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'Twas the week after Christmas,  
When all through the Chop House,  
Not a Brother was there,  
So happy was the mouse.  
The copper hood was hung,  
Over the chimney with care,  
In hopes it would make it,  
To the new house, if we dare.  
The Associates were nestled,  
All snug in their hometowns,  
While visions of Spring Formals,  
Danced ladies in gowns.  
And Nick Bratvold on the phone,  
Calling Alumni to chat,  
Had just settled accounts,  
For a good year-end stat.  
When out on the lawn,  
There arose such a clatter,  
It must have been Strollers,  
To pick a new actor!  
Retired Alumni up north,  
Saw the new-fallen snow,  
And decided for winter,  
To the South they should go.

Reunions in Naples,  
and Mesa, too,  
Were planned for March 13th,  
And 22nd for you.  
More rapid than eagles,  
Arrangements were made,  
And we emailed and posted,  
And called them by name.  
And then, in a twinkling,  
Founders Day will be here,  
Drive to Sioux Falls,  
But watch out for the deer!  
On April 22nd,  
We'll finally reveal,  
A new house in Vermillion,  
To be built with great zeal!  
Brothers sprang to the aid,  
Of future Lambda Chi's,  
Let's all pay it forward,  
And recruit some good guys.  
But we heard Actives exclaim,  
Ere they drove back to Vermillion,  
This House needs replacing,  
For a cool three million!

Yours in ZAX,  
Logan Lamphere, '99, AF 1596

## Directory Assistance

You may remember that we used to have a printed member directory. You would get those calls from some organization, hired on behalf of Lambda Chi Alpha Nationals, to verify your information, ask for a photo, and then sell you a nice, hard-bound directory cross-referenced by name and location.

It was actually great information to have! As a travelling consultant, I know that I used it many times when I found myself in a new city, not knowing anyone. I could connect with Lambda Chi brothers, both known and unknown.

If you're wondering who lives in your area, we can still provide you with current contact information. Randy Sorensen and I (Logan Lamphere) have been updating our alumni spreadsheet with information from USD, Lambda Chi Nationals, and word-of-mouth.

Just send an email to [alphagammazetaaa@gmail.com](mailto:alphagammazetaaa@gmail.com), and I can send you a list of brothers from your area or era.

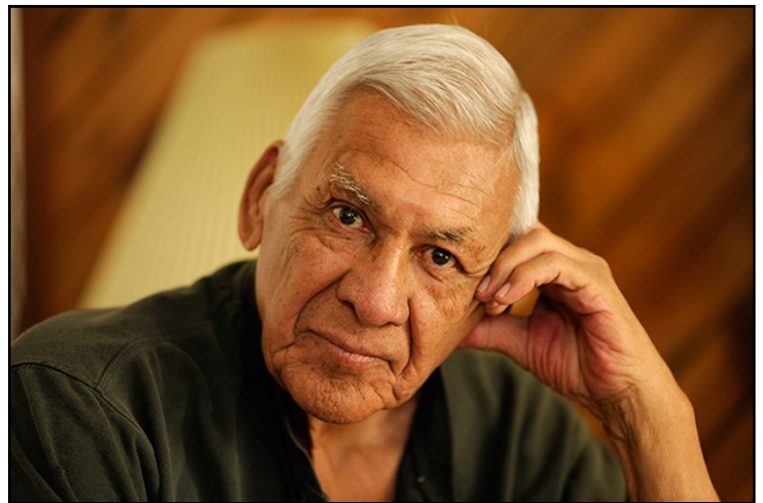
If you're helping organize a reunion in Vermillion, I'm here to help with information and sending out mass emails (or old-fashioned snail mailings, depending on cost).

This information is for brothers' personal use only, and should never be used for solicitations; only the Housing Corp gets to solicit you for money. LOL Oh, and USD is probably asking you for money, too, since we may have got your info from them. ;) And Nationals is building their scholarship fund, so they may also ask you for money. But other than that, we won't ever give out personal information to anyone else.

We currently have about 1250 active mailing addressed and 750 email addresses.

## USD's first Native American fraternity man

America has come to better appreciate inclusivity today, but USD's Lambda Chi Alpha chapter has long been a leader in diversity. In the late 1940s, John H. Artichoker, Jr. (AG 476) from Mission, South Dakota, initiated as the first Native American fraternity man at the University of South Dakota.



*John H. Artichoker, Jr., AG 476, (1930—2013)  
Photo: [chanteetan.com/maillist\\_controler/11012014.html](http://chanteetan.com/maillist_controler/11012014.html)*

This was at a time when there were very few Native American students at USD, according to Ann Grauvogl, author of "150 Years of Pride, Persistence and Progress," a 2007 publication on the 150th anniversary of the founding of USD. She wrote that when Artichoker arrived on campus from the Rosebud Reservation, there were only two other Natives.

"I was a green kid from the reservation, and it was a bit intimidating with the large number of students and the atmosphere," he said in a 2012 interview Grauvogl conducted. Saying that he was pretty much on his own, he joined the football team, playing linebacker, and made friends among his teammates.

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## USD's first Native American fraternity man (continued)

Grauvogl writes that a classmate introduced him to Lambda Chi Alpha, which was looking for a Native American member. "This led to some division between their national charter and the Vermillion house," Artichoke, who was a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, said. Finally, he was asked to join as a Caucasian.

"After the hubbub, I felt a sense of obligation and did get a room in the house," he told Grauvogl. He said that USD "sharpened and shaped" him into realizing that achievement was possible beyond his wildest expectations.

After receiving his B.A. in education in 1951, he went on to get his Masters in education from USD in 1957, and helped found the Wapaha Club, the first American Indian society on campus. He wrote his masters thesis on the problems tribal members encountered attending South Dakota colleges. In 1956, he was awarded the USD Alumni Achievement Award.

Cynthia Coleman Emory recalled meeting him at the airport in Rapid City one time. "[He reminded] us that he's also French, Osage, Kaw and Winnebago (Ho Chunk)," she wrote. "When his father started school and the teacher asked his name, he said *Blue Wing* in his native (Ho-Chunk) language: *Ah-hoo-cho-ga*. The teacher wrote down *Artichoker*."

Artichoker went on to live a life of service and received many honors. He became Director of Indian Education for the State of South Dakota in 1951. In 1964, the Jaycees named him one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men of the year, and received their Indian Achievement Award in 1965.

He became the Superintendent of three Bureau of Indian Affairs agencies: Northern Cheyenne, Montana; Papago, Arizona; and Colorado River, Arizona. In 1971 he was named the Area Director of the Phoenix Area Office of the BIA in the Southwest, home to the largest Indian population in the U.S. Later, he headed the Office of Technical Assistance and Training in Brigham City, Utah.

In 2011, Artichoker was presented the first Outstanding Native American Alumni of the University of South Dakota award by the Tiospaye Student Council. Fellow USD Graduate Charles "Chuck" Trimble, Oglala Lakota, nominated him for the award.

"John H. Artichoker, Jr., is truly one of the outstanding leaders to come out of Lakota country," said Trimble. "He has served all Indian Country well, and has brought great honor to the Oglala oyate. He was fully deserving of the honor, and should be named to the South Dakota Hall of Fame to join the forty some other Native Americans in that Hall."

Other Lambda Chi's followed in the example set by those brothers of the late 1940s and early 50s, at a time when race relations tensed with the start of the Civil Rights movement, and later the American Indian Movement.

In 1956, honorary Lambda Chi, Doc Farber, said, "from both the Indian and non-Indian points of view, the present clash of the two cultures in many South Dakota towns constitutes a challenge worthy of the best efforts of the social scientist."

In 1989, the year of South Dakota's statehood centennial, Lambda Chi Brother and then Governor George S. Mickelson began the process of

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## USD's first Native American fraternity man (continued)

“Reconciliation” by replacing Columbus Day with Native American Day, South Dakota being the first state to do so. (Today over a dozen states celebrate Native American Day.)



*Signing the proclamation for the Year of Reconciliation are from left, Paul Iron Cloud, Charles Murphy, and South Dakota Gov. George Mickelson (Sioux Falls Argus Leader File)*

The following year, with urging from Tim Gigo, publisher of the *Lakota Times*, Mickelson declared 1990 to be “A Year of Reconciliation.” It marked the 100th anniversary of the Massacre of Wounded Knee and the death of Sitting Bull.

Mickelson noted that his father, Governor George T. Mickelson, had lived in a time of poor Indian/White relations, but 40 years later there were still problems. “I do not want my own children to look back over 40 years and see little progress in solving racial discord in South Dakota,” wrote Mickelson.

Artichoker perhaps had the best advice for us all when he wrote, “Education represents a means through which the Dakota Indians can eventually take their place as full and contributing members of American society.”

## Lost Brothers: 1980s

If you know the whereabouts of these brothers, please let Logan Lamphere know at [alphagamamazetaaa@gmail.com](mailto:alphagamamazetaaa@gmail.com) or 605-490-0732.

We currently do not have email or a physical addresses for them.

Also, please let me know about any deceased brothers, as I would like to reprint their obituaries here.

ΑΓ #	First Name	Last Name	Initiation Year
1,229	Timothy	Mitchusson	1980
1,232	Larry	Welch	1980
1,237	Mark	Koupal	
1,238	Mark	Bubel	1980
1,251	Jere	Morris	1981
1,252	Randall	Fritz	1981
1,261	Mark	Dunker	1981
1,277	Thomas	Vrooman	1982
1,289	Brad	Clark	1982
1,293	Kirk	Steck	1982
1,296	Kevin	Stern	
1,306	Mike	Natvig	1982
1,316	Nate	Knuth	1983
1,321	Karl	Schenk	1984
1,346	Barry	Reed	1985
1,357	James	Van Deroystene	1985
1,364	Dennis	Hosman	1985
1,372	Sam	Lienen	
1,389	Christopher	Weich	1987
1,393	Larry	Larson	1987
1,396	Ryan	Keener	1987
1,405	Roger	Conley	1987
1,406	Mark	Reynen	1987
1,420	Jeffrey	Legge	1988
1,434	Les	Lemley	1988
1,449	Sam	Battaglia	1989
1,454	Joohrhn	Linn	1989
1,458	Timothy	Devall	1989
1,459	Douglas	Krogman	1989
1,460	Lonny	Larson	1989

## Dakota Days 2021, October 1-3

Dakota Days 2021 will be October 1-3 in Vermillion, and a big group of hippies, I mean brothers from the late 60s, will be holding their 50th class reunion! A large organizing committee covering 1968, '69, '70, '71, and '72 have put together a full slate of ways to reconnect with your brothers from all eras:

### ΛXA Alpha Gamma Zeta "SIXTIES" 50 Year Reunion D-Days Agenda

**September 30 - October 3, 2021 (all eras are welcome!)**

#### Thursday, September 30

3:00PM – 6:00PM: ΛXA Sioux Falls BBQ Sponsored by Jim McGrann 605-940-4041 [jrmcgrann@gmail.com](mailto:jrmcgrann@gmail.com), and Dave Landry 605-366-0123 [dland11@sio.midco.net](mailto:dland11@sio.midco.net), 48024 Lazy Oaks Circle, Sioux Falls, SD 57108

#### Friday, October 1

8:00AM – 5:00PM: USD Alumni Association - Tours & Events: [www.usdalumni.com/events](http://www.usdalumni.com/events)  
12:00PM – 3:00PM: The Bluffs Golf Course, ΛXA Nine Holes Best Ball, Captain's Choice Scramble  
3:00PM – 6:00PM: Old Lumber Company Grill and Bar – Meet & Greet Social  
6:00PM – 6:15PM: Old Lumber Company "Dolly the Trolley" takes Brothers to 327 North Pine  
5:30PM – 8:00PM: USD Unleash Your Legacy Alumni Achievement Awards  
6:15PM – 10:00PM: ΛXA Tailgate Party @ 327 N Pine

#### Saturday, October 2

8:30AM – 9:00AM: USD Parade Reception in front lawn of USD President's Home  
9:00AM – 10:00AM: USD 107<sup>th</sup> Annual Dakota Days Parade  
10:00AM – 12:00PM: Brunch & Annual ΛXA Dakota Days @ 327 North Pine  
10:30AM – 10:45AM: Alpha Gamma Zeta 2021 Annual House Corporation Meeting  
10:45AM – 11:00AM: High Pi Alumni Advisor 2021 Update Report  
11:00AM – 12:00PM: Nick Bratvold presentation of ΛXA New House Feasibility Study  
12:00PM – 2:00PM: Coyote Nation Tailgate Party Outside Dakota Dome  
2:00PM – 5:30PM: D-Day Football Game – Indiana State vs USD  
3:00PM – 3:30PM Football halftime social, Dome common area (site TBD)  
4:00PM – 6:00PM: Valiant Vineyards Sunset Wine Tasting – 1500 West Main Street  
6:00PM – 10:00PM: ΛXA Buffet Dinner and New House Feasibility Study (Nick Bratvold), Valiant Vineyards Winery (all eras welcome!)

## Big Big Big Founders Day set for April 22; Sioux Falls & Vermillion

On April 22, 2022, (22 in 22!) the Alumni Council is planning a big Founders Day in Sioux Falls. We are also planning a trip down to Vermillion on Saturday, April 23, to see the House and meet more Actives.

We will be making a big announcement regarding our fundraising efforts to build a new house at 327 North Pine Street. Renderings will be shown and more details will be revealed, along with an update of the dollars raised to-date.

Last year, we held Founders Day virtually, which was a fun change and allowed some busy or distant brothers to dial in, but we found that nothing can really replace the interaction of an in-person event.

We think this date lessens our chances of a blizzard (although you never know...obviously it's South Dakota), and is well after Easter but before Finals for the Undergraduates.

Please mark your calendars—we hope to see you there!

## Sioux Falls “Bored” meetings

Brother Nick Magera (AF 1269) continues to organize monthly “Bored Meetings” (happy hours) for Sioux Falls area alumni. If you happen to be in town, join them! They get a nice mix of Brothers from different eras.

The informal event rotates around to different Sioux Falls establishments on the first Wednesday of each month at 6pm.

You can email Nick at [magera@sio.midco.net](mailto:magera@sio.midco.net) to get on his mailing list.

## Mesa, Arizona, March 22

Hosted by Brother Rich Hinseth (AG 995), this year's reunion will bring together Brothers from across the country to celebrate over 105 years of Lambda Chi Alpha at the University of South Dakota.

The evening will include a cocktail hour, dinner, live music, and a short announcement regarding the campaign to rebuild our home at 327 North Pine. Registration costs help to offset food and drink costs.

**Please RSVP by Wednesday, March 16 so we have an accurate head count for food and drinks...**we look forward to seeing you all in Mesa!

This event will take place in the **Overlook Room** within the **Red Mountain Ranch Country Club**, located at *6425 E Teton Circle*.

Between March 22-25, guests may book a tee time (\$99) [at this link](#) or by contacting Jerry Wilson: (480)981-6501 or [wilson@scottsdalegolfgroup.com](mailto:wilson@scottsdalegolfgroup.com).

A block of rooms has been reserved for Tuesday, March 22 - Friday, March 25 at a reduced rate of \$193 per night. Guest may reserve a room [at this link](#).

The **Home2 Suites by Hilton** is located at *5642 East Longbow Parkway*, which is a 5 minute drive from Red Mountain Ranch Country Club.

## Questions?

Please contact Rich Hinseth (605.3902093 / [richard.hinseth@ceterawealth.com](mailto:richard.hinseth@ceterawealth.com)) or Nick Bratvold (605.553.4497 / [nbratvold@lambdachifoundation.org](mailto:nbratvold@lambdachifoundation.org)).

## Lambda Chi Legacies at USD

Having been at USD for 106 years, our chapter was bound to have a lot of Legacies.

What's a Legacy? He's a prospective member who's a relative of a member in good standing. He could be a blood brother, son, cousin, nephew, or grandson.

What's the big deal? Well, usually, if an existing member is recommending a relative, he has a good chance of also being a good member of the fraternity. It's also a special bond fathers and sons, brothers, grandsons, etc., can share, having gone through the same ritual and similar fraternity experience.

But being a Legacy does not mean automatic acceptance. According to the Lambda Chi Alpha General Fraternity, "Although these persons should not be granted special privileges by the Chapter during the recruitment period, they should be given the utmost careful consideration and attention as prospective members."

We all know that chapters vary campus to campus, and even our own chapter's membership has changed over time. What was a good fit for you and I may no longer be the case.

Honestly, we probably partied too much and wouldn't be accepted by the high standards of today's fraternity. ;)

Do any of these names ring a bell? Some South Dakota families have had long ties to our fraternity and the state. There

aren't many institutions in South Dakota that can say the same.

Let us know if you would like to recommend a Legacy coming soon to USD! (Apologies if we didn't include you and your family in this article—some names were difficult to verify.)

ΑΓ	First Name	Last Name	Relation
782	James	Abbott	Brother
1,065	Robert	Abbott	Brother
561	Thomas	Adam	Father
1,330	Karlton	Adam	Son
459	Loren	Amundson	Uncle
1,213	Edward	Amundson	Nephew
1,804	Matthew	Ballard	
1,812	Michael	Ballard	
880	Douglas	Bell	Brother
913	David	Bell	Brother
943	Scott	Bell	Brother
1,438	Lance	Bergeson	Brother
1,495	Joel	Bergeson	Brother
1,002	Robin	Berke	Father
1,836	Collin	Berke	Son
1,514	Bradley	Bollinger	Brother
1,582	Brent	Bollinger	Brother
783	Richard	Brownell	Father
1,761	Richard	Brownell	Son
1,484	Jody	Brozik	Brother
1,552	Jon	Brozik	Brother
766	Gale	Camerer	Brother
829	Rex	Camerer	Brother
1,706	Thomas	Carmody	Brother
1,764	Mike	Carmody	Brother
1,790	Van	Carmody	Cousin
1,317	Timothy	Clausen	Brother
1,509	Todd	Clausen	Brother
1,089	Steven	Culhane	
1,174	Mark	Culhane	
724	Henry	Decker	Brother
885	Stephen	Decker	Brother
687	David	Duncan	Brother
772	Milne	Duncan	Brother
804	Thomas	Duncan	Brother
993	Kenneth	Duncan	Brother

684	Douglas	Estes	Brother
805	Doyle	Estes	Brother
918	James	Estes	Brother
863	Wilmot	Aldrich	Cousin
1,059	Bradley	Estes	Brother,
1,166	Bret	Estes	Brother,
846	Ronald	Gleysteen	Father
1,850	Zachary	Gleysteen	Son
800	William	Groves	Brother
815	Richard	Groves	Brother
750	Patrick	Gulbranson	Brother
838	John	Gulbranson	Brother
1,133	Thomas	Gulbranson	Brother
1,870	James	Gulbranson	Son,
860	Marcus	Gullickson	Brother
996	Brad	Gullickson	Brother
402	Howard	Connors	Father-in
689	Thomas	Hakes	
809	Richard	Hakes	
1,376	Scott	Hakes	
656	James	Hart	Father
1,570	Thomas	Hart	Son
471	Paul	Hauffe	Brother
478	Harry	Hauffe	Brother
21	Eric	Heidepriem	
274	Herbert	Heidepriem	
392	Donald	Heidepriem	
1,018	Scott	Heidepriem	
876	Kyle	Hier	Brother
903	Timothy	Hier	Brother
820	Leland	Hoekstra	Brother
883	Roger	Hoekstra	Brother
1,191	Clark	Hurrell	Brother
1,244	David	Hurrell	Brother
416	Donald	Jacobsen	Grand-
1,633	Daniel	Jacobsen	Grandson
1,733	David	Jacobsen	Grandson
1,772	Darren	Jacobsen	Grandson
746	Tjeran	Jolliffe	Brother
845	Craig	Jolliffe	Brother
213	Edwin	Karlen	Father
748	Robert	Karlen	Son
759	Wilson	Kleibacker	Father
1,545	Derik	Kleibacker	Son

## Lambda Chi Legacies at USD, continued

ΑΓ	First Name	Last Name	Relation
636	Craig	Knudson	Cousin
638	Gary	Knudson	Cousin
1,669	Matthew	Koball	Brother
1,685	Justin	Koball	Brother
29	Jerry	Lammers	
116	Elmer	Lammers	
587	Jerome	Lammers	
843	Donald	Lammers	
1,386	Ryker	Lammers	
888	Ross	Lamphere	Father
1,596	Logan	Lamphere	Son
970	John	Trumpe	Uncle
867	David	Landry	Father
1,530	Brian	Landry	Son
1,079	William	Lynass	Brother
1,110	Brett	Lynass	Brother
1,204	Jeffrey	Lynass	Brother
1,221	Jack	Lynass	Brother
1,351	Anthony	Macke	Brother
1,597	Jason	Macke	Brother
1,194	John	Magera	
1,269	Nicholas	Magera	
1,287	Michael	Magera	
103	George	Mickelson	Father
145	Clarence	Mickelson	Brother
546	Noel	Mickelson	Nephew, Son
653	George	Mickelson	Son
1,337	Mark	Mickelson	Grandson
A.M.	Max	Mickelson	Great-Grandson, nephew
1,486	Brian	Moser	
1,768	Nick	Moser	
1,487	Wade	Musick	Brother
1,544	Tanner	Musick	Brother
1,199	Charles	Nelson	Brother
1,318	David	Nelson	Brother
1,308	Michael	Neuroth	Brother
1,319	Jay	Neuroth	Brother
1,696	Justin	Oetken	Brother
1,828	Ryan	Oetken	Brother
1,051	Dan	Peterka	
1,055	Tom	Peterka	
1,158	Jerry	Peterka	
1,313	Brad	Peterson	Father
1,898	Ian	Peterson	Son

ΑΓ	First	Last Name	Relation
1,130	William	Protexter	
1,263	James	Protexter	
1,687	Barry	Putzke	Cousin
1,693	Mike	Putzke	Cousin
1,159	Michael	Roach	Father
1,878	Eric	Roach	Son
1,501	Robert	Roth	Brother
1,609	Douglas	Roth	Brother
1,398	Kalie	Rott	Brother
1,474	Tarri	Rott	Brother
1,524	Earl	Rott	Brother
1,352	Chuck	Runge	Brother
1,379	Michael	Runge	Brother
960	Mark	Sandvig	Brother
977	Douglas	Sandvig	Brother
1,640	Phil	Schott	Father
1,970	Isaih	Schott	Son
1,043	Scott	Scofield	Father
1,873	Cale	Scofield	Son
293	Steve	Sewell	Father
832	Graig	Sewell	Son
1,391	John	Slaba	Brother
1,419	James	Slaba	Brother
1,281	Joseph	Smedsrud	Brother
1,356	John	Smedsrud	Brother
451	Arlo	Sommervold	Father
1,288	Peter	Sommervold	Son
1,178	Scott	Stern	Brother
1,253	Brian	Stern	Brother
496	Larry	Swick	Father
1,375	Adam	Swick	Son
1,863	Tyler	Tordsen	Brother
1,876	Troy	Tordsen	Brother
1,974	Quinton	Tordsen	Brother
966	Gary	Welter	Son
1,797	Nathan	Rentschler	Son-in-law
1,082	Randal	Welter	Son
1,240	Mike	Welter	Son
1,264	Mark	Welter	Son
1,774	Nicholas	Welter	Grandson
417	Delvin	Welter	Father





Ed Pluimer, ΑΓ 803, and his wife Peggy celebrated their 52 wedding anniversary this fall. Peg was Dakota Days Queen at the time of their wedding. Ed is a Retired Partner at Dorsey & Whitney, LLP, in Minneapolis.

## Refer prospective members

Do you have a son, nephew, brother or neighbor that is going to USD? Would they be a good Lambda Chi? Let High Pi Tyler Tordsen know at [tyler.tordsen@gmail.com](mailto:tyler.tordsen@gmail.com) and High Delta Riley Riggs at [riley.riggs@coyotes.usd.edu](mailto:riley.riggs@coyotes.usd.edu).

What are we looking for in a prospective member? According to our national fraternity, we look for men with:

- scholastic aptitude
- leadership potential
- strength of character
- dedication to service

At USD, we have always added in friendliness and sociability; is this someone we would want to live with in the house? Are they a “good guy”?

There is also a way to refer prospective members online, even at other colleges and universities: [www.lambdachi.org/refer-a-brother/](http://www.lambdachi.org/refer-a-brother/).

Furthermore, according to the National Fraternity, “Letters of recommendation submitted to the Chapter by an alumnus on behalf of a prospective member should be courteously acknowledged by the recruitment chairman. It is then the responsibility of the recruitment chairman to notify the alumnus of the outcome of the recruitment period.”

## Join our LinkedIn group

Are you looking for a new job? Perhaps your company is facing the infamous labor shortage affecting the country. Connect with Lambda Chi’s from USD on LinkedIn!

We have a group on LinkedIn, the business networking site, just for Lambda Chi’s from USD. This could be a good way to find that new job or fill that open position!

To join, go to: [inkedin.com/groups/6629299/](https://www.linkedin.com/groups/6629299/).

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*Omega*

*Kenneth H. Buell,  
AF 727*



Kenneth H. Buell, age 75, died Saturday, Aug. 21, 2021, in St. Paul, Minn., after a courageous battle with cancer. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, Sept. 10, 2021, at the Nicklas D. Jensen Funeral Home of Holstein with Pastor Jason P. Larson officiating. A visitation will be held from 12:30 p.m.-2 p.m. prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be at the Holstein Cemetery of Holstein. A meal will be served at the Holstein Country Club following the committal service.

Ken was born July 19th, 1946 to Harry and Wilma Buell. He was baptized at the Holstein Methodist Church. He graduated from Holstein High School where he excelled at football and basketball. After high school, he attended the University of South Dakota at Vermillion, graduating with a degree in Business Administration. His first job after college was with Proctor and Gamble. From there, he worked in the Personnel Department at the University of Minnesota, which eventually led to being named Athletic Ticket Manager at Minnesota, a position he held for over 30 years. While in that position, he was in charge of several major events, including the NCAA Final Four in both hockey and basketball.

Ken enjoyed bowling and once bowled a perfect game in league bowling at Ida Grove. He also enjoyed golf, softball, and racquetball.

He served on the Holstein City Council and was instrumental in the construction and operation of the Rosemary Clausen Center for the Performing Arts in Holstein.

Ken also loved riding his Honda Gold Wing motorcycle on many cross-country trips.

Ken met Pat Tapp in 1988 and they shared 33 years of life experiences together. They were married on February 21, 2021.

Ken is survived by his wife, Pat. He was father to John (Sandi) Tapp and Joseph (Sarah) Tapp, grandfather to Becca, Kenny (his namesake), Kassi, and Lexxi, and great-grandfather to Christopher. He was Bonus Dad to Leann Stulc and Allison Buell-Steyskal (Garrett, Shelby, Em). He is also survived by a brother Andy (Leanne) of Silver Bay, Minnesota, sister-in-law Terry Lockie-Buell of Homer, Nebraska, a special cousin, Candi Haas of Huron, Ohio, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Willis, and a sister Elaine. *(From the Nicklas D Jensen Funeral Home)*

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*Omega*

*William Jason*

*Groves,*

*AG 800*



RAPID CITY | William Jason Groves of Rapid City, South Dakota, died on Monday, October 18, 2021 following a brief battle with cancer. Jason passed away peacefully, surrounded by his wife and three daughters, in his Fountain Hills, Arizona home.

Born on August 2, 1946 in Webster City, Iowa, Jason grew up in Eagle Grove, Iowa. As a child, he loved camping with his Boy Scout troop, swimming at the city pool and waterskiing on Clear Lake, where his family had a cabin. He was a member of the track and basketball teams.

Jason attended the University of Iowa and the University of South Dakota. At USD, he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and majored in History. A favorite hobby was creating pen and ink drawings of nature. While at USD he met the love of his life, Betsy Lamont. The two married in July 1969 and moved to Rapid City in 1976.

In 1968, on the first day of a summer job laying rebar for the highway near Kadoka, S.D., there was an accident and Jason and several other workers were electrocuted. As a result, Jason lost his right hand and spent three months recovering at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. This experience gave him empathy for the injured workers he helped throughout his life.

Jason earned his B.A. at the University of South Dakota in 1969 and his J.D. from the University of Tulsa in 1973. He was first admitted to the State Bar of South Dakota in 1973; the U.S. District Court, District of South Dakota in 1975; and the U.S. Court of Appeals, Eight Circuit in 1980.

For more than 41 years, Jason was a leading advocate for injured workers in South Dakota. He had more than 24 appeals to the South Dakota Supreme Court. Jason successfully challenged how insurance companies misapplied workers' compensation law to the harm of injured workers. Through his tireless efforts, hundreds of injured workers received the relief they were entitled as prescribed by the South Dakota Legislature. Jason was the voice who demanded accountability from workers' compensation carriers. He often stood alone, but was repeatedly vindicated by decisions in favor of his clients. Early in his career, he served as a South Dakota Assistant Attorney General.

Jason had great integrity and believed in fairness and equity. A frequent writer of Letters to the Editor, he always considered how decisions would impact others.

Health and fitness were important to Jason. He loved to ski and was an avid cyclist. He logged thousands of miles cycling in South Dakota and Colorado. He rode the Rockies multiple times and summited many of Colorado's highest mountain passes.

Jason served on several nonprofit boards including for South Dakota Public Broadcasting and most recently, the National Music Museum at the University of South Dakota. He was active in the Allied Arts Fund in Rapid

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City. He served on many professional committees and was an invited speaker by the South Dakota Trial Lawyers Association and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America.

Jason was inquisitive, a voracious reader and a life long learner. He and Betsy were world travelers, visiting destinations both on and off the beaten path including Alaska, India, France, Greece, Burma, Vietnam, the Galapagos Islands, Italy, Chile, Indonesia, Fiji and Turkey. He loved to take photographs and recently took photos in Cuba as part of an educational tour.

Above all, the joy of Jason's life was the family that he and Betsy built. His daughters remember fondly his booming laugh, kindness, wise advice, and music playing on the record player. They remember hours long "photo safaris" around the Black Hills for the perfect shot, hikes on Iron Mountain, and meeting up with him for picnics in the Hills, where he would cycle to the picnic spot and back, often more than one hundred miles round trip. His grandchildren will miss their Papa's shoulder rides, tickles, and rides on Sheridan Lake in his sailboat, Argo. He never missed a grandchild's birthday party.

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Jason's family will always remember "Captain Papa" on Argo. Arm on the tiller, hand on the line, hat perched on his head, he would laugh loudly as the wind would pick up, tilt the boat and spray water on everyone aboard.

Jason was preceded in death by his mother, Marjorie Lela Rompf Groves of Eagle Grove, Iowa; father, Harlan Max Groves of Eagle Grove, Iowa; four beloved cats and two dogs.

Grateful for having shared his life are his wife of 52 years, Elizabeth "Betsy" (Lamont) Groves; three daughters: Ethnie (Kyle) Treick of Fort Collins, Colo.; Davina (Matthew) Lockhart of Laramie, Wyo.; and Brie Groves of Rapid City, S.D.; five grandchildren: Luke and William Treick of Fort Collins, Colo., Dorian Lockhart of Conroe, Tex., and Stella and Harriet Lockhart of Laramie, Wyo.; one brother, Richard Groves of Sun City, Ariz.; and one sister, Barbara Groves of DeKalb, Ill.

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