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(S.D.)-'Go-To Person For Custer County History' Dies



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CUSTER, S.D. (ASSOCIATED PRESS) - The woman some called the "go-to person for Custer County history" will be remembered Tuesday.

Jessie Sundstrom was the former publisher of the Custer County Chronicle newspaper and a Custer County Historical Society member for over 65 years.

She died Thursday at her home at age 91.

Many remember the Rapid City native for her stories and editorials about 1970s racial unrest in Custer, including a riot that damaged the courthouse and drew national media attention.

Sundstrom is credited with helping preserve the historical landmark and later managed the Custer County 1881 Courthouse Museum.

A memorial service will be held 10 a.m. Tuesday at the museum in Custer.