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age 85, of Mpls. Born Proctor, MN. Special Education Teacher, Sheltering Arms School Mpls., Early Ed. member MARC and Opportunity Workshop, 60 year member HAUMC. Survived by husband, lim. son Mark

NEWS OBITUARIES

Actor Joe Kudla found fame in role of 'Snot'

• He and Mark Sieve came up with the "Puke and Snot" shtick in the '70s, and they took it to festivals everywhere.

By GRAYDON ROYCE
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Actor Mark Sieve isn't sure what he will do when the Minnesota Renaissance Festival opens Friday. He will be there as Puke, but Joe Kudla will not be there as Snot.

Kudla died Monday of an apparent heart attack at his northeast Minneapolis home. He was 57. "Puke and Snot" have entertained hundreds of thousands of spectators at the Festival for 34 years with a feisty, vaudeville style street theater that had a ribald, Elizabethan flavor. Imagined as a lark, the act expanded to several other Renaissance Festivals, and both Sieve and Kudla became well known for their efforts.

"I talked with Penn Jillette about it and he said keep the show going," Sieve said. "It's the best tribute we can do. But it's going to seem weird to walk out on stage."

Actor John Gamoke, who has played the role, will replace Kudla.

Sieve and Kudla were act-

ing in community theater during the early 1970s and when the Renaissance Festival came to town, they worked as street performers. Guthrie actor Ken Welsh was performing Shakespearean soliloquies and Kudla, who did a character called The Black Knight, stopped by to heckle. Welsh took after him and Kudla found it great fun. After the festival, Kudla hatched an idea with Sieve that they should use that same kind of guerrilla approach and create seemingly improvised meetings at which they would confront one another and attract a crowd.

"Our senses of humor meshed," Sieve said.

"Puke and Snot" became a hit at festivals in Texas, Maryland, Florida, Canada, Colorado and California. They also became well known in Twin Cities comedy clubs during the 1980s. Kudla was last seen on a Twin Cities stage in 2007, when he portrayed wrestlers "The Crusher" and "Mad Dog Vachon" in a production of "The Baron" at the History Theatre in St. Paul.



File photo

Joe Kudla, left, as "Snot" and Mark Sieve as "Puke" were fixtures at the Renaissance Festival. Another actor will take the role this year.

Sieve said that Kudla's willingness to try almost anything helped draw crowds.

"I really believe people liked to watch him because he was unpredictable," Sieve said. "He had great timing and this strange energy in his eyes."

Great timing in comedy, bad timing in business, Sieve said with a rueful chuckle. He was miffed when his partner didn't show at the Renaissance Festival grounds Monday for a brief run through. Then he learned the sad truth.

"I'm really struggling with it," he said. "But he lived the exact lifestyle he wanted to. I used to do these fatherly-brotherly lectures about his diet and he told me, 'When it's my time to get out of the canoe, I'll get out of the canoe.'"

Kudla was a lifelong resident of northeast Minneapolis. He is survived by a daughter, Angela; his mother, Mary, and a brother, Michael.

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Gault, Brother Mark, FSC

Brother Mark Gault FSC, age 90, died on August 10, 2008 at the Christian Brothers Community in St. Paul. A De La Salle Christian Brother for 72 years, he was born Benton Lee Gault in Gentry County, MO, the son of Benton and Minnie (Elberger) Gault. He attended Christian Brothers High School and La Salle Institute in Missouri before joining the Brothers in 1936. He professed his first vows in 1937 in Glencoe, MO, and his final vows in 1943 at Beaver Island, MI. Brother Mark received his bachelor's degree from St. Mary's College in Winona, MN, in 1940 and a master's degree in American History in 1952 from De Paul University in Chicago. He taught at High Schools in Illinois, Texas, and Wisconsin. From 1959 to 1965 he was Assistant Principal and then Principal at De La Salle H.S. in Minneapolis. He was the Director of the Christian Brothers Provincial Offices in St. Paul from 1972 to 1979. From 1987 to 1991 he lived with the Brothers at Cretin-Derham H.S. and then moved to Dunrovin Retreat Center in Marine-on-St. Croix, MN where he served until 2004. Then he returned to the Cretin-Derham community. Survivors include his sisters, Margaret Jackson of Sierra Vista, AZ, and Mary Frances Moore of Kansas City, MO. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 515 S. Alborn at Randolph, St. Paul with a wake preceding starting at 4:00. Burial will take place Thursday morning at Resurrection Cemetery, Mendota Heights. Arr. O'Halloran & Murphy (651) 698-0796.

Hafstad, Mavis J.

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Hansenmann, Mildred Thelma (Steffler)

88, passed away 8-1-08 in Longview, WA. She was born 4-24-1920 in Fortuna, N.D. to Otto and Carrie (Orstad) Steffler. Moved with family to Crosby, N.D. in 1922. Graduated from Crosby High School in 1938. Worked for Andy Ingvalson Auto and Insurance Agency from 1939-1948. In 1948, after the death of her father, Mildred and her mother moved to Spokane, WA, where her twin sister was living. There she worked for Star Machinery and Graham L. Co. Between 1951-1953 both families settled in Minneapolis. She worked for 7 years for N.R. Hansenmann Co. as secretary, bookkeeper. In 1960 she moved to Mt. View, Ca. where she worked for Anton Blum. Arrived for August