center, Hampton, of natural causes.



**Phyllis
Ahrenholz**

She was born Jan. 7, 1925, in Hicks, daughter of William and Alma Alberts Clausman. She married Marvin Ahrenholz Sept. 8, 1943, in Princeton, Mo.

She graduated from Dike High School in 1942. In 1969, Mrs. Ahrenholz and her husband started farming north of Reinbeck and farmed for eight years. She worked several years at the Waverly Sale Barn.

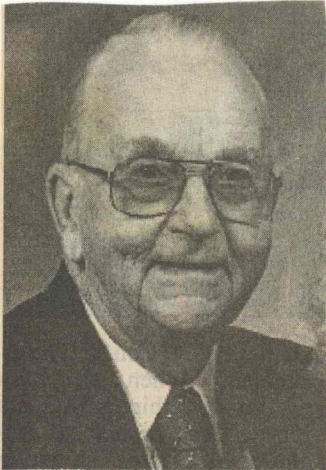
Survived by: her husband; a daughter, Sue (Jerry) Ragsdale of New Hartford; six grandchildren, Reece Ragsdale, Shane Ragsdale, Kirk Grummitt, Kim Powell, Marvin Grummitt and Mitch Grummitt; 11 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by: a daughter, Julia Grummitt; two brothers, Ray and Wendell Clausman; and a sister, Faye Clausman.

Services: 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home, Waverly, with burial in the Garden of Memories, Waterloo. Public visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials: may be directed to the family.

Condolences may be left at www.kaisercorson.com.



JOHN AKKERMAN

John O. Akkerman, 84 of Parkersburg died on Tuesday, August 26, 2003 in the Hospice Room at the Grundy County Memorial Hospital, Grundy Center, Iowa of natural causes. Funeral services were held on Friday, August 29, 2003 at 10:30 AM at the Pleasant Valley Reformed Church rural Holland with burial in the church cemetery. Pastor Russel Muilenburg officiated.

John Akkerman was born the son of John and Sena (Konken) Akkerman on November 30, 1918 on a farm near Parkersburg. He received his education from Beaver #3 School, rural Parkersburg. He was baptized and confirmed at the Salem Lutheran Church, rural Parkersburg.

John was united in marriage with Elva Engelkes on September 11, 1941 at the Pleasant Valley Reformed Church, rural Holland. She died November 25, 1965. He married Dorothy Koch Messer on May 24, 1968 at the Little Brown Church,

Nashua, Iowa.

John farmed all of his adult life on a farm near Fern, until his retirement in 1981 when he and Dorothy moved to their home in Parkersburg. He also auctioneered all of his life from the age of 9, beginning with box socials and then farm and household sales, as well as working at the Aplington Sale Barn, and did livestock trucking for many years. He was a member of the Pleasant Valley Reformed Church and served as both elder and deacon on the consistory. He also was a past board member of the Parkersburg State Bank. John enjoyed working with horses and mules, but most of all, enjoyed being with his family and visiting with people.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Elva; one brother, Herman Akkerman; and two sisters, Bertha Janssen Andreessen and Frances Sietsema.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; a son, Dale (Denise Eilderts) of rural Holland; a daughter, Berdell (Mark) Schauls of Waterloo, and four grandchildren.

Engelkes - Abels Funeral Home in Grundy Center served the family of John Akkerman.

John Akkerman (1918-2003)

PARKERSBURG — John Akkerman, 84, of Parkersburg, died Tuesday, Aug. 26, at Grundy County Memorial Hospital, Grundy Center, of natural causes.

He was born Nov. 30, 1918, near Parkersburg, son of John and Sena Konken Akkerman. He married Elva Engelkes on Sept. 11, 1941. She died Nov. 25, 1965. He married Dorothy Koch Messer on May 24, 1968.

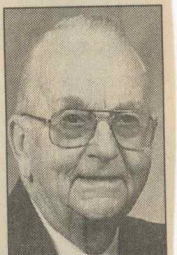
Mr. Akkerman farmed in Grundy County all of his adult life, until retiring in 1981, and was an auctioneer. He worked at the Aplington Sale Barn for many years.

Survivors include: his wife; a son, Dale (Denise Eilderts) of rural Holland; a daughter, Berdell (Mark) Schauls of Waterloo; and four grandchildren.

Preceded in death by: a brother, Herman; and two sisters, Bertha Janssen Andreessen, and Frances Sietsema.

Services: 10:30 a.m. Friday at Pleasant Valley Reformed Church, rural Holland, with burial in the church cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Engelkes-Abels Funeral Home, Grundy Center.

Memorials: may be directed to the church or Cedar Valley Hospice.



John Akkerman