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Frances Gilderbloom

Died March 12, 2002

Frances "Frenchie" Gilderbloom, 85, of Pleasantville, died Tuesday, March 12, at the Kavanagh House on Grand in West Des Moines of cancer.

She was born and raised in the Marion County, Pleasantville area and spent her entire life there. She and her husband owned a grocery store in Pleasantville, and she worked for Travelers Insurance after they sold the store. She was a member of the Pleasantville Church of Christ, Eastern Star and American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed singing and playing cards.

Survivors include three daughters, Judy Pletcher of West Des Moines, and Margie Mix and Rose Mary Anderson, both of Pleasantville; a sister, Wilma Thompson of Nevada; nine grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Irving, preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 15, at the Pleasantville Church of Christ with burial in the Pleasantville Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Pleasantville Church of Christ. Mason Funeral Home handled arrangements.

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Velora M. Haugsted

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March 19, 1910, to March 16, 2002

Velora M. Haugsted, 91, of Nevada, died of pneumonia on Saturday, March 16, at Story County Long Term Care in Nevada.

She was born March 19, 1910, in Villisca to Peter and Mary (Maxwell) Peterson. She was a graduate of Villisca High School and attended Simpson College and was a member of the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority. She married William Haugsted on Dec. 14, 1940, in Nevada. She was employed at R.H. Donnelley's and also had been employed at the First United Methodist Church and the Ambrose Gift Shop. She was a Sunday school teacher and choir member of the First United Methodist Church and a lifetime member of the Nevada Order of the Eastern Star. She was a Girl Scout and Rainbow Girl leader and a

volunteer for Reach for Recovery, Story County Hospital and the Senior Citizens Programs. She was an avid reader, accomplished seamstress and loved to cook.

Survivors include her husband, William Haugsted of Nevada; two daughters, Mary Nelson Field of Albany, N.Y., and Karen Van Doren (and Gary) of Andover, Mass.; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Fayette; and her first husband, Paul Nelson.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 20, at First United Methodist Church with Pastor Steve Williams officiating. Burial followed in the Nevada Municipal Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the First United Methodist Church in Nevada. Chet Ryan Mortuary, Nevada, handled arrangements.

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Margaret W. Partridge



March 21, 1931 to March 14, 2002

Margaret W. Partridge, 70, of Silvercrest Assisted Living in Ames, died of complications of Ideopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis on March 14 at the Israel Family Hospice House.

She was born March 21, 1931, in Kewanee, Ill. She had lived 34 years in Nevada and had worked as office manager for Dr. Richard Lloyd, retiring in 1997. She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi and Memorial Lutheran Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Ann Johnson of Colo, Penny Tam of Boone and Peggy Winterton of Sherman, S.D.; one son, Scott Partridge of Nevada; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 45 years, Leonard; her parents, Keith and Helen Williamson and one brother.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 18, at Memorial Lutheran Church in Nevada. Burial was in the Nevada Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Israel Family Hospice House or Memorial Lutheran Church. The Neptune Society of Iowa handled arrangements.

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Dr. C.R. Sokol

Aug. 15, 1916, to March 11, 2002 March 21, 2002

Dr. C.R. Sokol, 85, a longtime State Center physician, died Monday, March 11, at the Southridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, where he had resided since Feb. 15.

He was born Aug. 15, 1916, at Kinross, Keokuk County, one of three children of Harry and Myrna (Fish) Sokol. He graduated from Collins High School in 1933. His family had moved to Collins when he was a young boy. He attended Iowa State University, where he remained until transferring to the University of Iowa, where he received his medical degree in 1940. In the same year, he was commissioned into the United States Army Air Corps. He entered the service on July 1, 1941, at Lowery Field in Denver, Colo. He was the head flight surgeon for the 15th Fighter Group of the Army Air Corps. He went to Hawaii and also Iwo Jima as part of his military career. He returned to the United States in 1946 and began practicing medicine in State Center, retiring 35 years later. On Nov. 25, 1950, he married Gayle Lindberg in San Francisco, Calif. In 1978, the couple was grand marshals of the Rose Festival Parade in State Center. Dr. Sokol was a member of the Collins United Methodist Church, the State Center Harlan G. Pfantz Post #122 American Legion, the Collins Masonic Lodge (33rd degree), the State Center Lions Club, the Marshall County Medical Society, the Iowa Medical Society and will be fondly remembered as loving to fish and visit with patients and friends alike.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Gayle, who resides at Southridge in Marshalltown; three children, Joia (and Brian) Thompson of Goose Creek, S.C., Charles (and Karen) Sokol of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Carol (and Don) Welty of Oak Ridge, Tenn.; 11 grandchildren; and one brother, George (and Kay) Sokol of Bella Vista, Ark.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Harriet VanNorstrand.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Estel-Perrin-Avey Funeral Home Chapel in Marshalltown. Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery at Collins, with military honors by the Harlan C. Pfantz Post #122 State Center American Legion.

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