

Avoca couple's bodies found in Colorado

AVOCA — The bodies of a rural Avoca couple lost in the Big Thompson flood in Colorado were reportedly recovered late last week.

Services for Mr and Mrs Donald Karstens are pending at the Berthusen-Knutsen Funeral Home here, according to a funeral home spokesman. According to an eyewitness, the couple was reportedly swept away by a 12-foot high wall of water as they tried to escape the flood waters in their car.

Although previous news reports had listed the names of the pair as Donald Karstens and Debbie Koch, the couple was married, according to a spokesman for the funeral home.