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– We Remember –

*They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
 Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
 They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted;
 They fell with their faces to the foe.*

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
 Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
 At the going down of the sun and in the morning
 We will remember them.*

-From Laurence Binyon's "For the Fallen"

Memorial Day- a day of remembrance for those men and women who have given their lives in service to our country. This Memorial Day we honor PFC Richard N. Kloos who was killed in action in Vietnam on September 11, 1968.

Dick was the eldest son of Leo and Elizabeth Kloos, a brother to Betty, Larry, Don, Linda, Colleen, and Tim. He was born February 26, 1948 at Canby, MN and moved with his family to a farm southwest of Gary when he was four years of age. Dick attended rural school and graduated from Gary High School in 1966. He played football, ran track and participated in choir and the Junior and Senior class plays while in school. Dick was adventuresome and always looking for some excitement - even if he had to create it himself. He enjoyed the variety of working on the farm and the



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freedom of the open spaces, hunting and fishing with his brothers. He was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Gary.

Dick was drafted into the armed services on February 5, 1968. He was sent to Ft. Lewis, Washington for Basic and Advanced training. After spending a furlough at home following his training, he left for overseas duty and began his Vietnam tour on July 8, 1968. He was assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division, 199th Light Infantry Brigade upon his arrival in Vietnam.

The Department of the Army reported that Kloos suffered fatal wounds when a hostile mine detonated while his unit was on a patrol sweep in Gia Dinh province. He was 20 years, six months and 15 days of age at the time of his death and had been in country for only 65 days.

His funeral mass took place at St. Peter's Catholic Church on September 23rd and interment was in the Mt. Calvary Cemetery at Gary. The American Legion Post 109 conducted military rites at the cemetery.

Richard N. Kloos was awarded the Purple Heart; the Vietnamese Military Merit Medal (the highest military decoration bestowed to enlisted personnel by the Republic of Vietnam during the years of the Vietnam War); the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross for accomplishing deeds of valor or displaying heroic conduct while fighting in combat with the enemy; Army Good Conduct Medal; Army Commendation Medal and the National Defense Medal. His name is located on panel 44W, line 26 of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the mall in Washington DC.



Picture taken while Richard was home on leave between Basic Training and Vietnam.

Back Row: Betty, Don, Richard, Larry, Linda; Middle Row: Liz, Colleen, Leo; Front: Tim



100 years ago, May 1924

Senior class play May 9th
 Dr. TH Martin locates in Gary
 New tennis court made just west of water tank
 High school commencement May 22nd with 7 graduates
 Fire in basement of the Odd Fellows building
 Gary Chautauqua to be held June 5-9
 Auction: Leonard Peterson
 Births: Girls to Mr. & Mrs. Will Davis
 Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Peden
 Marriage: Ethel Grotjohn & Carl Larson
 Deaths: Ellen Cornell— Mrs. Frank Wolfe

75 years ago, May 1949

Fire at Walter Miller's
 Tractor fire at Harold Brevik's
 Graduation May 18th
 Auxiliary to sponsor Poppy Day
 Who's who— Leslie Whipp—Shannon Whipp
 Marriages: Bonnie Nix & Kenneth Pothoff— Darlene Nuteson & Harvey Nelson—Avis Ruhd & Fred Stangeland
 Births: Girls to Mr. & Mrs. Wilbert Ortman—Mr. & Mrs. Edward Cornell
 Boy to Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Norton

50 years ago, May 1974

Luthe Lentz injured in farm accident
 Eldon Stone injured in motorcycle accident
 Memorial program to be held May 27
 Graduation is May 22nd
 Sheriff Lynn Thompson admitted to hospital
 Senior of week: Kenneth Koerlin—Keith Koerlin—Leon Kaiser—Julene Norton—Beverly Peterson
 Auction: Kenyon Variety Store
 Marriage: Paula Bindert & Gary Theisen
 Death: Mrs. Kenneth Dwinell

25 years ago, May 1999

Bill Blaschko named Gary citizen of the year
 Jaack Weir named president of Gary Council
 Gary Rodeo Association gives to Make-A Wish
 Commencement of Deuel High School May 30th
 Auction: Ron & Marlys Clausen
 Birth: Girl to Mr. & Mrs. Andy Kallhoff
 Marriage: Goldie Stone & Orville Heinrich
 Deaths: Ihia (Gussie) Johnson— Rose Pedersen— Melvin Simonton

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National Registrar Part IV - Hoffman/Skatvold Barn

Have you noticed that I like barns? Here's another one. The Hoffman/Skatvold barn is located northwest of Gary in Lowe Township of Deuel County. It was listed on the National Register in 2005 based on the architectural significance of the barn's design. The Wisconsin dairy barn was the scientific approach to modern dairying and an entire re-thinking of barn design. The large 46' x 80' barn is an excellent example of the early twentieth century's path to modernize agricultural buildings in rural areas. The Hoffman/Skatvold barn was built in 1920 by John Ling, a Norwegian-born carpenter from Redwood County, Minnesota. The barn is a two-story, wood-



framed, Wisconsin dairy bank barn built on a concrete foundation. The south facing basement was entered at ground level and was used for the dairy operation. It included a row of eighteen stanchions for the dairy cows, a central alleyway, and a row of wooden pens with cement mangers. It also had a state-of-the-art

manure carrier - the pre-cursor to the modern gutter cleaner. It included nine four-pane windows on the south wall as "sunlight is the best of all disinfectants" and would reduce bacterial growth, according to a bulletin for Wisconsin dairy farms. The abundant sunlight also made milking and other chores easier prior to rural electrification. The cement feed silo was accessed on the west end of this level. There was also room for a bullpen, feed room, maternity pen and staircase to the first level. As this was the basement level, it stayed warmer which was ideal for the maternity and calf pens.

As the barn was built into the side of a hill, the main level could also be accessed from ground level on the north and west. This level had a row of ten four-pane windows for sufficient sunlight as well as two sliding entry doors. It included a row of horse stalls on the north side and the remainder of this level was the massive hay loft with a gambrel roof supported by Shawver trusses. Gambrel roofs offered 12% greater hay storage space than the gabled roofs of earlier



barn designs. The hay loft included a hay trolley or carrier used to move loads of hay (held by a sling or fork) from a wagon into the barn for storage. The carrier traveled along a steel rail in the peak of the barn. The roof featured a triangular hay hood on the west end to cover and protect the hay carrier. Every carrier depended on a pulley to raise and lower the load of hay. Above the horse stalls was a grain storage area. Metal air ducts extend from the ceiling down the sides of the barn to the lower level, one near each eave and one in the center, for good ventilation. There were also three metal ridge ventilators (cupolas) on the roof.

This farm was originally settled by Andrew Denison under the Timber Culture Act of 1873. The government would deed 160 acres of land to anyone who planted and tended ten acres of trees for eight years. His deed was recorded on May 16, 1899. Andrew and Eliza Denison then sold their claim to O.M. Edsil in 1901 for \$1800; Edsil then sold the property (less than 4 months later) for \$2400 to Jennie

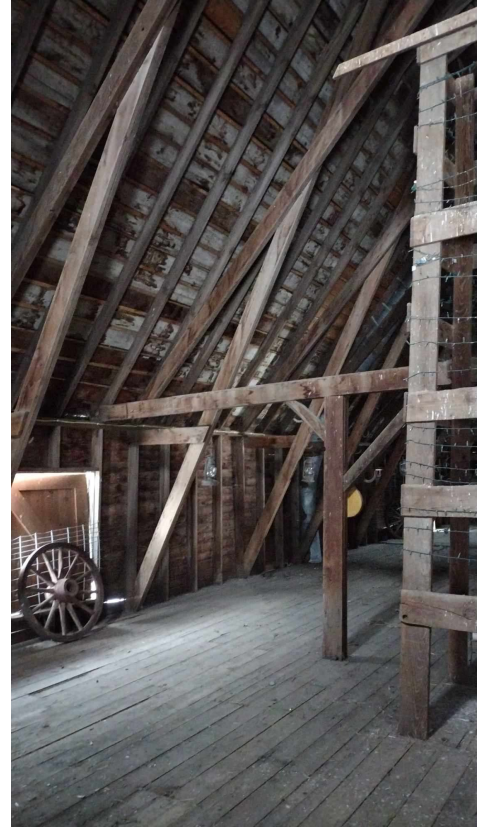


Grover who then sold it to Anna M. Hoffman for \$3000 on December 29, 1906. In 1911, Anna M. Hoffman deeded the land to her husband, Richard H. Hoffman.

In the late 1890's and early 1900's, Richard H. Hoffman had been the depot agent for the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railroad in Waverly and Reville, South Dakota. He had also served as the postmaster at Waverly. The farm's original barn and house were constructed by Richard's father, August Hoffman around 1910. August had managed the farm prior to Richard and Anna moving on to it. Richard and his wife, Anna, decided that the depot was not an ideal family home and they, along with their five children, moved to the farm in 1911. Three more children would be born on this farm. Richard H. later purchased the southeast quarter and the northwest quarter of Section 22, making the farm now total 480 acres. The Hoffmans were successful farmers and building the impressive barn was a reward for their hard work.

Anna M. Hoffman passed away in 1927 and Richard H. Hoffman in 1929. The farm was transferred to the seven remaining Hoffman children - Viola, Richard M., Leo, Victor, Milton, William, and Lucille. The siblings sold their interests to Richard M. Hoffman in the 1930's and he, in turn, sold the 480-acre farm to Bernhard S. and Sarah L. Anderson in 1939. The Anderson family was living at the Crystal Springs Ranch at that time and drove their flock of sheep the twelve miles to the new farm. They raised crops, cattle, hogs and sheep on the Lowe township farm. They are credited with putting electricity and water into the barn during their ownership. In the spring of 1949, the Andersons leased the farm to their daughter Alice and son-in-law Jacob Mulder. The Mulders purchased the 480-acre farm in 1956 for thirty-one thousand,

one hundred and thirty-five dollars. They were grain farmers and also raised sheep and pigs on the farm. Jake passed away in 1975 and Alice retained ownership and remained on the farm. Marianne L. (Mulder) Skatvold and her husband Allen purchased the northeast quarter of the farm, less 2 acres, for sixty-two thousand, five hundred and sixty dollars. This is twice the amount of money that the Mulders had paid for all three quarters of land twenty-five years earlier. The Skatvolds were dairy and crop farmers. By 1983, the farm had been divided into three quarter section tracts; siblings Delmar Mulder, Allen and Marianne (Mulder) Skatvold, and Doug Mulder each owning 160 acres of their home farm. Allen and Marianne purchased the Ford dealership in Clear Lake in 1996 and continued to dairy for a couple more years. They cash-cropped one hundred acres of hay each year until 2014. The Skatvolds continue to own the northeast quarter section on which the Hoffman barn stands. They rent out the farm and are settling into retirement. Through the years, the barn had hosted weddings, class reunions, business celebrations, barn dances, and many, many memories. They have maintained the barn, keeping a good roof on it and occasional fresh paint. Even though it is an expensive undertaking, Marianne cannot imagine looking out the window and not seeing the barn standing there. Their efforts are appreciated by many including the author.



Led by the American Legion Auxiliary, each year members of The American Legion Family distribute poppies with a request that the person receiving the flower donate to support the future of veterans, active-duty military personnel and their families with medical and financial needs. See a member of the Gary Junior Auxiliary to get your poppies.

Fairchild Farmgirl

Well friends, I fulfilled a bucket list item this week. Ron and I picked up our daughter Grace on her last day at SDSU and went to San Angelo Texas with 1200 pounds of Canby MN wool! This was to be washed at a scouring plant, one of only two scouring plants left in the USA. To say I'm passionate about the US/ Minnesota/South Dakota wool industry is an understatement! I know, I'm a weirdo but oh how I'd love to see us using more natural fibers for clothing and other products!

At the San Angelo plant we learned so much! First off, their parent company is Bollman Hats out of Pennsylvania, where they make all sorts of wool felt hats. San Angelo buys wool for them as well as washes it. Check out Bollman Hats, it's a neat website. We also learned that major companies (like Pendleton) buy their wool out of China - cheaper and the Chinese do not paint their sheep-numbers on the sheep's back. You would think that if American farmers knew this, we could figure out a new way to number so we would not import as much. Or is importing wool a necessity for trade agreements etc? That would be interesting study, wouldn't it? So, if your kid is taking on a project in college for grad school or if you're looking for a project to do on the weekend, design this for the US.

I asked the lead guy who was giving us a tour what the 10-year outlook for scouring in the states looks like, since there's only two scouring plants left in the US. He said a lot of scouring would probably go to China because it's 1/2 the price and they can carbonize wash wool...using sulfuric acid that eats the vegetable matter out of the wool turning it to ash. The US doesn't allow it going into any drains, so it's banned in the US. Which is a great thing, we don't need that. Which begs the question: China, this is bad for your environment (and ours for that matter) why do you do it?

Back to the scouring plant: I was totally fan-girling like I had just met a famous person. It was 92 degrees and we were sweating something fierce but I didn't care. I've been waiting for 3 years to be able to afford this trip, and now that my wool business is getting bigger and the minimum quantity of wool was 1,000 pounds incoming, this was my next logical move.

He did offer to sell me wool next time so I wouldn't have to haul it down, but in my mind, it was pretty special to bring wool from right around my area there. But his reasoning was since they like to wash 40,000 pounds at a time, not only would it be nice not to haul it, but it'd be cheaper because now they'll wash mine and have to clean out 100 feet of wash line before starting someone else's.

Anyway...we did some other super fun things, stayed at some nice hotels, last night we treated Grace to an amazing supper, another highlight was Pioneer Woman's Pawhuska and all the shops there. Now on the way home, figuring out how and where to start my finishing mill so I can make signature wool items, and you know single handedly bring the US wool industry back. If you have

any ideas drop them in an email, because if Ree Drummond from little ole Pawhuska, Oklahoma can do it, I can too.

Until next time,

Fairchild “lets get our thinking caps on” Farmgirl

Gary American Legion Memorial Day Service

May 27, 2024, 10:00 A.M.

Commander: Bruce Thomas

Procession: American Legion & Sr. Auxiliary, Sons of the Legion & Jr. Auxiliary

Presentation of Colors: Legion & Sr. Auxiliary

The Pledge of Allegiance: Jr. Auxiliary

The National Anthem: Deuel Chorus directed by Mr. Doug Dyk

The Invocation: Acting American Legion Chaplain

Welcome: Commander Bruce Thomas

The Military Child's Table Setting Ceremony: Jr. Auxiliary

The Gettysburg Address: Lauryn Peterreins

God Bless America: Lily Swoboda

God Bless America: Jr. Auxiliary and everyone

In Flanders Field: Harper Hoffmann

We Shall Remember Them: Bethanne Hoffmann

Old Glory: Roxanne Raml

Hail Old Glory: Rose Swoboda

Musical Selection by Deuel Chorus

We Must Remember: Emma Raml

To Them We Owe: Violet Swoboda

So, God Made a Soldier: Camdyn Peterreins

Address: Dennis Evenson

Closing Prayer: Acting American Legion Chaplain

Announcement: Commander Bruce Thomas

Retire of Colors: Legion & Sr. Auxiliary

EVERYONE IS WELCOMED FOR A POTLUCK DINNER TO BE SERVED AT THE LEGION HALL FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY AT THE GARY CEMETARY.



Barbara Jean Mueller, age 71, of Gary, SD, passed away April 11, 2024 at the Sundial Manor Assisted Living Center in Bristol, SD. Memorial Service will be held 4:00 p.m. Thursday, April 18th at the Houseman Funeral Home in Clear Lake, SD. Visitation will be Thursday one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. A light lunch will follow the service 2 miles north of Clear Lake on highway 15. Follow the signs. Burial will be at a later date at Lakeview Cemetery in Clear Lake, SD. Houseman funeral home of Clear Lake, SD is entrusted with arrangements.

Barbara was born October 31, 1952, in Watertown, SD to Twylla and Albert Tribitt. She grew up on a farm south of Revillo, SD. After graduation she attended Votech in Watertown, SD and got her nursing degree. She worked at the St. Anne's Hospital. After her divorce, she was in a relationship for a short time that resulted in the birth of her beloved son, Christopher, in 1985. She raised him on her own. She worked at 3M in Brookings, SD for 33 years. When she retired, she moved to Gary, SD and enjoyed her time with old and new friends and family.

Barbara's favorite holiday was Halloween. She loved to decorate her home and cook and bake for friends and family. She gave us so many wonderful memories, recipes, and more.

Left to cherish her memory is her son, Christopher Mueller of Watertown, SD; sister, Ramona Tribitt of Oregon; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Twylla and Albert; sister, Sandra; and brother, Ronald Tribitt.



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The Gary Givers

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at the Gary Liquor Store

TICKET SALES: 5 P.M. - 7 P.M.
Drawing: 7:15 P.M. - Must be present to win!
** Must be at least 21 years old to participate. **
2 tickets - \$5 ♥ 5 tickets - \$10 ♥ 20 tickets - \$20

The Gary Junior Auxiliary is selling Raffle Tickets (proceeds going towards future community and veteran projects).

Members will sell tickets until the Gary Legion Poultry Party. Tickets are \$5 each. Contact a Junior Auxiliary member if you are interested - the girls will also be present at local events to sell tickets.

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