Everett Dean Broughton 1946-2000

MILLSAP, Texas - Everett Dean Broughton, 54, died Dec. 27 at his home in Millsap. He was born Feb. 16, 1946, at Hoisington, the son of Jack and LaDene Broughton. He was a graduate of Weatherford College and Tarleton State University. He married Ellie Lawson Dec. 8, 1976. A resident of Millsap for 18 years, he was an electrician with Motorola. He was a U.S. Army veteran having served in the Vietnam War. Survivors include his wife; one son, John Broughton of Millsap; one daughter, Jana Broughton of Millsap; his parents of Larned; three brothers, Ron Broughton, Jack Broughton and Kevin Broughton; and three sisters, LeeAnn Casteneda, Kerri Delgado and Lisa Haines. Memorial service was Dec. 30 at Galbreath Pickard Funeral Chapel in Weatherford, Texas. Burial was at Fairview Cemetery in Parker County, Texas. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 1, 2001

James Welch Cass Jr. 1949-2000

NORTH PLATTE, Neb. - James Welch Cass Jr., 51, died Dec. 30 at Great Plains Regional Medical Center in North Platte. He was born April 14, 1949, at Hays, the son of James Welch and Clara Stipes Cass. He was a graduate of Oakley High School and attended Colby Community College. A resident of North Platte for 10 years, coming from Gove County, he was a rancher and assisted others through counseling and rehabilitation. Cass was a member of United Methodist Church in Oakley. Survivors include two sisters, Jeanette A. Shirer of Hoisington and Mary Helen Munk of Gove. He was preceded in death by one brother, Jimmy Lee Lewellen. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Hoisington Cemetery with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Wednesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to the church or Callahan Cancer Center of North Platte, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 1, 2001

Constance Irene Benoit 1932-2000

Constance Irene Benoit, 68, died Dec. 31 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born Aug. 20, 1932, at Leavenworth, the daughter of Eddie H. and Emma Moxter Benoit. She was a longtime resident of Great Bend. Miss Benoit was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington. Survivors include two brothers, James Edward Benoit of Larned and Robert Lee Benoit of Littleton, Colo. Mass of the Resurrection will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Great Bend with the Rev. Warren Stecklein officiating. Inurnment will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 8-9:30 a.m. Wednesday at Great Bend Family Mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Patient Assistance Fund at Hoisington Rehabilitation Center, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 1, 2001

Ruth Elaine Wikoff Mohr 1913-2000

Ruth Elaine Wikoff Mohr, 87, stepped into eternal glory Dec. 31 at Heston. She was born June 25, 1913, at Lyons, the daughter of Earnest L. and Deora Mildred Cupp Wikoff. She was a graduate of Wichita High School. She married Earl James Mohr March 13, 1943, at Great Bend. He died July 30, 1977. She was a bookkeeper for Great Bend City Engineers office for 14 years. Mrs. Mohr was a member of First Southern Baptist Church and enjoyed her family, friends and flowers. Survivors include three sons, Darrell Mohr of Hattiesburg, Miss., Terry Mohr of Nevada City, Calif., and Bradley Mohr of Lenexa; three daughters, Rhea Jeanne McFarland of Oskaloosa, Barbara Wellbrack of Garnett and Darlene Kelly of Newton; two brothers, Eldred Wikoff and Richard Wikoff, both of Mercedes, Texas; one sister, Rhea Howard of Rio Rancho, N.M.; and 15 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Jack Wikoff; and one sister, Ruby Best. The family invites friends to join in celebrating Mrs. Mohr’s journey home at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the church. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Wednesday at Fryberger Mortuary in Great Bend. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until service time Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 1, 2001

Arthur Carl Schneider 1915-2000

PRESTON - Arthur Carl Schneider, 85, died Dec. 30 at Kiowa County Memorial Hospital in Greensburg. He was born March 27, 1915, at Albert, the son of Carl W. and Martha Tammen Schneider. He married Marie Emma Schwertfeger Aug. 31, 1941, at Natrona. She died Dec. 21, 1993. A resident of Preston, he was a retired farmer, worked for Beechcraft in Wichita and was an assistant manager at Safeway Grocery in Pratt. Schneider was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Natrona. Survivors include one son, Mark Schneider of Preston; and two sisters, Dolores Schneider and
Ollie G. Hill 1926-2000

DODGE CITY - Ollie G. Hill, 74, died Jan. 1 in Dodge City. He was born June 22, 1926, in Ainsworth, Neb., the son of Ollie G. Sr. and Ethel A. Lawson Hill. He was a graduate of Jetmore High School, Sterling College, Reisch American School of Auctioneering and the Missouri Auction School. He married Florence Hanna Aug. 1, 1950, in Sparta, Ill. A resident of Dodge City, he was a farmer and stockman. Hill was a member, elder, trustee, head usher and Sunday School of Auctioneering and the Missouri Auction School. He received his Chartered Life Underwriters diploma from American College in 1980. He married Norva Crider Sept. 2, 1957, at Dodge City. A resident of Lawrence, he was an insurance agent for Farm Bureau Insurance Agency from 1959 until his retirement in 1997. Sinclair was a member of Southside Church of Christ in Lawrence. He was a deacon at Church of Christ in Great Bend and a member and past president of Barton County Community College Booster Club and Great Bend High School Booster Club. He received several annual awards, including Outstanding Agency and Top Life Agent, won numerous All Star and All American contests and was past president of Kansas Farm Bureau Agents Association. Survivors include his wife; four sons, Randy Sinclair of Olathe, Darrin Sinclair of Great Bend, Jason Sinclair of Lawrence and Jared Sinclair of Paola; one daughter, Stephanie Sayre of Lawrence; one brother, Leonard Sinclair of Hutchinson; two sisters, Betty Burns of Hutchinson and Dorothy Ziesch of Hanston and 13 grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Warren-McElwain Mortuary in Lawrence. Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery in Lawrence. The family will receive friends from 12:30 p.m. until service time Tuesday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Herald of Truth, Southside Church of Christ or Kansas University Medical Center Oncology Department, all in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 1, 2001

Roy Duane Sinclair 1938-2000

LAWRENCE - Roy Duane Sinclair, 62, died Dec. 29 at Lawrence Memorial Hospital. He was born Aug. 23, 1938, in Hodgeman County, the son of Francis J. and Elma E. Ehrlich Sinclair. He was a 1958 graduate of Dodge City High School. He received his Chartered Life Underwriters diploma from American College in 1980. He married Norva Crider Sept. 2, 1957, at Dodge City. A resident of Lawrence, he was an insurance agent for Farm Bureau Insurance Agency from 1959 until his retirement in 1997. Sinclair was a member of Southside Church of Christ in Lawrence. He was a deacon at Church of Christ in Great Bend and a member and past president of Barton County Community College Booster Club and Great Bend High School Booster Club. He received several annual awards, including Outstanding Agency and Top Life Agent, won numerous All Star and All American contests and was past president of Kansas Farm Bureau Agents Association. Survivors include his wife; four sons, Randy Sinclair of Olathe, Darrin Sinclair of Great Bend, Jason Sinclair of Lawrence and Jared Sinclair of Paola; one daughter, Stephanie Sayre of Lawrence; one brother, Leonard Sinclair of Hutchinson; two sisters, Betty Burns of Hutchinson and Dorothy Ziesch of Hanston and 13 grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Warren-McElwain Mortuary in Lawrence. Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery in Lawrence. The family will receive friends from 12:30 p.m. until service time Tuesday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Herald of Truth, Southside Church of Christ or Kansas University Medical Center Oncology Department, all in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 1, 2001

Raymond C. Rodie 1918-2000

CONCORDIA - Raymond C. Rodie, 82, died Dec. 30 at Cloud County Health Center in Concordia. He was born Sept. 26, 1918, south of Schaffer, the son of Peter and Mollie Drieth Rodie. He married Irene Ellis June 8, 1947, at Otis Lutheran Church. She preceded him in death. A resident of Concordia, he was employed by John Deere of La Crosse and La Crosse Police Department, where he retired as police chief in 1983. Rodie was a member of First Lutheran Church and a lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3147, both of La Crosse. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in World War II with the Third Army Division in Europe. He received an honorable discharge Jan. 8, 1945, and was awarded two Bronze Stars for bravery, a WW II Victory Ribbon, an EAME Theatre Ribbon, an American Theatre Ribbon, a Good Conduct Medal and a Defensive Ribbon. Survivors include two sons, Randy Rodie of Concordia and Don Rodie of Lovington, N.M.; two brothers, Norman Rodie of Russell and Walter Rodie of Colorado Springs, Colo., six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Albert; and one sister, Ida. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Maurice Schaus officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse Cemetery with La Crosse Police Department presenting honors and full military rites by Fort Riley Honor Guard. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Family will receive friends from 4-6 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Raymond C. Rodie Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 1, 2001

Julia Ann Zamrzla 1912-2000

WILSON - Julia Ann Zamrzla, 88, died Dec. 29 at Wilson Nursing Center. She was born June 20, 1912, at Wilson, the daughter of James E. and Johanna Driscoll Zamrzla. A lifetime resident of Wilson, she was a teacher until her retirement in 1977. Miss Zamrzla was a member of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, Daughters of Isabella and Altar Society, all of Wilson. She was also a member of National, State and County Teacher's Associations. Survivors include one brother, Ernest "Ike" Zamrzla of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and two sisters, Georgianna Vopat of Plainville and Margaret Soukup of Wilson. She was preceded in death by four brothersand two sisters. Parish vigil will be at 7 tonight at Foster Mortuary in Wilson. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Jerome Morgan officiating. Friends may call until 8 tonight at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Raymond C. Rodie Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 1, 2001

January 2, 2001

Ollie G. Hill 1926-2000

DODGE CITY - Ollie G. Hill, 74, died Jan. 1 in Dodge City. He was born June 22, 1926, in Ainsworth, Neb., the son of Ollie G. Sr. and Ethel A. Lawson Hill. He was a graduate of Jetmore High School, Sterling College, Reisch American School of Auctioneering and the Missouri Auction School. He married Florence Hanna Aug. 1, 1950, in Sparta, Ill. A resident of Dodge City, he was a farmer and stockman. Hill was a member, elder, trustee, head usher and Sunday school teacher of United Presbyterian Church in Jetmore. He served on Pastor Parish Relations Committee and Circle of Hope. Survivors include his wife; and one sister, Nola Ochs of Jetmore. He was preceded in death by one sister, Lillie Hubbell. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the church in Jetmore with the Rev. Dr. Michael F. Gardner officiating. Burial will
Hazel Magill 1910-2001

HOISINGTON - Hazel Magill, 91, died Jan. 1 in Hoisington. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 1, 2001

January 3, 2001

Rosa Louise Tammen Hagerman 1907-2000

RUSH CENTER - Rosa Louise Tammen Hagerman, 93, died Dec. 30 at Hays Medical Center. She was born Sept. 29, 1907, in Pawnee Rock. She married Fred Hagerman Sr. He preceded her in death. A longtime resident of Rush Center, she farmed with her husband. Mrs. Hagerman was a member of a quilting committee, La Crosse 50's Plus and the Rush Center Senior Center. Survivors include one brother, August Tammen of Pawnee Rock; and two grandsons. She was preceded in death by one son, Fred Hagerman Jr. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hope Lutheran Church in Rush Center with the Rev. Maurice Schaus officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight, with the family receiving friends from 6-8 tonight, both at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Memorials are suggested to the Rosa Hagerman Memorial, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 3, 2001

Larry D. Curtis

Larry D. Curtis of Great Bend died Jan. 1. Curtis was a member of River of Life Foursquare Church in Great Bend. Survivors include his wife, Sue, of Great Bend; two sons, Steve Curtis of Great Bend and David Curtis of Wichita; two brothers, Wendall Curtis of Great Bend and Harold Curtis of Hudson; and two grandsons. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Peggy S. Fischer. The body was cremated. There will be no funeral service. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or the church, in care of Great Bend Family Mortuary and Crematory. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 3, 2001

Harry T. Mills Jr. 1921-2001

HOISINGTON - Harry T. Mills Jr., 79, died Jan. 2 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born Jan. 4, 1921, in Shamrock, Okla., the son of Harry Tracy Sr. and Sarah Elon Seaborn Mills. He married Edna Tauscher April 18, 1948, in Ellinwood. A resident of Hoisington since 1945, he was a retired telephone maintenance worker for Missouri Pacific Railroad. Mills was a member of St. John the Evangelist Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars 7428, American Legion 286, all of Hoisington, Cowboy Sams Camping Club and Good Sam Camping Club. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Debbie Finn of Hoisington; two brothers, M.E. Mills of Salem, Ill., and Benny Mills of Hoisington; one sister, Ruth Adams of Hoisington; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, J.D. Mills. Family rosary will be at 7 tonight and vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church in Hoisington with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery in Hoisington with military graveside rites. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, Clara Barton Foundation or Hoisington Recreation Commission, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 3, 2001

Arlene L. Todd 1924-2001

BURDETT - Arlene L. Todd, 77, died Jan. 2 at Integrated Health Services in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 3, 2001

Glenn U. Strosnider 1921-2000

MANHATTAN - Glenn U. Strosnider, 79, died Dec. 28 at his home after an extended illness. He was born May 1, 1921, in Havensville, the son of Elymas and Anna Scott Strosnider. He was a 1939 graduate of Havensville High School. He married Cora Rose Aspley Aug. 19, 1947, in Manhattan. She died Oct. 1, 2000. A resident of Manhattan since 1945, he was a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service in Manhattan before retiring in 1976 and worked as a school crossing guard. Strosnider was a member of the Seven Dolors Catholic Church in Manhattan, a lecturer, a member of Holy Name Society and the Postal Carriers Association. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving with the 36th division, 131st field artillery, Battery C in the European Theatre, receiving a Purple Heart. Survivors include two sons, Michael Glenn Strosnider of Salina and David Paul Strosnider of Asheville, N.C.; two daughters, Rebecca Jo Blanton of Manhattan and Terry Sloan of Dodge City; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by
two half-brothers, Lester Strosnider and Alvin Strosnider; and one great-grandchild. Funeral was today at the church with the Rev. Lawrence Grennan officiating. Burial with full military honors was at St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery in Elbow Community, east of Manhattan. Memorials are suggested to Manhattan Catholic Schools, in care of Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home in Manhattan. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 3, 2001

Leo Joseph Fox 1927-2001

LARNED - Leo Joseph Fox, 73, died Jan. 2 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus, in Great Bend. He was born Aug. 14, 1927, in Edwards County, the son of Michael M. and Mary Ann Smith Fox. He married Darlene Zetta Johnson Oct. 28, 1950, in Larned. A lifetime resident of Larned, he was a U.S. Postal Service maintenance employee and a farmer. Fox was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Larned and National Association of Retired Federal Employees. Survivors include his wife; one son, Justin Fox of Larned; two daughters, Sharon Fox-East of Great Bend and Debora Fox of Larned; three brothers, Eugene Fox of Great Bend, Robert Fox of Nickerson and Melvin Fox of Wilson; one grandchild; five step-grandchildren; and 11 step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Raymond Fox. Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church in Larned with the Rev. Dennis Reed officiating. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, both at the mortuary. Burial will be at the Larned Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer's research, Parkinson's research or the Lupus Foundation, all in care of Great Bend Family Mortuary and Crematory. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 3, 2001

Evelyn M. Burkey 1920-2001

Evelyn M. Burkey, 80, died Jan. 1 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born May 31, 1920, in Pittsburgh, Penn., the daughter of Harry and Hattie Benter Miller. She married Robert Foster Burkey Sr. April 16, 1945, in Pittsburgh, Penn. He died May 11, 1998. A resident of Great Bend for six years, coming from Pittsburgh, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Burkey was a member of Eastern Star in Pittsburgh and Presbyterian Churches in Pittsburgh and Atlanta, Ga. Survivors include two sons, Robert F. Burkey and Dr. Richard Burkey, both of Great Bend; one daughter, Barbara Ann McClosky of Atlanta; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Funeral will be announced. Inurnment will be in Pennsylvania. Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer's research, Parkinson's research or the Lupus Foundation, all in care of Great Bend Family Mortuary and Crematory. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 3, 2001

Betty L. Ballhorst 1930-2001

Betty L. Ballhorst, 70, died Jan. 3 at her residence in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 3, 2001

January 4, 2001

Virginia Helen 'Gin' Welch 1923-2001

HUTCHINSON - Virginia Helen "Gin" Welch, 77, died Jan. 2 at Thorne Care Center. She was born May 25, 1923, in Turon, the daughter of Andrew "Bud" Enoch and Icea Vereneena Koeppel Edwards. She married Earl L. Welch Aug. 23, 1941, in Eureka. A resident of Hutchinson since 1967, she was a Medicare clerk for Hutchinson Hospital for 28 years. Mrs. Welch was a member of the First Christian Church. Survivors include her husband, of the home; one son, Greg E. Welch of Hoxsington; one daughter, Karen L. Wingfield of Hutchinson; one sister, Pauline Durham of Hutchinson; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Fred Edwards and Glen "Bus" Edwards; and one sister, Charlotte Allison. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Melvin J. Walton officiating. Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery in Hutchinson. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at Elliott Mortuary in Hutchinson. The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church or to the Alzheimer's Association, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 4, 2001

Arlene L. Todd 1923-2001

BURDETT - Arlene L. Todd, 77, died Jan. 2 at Integrated Health Services in Great Bend. She was born March 16, 1923, in Burdett, the daughter of Robert A. and Ruby Belle Michael Notestine. She married John A. Todd Jan. 25, 1946 in Burdett. A longtime resident of Burdett, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Todd was a member of the United Methodist Church, American Legion Auxiliary and a past member of the Jolly Dozen Club. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, John R. Todd of Neosho, Mo. and Michael L. Todd of Wichita; and two grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church in Burdett with the Rev. Rob Schmutz officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the church or the Alzheimer's
Doug McNeill 1939-2000

RICHARDSON, Texas - Doug McNeill, 61, died Dec. 31 in Richardson. He was born June 19, 1939, in Portland, Ore. He attended Oregon State University. He was a member of Plano American Legion Post #321 in Plano, Texas. He was a veteran of Vietnam. Survivors include his wife, Cindy McNeill of Garland, Texas; one daughter, Shelly Taggart of Overland Park; two sons, Scott McNeill of Frisco, TX and Brandon McNeill of Garland; three grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 12:30 p.m., Friday at Restland Wildwood Chapel with the Rev. Victor Kollmann officiating. Memorials are suggested to The American Lung Association, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 4, 2001

Melba May Pfister Converse 1914-2001

GUTHRIE, Okla. - Melba May Pfister Converse, 86, died Jan. 1 at the Golden Age Residence in Guthrie. She graduated from Pawnee Rock High School. She attended Dodge City Jr. College and graduated from the University of Kansas with a degree in sociology. She married Lloyd Rice Converse Sept. 15, 1933. He died in 1956. A resident of Guthrie, she was the owner of the Fireside Shop, worked for the Edwards County Department of Human Services and the State of Kansas, Department of Social Services. Mrs. Converse was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Kinsley United Methodist Church. Survivors include one son Steven J. Converse of Edmond, Okla.; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter Sally Lynn Converse Davis. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the church in Kinsley. Burial will be at Hillside Cemetery in Kinsley. Memorials are suggested to the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, in care of McNeil's Mustang Funeral Service. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 4, 2001

Robert E. 'Bob' Foltz 1946-2001

HUTCHINSON - Robert E. "Bob" Foltz, 54, died Jan. 3 at Hutchinson Hospital. He was born Jan. 28, 1946, in Salina, the son of Leo W. and Esther Feeback Foltz. He was a 1964 graduate of Abilene High School. He married Linda Ann Oberle April 8, 1972, in Bushton. A resident of Hutchinson, he was a counterman for Jarvis Supply Company. Foltz was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, serving in Vietnam. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Thad R. Foltz of Hoisington; one daughter, Amy D. Foltz of Hoisington; one brother, William Foltz of Manhattan; and one sister, Pat Foltz of Kansas City. Prayer service with parish rosary will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Elliott Chapel in Hutchinson. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Holy Name Cemetery in Bushton. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 4, 2001

Betty L. Ballhorst 1930-2001

Betty L. Ballhorst, 70, died Jan. 3 at her residence in Great Bend. She was born Sept. 6, 1930, in Barton County, the daughter of Virgil and Lucille Newkirk Amerine. She married Newton E. "Newt" Ballhorst Nov. 27, 1976, in Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend, she was a retired personnel manager for Wal-Mart and a former head cashier for Dillons. Mrs. Ballhorst was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, John Ballhorst of Smith Center and Rick Ballhorst of Norfolk, Neb.; one step-daughter, Linda Wells of Bend, Ore.; her father, Virgil Amerine of Great Bend; one brother, Wayne Amerine of San Antonio, Texas; one sister, Nadine Christiansen of Hoisington; seven grandchildren; and four step-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Bryant-Christians Chapel in Great Bend with the Rev. Dennis W. Wallace officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and until service time Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 4, 2001

January 5, 2001

Mae Ecton 1938-2001

SOLOMON - Mae Ecton, 62, died Jan. 2 at Whispering Timber Care Home in Solomon. She was born Feb. 21, 1938, in Gypsum, the daughter of Elmer and Georgia Houska Jordan. She graduated from Gypsum High School and attended Brown Mackie Business College. She married Dean Ecton March 1962. He died in 1981. She was a resident of Solomon, coming from Salina. Mrs. Ecton was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Salina Moose Lodge and American Legion Auxiliary, all of Salina. Survivors include one son, Bryan Stark of Lincoln, Calif.; two daughters, Yvonne Keenan of Porterville, Calif., and Diane Wilson of Solomon; her mother, Georgia Kolger of Salina; two brothers, Robert Jordan and Cliff Jordan, both of Great Bend; one sister, Lois Nichols of Salina; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Presbyterian Church in Solomon with the Revs. Rene Colaw and Sam Owen officiating. Burial will be at Prairie Mound Cemetery in Solomon. The family will receive friends until 8
tonight at Carlson-Becker Funeral Home in Solomon. Friends may call until service time at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Solomon Preschool or to Whispering Timber Care Home, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 5, 2001

Bill Rucker 1924-2001

BURDETT - Billy B. Rucker, 77, died Jan. 4 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born Jan. 4, 1924, in Wichita, the son of Ira Martin and Lottie Bridges. He married Darlene M. Danford Jan. 24, 1954, in Burdett. A longtime resident of Burdett, he was a self-employed aerial applicator. Rucker was a member of the United Methodist Church, American Legion Post 280, both of Burdett, Experimental Aircraft Association and Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. He was a charter member, lifetime member and past president of the Kansas Agriculture Aviation Association. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran serving in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Cary A. Rucker of Burdett; one daughter, Myra Jean Conti of Acton, Calif.; one brother, Ira "Junior" Rucker of Clearwater; three sisters, Mildred Kallenbach of Valley Center, Beverly McAllister of Wichita and Patsy Boles of Liberal; and two granddaughters. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Monday at the church in Burdett with the Rev. Schmutz officiating. Burial will be at Browns Grove Cemetery in Burdett. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the Kansas Agriculture Aviation Association Scholarship or donor's choice, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 5, 2001

Bobbie Jean Skains Houser Penn 1927-2001

Bobbie Jean Skains Houser Penn, 73, died Jan. 4 at Integrated Health Services in Great Bend. She was born Feb. 1, 1927, in Seagraves, Texas, the daughter of Thomas H. and Hazel Kilgore Skains. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Amarillo, Texas, she was a cook and waitress for Homer's Cafe and Golden Belt Grill of Great Bend. Survivors include one daughter, Glenda Fletcher of Great Bend; one step-son, Mike Penn of Great Bend; two step-daughters, Sherri Penn of Timken, Jimmy Stanfield of Claremont, Va., and Charles Troy Skains; two sisters, Loudell Marshall of Pocatella, Idaho, and Imadean Curtin; and eight grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Ronald Joe Smith; two brothers, Tommie Skains and Glen Skains; and one sister, Mary Margaret Nichols. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Great Bend Family Mortuary and Crematory with the Rev. Jana Baxter officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Texas. Friends may call from 8 a.m. until service time Saturday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 5, 2001

Jim Sander 1948-2001

IRVING, Texas - Jim Sander, 53, died Jan. 4 in Irving. He was born March 5, 1948, in Hays. Survivors include his wife Marcia Sander of Irving; one son, Patrick James Sander of Irving; one daughter, Kelly Ann Sander of Irving; his father, Gilbert Sander of Great Bend; six sisters, Sharon Fox of St. Louis, Mo., Becky Wornkey, Shirley Tomlin and Patty Michael, all of Great Bend, Debbie Shank of Hays, and Connie Sander of Denver, Colo. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. on Monday at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Great Bend with the Rev. Warren Stecklein officiating. Ben F. Brown's Memorial Funeral Home in Irving is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune. Jan. 5, 2001

Alfred Heier 1931-2001

GRINNELL - Alfred Heier, 69, died Jan. 3 at his residence in rural Grinnell. He was born June 25, 1931, in Gove County, the son of Bernard and Julia Kuntz Heier. He married Berniece C. Kinderknecht Aug. 5, 1952, in Grinnell. A lifetime resident of Grinnell, he was a farmer and stockman. Heier was a member of Immaculate Conception Church in Grinnell, commander of George M. Scott American Legion Post 301 of Grainfield, a life member of Wheatland Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2864 of Grinnell, 3rd degree Knights of Columbus Park Council 2538, Immaculate Conception Church Council, board member of Grinnell Township for 32 years and a member of Kansas Chapter of P.O.L.K.A. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; four sons, David Heier of Great Bend, Ronald Heier and Melvin Heier of Salina, and Larry Heier of Park; two brothers, Bill Heier of Monument and Frank Heier of Grainfield; three sisters, Margaret Heier and Antonia Weber, both of Oakley, and Magdalena Zerr of Grainfield; two half-brothers, Felix Heier of WaKeeney and Dominic Heier of Oakley; one half-sister, Martina Bockwinkel of Oakley; and 11 grandchildren. Rosary will be at 7:30 tonight at Immaculate Conception Parish Hall in Grinnell. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church in Grinnell with the Revs. Roger K. Mett and Basil Torrez officiating. Burial will be at Immaculate Conception Cemetery with military graveside rites by George M. Scott American Legion Post 301 and Grainfield and Wheatland Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2864. Friends may call until 9 tonight at the parish hall in Grinnell. Memorials are suggested to the church or the Grinnell American Legion or Grinnell V.F.W, all in care of Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home in Oakley. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 5, 2001

January 7, 2001

Raymond E. Bradshaw 1910-2001
Raymond E. Bradshaw, 90, died Jan. 5 at his residence in Great Bend. He was born March 1, 1910, in Hoisington, the son of Edward and Ida Wilmoth Bradshaw. He married Edith Willie Grey "Billie" Smiley May 1, 1937, in Wichita. A lifetime resident of Northern Barton County, moving to Great Bend in 1996, he was a farmer and rancher. Bradshaw was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Hoisington. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Thomas Charles Bradshaw of Corpus Christi, Texas; three daughters, Loretta Miller of Great Bend, Gaynelle Lentz of Garden City and Jaynelle Schmit of Elkins Park Philadelphia, Pa.; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother and four sisters. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Hoisington Cemetery with the Rev. David LeRoy officiating. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to the Great Bend Humane Society, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 7, 2001

John C. McDonald 1952-2001

LARNED - John C. McDonald, 48, died Jan. 5 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus, in Wichita. He was born Oct. 8, 1952, in Neodesha, the son of Cecil A. and Lela Damron McDonald. He married Jeane Damm May 12, 1973, in Great Bend. A resident of Larned for 30 years, coming from Neodesha, he was a sanitation supervisor for the city of Larned. McDonald was a past member of the Eagles and organized the Larned Recycling Center. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Jeremy J. McDonald of Larned; one daughter, Janae M. McDonald of Hays; his father of Larned; his mother and step-father, Lester Seitz of Neodesha; three brothers, Roger McDonald of Neodesha, Lewis A. McDonald and Jimmie McDonald, both of Larned; one sister, Barbara Kujath of Wymore, Neb.; three half-sisters, Sandra Gannaway of Galesburg, Sharon McGown of Erie and Sherinda Brown of St. Paul. He was preceded in death by one sister, Virginia Gevara. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Larned with the Rev. Dennis Reed officiating. Burial will be at the Larned City Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Victory in the Valley in Wichita, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 7, 2001

James "Jim" Sander 1948-2001

IRVING, Texas - James "Jim" Sander, 52, died Jan. 4 at Baylor Hospital in Irving. He was born March 5, 1948, in Hays, the son of Gilbert J. and Joyce Burkhart Sander. He was an 1966 graduate of Hoisington High School. He married Marcia McAllister June 13, 1970. A resident of Irving, he operated his own business. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Patrick James Sander of the home; one daughter, Kelly Ann Sander of the home; his father of Great Bend; six sisters, Sharon Fox of Manchester, Mo., Becky Wornkey, Shirley Tomlin and Patty Michael, all of Great Bend, Debbie Shank of Hays, and Connie Sander of Denver, Colo. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Great Bend with the Rev. Warren Stecklein officiating. His body will be cremated. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice, in care of Ben F. Brown's Memorial Funeral Home in Irving. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune. Jan. 7, 2001

Mary H. Foran 1912-2001

WILSON - Mary H. Foran, 88, died Jan. 5 at Wilson Nursing Center in Wilson. She was born Sept. 14, 1912, the daughter of Jacob Vopat and Mary C. Pasek. She married Bill Foran Sept. 6, 1933, in Wilson. He preceded her in death. A lifetime resident of Wilson, she was a homemaker, aid at Wilson Nursing Center and a cook at Small's Chicken. Mrs. Foran was a member of St. Wenecleslaus Catholic Church in Wilson, Daughters of Isabella, Altar Society and a charter member of Ellsworth County EHU. Survivors include one daughter, Mary Alice Bush of Elizabethtown, Ky.; three sons, Kevin Foran and Thomas Foran, both of Wilson, and Michael D. Foran of Wichita; 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Carolyn; and three grandchildren. Parish vigil will be at 7 tonight. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church in Wilson with the Rev. Jerome Morgan officiating. Burial will be at St. Wenecleslaus Cemetery in Wilson. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Foster Mortuary in Wilson. Memorials are suggested to the church in Wilson, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 7, 2001

Henri Hernandez 2000-2001

Henri Hernandez, 4 months, died Jan. 6 at Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Fryberger Mortuary in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 7, 2001

Dorothy M. Leiker 1906-2001

Dorothy M. Leiker, 94, died Jan. 5 at Andover Health Care Center in Andover. She was born Jan. 28, 1906, at Pfeifer, the daughter of Joseph and Katherine Rupp Basgal. She married Anthony Leiker May 2, 1923, in Munjor. He died March 3, 1969. A longtime resident of Great Bend. she was a homemaker. Mrs. Leiker was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic
Church, Altar Society and Daughters of Isabella, all of Great Bend. Survivors include two sons, Hubert Joseph Leiker of Augusta and Lee Leiker of Bend, Ore.; two daughters, Edna Brandt of Portland, Ore., and Mary Francis Milburger of Seattle, Wash.; 22 grandchildren; and 35 great-grandchildren. Altar Society rosary will be at 3 p.m. Monday, Daughters of Isabella rosary will be at 6:30 p.m. Monday and vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday, all at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Angel Dy officiating. Burial will be at Golden Belt Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from noon until 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Daughters of Isabella, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 7, 2001

January 8, 2001

LynDon A. 'Lyn' Gurtner 1964-2001

SALINA - LynDon A. "Lyn" Gurtner, 36, died Jan. 4 in Salina. He was born Jan. 10, 1964, in Auburn, Ind., the son of Eldon Lynn and Sally Carlson Gurtner. A resident of Salina, he was a route manger for Schwans Frozen Food Sales and worked for Bioform Corporation in Great Bend. He farmed south of Atwood and in Cheyenne Wells, Colo. Gurtner was a member of ATA Tae Kwon Do in Colby. Survivors include his wife, Traci Gurtner of the home; one son, Tanner Gurtner of Salina; three daughters, Amanda Gurtner and Tanzia Gurtner, both of Salina, and Talitha Gurtner of Marysville, Ohio; his mother of Fremont, Ind.; two brothers, David Gurtner of Las Vegas, Nev., and Earl Gurtner of Fremont; and two sisters, Eldonna Wagonrod of Ohio City, Ohio, and Jolen Dailey of Edon, Ohio. Funeral will be at 1 today at Ryan Mortuary in Salina with the Revs. Eric Daily and Jim Lundin officiating. Burial will be at Gypsum Hill Cemetery in Salina. Memorials are suggested to the Gurtner Children's Memorial, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 8, 2001

Clair O. 'John' Haltom 1925-2001

ANTHONY - Clair O. "John" Haltom, 75, died Jan. 6 in Branson, Mo. He was born Jan. 7, 1925, in Anthony, the son of Thomas and Mary Leslie Haltom. He married Gladys A. Allen Dec. 30, 1950, in Hutchinson. A resident of Anthony, he was an office manager for Oil Field Supply Company. Haltom was a member of Forsyth Community Presbyterian Church, American Legion, past master of Masonic Lodge 247 in Chase, 109 Evac Hospital Association, Order of Eastern Star Hayworth Chapter, a past Boy Scout leader, past school board member and past secretary of Western Kansas API Chapter. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Paul Haltom of Tulsa, Okla., and Tom Haltom of Pratt; one sister, Margaret Mardis of Anthony; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Rosedale Cemetery in Manchester, Okla., with the Rev. Kay Mills officiating. Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association or Rosedale Cemetery Fund, both in care of Elliott Mortuary in Anthony. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 8, 2001

Robert Bob M. Manning 1923-2001

ENID, Okla. - Robert "Bob" M. Manning, 77, died Jan. 6 in Enid. He was born March 12, 1923, in Ringwood, Okla., the son of Amos and Juanita Latimer Manning. He was a graduate from Ringwood High School. He married Erma Jean Collins in 1946. She preceded him in death. He married Betty LaCourse in 1990 in Enid. A resident of Enid, he worked in the oilfields. Manning was a U.S. Army veteran, serving overseas in 1942. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Bob Manning of Amarillo, Texas; two daughters, Sandy Scherlacker of Manhattan and Cindy Manning of Edmond; two stepsons, Jason LaCourse of Tulsa, Okla., and Rod LaCourse of Oregon; one stepdaughter, Cindi Posey of San Angelo, Texas; one sister, Leta Farnsworth of Sharon, Okla.; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother and one sister. Graveside services were at 11 today at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Enid with the Rev. Ron Graber officiating. Memorials are suggested to the Hospice Circle of Love, in care of Ladusau-Evans Funeral Home in Enid. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 8, 2001

Leonard Younger 1920-2001

WICHITA - Leonard Younger, 80, died Jan. 4 in Wichita. He was born Aug. 25, 1920, in Victoria, the son of Martin Joseph and Ann Regina Lauber Younger. A resident of Wichita, he worked for Missouri Pacific Railroad. Younger was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars 1428 in Hoisington. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include two brothers, Jerome Joseph Younger of Emporia and Albert Younger of Hoisington; three sisters, Mary Ann Funk of Otis, Martina Luebbers of Claflin and Betty Shaver of Royce City, Texas. He was preceded in death by one brother, Paul Younger of Salina. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Resthaven Gardens of Memory in Wichita. Funeral arrangements were handled by Resthaven Mortuary in Wichita. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 8, 2001

Henri Hernandez 2000-2001

Henri Hernandez, 4 months, died Jan. 6 in Great Bend. He was born Sept. 6 in Great Bend, the son of Enrique and Yesenia Guadalupe Ramirez Hernandez. Hernandez was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. Survivors include his parents of Great Bend: orandoarents. Carmen and Pedro Hernandez of Great Bend and Arnulfo and Anoela
Ramirez of Hercules, Coohuila, Mexico. He was preceded in death by one brother, Hernan Hernandez, 5 months old. Rosary will be at 8 tonight at Fryberger Mortuary in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Angel Dy officiating. Burial will be at Babyland in Great Bend Cemetery. The family will receive friends before the rosary. Memorials are suggested to the Henri Hernandez Memorial Fund, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 8, 2001

Jimmie Lewis Riggs 1934-2001

WICHITA - Jimmie Lewis Riggs, 66, died Jan. 5 at his home in Wichita. He was born Dec. 27, 1934, in rural Valley Center, the son of George W. and Mildred O. Riggs. He married Dixie Darlene Riggs July 19, 1987, in Wichita. She died Sept. 2, 2000. A resident of Wichita, he was a retired supervisor for Western Electric. Survivors include one son, Vernon Riggs of Wichita; two daughters, Shannon Thompson of Valley Center and Nancy Borer of Orlando, Fla.; one stepson, Scott Landgrehr of Augusta; one stepdaughter, Nancy Tandy of Wichita; two sisters, Donna Robinson of Valley Center and Vanda Terry of Yukon, Okla.; his mother of Valley Center; and nine grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at First United Methodist Church in Valley Center with the Rev. Dr. J. Tal Tittsworth officiating. A private family burial service will be held. Friends may call from 3-5 today at Baker Funeral Home in Valley Center. Memorials are suggested to the Plane of Mercy Fund, in care of Midian Shrine Temple in Wichita. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 8, 2001

January 9, 2001

George Munsch 1904-2001

SCHOENCHEN - George Munsch, 96, died Jan. 7 at St. John's of Hays Nursing Home. He was born June 18, 1904, in Rush County, the son of Jacob and Mary Bieker Munsch. He married Helen Schoendaller Nov. 11, 1925, in Rush County. She died June 1, 1940. He married Johanna Zimmerman Werth Dec. 5, 1960, in Great Bend. She died Oct. 25, 1990. A resident of Schoenchen, he was a farmer and the owner of the Silver Star Tavern. He was a painter and wall paper hanger. Munsch was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus Council 4166, both of Schoenchen. Survivors include five daughters, Viola Werth of Schoenchen, Bernice Dechant, Cora Schumacher, Julieta Randa, all of Hays, and Darlene Bortz of Claflin; one stepson, Marvin Werth of Hays; 34 grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; 71 great-grandchildren; 13 step-great-grandchildren; and 22 great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two daughters, Marietta Beyer and LaVera Dinges; an infant son; two grandsons; and two great-grandchildren. Knights of Columbus rosary will be at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday followed by a parish vigil service at 7 p.m., both at Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the church in Schoenchen with the Rev. Mike Scully officiating. Burial will be at the St. Anthony Cemetery in Schoenchen. Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Thursday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the St. Anthony's Cemetery fund or St. John's of Hays Nursing Home, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 9, 2001

Beulah Margaret Booth Bowsky 1917-2001

Beulah Margaret Booth Bowsky, 83, died Jan. 5 at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, Mo. She was born Sept. 22, 1917, in McGregor, Mich., the daughter of Robert and Mamie Kidney Booth. She married Russell "Bud" Bowsky. He died September 1999. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Sandusky, Mich., she was the owner of Distinctive Drapery. Survivors include four sons, Jim Bowsky of Colorado, Bill Bowsky of Kansas, Roger Bowsky of California and Jack Bowsky of Oregon; one daughter, Judy Cook-Bowsky of Missouri; two brothers, Loren Booth of Kansas and Larry Booth of Michigan; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, William Booth and one sister, Goldie Booth. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hackers Funeral Home in Sandusky, Mich. Burial will be at Zion Cemetery in Michigan. Memorials are suggested to the Reform Church of Latter-day Saints, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 9, 2001

Bette Jo Dailey 1925-2001

Bette Jo Dailey, 75, died Jan. 8 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus, in Great Bend. She was born June 19, 1925, in Great Bend, the daughter of John B. and Sadie A. Hunsley Curray. She married Don E. Dailey June 15, 1958, in Vandalia, Ill. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, she was owner, operator and bookkeeper of Standard Liquor Store. Mrs. Dailey was a member of First Christian Church, American Legion Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and Eagles Auxiliary, all of Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home. She was preceded in death by one brother, Jack B. Curray. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. A private family burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church or American Legion, both in care of Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 9, 2001

January 10, 2001
Thomas Urban, Jr. 1937-2001

HAYS - Thomas Urban, Jr., 63, died Jan. 8 at Hays Medical Center. He was born May 6, 1937, in Loretto, the son of Thomas, Sr. and Bridget Urban Urban. He graduated from Victoria High School in 1955. A resident of Hays, he was a farmer and worked for Marlett Mobile Home Manufacturing in Great Bend. Urban was a member of the Knights of Columbus in Liebenthal. Survivors include three brothers, Alfred Urban and Art Urban, both of LaCrosse, and Gilbert Urban of Salina; and three sisters, Tillie Urban of Colorado Springs, Colo., Dorothy Schoendaller of Wichita and Jane Schumacher of Hays. He was preceded in death by three sisters, Agnes Herrman, Florence Linenberger and one infant sister. Parish vigil will be at 7 tonight, followed by Knights of Columbus rosary at 7:30, both at Brock's North Hill Chapel in Hays. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Michael's Church in LaCrosse with the Rev. Reggie Urban officiating. Burial will be at St. Michael's Cemetery in LaCrosse. Friends may call until 8 tonight at the chapel and from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the TMP-Marian High School for Masses, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 10, 2001

Thelma Darnall 1916-2001

LARNED - Thelma Darnall, 84, died Jan. 9 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born Aug. 28, 1916, in Caldwell County, Ky., the daughter of L. Willis and Ella Mae Hobby Goodaker. She married Shelton E. Darnall Aug. 6, 1938, in Princeton, Ky. A resident of Pawnee County since 1938, coming from Princeton, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Darnall was a member of the First Baptist Church, the F.C.E., cooking leader of Rozel Hustlers 4-H, all of Rozel, and a charter member of the Larned Saddle Club. Survivors include her husband of the home; one daughter, Brenda Van Meter of Larned; two brothers, Argyle Darnall of Princeton and Russell "Ted" Darnall of Danville, Ky.; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Ruel E. Darnall, Deward C. Darnall and Jewell B. Darnall. Funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with the Rev. John Hester officiating. Burial will be at the Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and until service time Thursday at the mortuary. The family will receive friends from 6-8 tonight at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Pawnee County 4-H Foundation, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 10, 2001

Alva G. Johnston 1914-2001

HOISINGTON - Alva G. Johnston, 86, died Jan. 9 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born May 17, 1914. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 10, 2001

Ruth Frances Smith 1909-2001

Ruth Frances Smith, 91, of Great Bend died Jan. 9 at Canterbury Assisted Living Center in Oklahoma City, Okla. She was born March 3, 1909. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 10, 2001

Larry A. Hastings 1956-2001

WICHITA - Larry A. Hastings, 44, died Jan. 6 at his residence in Wichita. He was born Feb. 24, 1956, in Dodge City, the son of James G. and Lora Belle Smith Hastings. He was a graduate of Hanston High School and Fort Hays State University. A resident of Wichita, he was a a procurement agent for Boeing and worked at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland. Hastings was a member of United Methodist Church in Hanston, lifetime member of the National Youth Sport Organization, executive board member of Greater Wichita Youth Football Association, all of Wichita. He coached for the Tiger Football Organization for 20 years. Survivors include his mother of Hanston; three brothers, Steve Hastings of Hanston, Jim Hastings of Shawnee and Arnold Hastings of Merriam; and one sister, Nancy Graves of Wichita. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. Burial will be at the Fairmont Cemetery in Jetmore. Memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Central Community Church in Wichita. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to the Tiger Football Memorial Fund in Wichita, or Hanston United Methodist or Hanston Boy Scouts, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 10, 2001

January 11, 2001

Ruth Frances Smith 1909-2001

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. - Ruth Frances Smith, 91, died Jan. 9 in Oklahoma City. She was born March 9, 1909, in Great Bend, the daughter of Jess A. and Lily Mae Kriete Powelson. She married Horace Lee Smith in Great Bend. He died April 29, 1962. A resident of Oklahoma City since 1993, she was a homemaker. Survivors include one daughter, Carla
Von Feldt of Great Bend; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Great Bend Cemetery with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Friends may call until 9 tonight and 9-10:30 a.m. Friday, both at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer’s Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 11, 2001

Edmund 'Lee' Earegood 1924-2001

HOISINGTON - Edmund “Lee” Earegood, 76, died Jan. 10 at Hoisington Rehabilitation Center. He was born April 8, 1924, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. A resident of Great Bend for 20 years, coming from Larned, he was employed by Doerr Metal Company in Larned. Survivors include four sons, David Earegood of Missouri, Donald Earegood of Great Bend, Jerry Earegood of California and Charles Dean Earegood of Larned; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one grandson, Christopher Earegood. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Hoisington Cemetery with the Rev. Carl Willis officiating. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to the Clara Barton Foundation, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 11, 2001

Alva G. Johnston 1914-2001

HOISINGTON - Alva G. Johnston, 86, died Jan. 9 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born May 17, 1914, in Altamont, the son of Joseph E. and Oava Wood Johnston. He married Mildred Manley April 21, 1940, in Oswego. A resident of Hoisington since 1958, coming from Edna, he was a grinder for Kansas Brick and Tile of Hoisington. Johnston was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Hoisington. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Maybeil Smith of Rockford, Ill.; two brothers, Dale R. Johnston and Wayne Johnston, both of Oswego; three sisters, Eunice Whetston of Chetopa, Bessie Mayo of McComb, Okla., and Wilma Collins of Shawnee, Okla.; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Ralph Johnston and Eugene Johnston; and one sister, Margaret Johnston. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Matthew Pool officiating. Burial will be at the Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the donor's choice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 11, 2001

Velma Gladys Parish 1917-2001

Velma Gladys Parish, 83, of Great Bend, died Jan. 9 at St. Francis Hospital in Topeka. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Minnis Chapel in St. John. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 11, 2001

Irvin M. Debes 1918-2001

Irvin M. Debes, 82, died Jan. 11 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus, in Great Bend. He was born Sept. 15, 1918. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Fryberger Mortuary of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 11, 2001

January 12, 2001

Velma Gladys Parish 1917-2001

ST. JOHN - Velma Gladys Parish, 83, died Jan. 9 at St. Francis Hospital in Topeka. She was born April 3, 1917, in Hudson, the daughter of Richard Max and Wilhelmina K.M. Teichmann. She was a 1935 graduate of Hudson High School. She received her teacher's certificate from Fort Hays State College. She married John Arlie Parish Feb. 11, 1937, in Big Bow. He died Nov. 2, 1999. A resident of Great Bend since 1987, coming from the Eden Valley Community, she was a homemaker and teacher at Riley Grade School in Stafford. Mrs. Parish was a member of Eden Valley Church of Brethren and EHU, both in Eden Valley Community of rural St. John. Survivors include two sons, Steve Parish of Yorba Linda, Calif., and Wally Parish of Shoreview, Minn.; one daughter, Dixie Womack of Topeka; one brother, Walter Teichmann of Hudson; three sisters, Elsie Doellefeld Daniels of St. Louis, Mo., Esther Mueller of Hutchinson and Rosine Parish of Great Bend; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Arlyn Parish; two brothers, Hugo Teichmann and Otto Teichmann; and two sisters, Ida Nonamaker and Lorena Teichmann. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Revs. Dick Ogle, Matt Spurgin and Sammy Venkatsamy. Burial will be at the Fairview Park Cemetery of rural St. John. Friends may call until 7 tonight at Minnis Chapel in St. John. Memorials are suggested to Capper's Foundation in Topeka, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 12, 2001

Helen Foos 1910-2001

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - Helen Foos, 90, died Jan. 10 at Brighton Gardens of Colorado Springs. She was born
Irvin Martin Debes 1918-2001

Irvin Martin Debes, 82, died Jan. 11 in Great Bend. He was born Sept. 15, 1918, in rural Ellinwood, the son of John Anthony and Clara Debes. He married Theda Gertrude Sparkman Jan. 15, 1942, in Great Bend. A life-long resident of Barton County, he was a farmer and oil well pumper. Debes was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion, all of Great Bend; and a past member of Knights of Columbus in Ellinwood. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Johnny L. Debes of Littleton, Colo., and Fred D. Debes of Great Bend; three sisters, Susan Schloteimer of Ellinwood, Minnie Felke of Kansas City and Helen Johns of Denver, Colo.; four granddaughters; and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, William Debes; and one sister, Terese Ross. Altar society rosary will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, with a vigil service at 7 p.m. Sunday, both at Fryberger Mortuary in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Angel Dy officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery with military honors by the U.S. Army of Fort Riley. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday at th mortuary. The family will receive friends at 6 p.m. Sunday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Holy Family School Tuition Fund, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 12, 2001

January 14, 2001

Gladys Hull 1911-2001

LINCOLN, Neb. - Gladys Hull, 89, died Jan. 11 in Lincoln. She was born March 28, 1911, in Lincoln, the daughter of Ralph William and Olive Irene Richardson Hall. A resident of Lincoln, she was a first-grade teacher at Sheridan Elementary School for 13 years. Mrs. Hull was a member of the Methodist Church. Survivors include one son, Dean Kemper of Lincoln; one daughter-in-law, Mary Bowen of Lincoln; one brother, Ralph Hall of Lincoln; one sister-in-law, Elaine Hall of Lincoln; and one sister, Viola Engel of New Smyrna, Fla.; four grandchildren; and two step-grandsons. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Dean Kemper Bowen and Woodrow W. Hull; one daughter, Sharee; and one sister, Alice. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Roper and Sons Chapel, 4300 ‘O’ Street, in Lincoln. Burial will be at Wyuka Cemetery. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 12, 2001

Gene Johnson 1926-2001

EL DORADO - Gene Johnson, 74, died Jan. 10 in Wichita. He was born April 29, 1926, in Hughesville, the son of Roy C. and Myrtle L. Stockwell Johnson. He married Mary Batesel Oct. 8, 1960, in Great Bend. A resident of El Dorado, he was a pumper for Cities Service Oil Company. Johnson was a member of the New Challengers Sunday School Class and the Cities Service Retirees. He was a U.S. Army veteran serving in the Pacific Theatre with the heavy artillery. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Terry Johnson of El Tigre, Venezuela, Brad Johnson of Burns and Loren Johnson of Augusta; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Carlson Funeral Home in El Dorado. Graveside services and burial will be at 2 p.m. at Toronto (Kan.) Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association or the Butler County Oil Museum, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 14, 2001

Verna Eula Metz 1920-2001

ST. JOHN - Verna Eula Metz, 80, died Jan. 11 at Pratt Regional Medical Center in Pratt. She was born May 23, 1920, in Milflay, Okla., the daughter of John H. and Sallie McCann. She was a graduate of Oxford High School. She married Morrison Green “Bud” Metz Feb. 21, 1947, in Great Bend. He died Aug. 7, 1980. A resident of St. John since 1947, coming from Mead, she was a sales clerk for McIntire Pharmacy in St. John and worked at Boeing Aircraft during World War II. Mrs. Metz was a member of First United Methodist Church and BPW, both of St. John. Survivors include one son, John E. Metz of Wichita; one brother, Elmer McCann of Sedan; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother and four sisters. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Minnis Chapel in St. John with the Rev. Lewis Hearne officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery. Friends may call until 7 tonight at Minnis Chapel in St. John. Memorials are suggested to Sandyland Shepherd’s Center in St. John, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 14, 2001

Irvin Martin Debes 1918-2001
The obituary of Irvin Martin Debes, 82, of Great Bend who died Jan. 11 contained errors. He was the son of Anthony and Clara Debes Debes and is additionally survived by eight great-grandchildren. He was a past member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. The Tribune regrets the errors. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 14, 2001

Leola Elverta 'Bertie' Kufeld 1907-2001

FORT COLLINS, Colo. - Leola Elverta "Bertie" Kufeld, 93, died Jan. 12 at Columbine West Nursing Home in Fort Collins. She was born Nov. 26, 1907, in Abilene, the daughter of Emanuel Edward and Sadie Engle Wagaman. She married Roland Kufeld June 8, 1929, in Great Bend. He died Sept. 1, 1978. A resident of Fort Collins, coming from Great Bend, she was an artist. Mrs. Kufeld was a member of First United Methodist Church in Great Bend and PEO Chapter GS in Fort Collins. Survivors include one son, Roland C. "Ron" Kufeld of Fort Collins; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Stephen B. Kufeld; and one sister, Evelyn Ringer. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Jana Baxter officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. to service time Wednesday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 14, 2001

Phyllis M. Jones 1924-2001

HOLYROOD - Phyllis M. Jones, 76, died Jan. 12 as a result of a traffic accident. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 14, 2001

Howard Wilson Zook 1914-2001

ROZEL - Howard Wilson Zook, 87, died Jan. 11 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus, in Larned. He was born Jan. 10, 1914, in Pawnee County, the son of Charles and Viola Grubb Zook. He married Norma Eileen Cook June 8, 1938, in Larned. A lifetime resident of Pawnee County, he was a farmer. Zook was a member of United Methodist Church, Lion's Club and organized the 4-H Rozel Hustler, all of Rozel. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Howard Michael Zook of Garden City, John B. Zook of Tierra Blanco, Mexico, and Mark Zook of Longmont, Colo.; four daughters, Sharron Brown of Great Bend, Carmen Franz of Warrensburg, Mo., Dolretta Hagerty of Larned and Zella Sanner of Spring Valley, Calif.; three brothers, Charles A. Zook of Lakewood, Calif., Willard Zook of Azle, Texas and Ronald Zook of Turner, Ore.; one sister Hazel Query of Panorama, Calif.; 14 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by one brother, Estel Zook; and one sister, Wilma Jennings. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Rob Schmutz officiating. Burial will be at Pleasant Valley Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and until service time Monday, at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Burdett Emergency Medical Service or the Rozel United Methodist Church, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 14, 2001

Helen Foos 1910-2001

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - The name of a son who preceded Helen Foos, 90, who died Jan. 10, in death was unintentionally omitted by the funeral home. He was Marvin Foos.

January 15, 2001

Betty Ann Klaus Schaffer 1944-2001

LA CROSSE - Betty Ann Klaus Schaffer, 56, died Jan. 13 at her home. She was born May 29, 1944, at Hays, the daughter of Nicholas and Louise Helen Befort Klaus. She was a graduate of Hays High School. She married Dennis Schaffer June 6, 1964, in Liebenthal. A resident of La Crosse for 36 years, coming from Munjor, she was a convenience store owner. Mrs. Schaffer was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church of La Crosse. Survivors include her husband; one son, Calvin Schaffer of Eureka; three daughters, Gale Fischer of Ellis, LeAnn Woods of Garden City and Sarah Burk of La Crosse; two sisters, Mildred Klaus of Ellis and Elsie Drehser of Hoisington; and 12 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Dean Klaus and Kenneth Klaus; and one sister, Patricia Beakey. Rosary will be at 7:30 tonight at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 2-9 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Hays Hospice of Hays Medical Center or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, January 15, 2001

Wayne Dean Fischer 1928-2001

MAPLE HILL - Wavne Dean Fischer. 73. died Jan. 12 at his home in Maple Hill. He was born Aug. 18, 1927, the son of
Edward Andy Naugle, 71, died Jan. 15 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Jospeh Campus in Larned. He was a native of Zook, born May 5, 1929, the son of John Henry and Lucy Matilda Buhrer Hays. He married Katherine Friesen in 1963 in Topeka. They were divorced. A resident of Maple Hill, coming to the Topeka area in 1963 from Hudson, he was was a truck driver and former co-owner of Capital City Moving and Storage. Fischer was a member of Peace United Church of Christ in Hudson, American Legion Post 180 in Great Bend and Republican National Committee. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War, serving on the USS Tingley and the USS Yamall. Survivors include one son, Brian Fischer of Great Bend; two daughters, Dana Lloyd of Ellinwood and Lora Cushman of Murrayville, Ga.; one stepson, Eric Friesen; five stepdaughters, Janet Friesen, Karie Snyder, Lorin Friesen, Leanne Jowers and Marcile Dean; two sisters, Reta M. Schreiber of Great Bend and Alice M. Nichols of Gunnison, Colo.; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Brenda Jo Fischer. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Penwell-Gable Funeral Home in Topeka. A second funeral service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the church in Hudson, with the Rev. George Redington officiating. Burial will be at Peace Cemetery in Hudson. Friends may call from 5-9 p.m. Tuesday and 9 a.m. until noon Wednesday at Bryant-Christsians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Bryant-Christsians Funeral Home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 15, 2001

Virginia Marguerite Holmes 1923-2001

HOLYROOD - Virginia Marguerite Holmes, 77, died Jan. 12, as the result of an automobile accident near Chapman. She was born Nov. 22, 1923, at Lyons, the daughter of Walter and Mary Motter. She married Harold D. Holmes April 25, 1941, at Kingman. He died Aug. 16, 1973. A resident of Holyrood since 1946, coming from Hutchinson, she was a homemaker and cook at Holyrood schools. Mrs. Holmes was a member of St. Paul’s United Church of Christ and American Legion Auxiliary, both in Holyrood. Survivors include two sons, Gary D. Holmes of Stafford and Charles D. Holmes of Topeka; two daughters, Barbara J. Shelton of Foster City, Calif., and Margaret Ann Jones of Holyrood; one brother, Leonard Motter of Washington; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers; and four sisters. Funeral will be a combined service with that of Phyllis M. Jones at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Revs. Mary Lou Klein and Jack Sweany officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from 2-4 p.m. Tuesday, when family will greet friends, at Parsons Funeral Home in Ellsworth. Memorials are suggested to the church or Great Bend Humane Society, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 15, 2001

Phyllis M. Jones 1924-2001

HOLYROOD - Phyllis M. Jones, 76, died Jan. 12 as the result of an automobile accident near Chapman. She was born April 12, 1924, in Goff, the daughter of Henry and Lulea Brockman Thieme. She married Paul A. Jones Dec. 2, 1942, in Soldier. They were divorced. He died Sept. 18, 1989. She married Jo B. Jones April 12, 1980, in Wichita. He died Aug. 29, 1991. A resident of Holyrood for two years, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Jones was a member of Community Christian Church of Great Bend. Survivors include two sons, Robert Jones of Holyrood and Gerald Jones of Logan; one daughter, Kathleen Lloyd of Hoisington; one brother, Leonard Motter of Washington; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers; and four sisters. Funeral will be a combined service with that of Phyllis M. Jones at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Revs. Mary Lou Klein and Jack Sweany officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Nicholson Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Community Christian Church or Manhattan Christian College, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 15, 2001

Edith Sooby 1901-2001

LARNED - Edith Sooby, 99, died Jan. 13 at Lincoln, Neb. She was born April 30, 1901, in Pawnee County, the daughter of John Henry and Lucy Matilda Buhrer Hays. She married Benjamin Harrison Sooby in 1920 in Larned. He died March 5, 1954. A resident of Lincoln since 1989, coming from Larned, she was a retired secretary and bookkeeper for the Presbyterian Church of Larned. Mrs. Sooby was a member of the Presbyterian Church, Order of Easter Star, Daughters of the American Revolution and American Legion Auxiliary, all of Larned. Survivors include two sons, Benjamin Harrison Sooby Jr. of Lincoln and Dennis Sooby of Lawrence; one daughter, Evelyn Galliart of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two brothers, Jake Hays and Albert Hays, both of Zook; one sister, Goldie Horton of Zook; 13 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband and one brother, William H. Hays. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Jim Hawthorne officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the Zook Community Building, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 15, 2001

January 16, 2001

Edward Andy Naugle 1929-2001

LARNED - Edward Andy Naugle, 71, died Jan. 15 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Jospeh Campus in Larned. He...
was born Feb. 5, 1929, in Nobel, Mo., the son of Orville and Helen Z. Bushong. He married Viola Mae Banes Dec. 10, 1949, in Mountain Home, Ark. She died Jan. 31, 2000. A resident of Larned since 1963, he was a laborer. Naugle was of the Christian faith. Survivors include three sons, Charles Naugle of Larned, Michael Naugle of Garfield and Joseph Naugle of Hutchinson; five daughters, Alice Marie Robison, Teresa Lynn Humphries and Brenda Louise Farmer, all of Larned, Wanda Gay McKenna of Hung Inson and Shirley Ann Helms of Park; his mother of Bixby, Okla.; two brothers, Ray Naugle of Bixby and Rex Naugle of Joplin, Mo.; one sister, Bonnie May Harmen of Chaffee, Mo.; 23 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Ruth A. Whisnant. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned with the Rev. Rick Clark officiating. Burial will be at the Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 16, 2001

Merlin Dale Gagelman 1943-2001

Merlin Dale Gagelman, 57, died Jan. 14 at his home in Great Bend. He was born May 14, 1943, in Great Bend, the son of Norman and Edna Belle Doonan Gagelman. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he was a farmer. Gagelman was a member of Peace Lutheran Church of Albert, Eagle's Lodge, Lake Barton Golf Club, Cooking Cousins Pig Caterers and director of the Ellinwood Mutual Insurance Company. Survivors include two sons, Jerry L. Gagelman of Urbana, Ill., and Lance D. Gagelman of Hays; one daughter, Krista D. Hagelman of Kansas City, Mo.; his mother of Great Bend; one sister, Janelda Brummitt of St. Louis, Mo.; and companion, Connie Funk Schremmer. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Ethan Feistner officiating. Burial will be at Peace Lutheran Cemetery in Albert. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, both at Bryant Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend and from 9:30 a.m. until service time Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 16, 2001

Niles L. Hauser 1949-2001

SALINA - Niles L. Hauser, 52, died Jan. 12 in the Washington, D.C. area. He was born Dec. 12, 1949, in Great Bend, the son of Keith and Sarah Hauser. He was a graduate of the University of Kansas. He married Sharon Hauser. A resident of Salina since 1973, coming from Ellinwood, he was a certified scuba diver instructor and a licensed multi-engine instrument commercial pilot. Hauser was a member of the 1968 Kansas Jayhawk Orange Bowl Football team, the National Ski Patrol, the Sunrise Rotary Club, the choir at Sunrise Presbyterian Church in Salina, the Salina Country Club, and the KU Alumni Association. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Phillip Hauser of Las Vegas, Nev., Christopher Hauser of Manhattan and Jason Hauser of Kansas City; his mother, of Salina; and two brothers, Mark Hauser of Overland Park and Byron Hauser of Franklin, Ohio. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. at Lakin-Comanche Cemetery in Ellinwood, followed by a fly over scattering his ashes over the family farm and Arkansas River south of Ellinwood. A second memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Friday at the church in Salina. Memorials are suggested to the Ellinwood Public Education and Library Foundation, Corporate Angels Network or the church, all in care of Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 16, 2001

Esther Nuss 1913-2001

RUSSELL - Esther Nuss, 87, died Jan. 15 at her home in Russell. She was born July 14, 1913, in Russell County, near Milberger, the daughter of Johann George and Helena Dietz Blehm. She married Harold Nuss Dec. 3, 1930, in Milberger. A resident of Russell since 1940, coming from Milberger, she worked as an Avon representative for over 20 years. Mrs. Nuss was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Russell. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Harold Dean Nuss of Russell; three daughters, Dorothy Funk and Marjorie Mighell, both of Russell, and Karen Kay Gaines of Nashville, Tenn.; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; four step-grandchildren; and 10 stepgreat-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Reuben Blehm; and four sisters, Martha Blehm, Helena Blehm, Hannah Blehm and Rachel Keister. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Henry Hartman officiating. Burial will be at St. John Lutheran Cemetery in Russell. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Pohlman's Mortuary in Russell and from 9:30 a.m. until service time Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the St. John Lutheran Cemetery Fund or the church, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 16, 2001

Paul Maurice Link 1929-2001

STILLWATER, Okla. - Paul Maurice Link, 71, died Jan. 14 in Stillwater. He was born June 29, 1929, in Chase, the son of Paul and Marie Deutsch Link. He graduated from Chase High School. He married Dixie Lee Simpson Sept. 14, 1950, in Chase. A resident of Stillwater since 1967, Link was employed by Chase Well Service until his retirement in 1987. Link was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, both in Stillwater. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Stephen Link of Plainville and Randy Link of Hays; two daughters, Vicki Black of Stillwater and Paula Link of Henderson; three brothers, James Link of Longview, Wash., John Link of Vancouver, Wash., and Arnold Link of Chehalis, Wash.; five sisters, Marilyn Muth of Vernal, Utah, Joan Taylor of Hobbs, N.M., Carolyn Schoenhofer of Lyons, Kathleen Link of Great Bend and Mary Sue Ackerman of Ellinwood: nine grandchildren: and four great-grandchildren. Altar society rosary will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Kimple
Margaret L. Rabenseifner 1916-2001

OLMITZ - Margaret L. Rabenseifner, 84, died Jan. 15 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus, in Great Bend. She was born June 20, 1916. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 16, 2001

Joseph E. 'Ed' Jilg 1919-2001

EL DORADO - Joseph E. "Ed" Jilg, 81, died Jan. 15 at Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital in El Dorado. He was born Aug. 4, 1919, in Barton County, the son of Engelbert and Anna Langer Jilg. He was a 1937 graduate of Hoisington High School. He married Hazel Warner May 18, 1946. A resident of El Dorado since 1946, he was employed by the Kansas Employment Security Division. He worked for K-T Oil Corporation. Jilg was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of El Dorado, and served as a deacon, elder and trustee. He was a member of the American Legion, a former member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, El Dorado Travel Club, El Dorado Historical Society, El Dorado Square Dance Club and Meals on Wheels. He entered the military service Sept. 3, 1941, in Leavenworth. He served in the U.S. and the European Theatre of operations as a Squadron Armorer T-4 Grade. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Ronald Jilg of Wichita and Curtis Jilg of El Dorado; two grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Ted Jilg, Walter Jilg and Henry Jilg; and one sister, Hermina Jilg. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the church. Burial will be at Walnut Valley Memorial Park in El Dorado. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Carlson Funeral Home in El Dorado. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 16, 2001

January 17, 2001

Margaret Louise Rabenseifner 1916-2001

OLMITZ - Margaret Louise Rabenseifner, 84, died Jan. 15 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born June 20, 1916, at Claflin, the daughter of Bert and Anna Reif Kaiser. She married Bernard A. Rabenseifner May 2, 1939, at Hoisington. A lifetime resident of Barton County, she was a homemaker and a retired nurse at CKMC in Great Bend. Mrs. Rabenseifner was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Olmitz. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Bernard Rabenseifner of Great Bend; four daughters, Darlene Hoffacker of Colorado Springs, Colo., Diane Zink of Claflin, Elaine Seeman of Lawrence and Patti Rabenseifner of St. John; three brothers, Tony Kaiser of Bushton, Frank Kaiser and Ed Kaiser, both of Hoisington; one sister, Rose Riedel of Ellinwood; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and one stepgreat-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one brother, Walter Kaiser; four half-brothers, Joe Kaiser, Lawrence Kaiser, Louie Kaiser and John Kaiser; three sisters, Theresa Nather, Leona Stewart and Eleanor Schwartz; two half-sisters, Sister Bertrand Kaiser and Sister Rita Kaiser; and one great-grandchild. Wake service will be at 7 tonight at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, followed by Altar Society rosary. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Ultan Murphy officiating. Burial will be at the church cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, Otis Emergency Medical Service or donor's choice, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 17, 2001

Edna Faye Weber 1917-2001

LARNED - Edna Faye Weber, 83, died Jan. 15 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus in Larned. She was born Aug. 22, 1917, at Portis, the daughter of Joseph C. and Lillie Maye Buchannan Knott. She married G. Frank Weber May 23, 1949, at Larned. He died July 16, 1992. A lifetime resident of Larned, she was a homemaker. Survivors include two nieces, Betty Nolan and Misty Radcliff, both of Wichita. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Patsy Lee; three brothers, Charles Knott, Jim Knott and John Knott; and one sister, Josephine Hazel Dawson. A memorial gathering will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with the Rev. John Grummon officiating. Inurnment will be at a later date at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 17, 2001

May Law 1912-2001

JETMORE - May Law, 88, died Jan. 15 at Hodgeman County Health Center in Jetmore. She was born Sept. 13, 1912, at Ness City, the daughter of Lon E. and Maggie Reynolds Abel. She married Orval Ray Law Jr. July 9, 1955. He died Jan. 30. 1992. A lifetime resident of Ness and Hodoeman counties. she was a homemaker. Survivors include two sons.
Raymond Law of Garfield and Tommy Jones of Colbert, Ga.; one daughter, Sally Krehbiel of Mesa, Ariz.; and one sister, Ruth Ross of Reasnor, Iowa. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Alfred Abel, Albert Abel, Ray Abel, Ralph Abel and Glenn Abel; and two sisters, Irene and Ethel. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to Hodgeman County Health Center or Hodgeman County Long Term Care Center, both of Jetmore, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 17, 2001

Wesley Morgan Hendrickson 1939-2001

JETMORE - Wesley Morgan Hendrickson, 61, died Jan. 15 at his home in Jetmore. He was born Nov. 28, 1939, in Hodgeman County, the son of Irvin Wesley and Daisy Pitts Hendrickson. He was a graduate of Jetmore High School. He married Nancy Reed October 1956. He later married Sandy Jean Schlereth Aug. 30, 1972. A resident of Jetmore for most of his life, he was a farmer. Hendrickson was a member of First Baptist Church and Chester Hawkins American Legion Post 290, both of Jetmore. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include two sons, John Hendrickson of Spearville and Michael Hendrickson of Jetmore; two daughters, Penny Baker of McPherson and Lynette Alley of Monette, Mo.; his mother of Jetmore; one brother, Sam Hendrickson of Jetmore; one sister, Joyce Reed of Kalvesta; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Irvin Wesley Hendrickson. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Mark Durham officiating. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore with military graveside rites. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to Wesley Hendrickson Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 17, 2001

January 19, 2001

Clarence R. Cleveland 1925-2001

LARNED - Clarence R. Cleveland, 75, died Jan. 17 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was born March 1, 1925, in Ash Valley, the son of Loman and Dorothy Buckman Cleveland. He married Marilyn Anita Rothrock Jan. 6, 1952, in Macksville. She died June 12, 1995. A resident of Pawnee County, he was a farmer. Cleveland was a member of the First Christian Church in Larned. He served on the Sanford School board, Morton Township board, Sanford Co-op board and the First Christian Church board. Survivors include one son, Kim E. Cleveland of Larned; two daughters, Pam Wagner of Garfield and Kerrie Powell of Riley; one brother, Donald Cleveland of Hutchinson; two sisters, Betty Ewing of Hains, Alaska, and Shirley Opp of Lincoln, Neb.; six grandchildren; and special friend, Maxine Nelms. He was preceded in death by one brother, Bob Cleveland. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with the Revs. Dan Lundgren and Louis McFerran officiating. Burial will be at the Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, both at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the First Christian Church Roof Fund, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 19, 2001

Nona J. Balderson-DeArmond 1949-2001

WICHITA - Nona J. Balderson-DeArmond, 52, died Jan. 17 at her home in Wichita. She was born May 22, 1948, in Vinita, Okla., the daughter of Robert E. Lee and Martha Louise Osborn Breshears. She married David C. Balderson. A resident of Wichita, and former resident of Great Bend, she was a retired Commerce Bank assistant and bank manager. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Patrick Tetrick and Mike Tetrick, both of Wichita; one daughter, Lisa Tetrick of Valley Center; one stepson, Brian Balderson of Wichita; one stepdaughter, Nicole McCoy of Wichita; her mother, Martha Louise Pitzl of Wichita; two brothers, Roger Leon Breshears of Wichita and Kevin Breshears of Belle Plaine; one sister, Aria Wilmore of Falcon, Colo.; grandmother, Ruby Springwater of Big Cabin, Okla.; and eight grandchildren; Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Resthaven Mortuary in Wichita. Burial will be at Resthaven Garden of Memory in Wichita. Friends may call from 6:30-8:30 tonight at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Make-A-Wish Foundation or the Ronald McDonald House, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 19, 2001

January 21, 2001

James Samuel Adams 1908-2001

LARNED - James Samuel Adams, 92, died Jan. 19 at Larned Healthcare and Living Center. He was born March 25, 1908, at St. John, the son of Charles S. and Hermio Brene Adams. He married Helen Luville McMorran Feb. 25, 1933, at Sedgwick. A resident of Larned since 1946, he was an electrician and radio and television technician. Adams was a member of Presbyterian Church in Larned. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, John Charles Adams of Larned; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Anita Spencer and Mildred McAdoo. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Jack Singer officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to Larned Emergency Medical Service or Alzheimer's and Related Disorders Association, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 21, 2001
Dolores Janet Fricks 1927-2001

Dolores Janet Fricks, 73, died Jan. 19 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born May 19, 1927, in Otis, the daughter of Dan and Lydia Muth Brack. She married Oscar G. Fricks Feb. 21, 1948, in Great Bend. He died June 6, 1989. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, she was a retired certified nurses' aide and caregiver. Mrs. Fricks was a member of Hart's Corner Missionary Baptist Church. Survivors include one son, Steve Fricks of Great Bend; one daughter, Faye Schartz of Great Bend; three brothers, Wilbur Brack and Dan Brack of Farmington, N.M., and Tom Brack of Great Bend; four sisters, Evelyn Deines of Ellinwood, Marilyn White of Roysse City, Texas, Wilma Cody of Welaka, Fla., and DeAnna Robinson of Lee's Summit, Mo.; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one son, James Allen Fricks; one brother, Orville Brack; and one sister, Bonnie Flowers. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Elder A.J. Owens officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, both at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend, and from 9:30 a.m. to service time Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune, Jan. 21, 2001

Bill Michaelis 1940-2001

RUSSELL - Bill Michaelis, 60, died Jan. 18 at his home in Russell. He was born Jan. 29, 1940, in Russell, the son of Walter and Rachel C. Keil Michaelis. He married Darlene B. Brown April 25, 1964, in Russell. A resident of Russell, worked in the home improvement business with Eddie Heffel prior to working for Russell water department as superintendent. Michaelis was a life member of the Veteran of Foreign Wars 6240 in Russell. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Brenda Michaelis of Grand Island, Neb.; two brothers, Donald Michaelis of Liberal and Larry Michaelis of Lyons; three sisters, Delores Hanhardt of Bison, Elaine Paulson of Salina and Shirley Roth of LaSalle, Colo. He was preceded in death by one brother, Vennard Michaelis; and four sisters, Melba Kuhn, Patricia Dumlur, Sharon Mitchell and an infant. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Pohlman's Memorial Chapel in Russell with the Rev. Henry Hartman officiating. Burial will be at Russell City Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to service time Monday, both at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 21, 2001

Nina Mae Wycoff 1927-2001

ST. JOHN - Nina Mae Wycoff, 73, died Jan. 17 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born Feb. 18, 1927, in Paragould, Ark., the daughter of Floyd and Ophelia Estopy. She married N. Guy Wycoff April 17, 1946, in Radium. A resident of the Radium community for 44 years, she was a homemaker, farmer and past owner of Dixie Cream Donut Shop in Goshen, Ind. Mrs. Wycoff was a member of Eden Valley Church of the Brethren and past Rebekahs, both of St. John, and past member of Extension Homemakers Unit and Progressive Club, both of Radium. She received her pilot's license in the 1950's. Survivors include her husband of Seward; one son, Todd Wycoff of St. John; three daughters, Karen Wycoff of Tulsa, Okla., Erenda Mercer and Susan Tucker, both of St. John; two sisters, Rena Schmitt of Arnold, Mo., and Virginia Kiefling of Winnipeg, Canada; two step-brothers, Jerry Estopy of Texas and Galen Estopy of Arkansas; and five grandsons. She was preceded in death by one infant brother. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church with the Revs. Matt Spurgin and David Albright officiating. Burial will be at Pawnee Rock Cemetery. Friends may call until 7 tonight at Minnis Chapel in St. John. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 21, 2001

Cleo Allen

Cleo Allen died Jan. 19 at her home. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Fryberger Mortuary in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 21, 2001

Mildred E. Suellentrop 1917-2001

OVERLAND PARK - Mildred E. Suellentrop, 83, died Jan. 20 at Garden Terrace of Overland Park. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 21, 2001

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Katherine E. Godfrey 1916-2001

Katherine E. Godfrey, 84, died Jan. 21 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus, in Great Bend. She was born Aug. 21, 1916, in Ness City, the daughter of Jacob and Agatha Leiker Gabel. She married James R. “Jimmy” Godfrey July 16, 1934, in Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend since 1943, coming from Hutchinson and Russell, she
was a retired teacher's aid for the handicapped at Washington School. Mrs. Godfrey was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and the Altar Society, both in Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, James "Dick" Godfrey of Salina; two daughters, Patricia Ann Horn of Polo, Mo. and Jean Wegner of St. Charles, Mo.; one brother, Jake Gabel, Jr. of Casper, Wyo.; three sisters, Pauline Leiker of Wichita, Rose Melcher of Los Angeles, Calif., and Odella Gardner of Casper; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Alex Gabel, Frank Gabel and Joe Gabel; and four sisters, Germaine Kreutzer, Ann Colegrove, Clara Lieker and Dorothy McIntire. Altar society rosary will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Parish rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with the Revs. Angel Dy and Warren Stecklein officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Catholic School Endowment Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 22, 2001

Mildred Eugenia Suellentrop 1917-2001

Mildred Eugenia Suellentrop, 83, died Jan. 20 at Garden Terrace of Overland Park. She was born May 28, 1917, in Barton County, the daughter of Conrad and Amelia Keil Baker. She married Marcus J. Suellentrop April 12, 1939, in Great Bend. A resident of Overland Park for two years, coming from Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Suellentrop was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and Altar Society, both in Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, John Suellentrop of Sunrise Beach, Mo., the Rev. Anthony Suellentrop of Medicine Lodge and Timothy Suellentrop of Overland Park; one daughter, Ann Martin of Overland Park; two sisters, Elsie Myers of Lenexa and Irene Persful of Houston, Texas; and three grandchildren. Altar society rosary will be at 3 p.m. today at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the church with the Revs. Anthony Suellentrop and Angel Dy officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association or the Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 22, 2001

Eugene Scott Weesner 1930-2001

HAYS - Eugene Scott Weesner, 71, died Jan. 20 at Hays Medical Center. He was born Jan. 15, 1930, in McCracken, the son of Ralph and Selma Rothe Weesner. He graduated from La Crosse Rural High School in 1949. A lifelong resident of Rush County, he was an electrical contractor and worked for the city of La Crosse Light Plant. Weesner was a member of La Crosse United Methodist Church. He was an Airman Second class in the U.S. Air Force. Survivors include one sister, Alice O. Pokorny of Hays. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse with military honors. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight, with the family receiving friends from 2-4 p.m. today, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 22, 2001

Elfreda 'Freda' A. Walker 1918-2001

LARNED - Elfreda "Freda" A. Walker, 82, died Jan. 20 at her home in Larned. She was born March 17, 1918, in Great Bend, the daughter of August and Anna Gagelman Werhahn. She married James M. Walker Feb. 19, 1954. He died Dec. 10, 1992. A resident of Larned since 1954, she was a retired store clerk at Dillons and a homemaker. Mrs. Walker was a member of United Methodist Church in Larned. Survivors include one son, Ken Walker of Larned; one stepson, Jerry Walker of Pebble Beach, Calif.; one stepdaughter, Glenda Kirby of Overland Park; one brother, August "Gus" Werhahn of Great Bend; two sisters, Mildred Mull and Mable His, both of Great Bend; and six great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned with the Rev. Charles Grant officiating. Burial will be at the Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and until service time Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 22, 2001

January 23, 2001

Galind F. Boyd 1941-2001

HUTCHINSON - Galind F. Boyd, 59, died Jan. 20 at Hutchinson Hospital. He was born April 18, 1941, in Watertown, N.Y., the son of Harold and Reata Young Boyd. He married Berna Dean Brooks March 5, 1985, in Las Vegas, Nev. A resident of Hutchinson for 35 years, coming from Great Bend, he was the former owner of B and K Body Shop. Survivors include his wife of the home; his mother of Honolulu, Hawaii; and one sister, Mary Flores of Honolulu. He was preceded in death by one brother, Richard "Red" Boyd. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Heritage Chapel in Hutchinson. Cremation has taken place. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to Hospice, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 23, 2001

Melvin Strecker 1924-2001
SYLVAN GROVE - Melvin Strecker, 76, died Jan. 20 at Salina Regional Health Center, Santa Fe Campus. He was born Sept. 6, 1924, in Barton County, the son of Fredrick Jr. and Amalia Stettinger Strecker. He married Melba Karst May 2, 1948, in Milberger. A resident of Sylvan Grove since 1954, coming from Lincoln County, he was a farmer. Strecker was a member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Lucas. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Delvin A. Strecker of Concordia and Ronald M. Strecker of Ellinwood; one daughter, Charlotte J. Herrman of Salina; one brother, Roy Strecker of Sylvan Grove; one sister, Helen Walter of Russell; and seven grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 today at the church with the Rev. James Wagner officiating. Burial will be at Sylvan Grove Cemetery. Friends may call until service time today at the church. Memorials are suggested to Gloria Dei Elevator Fund or Lincoln County Emergency Medical Technicians, in care of Rodrick and Minear Funeral Home in Sylvan Grove. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 23, 2001

Blanche Eleanor Petracek Maggard 1918-2001

LA CROSSE - Blanche Eleanor Petracek Maggard, 82, died Jan. 19 at her daughter's home near Hutchinson from heart failure. She was born April 13, 1918, in Jennings, the daughter of Frank and Rosa Cilek Petracek. She graduated from Jennings High School in 1935. She attended Strickler's Business School in Topeka and attended Kansas State University. She married Lloyd O. Maggard June 21, 1942, in Jennings. He died May 28, 2000. A resident of La Crosse, she established Rush County Locker Service with her husband in La Crosse, worked in the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service in Rush County and served as a secretary at La Crosse Grade School. Mrs. Maggard was a member of First Christian Church in La Crosse. She was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, and volunteered in Second Chance Thrift Store, Meals on Wheels, the local food bank and youth organizations. Survivors include one son, Roger Maggard of Anchorage, Alaska; two daughters, Linda Conrad of Hutchinson and Carol Garbacik of Philomath, Ore.; one sister, Mildred Harper Wolfe of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by seven brothers, Herbert Petracek, Stanley Petracek, Julius Petracek, Harry Petracek, Frank Petracek, Rudolph Petracek and Alfred Petracek; and three sisters, Nettie Skubal, Ruth Tacha Wade and Sylvia Peters. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Troy Schroeder officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse Cemetery. Friends may call from 2-9 p.m. Thursday at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Memorials are suggested to the church or Second Chance, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 23, 2001

Harold Franklin Sterba 1939-2001

Harold Franklin Sterba, 61, died Jan. 21 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born May 25, 1939, in Clifton, the son of Ludwick Frank and Florence Musselman Sterba. He married Kathy Vogtman April 26, 1964, in Clifton. She died May 27, 1994. A resident of Great Bend since 1989, coming from Trousdale, he was a truck driver for Groendyke Transport. Survivors include two sons, David L. Sterba of Wichita and Grady Sterba of Great Bend; two daughters, Lori Sterba and Lisa Sterba, both of Great Bend; one brother, Daryl Sterba of Clifton; two sisters, Lois Richert and Marcine Sterba, both of Clifton; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Dorothy Lou Sterba. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Kinsley Mortuary in Marysville with the Rev. Dale McCoy officiating. Burial will be at Marysville Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-5 p.m. Wednesday at Great Bend Family Mortuary in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association, in care of Great Bend Family Mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 23, 2001

Katherine E. Godfrey 1916-2001

Katherine E. Godfrey, 84, died Jan. 21 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born Aug. 21, 1916, in Ness City, the daughter of Jacob and Agatha Leiker Gabel. She married James R. "Jimmy" Godfrey July 16, 1934, in Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend since 1943, coming from Hutchinson and Russell, she was a retired teacher's aide for the handicapped at Washington School. Mrs. Godfrey was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and Altar Society, both in Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, James "Dick" Godfrey of Salina; two daughters, Patricia Ann Horn of Polo, Mo., and Jean Wegner of St. Charles, Mo.; one brother, Jake Gabel Jr. of Casper, Wyo.; four sisters, Mary Frances Gabel of Wichita, Pauline Leiker of Wichita, Rose Melcher of Los Angeles, Calif., and Odella Gardner of Casper; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Alex Gabel, Frank Gabel and Joe Gabel; and four sisters, Germaine Kreutzner, Ann Colegrove, Clara Lieder and Dorothy McIntire. Altar Society rosary will be at 4 p.m. today at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Parish rosary will be at 7:30 tonight at the funeral home. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the church with the Revs. Angel Dy and Warren Stecklein officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Catholic School Endowment Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 23, 2001

Farley Glen "Hutch" Hutchinson 1906-2001

Farley Glen "Hutch" Hutchinson, 95, died Jan. 20 in Great Bend. He was born Jan. 2, 1906, in Crestline, the son of Arthur Andrew and Mary Catherine Reeder Hutchinson. He married Eva Pierson Oct. 25, 1947, in Broken Arrow, Okla. She died Dec. 20, 1988. A resident of Great Bend for 40 years, coming from Lyons, he was a pumper for Texaco for 37 years. Hutchinson was a member of Church of Christ in Broken Arrow. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include one daughter, Marlene Harrison of Buckhannon. W.Va.; one stepdaughter, Connie Joebe of Fort Worth.
Leonard L. Stettinger 1918-2001

Leonard L. Stettinger, 82, died Jan. 21 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born Feb. 25, 1918, in Barton County, the son of Jacob J. and Agnes Strecker Stettinger. He married Esther Mai April 20, 1941, in Russell County. She died Feb. 6, 2000. A lifetime resident of Barton County, he was a retired farmer and former employee of Manweiler Chevrolet and Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, both of Hoisington. Stettinger was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Hoisington and former member of Bender Hill Church in rural Russell. Survivors include one son, John Stettinger of Great Bend; two daughters, Carlene Landis of Lititz, Pa., and Linda Dodson of Lawrence; two sisters, Luella Miller of Hoisington and Rosetta Ochs of Hays; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by an infant granddaughter, Lori Landis. Prayer service will be at 7 tonight at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Kelly Taylor-Schaus officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight at the funeral home and from 9:30 a.m. until service time Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Hoisington Fire Department or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 23, 2001

Margaret Tauscher 1905-2001

HOISINGTON - Margaret Tauscher, 95, died Jan. 23 at Hoisington Rehabilitation Center. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 23, 2001

Robert W. ‘Bob’ Catterfeld 1941-2001

ALBERT - Robert W. "Bob" Catterfeld, 59, died Jan. 23 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 23, 2001

Clara Carter 1909-2001

Clara Carter, 91, died Jan. 23 at Integrated Health Services in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 23, 2001

January 24, 2001

Margaret Tauscher 1905-2001

HOISINGTON - Margaret Tauscher, 95, died Jan. 23 at Hoisington Rehabilitation Center. She was born Oct. 2, 1905, in Marienthal, the daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth Biel Ernst. She married George Tauscher Oct. 30, 1923, in Schoenchen. He died April 1, 1994. A resident of Hoisington for 67 years, coming from Schoenchen, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Tauscher was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Hoisington. Survivors include four daughters, Edna Mills and Delores Reif, both of Hoisington, Virginia Boomhower of Russell and Diane Winsky of Ottawa; two sisters, Ann Elстun of Hutchinson and Helen Hardten of Claflin; 19 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Levorne Tauscher; two daughters, Alice Hickel and Lanettia McBride; five brothers, Pete Ernst, Tony Ernst, John Ernst, Nick Ernst and Joe Ernst. Vigil will be at 6 tonight at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at the church cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or church cemetery, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 24, 2001

Clara Emilee Carter 1907-2001

Clara Emilee Carter, 93, died Jan. 23 at Integrated Health Services in Great Bend. She was born Dec. 21, 1907, in Claflin, the daughter of William August and Olga Augusta Stueder Drews. She married Byron J. Carter Sept. 19, 1944, in Claflin. He died May 2, 1991. A resident of Great Bend since 1955, coming from Stafford, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Carter was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend. Survivors include one son, William Byron Carter of Fall River, Mass.; three daughters, Shirley Ann Robinson and Karen Kay Milberquer, both of Wichita, and Ruth Marilyn Jaro of Fort...
Scott; one sister, Hilda Boeken of Great Bend; 14 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Herman Drews; and three sisters, Martha Schepmann, Lily Lathrop and Esther Schepmann. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Bryant-Christians Chapel in Great Bend with the Rev. Dr. Gary W. Teske officiating. Burial will be at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Claflin Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to service time, both at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 24, 2001

Robert W. "Bob" Catterfeld 1941-2001

ALBERT - Robert W. "Bob" Catterfeld, 59, died Jan. 23 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born Nov. 15, 1941, in Saginaw, Mich., the son of Richard and Betty Labrake Catterfeld. He married Frances Wilkinson Feb. 10, 1962. He then married Delores Ellisworth Dec. 22, 1965, in Great Bend. A resident of Barton County since 1977, coming from Saginaw, he was a retired machinist for Great Bend Industries. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Scott A. Catterfeld of Gardner; three daughters, Shawn Smith of Pawnee Rock, Shannon Rogers of Logansport, Ind., and Wendy Herrman of Great Bend; one stepson, Tyler Swank of Albert; two stepdaughters, Lacy Welch of Albert and Melissa Evans of Hutchinson; one sister, Jean Potter of Westland, Mich.; 11 grandchildren; and three stepgrandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Bryant-Christians Chapel in Great Bend with the Rev. Dick Ogle officiating. Burial will be at Pawnee Rock Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. to service time Friday, all at the chapel. Family will receive friends from 7-8 p.m. Thursday at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to Great Bend Parks Department, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 24, 2001

January 25, 2001

Margaret Tauscher 1905-2001

HOISINGTON - Margaret Tauscher, 95, died Jan. 23 at Hoisington Rehabilitation Center. She was born Oct. 2, 1905, in Marienthal, the daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth Biel Ernst. She married George Tauscher Oct. 30, 1923, in Schoenchen. He died April 1, 1994. A resident of Hoisington for 67 years, coming from Schoenchen, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Tauscher was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and the Altar Society, both of Hoisington. Survivors include four daughters, Edna Mills and Delores Reif, both of Hoisington, Virginia Boomhower of Schoenchen, and Tallman; two sisters, Ann Elstun of Hutchinson and Helen Hardten of Claflin; 19 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Levorne Tauscher; two daughters, Violet Stephenson and Dorothy Austin. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church in Great Bend with the Rev. Dr. Gary W. Teske officiating. Burial will be at Pawnee Rock Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. to service time Friday, all at the chapel. Family will receive friends from 7-8 p.m. Thursday at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 25, 2001

Melvin John Petz 1917-2001

LEAWOOD - Melvin John Petz, 83, died at St. Joseph Health Center in Kansas City, Mo. He was born May 14, 1917, in Ellinwood, the son of Richard and Mary Weisenberg Petz. He married Elva Naim Oct. 12, 1937, in Ellinwood. A resident of Leawood for seven years, coming from Great Bend, he was a bulk oil agent for Sinclair Oil. Petz was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus, both of Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; four daughters, Karen McCosh of Hillsdale, Mich., Patricia Guesnier and Beverly Bruntz, both of Overland Park and Lynette Saunders of Austin, Texas; and two brothers, Jerry Petz of Colwich and Allen Petz of La Crosse; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Clarence Petz, Leo Petz, Richard Petz and Norman Petz. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday, followed by Knights of Columbus Rosary, both at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. George Cheboryot officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight, and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 25, 2001

Mildred Hazel Boldt 1914-2001

HESSTON - Mildred Hazel Boldt, 86, died Jan. 24 at Schowalter Villa in Hesston. She was born Nov. 29, 1914, in Strawn, the daughter of Clarence and Deliah Herr Dailey. She graduated from Greeley High School. She married Harold Lery Boldt June 24, 1934, in Lindsborg. He died Aug. 16, 1998. A resident of Hesston since 1998, coming from rural Chase, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Boldt was a member of First Church of Nazarene in Great Bend, a former member of First Church of Nazarene in Hesston, a member of First Church of Nazarene in Chase and E.H.U. of Lyons. She was a 4-H sewing teacher for Rice County 4-H. Survivors include two sons, Derald Boldt of Chase and Kennard Boldt of McPherson; three daughters, Darleen Jamison of Flagstaff, Ariz., Sharon Malone of Wichita and Annette Eder of McPherson; 15 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; her twice-born brother, LaVonne Boldt; two brothers, Paul Dailey and Maurice Dailey; and two sisters, Violet Stephenson and Dorothy Austin. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the church in Great Bend with the Rev. Mark Pennington officiating. Burial will be at the Salem Cemetery in Bushton. Friends may call from 1-5 p.m. Sunday, with the family receiving friends from 3-5 p.m. Sunday at the Glidden-Ediger Funeral Home in McPherson,
and from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday at the church in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church in Great Bend or the American Parkinson's Disease Association, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 25, 2001

January 26, 2001

Herbert 'Herb' Boxberger 1920-2001

HOISINGTON - Herbert "Herb" Boxberger, 80, died Jan. 25 at his residence in Hoisington. He was born Aug. 30, 1920, near Galatia, the son of J. George and Anna Elizabeth Herman Boxberger. He married Doris DeWald Oct. 24, 1948, in Hoisington. A resident of Hoisington for 52 years, he was a farmer, driller and tool pusher for Dunne Gardner of Wichita. Boxberger was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7428, both of Hoisington. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Doug Boxberger of Hoisington; one daughter, Debbie Reif of Hoisington; one sister, Esther Schneider of Great Bend; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Reuben Boxberger, Fred Boxberger, Harvey Boxberger and Jacob Boxberger; and two sisters, Lydia Tittel and Elsie Nuss. Prayer service will be at 7 tonight at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the church in Hoisington with the Rev. Kelly Taylor-Schaus officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery with military graveside rites. Friends may call until 9 tonight, from 9 a.m. until noon, both at the funeral home and from 12:30 p.m. until service time Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 26, 2001

Cleo Allen 1949-2001

Cleo Allen, 51, died Jan. 19 at her home in Great Bend. She was born April 16, 1949, in Falls City, Neb., the daughter of Benjamin Harrison and Cecelia Elizabeth Allen. A resident of Great Bend for eight years, coming from Wichita, she was a secretary for North American Drilling and a eight-year employee with Coastal Mart in Wichita. Survivors include one daughter, Tia Hatten of Dundee; two sisters, Juanita Miles and Edna Colliers, both of Lincoln, Neb.; and one grandchild. Memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at 620 Holland in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Cleo Allen Memorial Fund, in care of Fryberger Mortuary in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 26, 2001

Ruth Painter 1902-2001

Ruth Painter, 98, died Jan. 25 at Sterling House in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 26, 2001

C. LaVerne Hagerman 1918-2001

TIMKEN - C. LaVerne Hagerman, 72, died Jan. 26 at Integrated Health Services in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 26, 2001

January 28, 2001

Laura E. Lamb 1921-2001

MACKSVILLE - Laura E. Lamb, 79, died Jan. 25 at Larned Health Care and Living Center in Larned. She was born June 22, 1921, at Fayetteville, Ark., the daughter of Gabriel R. and Gertie L. Huffman Harman. She married Clarence Henry Lamb Nov. 27, 1940, at Macksville. He preceded her in death. A lifetime resident of Macksville, she was a homemaker, cook at Hearthstone Nursing Home of St. John and Parkview Manor Nursing Home of Macksville, and was a hostess for VIP Center in Macksville. Mrs. Lamb was a member of Macksville Christian Church and Macksville VIP Center. Survivors include one son, Gabriel Dean Lamb of Datil, N.M.; three daughters, Nancy England of Winnebago, Minn., Beverly Fairchild of Haysville and LaDayle Clapham of Larned; two brothers, G.R. Harman of Garfield and Everett Lee Harman of Hills, Iowa; one sister, Mildred Prescott of Macksville; nine grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Harry William Harman and Maurice Harman; two sisters, Lois Parks and Alpha Prescott; and one infant grandson. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Carey Haner officiating. Burial will be at Farmington Cemetery in Macksville. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. today at Minnis Chapel in Macksville. Memorials are suggested to the church or American Cancer Society, both in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 28, 2001
C. LaVergne Hagerman 1918-2001

TIMKEN - C. LaVergne Hagerman, 82, died Jan. 26 at Integrated Health Services of Great Bend. She was born Aug. 21, 1918, at Timken, the daughter of John C. and Martha Elizabeth Scheuerman Hanhardt. She married Lester Arnold Hagerman May 11, 1943, at Albert. He died March 10, 1991. A lifetime resident of Timken, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Hagerman was a member of Peace Lutheran Church, Peace Lutheran Church Women and Sunshine Singer, all of Albert. Survivors include two daughters, Sandra Essmiller of Great Bend and Karen Wiltse of Timken; one sister, Dolores Dirks of Albert; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Prayer service will be at 7 tonight at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Ethan Feistner officiating. Burial will be at the church cemetery. Friends may call from 1-9 today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church building fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 28, 2001

Ruth M. Painter 1902-2001

Ruth M. Painter, 98, died Jan. 25 at Sterling House in Great Bend. She was born Dec. 5, 1902, in Rush County, the daughter of John and Birdie Elizabeth Golladay Andree. She married Roy B. Painter June 19, 1926, in Great Bend. He died June 22, 1978. A longtime resident of the Great Bend and Albert area, she was Barton County clerk from 1953-1980. Mrs. Painter was a member of First United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Fanshier-Biggs Circle, Ladies Auxiliary of United Transportation Unit - Emporia Lodge 391 and Order of the Eastern Star. Survivors include several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one brother, Paul H. Andree; and one sister, Grace A. Andree. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m Monday at Larned Cemetery with the Rev. Jana Baxter officiating. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.), Tribune, Jan. 28, 2001

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Marie Goodnight 1909-2001

NESS CITY - Marie Goodnight, 91, died Jan. 27 at Ness County Long Term Care Center in Ness City. She was born April 6, 1909, in Rush County, the daughter of Thomas and Lucy Reed Crotinger. She married Jack Goodnight Jan. 1, 1939, in Great Bend. He died Feb. 26, 1977. A resident of Ness City, she was a waitress for many years and a clerk in a dry goods and clothing store. Survivors include one sister, Lucille Moore of Ness City. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Samuel Crotinger, Harold Crotinger, Alfred Crotinger, Frank Crotinger and Orville Crotinger; and two sisters, Clara Moore and Grace VanWinkle. Funeral will be 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City, with the Rev. Randall Jahnke officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight and 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Leisure Years Center in Ness City, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.), Tribune, Jan. 29, 2001

Betty L. Peck 1926-2001

CUBA, Ill. - Betty L. Peck, 74, died Jan. 27 at Graham Hospital in Canton, Ill. She was born March 21, 1926, in Dixon Springs, Ill., the daughter of Ennis and Edith Ragain. She married Leonard Peck. He died May 1999. A resident of Cuba, she worked for Fleming-Potter Printing Company for 26 years. Survivors include two sons, Danny Carlson of Peoria, Ill., and Michael D. Stufflebean of Canton; four daughters, Bonnie Alesandrini of Canton, Connie Kaye of Carbondale, Ill., Doris Moore of Cuba and Beverly Peck of Hoisington; two brothers, Daniel Kilpatrick of Peoria and Wesley Kilpatrick of Golconda, Ill.; one sister, Doris Peck of Edwards, Ill.; 15 grandchildren; and 36 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Murphy-Sedgwick Memorial Home in Canton with the Rev. Jim Menne officiating. Burial will be at White Chapel Memory Gardens in Canton. Friends may call from 6-8 tonight at the memorial home. Memorials are suggested to Cuba Rescue Squad of Graham Hospital Home Health, in care of the memorial home. Great Bend (Kan.), Tribune, Jan. 29, 2001

Rudolph Batt 1916-2001

RUSSELL - Rudolph Batt, 84, died Jan. 28 at Wheatland Nursing Center in Russell. He was born Sept. 13, 1916, in Barton County, the son of George and Sophia Hettinger Batt. A lifetime resident on the family farm south of Russell, he was a farmer and stockman. Batt was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Batt was preceded in death by four brothers, Herman Batt, Robert Batt, Walter Batt and Arthur Batt; and one sister, Frieda Dietz. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Russell City Cemetery, with the Rev. Henry Hartman officiating. Friends may call from 2-9 p.m. today and 9 a.m. until noon Tuesday at Pohlman's Mortuary in Russell. Memorials are suggested to Russell City Cemetery, in care of
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George A. Skolaut 1903-2001

George A. Skolaut, 97, died Jan. 29 at Integrated Health Services in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 30, 2001

Katherine F. Paul 1905-2001

JETMORE - Katherine F. Paul, 95, died Jan. 27 at Hodgeman County Long Term Care Center in Jetmore. She was born April 18, 1905, in Mill Creek Township in Washington County, the daughter of George and Ida Squier Fuller. She married Grover C. Paul in June 1921 in La Junta, Colo. He died April 14, 1963. A longtime resident of Dodge City, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Paul was a member of First Church Christ Scientists of Boston, Mass. Survivors include two sons, H. Bruce Paul of Atascadero, Calif., and Dwayne E. Paul of Santa Fe, New Mexico; three daughters, Jacquelin Fieth of Grand Junction, Colo., Joan Deyoe of Jetmore and Jeredith Martin of Fowler; 16 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Ralph Fuller, Russell Fuller and George Fuller; and four sisters, Nellie, Alta, Bertha and Genevive. Funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore with the Rev. Jo Clipson officiating. Burial will be at the Greencrest Cemetery in Dodge City. Friends may call until 8 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and 9 a.m. until service time Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Hodgeman County Long Term Care Center in Jetmore, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 30, 2001

Robert Lee Schober 1935-2001

WICHITA - Robert Lee Schober, 66, died Jan. 28 in Wichita. He was born June 22, 1935, in Great Bend, the son of David Michael and Hilda Ruby Steinert Schober. A resident of Wichita, he was a retired J.C. Penney sales clerk. Schober was a retired U.S. Air Force major and Vietnam War veteran. Survivors include his wife, Marie Schober, of the home; his parents of Great Bend; three sons, Randall L. Schober of Stilwell, Rudy L. Schober of Dallas, Texas, and Ryan L. Schober of Wichita; two stepdaughters, Glenda Terry of Valley Center and Marilyn Gordon of Rose Hill; one stepson, Jim Hunt of Wichita; three grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; and five stepgreat-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Resthaven Mortuary in Wichita. Family will receive friends from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 30, 2001

Walter 'Walt' L. Leewright 1939-2001

ANDOVER - Walter "Walt" L. Leewright, 61, died Jan. 27. He was born Aug. 2, 1939, in Great Bend, the son of Kenneth and Maude Leewright. A resident of Andover, he was an Andover school custodian and a retired Navy storekeeper. Survivors include his wife, Kimberly Leewright, of the home; one son, Andrew Leewright of Andover; two daughters, Christi Leewright of Pittsburg and Marianna Leewright of Andover; two brothers, James "Jimmy" Leewright of Elmwood and Robert Leewright of Valley Center; and three sisters, Maragret Hogan and Elizabeth Hogan, both of Neodesha, and Lillias Butts of Elk City. Vigil service will be at 7 tonight at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Andover. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Memorial are suggested to the Walter Leewright Memorial Fund or Children's Education, in care of National Bank of Andover. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 30, 2001

Esther A. Welsh 1920-2001

STAFFORD - Esther A. Welsh, 80, died Jan. 28 at Stafford District Hospital. She was born July 1, 1920, in Devol, Okla., the daughter of James Leroy and Dora Sheldon Totman. She married John Marion Humphrey in Bartlesville, Okla. He died April 20, 1977. A resident of Stafford, coming from Minneola, she was a homemaker and aide for Minneola Nursing Home. Mrs. Welsh was a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Hugoton. Survivors include five sons, James Connelly of Duncan, Okla., Frank Humphrey of Abilene, Kirby Humphrey of Sylvia, Larry Humphrey of Shelby Township, Mich., and James Humphrey of Hutchinson; two brothers, Leo Totman of Hutchinson and Perry Totman of Winfield; one sister, Bernita Blackburn of Hugoton; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Bill Totman. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford with the Rev. Harry Graves officiating. Burial will be at the Turon Cemetery in Stafford. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Wednesday at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 30, 2001

David Samuel Ummel 1953-2001

RANSOM - David Samuel Ummel, 47, died Jan. 27 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was born Feb. 26, 1953, in
Ransom, the son of Rolla and Edna Wittman Ummel. He married Treva Shaffer June 9, 1984, in Ness City. A lifetime resident of Ransom, he was a agricultural insurance agent and was a contract crop adjuster. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter Kaileigh Ummel of the home; his mother of Cheyenne Wells, Colo.; two brothers, Richard Ummel and Don Ummel, both of WaKeeney; two sisters, Fern Renner of Cheyenne Wells, Colo., and Doris Scott of Ness City. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Ransom High School with the Revs. Bruce and Sandy Ferguson officiating. Burial will be at Ransom Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight and until service time Wednesday, both at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City. Memorials are suggested to the Educational Fund for Kaileigh Ummel or the Ransom Veterans of Foreign Wars, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 30, 2001

Irene G. Hughes 1913-2001

HUTCHINSON - Irene G. Hughes, 87, died Jan. 28 at Oakwood Rehabilitation Center in Hutchinson. She was born Nov. 4, 1913, in White Butte, S.D., the daughter of Edward and Lydia Kautz Zimmerman. She married Edward B. Mitchell May 2, 1933, in Lyman, S.D. He died April 7, 1972. She married Eldon F. Hughes March 30, 1974, in Hutchinson. He died March 14, 1999. A longtime resident of Hutchinson, coming from Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Hughes was a member of First Church of the Nazarene in Great Bend. Survivors include three sons, Jim Mitchell and Douglas Mitchell, both of Hutchinson, and Dennis Mitchell of Lees Summit, Mo.; one daughter, Marilyn Wyatt of Wichita; one sister, Elsie Zimmerman; 14 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Edward Mitchell, four brothers and three sisters. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Memorial Park Cemetery in Hutchinson, with the Rev. Dr. Charles McCallum officiating. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Elliott Mortuary in Hutchinson. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 30, 2001

January 31, 2001

George Albert Skolaut, Jr. 1903-2001

George Albert Skolaut, Jr., 97, died Jan. 29 in Great Bend. He was born Aug. 12, 1903, in Barton County, the son of George Albert and Anna Schreiber Skolaut, Sr. He married Josephine A. Maneth Nov. 12, 1934, in Olmitz. A lifetime resident of Barton County, he was a farmer. Skolaut was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Great Bend and the Knights of Columbus in Olmitz. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Marvin George Skolaut of Olmitz; one sister, Anna Haberman of La Crosse; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Ellen Haberman and Fannie Jarmer. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Warren Stecklein officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Morell Funeral Home in Hutchinson. Memorial services are suggested to St. Patrick School Endowment Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 31, 2001

Clarence A. Kirby 1916-2001

LARNED - Clarence A. Kirby, 85, died Jan. 30 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 31, 2001

Pearl Mildred Pizinger Berscheidt 1911-2001

TUCSON, Ariz. - Pearl Mildred Pizinger Berscheidt, 89, died Jan. 19 at The Harbourage in Tucson. She was born Nov. 13, 1911, in Hoisington, the daughter of James and Matilda Margaret "May" Barstow Pizinger. She was a 1929 graduate of Hoisington High School. A resident of Tucson since 1959, coming from Hoisington, Dodge City, Great Bend and Omaha, Neb., she was a bookkeeper for Sprull Motors in Great Bend and Selby Motors in Tucson. Mrs. Berscheidt was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church and the Eastern Star. Survivors include four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her first husband, George Crane; her second husband, Edward Berscheidt; two daughters, Sharon Jayko and Donna Crane; two brothers, Jimmy Pizinger and Lee Pizinger; four sisters, Rose Ford, Mary Ailslieger, Josephine Poore and Bessie Wallace; and one granddaughter, Kathy. At her request, there will be no funeral services. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 31, 2001
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February 1, 2001

Dickie L. Hupfer 1953-2001

RUSSELL - Dickie L. Hupfer, 47, died Jan. 29 at Wheatland Nursing Center in Russell. He was born Nov. 1, 1953, in Ellsworth, the son of Vernon Kenneth and Bessie Baral Hupfer. He attended a rural school near Milberger. A resident of Russell, he worked in the oil fields as a rotary rig and pulling unit operator. Survivors include one brother, Delvin Hupfer of Russell; two sisters, Carolian Karst of Russell and Linda Boedeker of Greeley, Colo.; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Dana Hupfer; and one brother, Everett Hupfer. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Bunker Hill Cemetery in Bunker Hill with the Rev. Henry Hartman officiating. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9-10 a.m. Friday at Pohlman's Mortuary in Russell. Memorials are suggested to the Dickie Hupfer Memorial, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 1, 2001

Alan E. Karlin 1957-2001

Alan E. Karlin, 43, died Jan. 30 at his home in Great Bend. He was born March 13, 1957, in Hays, the son of Eugene and Thelma Dreher Karlin. He was a 1975 graduate of Thomas More Prep-Marian High School in Hays. A resident of Great Bend, he worked for L-K Wireline and Acid for 26 years as a sales representative and logging engineer. He worked for Rains and Williamson Oil Company Inc. as an operations manager. Karlin was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church of Great Bend, Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association, the Oil and Gas Museum and Hall of Fame, Knights of Columbus, Golden Belt Country Club, and a past president of API. Survivors include one son, Matthew Alan Karlin of Great Bend; one daughter, Erika Rae Karlin of Hays; his mother and father of Hays; two brothers, Brian Karlin of Hays and Tom Karlin of Gardner; three sisters, Kathy Boggs and Carol Fieler, both of Schoenchen, and Brenda Thomas of Houston, Texas. Parish vigil will be at 7 tonight, followed by a Knights of Columbus rosary at 7:30, both at Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Hays, with the Rev. Don Zimmerman officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 8:30-9:45 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Thomas More Prep-Marian High School, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 1, 2001

George A. Peak 1918-2001

HUTCHINSON - George A. Peak, 82, died Jan. 30 at his home in Hutchinson. He was born Aug. 21, 1918, in Augusta, the son of William James and Lillie Slice Peak. He married Marcketta Tomlinson Mohr March 2, 1971, in Lyons. A resident of Hutchinson since 2000, coming from Lyons, he was a conductor for Missouri Pacific Railroad. Peak was a member of Olivet Baptist Church in Wichita, American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, both of Lyons. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Eva Lou Geiger of Platt City, Mo.; one stepson, Raymond Mohr of Topeka; one stepdaughter, Sandy Moore of Nickerson; two brothers, Ted Peak of La Miranda, Calif., and Andy Peak of Naples, Fla.; two grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother and three sisters. Funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday at the Alexander Cemetery. Friends may call from until 9 tonight at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Veterans of Foreign Wars of Lyons, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 1, 2001

Frieda M. Blehm 1911-2001

SMITHVILLE, Mo. - Frieda M. Blehm, 89, died Jan. 27 at Beverly Health Care in Smithville. She was born Oct. 11, 1911, in Russell, the daughter of Alex and Anna Friebus Wallert. She married Henry Blehm May 19, 1932, in Dorrance. He died July 1970. A lifetime resident of Russell, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Blehm was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wilson. Survivors include two daughters, Alice Sanders of Salina and Elain Anspaugh of Smithville; two sisters, Anna Betz of Wilson and Alice Sheridan of Junction City; four brothers, Edwin Wallert of Olathe, Albert Wallert and Leonard Wallert, both of Wilson and Raymond Wallert of Kansas City, Mo.; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Jim Wagner officiating. Inurment will be at the Wilson City Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the Foster Mortuary Inc. of Wilson. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 1, 2001

Clarence A. Kirby 1916-2001

February 1, 2001

Obituaries - February 2001
LARNED - Clarence A. Kirby, 84, died Jan. 30 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born Dec. 14, 1916, in Osborne, the son of William E. and Mary Frances Snyder Kirby. He married Mable M. Herman May 4, 1941, in Kanopolis. A resident of Larned since 1956, moving to Salina in 2000, he was a retired teacher and principal for USD 495 in Larned. Kirby was a member of Assembly of God Church and a past member of Fort Larned Lions Club, both of Larned. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Alberta Fitzpatrick of Salina and Clara Schraeder of Larned; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Melvin Kirby; five sisters, Chloe Kirby, Cora Kirby, Nora Kirby, Frances Kirby and a twin, Clara Kirby; and one stepsister, Edna Burgess. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned with the Rev. Richard Martin officiating. Burial will be at the Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 1, 2001

February 2, 2001


February 4, 2001

Elmer E. Erb 1916-2001

BAZINE - Elmer E. Erb, 84, died Feb. 2 at his home in Bazine. He was born Dec. 23, 1916, on the family farm south of Bazine, the son of Fred and Elizabeth Gross Erb. He married Verna Reinhardt-Timken July 8, 1943, in Bazine. She died March 14, 1988. A lifetime resident of the Bazine area, he was a mechanic and repairman. Survivors include four sons, Stan Erb and Brad Erb, both of Bazine, Rod Erb of Ransom and Jeff Erb of Dighton; one daughter, Peggy Huxman of Arnold; four brothers, Leo R. Erb and Earl P. Erb, both of Bazine, Fred L. Erb of Ness City and Richard E. Erb of Marshfield, Mo.; nine sisters, Marjorie B. Schaben of Sterling, Jeannene Hamilton and Geraldine Floyd, both of Marshfield, Evelyn Pitzer, Grace M. Risley and Jeannice Posey, all of Hutchinson, Norma J. Jansen of San Diego, Calif., Leona K. Cheney of Hoisington and Shirley A. Erb of Mesa, Ariz.; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one stepson, Wendell A. Timken; and one brother, Pearl E. Erb. Funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at United Methodist Church in Bazine with the Rev. Buzz Lambrecht officiating. Burial will be at Bazine Cemetery with military rites by Olin Cole American Legion Post 392. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, both at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City, and from 10 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the church. The family will receive friends from 7-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, Golden Years Senior Citizen’s Club of Bazine or Olin Cole American Legion Post 392, all in care of the funeral home.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 4, 2001


Theodore "Jay" Zimmerman, 68, died Feb. 2 at Stafford District Hospital. He was born Nov. 23, 1932, in Towanda, the son of Theodore and Irene Waterman Zimmerman. He married Marilyn L. Stoskopf Feb. 17, 1952, in Hoisington. A longtime resident of Great Bend, he was a retired truckdriver for Jamar Transportation Inc. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Debbie Zimmerman of Arlington and Brenda Zimmerman of Dodge City; one brother, Robert Zimmerman of Ellinwood; one sister, Wilma Dannebohm of Ellinwood; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Greg Zimmerman. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Dick Ogle officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. to service time Monday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association, in care of the funeral home.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 4, 2001

Louis Vernon Holmes 1912-2001

Louis Vernon Holmes, 88, died Feb. 3 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born July 3, 1912, at Great Bend, the son of Oscar Pearl and Rosa Gruber Holmes. He married Emelia "Millie" Wittman Aug. 16, 1954, at Great Bend. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he was a retired assistant fire chief of Great Bend Fire Department. Holmes was a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church, Elks Lodge and Masonic Blue Lodge, all of Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home. He was preceded in death by two brothers, John Holmes and Lawrence Holmes. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Shannon Tiller officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, both at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend, and from 9:30 a.m. to service time Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Great Bend Fire Department, both in care of the funeral home.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 4, 2001
February 5, 2001

Laveta Louise Rounsavell 1919-2001

Laveta Louise Rounsavell, 81, of Great Bend 81 died Feb. 3 at Catholic Care Center in Wichita. She was born April 18, 1919, in Henryetta, Okla., the daughter of Rellie Alvin and Pairlee J. Hill Kramer. She married Seward L. Marsh Aug. 8, 1936, in Coats. He died June 6, 1982. She married Leo Rounsavell April 25, 1987, in Great Bend. A resident of Wichita for five years, coming from Great Bend, she was a homemaker, owner of the Artisian Theater and M and M Sundry store in Fowler. She was a member of First Christian Church, Elks Lodge and Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary, all of Great Bend, and the Rebekah Lodge of Fowler. Survivors include three sons, Emerson Marsh of Peoria, Ariz., Kenton Marsh and Dennis Marsh, both of Sun City; two daughters, Denise Kyte of Cimarron and Rhonda Peake of Wichita; two brothers, Chris Kramer of Abilene and Marlin Kramer of Geneseo; one sister, Juanita Gerber of Fort Collins, Colo.; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Donna Shogrin. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at First Christian Church in Medicine Lodge with the Rev. Tom Walters officiating. Burial will be at the Lake City Cemetery in Lake City. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home and from 10:30 a.m. to service time Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the First Christian Church in Great Bend or the First Christian Church in Medicine Lodge, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 5, 2001

Odetta Mae Puckett Brough 1914-2001

Odetta Mae Puckett Brough, 86, died Feb. 4 in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Fryberger Mortuary of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 5, 2001

Vincent K. Goerl 1914-2001

LITTLE RIVER - Vincent K. Goerl, 86, died Feb. 3 at Hutchinson Hospital. He was born Aug. 3, 1914, in Little River, the son of John George and Eleanor Florence Allen Goerl. He graduated from Little River High School in 1932. He married Virgie M. Dressel Aug. 1, 1948, in Lyons. A resident of Hutchinson, coming from Little River, he was a farmer. Goerl was member of the United Methodist Church, Methodist Men, lay leader to the Methodist Church, board member of Mutual Telephone Company for 34 years, former school board member and 4-H leader for Rose Bud 4-H Club, all of Little River. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Vernon Goerl of Hutchinson and Vaughn Goerl of Great Bend; two daughters, Vincette Goerl of Alexandria and Virginia Valarie Besperat of Timken; and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Edsel A. Goerl and one sister, Eleanor L. Goerl. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the church in Little River with the Rev. Grant Davis officiating. Friends may call until 7 tonight at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Burial will be at Fairlawn Cemetery in Hutchinson. The family will receive friends from 2-4 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Little River United Methodist Church or the American Diabetes Association, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 5, 2001

Clara Karst Eacret 1916-2001

RUSSELL - Clara Karst Eacret, 84, died Feb. 2 at St. John's of Victoria Nursing Facility. She was born Oct. 10, 1916, in Russell, the daughter of Jacob J. and Mollie Keil Karst. She married Charles Eacret June 17, 1952. He died July 23, 1994. A resident of Russell, she was a waitress for many years. Survivors include two sons, Don Parker and Dean Parker, both of Arab, Ala.; one brother, Herbert Karst of Newton; four sisters, Martha Brack, Elsie Brack, Elma Morgenstern and Esther Scheuerman, all of Russell; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Pohlman's Mortuary in Russell with the Rev. Keith Kreitzer officiating. Inurnment will be at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the Little River United Methodist Church or the American Diabetes Association, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 5, 2001

February 6, 2001

Vivian I. Mostrom 1919-2001

GARFIELD - Vivian I. Mostrom, 81, died Feb. 4, at Village On Lee retirement community in Lawton, Okla. She was born Nov. 13, 1919, in Garfield, the daughter of William Wheeler and Elizabeth Sharon Wynn McDowell. She attended school in Garfield. She attended Emporia State Teacher's College for two years. She married Albert Carl Mostrom, Jr. March 27, 1948, in Denver, Colo. He died Sept. 24, 1995. A resident of Garfield, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Mostrom was a member of the Retired Widows Association in Lawton and attended Fort Sill Old Post Chapel. Survivors include two daughters, Sharon Lyn Underhill of Indianapolis, Ind. and Sharman Wyn Harrison of Lawton; four grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Wesley William McDowell. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Beckwith Mortuary Chaoel in Larned with Nancv Mitchell officiating. Burial will be at the Garfield
Lydia Bender 1920-2001

RUSSELL - Lydia Bender, 80, died Feb. 3 at Russell Regional Hospital. She was born Feb. 29, 1920, at Fort Morgan, Colo., the daughter of Jacob and Anna Marie Kahler Greenwald. She married Leo Bender Oct. 3, 1941, in Gering, Neb. He died Oct. 26, 1972. A longtime resident of Russell, she was a homemaker and a domestic. Mrs. Bender was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church of Russell, Extension Homemakers Unit and Grey Ladies at Russell Hospital, both of Russell. Survivors include two sons, Leo Bender of Great Bend and John Bender of Virginia Beach, Va.; two daughters, Linda Casper of Russell and Louanna Hanes of Otis; two sisters, Caroline Johnston of Pittsburg, Pa., and Esther Ekstien of Eureka, Calif.; 14 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by nine brothers and sisters. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Pohlmans Memorial Chapel in Russell with the Rev. Henry Hartman officiating. Burial will be at Russell City Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to service time Wednesday at the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 6, 2001

Sara Aileen Korf 1921-2001

HANSTON - Sara Aileen Korf, 80, died Feb. 4 at Western Plains Medical Complex in Dodge City. She was born Jan. 6, 1921, in Hodgeman County, the daughter of Leslie and Elsie Henry Koontz. She married Vernon C. Korf July 29, 1943, in Hutchinson. He died Feb. 17, 1985. A lifetime resident of Hanston, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Korf was a member of United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Senior Citizen Center, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Library Association and the City Librarian for the Hanston City Library, all of Hanston. Survivors include four sons, Gary Korf, Darly Koort and Darrel Korf, all of Hanston, and Galen Korf of Hays; three daughters, JoAnn Hubin of Hanston, Joyce Noland of Chinele, Ariz. and Gloria Bowersox of Olathe; one brother, Loren Koontz of Hanston; three sisters, Elva Fox of Peoria, Ariz., Muriel Otis of Salina and Ruth Cadwallader of Pendleton, S.C.; 20 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Cleland Koontz and Paul Koontz; three sisters, Iris Stambaugh, Clarice Miller and Alta Lee White. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church in Hanston with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. Burial will be at Hanston Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to Hanston City Library or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 6, 2001

Mary Agnes Lang-Wagner 1928-2001

ELLIS - Mary Agnes Lang-Wagner, 72, died Feb. 3 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born May 23, 1928, in Hays, the daughter of Ignatz and Regina Schoenberger Seidel. She was a 1946 graduate of Ellis High School. She married Joe G. Lang June 4, 1946, in Ellis. He died Oct. 20, 1987. She married Paul Wagner March 22, 1990, in Ellis. Mrs. Lang-Wagner was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Ellis, Daughters of Isabella, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Sunflower Polka Club, Eagles Auxiliary of Hays and the Bukovina Society of the Americas. Survivors include her husband of the home; six sons, Gerald Lang of Durham, N.H., Dr. Robert Lang of Bedford, Ind., Ernest Lang of Douglas, Wyo., Edward Al Lang of Sycamore, Ill., Brian Lang of Ness City and Clyde Lang of Ellis; four daughters, JoAnn Hohman of Wakefield, Marilyn Stueve of Olpe, Donna Scarbrough of Austin, Texas and Velma Jackman of Ronake, Texas; three step-children Dwayne Wagner of Great Bend, Ellen Prescott of Manhattan and Brenda Horton of Lindale, Texas; half-brother, Terry Barber of Great Bend; half-sister, Donna Ryder of Burrown; 27 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; four step-grandchildren; and two step great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, James Lang and one sister, Shirley Ann Seidel. Eagles Auxiliary rosary will be at 4:30 today, followed by a parish rosary at 7 tonight, both at Wasinger Funeral Chapel in Ellis. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church in Ellis with the Rev. Kevin Weber officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery in Ellis. Friends may call until 8 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or the Bukovina Society of the Americas, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 6, 2001

Richard O. Boehlke 1912-2001

HANSTON - Richard O. Boehlke, 88, died Feb. 5 at Edwards County Hospital in Kinsley. He was born Oct. 5, 1912, in Blue Hill, Neb., the son of Henry and Anna Witthuhn Boehlke. He married Estelle Pauline Winget Nov. 26, 1938, in Blue Hill. She died Oct. 16, 1996. A longtime resident of the Hanston, Burdett and Baxine area, he was a farmer. Boehlke was a member of St. Luke Lutheran Church in Bazine and Hanston Senior Center. Survivors include several nieces and nephews. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church in Hanston with the Rev. Gary Winget officiating. Burial will be at the Browns Grove Cemetery in Burdett. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to First Baptist Church in Hanston or Medicalodge in Kinsley or St. Lukes Lutheran Church in Bazine, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 6, 2001
Elsie H. Eulert 1906-2001

NATOMA - Elsie H. Eulert, 94, died Feb. 5 at Main Street Manor in Russell. She was born March 27, 1906, in York, S.D., the daughter of Jacob and Ida Keihl Reich. She married Otto C. Eulert Dec. 17, 1925, in WaKeeney. He died March 5, 1983. A resident of Russell since 1998, coming from the Fairport area, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Eulert was a member of Peace Lutheran Church and the Ladies Guild of the Church at Natoma. Survivors include three sons, Lewis Eulert and Harold Eulert, both of Paradise and Donald Eulert of San Ysabel, Calif.; four daughters, Irene Schmidtbberger of Corpus Christi, Texas, Eleanor Laubhan and Joyce Gillett, both of Russell and Lynda Koelling of Alton; one brother, Ed Reich of Aurora, Calif.; two sisters, Irma Saum of Salina and Louise Pettle of Gypsum; one step brother, Walter "Bill" Eulert of Russell; 20 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and stepgrandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Jacob Reich, Carl Reich and Otto Reich; and three sisters, Minnie Pesicka, Anna Paulson and Ida Palmer. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the church in Natoma with the Rev. L. J. McDermont officiating. Burial will be at Peace Lutheran Cemetery in Natoma. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Pohlman's Mortuary in Russell, from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday at Pohlman's Mortuary in Natoma and from 1 p.m. to service time Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Lutheran Hour, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 6, 2001

Lawrence Raymond Miller 1919-2001

LUBBOCK, Texas - Lawrence Raymond Miller, 82, died Feb. 5 at Veterans Administration Hospital in Amarillo, Texas. He was born May 28, 1919, at Great Bend, the son of Frank Joseph and Sophia Oberle Miller. He married Dortha Helen Moses May 16, 1943, in Pomona, Calif. A resident of Lubbock for more than 20 years, coming from Bushton, Cimarron and Pomona, he was a retired custom carpet sculpturer. Miller was a member of Catholic Church of Lubbock. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Daniel Miller of Ensign, Robert Miller and Steven Miller, both of Lubbock; one daughter, Donna Hessman of Hutchinson; one sister, Regina Sauber of Ellinwood; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death one brother, Joseph Miller; one sister, Cecilia Miller; and one grandson, Daniel. Rosary will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Kimple Funeral Chapel in Ellinwood. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the funeral chapel with the Rev. Steven Scheier officiating. Burial will be at Holy Name Catholic Cemetery near Bushton. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Holy Name Cemetery Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 6, 2001

Odetta Mae Puckett Brough 1914-2001

Odetta Mae Puckett Brough, 86, died Feb. 4. She was born May 2, 1914, at Sapulpa, Okla., the daughter of Berney and Mary Dillard Puckett. She married Fred Dale Brough Dec. 24, 1944, in Great Bend. He died Dec. 24, 1977. A longtime resident of Great Bend, coming from Hotchkiss, Colo., she was a food service worker for Barton County Community College and Great Bend public schools lunch program. Mrs. Brough was a member of Rebecca Lodge, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, AARP and Royal Neighbors. Survivors include one stepdaughter, Phyllis Caldwell of Lyons; one brother, Kelly Puckett of Great Bend; two sisters, Maxine Oller of Great Bend and Billie Jean Lord of Mobile, Ala.; two stepgrandchildren; and one stepgreat-grandchild. She was preceded in death by three sisters, Berniece Reddick, Mable Marie Puckett and twin Odessa May Drake. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Great Bend Cemetery with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, all at Fryberger Mortuary in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Integrated Health Services Volunteer Services, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 6, 2001

February 7, 2001

Raymond John Sramek, Sr. 1925-2001

LA CROSSE - Raymond John Sramek, Sr., 76, died Feb. 5 at Hays Medical Center. He was born Jan. 2, 1925, in Rawlins County, the son of Frank Sr. and Frances M. Pitner Sramek. He married Alice Heble. She died. A resident of La Crosse for 39 years, he was a automotive mechanic. After his retirement, he was a driver for Rush County Public Transportation. Sramek was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus, in La Crosse. Survivors include six sons, Marshall R. Sramek of Des Moines, Iowa, Kerwin A. Sramek, Joe Sramek and Rodney D. Sramek, all of La Crosse, David L. Sramek of Wichita and Raymond J. Sramek, Jr. of Overland Park; seven daughters, Melinda J. Adib of Tempe, Ariz., Sarah L. Duffy of Salina, Shelia A. Smith of Geneseo, Vanessa L. Dunback of Wamego, Nyla J. Smith of Topeka, Jill M. Postier of Wichita and Michelle D. Basgall of La Crosse; three half sisters, Eleanora F. Sis and Jo Ann M. Sramek; three half brothers, Vaolav J. Sramek, Frank T. Sramek and Anton J. Sramek; two half sisters, Mary A. Lorens and Agnes Eickhoff. Rosary will be at 7 tonight at Janousek Funeral Home om La Crosse. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church in La Crosse. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Raymond Sramek Memorial, in care
Ella Marie Byer 1918-2001

LARNED - Ella Marie Byer, 82, died Feb. 6 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus in Larned. She was born July 12, 1918, in Kinsley, the daughter of George F. and Pearl Soice Wells. She married Donald L. Byer Dec. 26, 1936, in Cimmaron. He died April 10, 1994. A resident of Larned since 1994, coming from Garfield, she was a homemaker and retired physiatric aide at Larned State Hospital. Mrs. Byer was of the Christian faith. Survivors include four sons, Donald L. Byer of Fort Worth, Texas, Robert G. Byer of Fort Valley, Ga., Elmer W. Byer of Garfield and Phillip G. Byer of Elk City, Okla.; four daughters, Mary Meier of Pratt, Jane Rutledge of Larned, Kathy Stiles of Garfield and Carla Byrum of Lewis; two brothers, Bill Wells and Jack Wells, both of Grand Junction, Colo.; one sister, Betty Westphal of Kinsley; 19 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by two grandsons and one great-grandson. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Wayne Cemetery in Lewis with Nancy Mitchell officiating. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, both at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Larned Healthcare and Living Center Activities, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 7, 2001

Lena Marie Fairchild 1914-2001

LARNED - Lena Marie Fairchild, 86, died Feb. 6 at Healthcare and Living Center in Larned. She was born Nov. 14, 1914, in Pawnee Rock, the daughter of Fred E. and Annie Schmidt Dirks. She married Harry H. Fairchild Sept. 11, 1943, in Pawnee Rock. A longtime resident of Larned, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Fairchild was a member of New Jerusalem Church in Pawnee Rock, Eagles Auxiliary in Great Bend and attended the Christian Church in Larned. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Steven Fairchild of Hutchinson; one daughter, Annie Marie Boman of Hutchinson; two brothers, Otto Dirks of Dodge City and Curtis Dirks of Burton; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Janice E. McCaslin. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned with the Rev. Dan Lundgren officiating. Burial will be at the Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Welcome Inn Seniors Center, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 7, 2001

Willis C. Mohr 1915-2001

ALBERT - Willis C. Mohr, 86, died Feb. 5 at Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 7, 2001

George Albert Strobel 1945-2001

LARNED - George Albert Strobel, 56, died Feb. 6 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus, in Great Bend. He was born Jan. 12, 1945, in Great Bend, the son of Virgil Earle and Willetta Theodore "Ted" Reynolds Strobel. He was a 1964 graduate of Great Bend High School and a graduate of Fort Hays State College. He married C. Yvonne McKenzie Aug. 17, 1974, in Great Bend. A resident of Larned since 1973, coming from Great Bend, he was a social worker at Larned State Hospital in Larned. Strobel was a member of the Great Bend City Band. Survivors include his wife of the home; four daughters, Heather Marie Strobel, Tracy Leanne Strobel, Anna Janette Strobel and Lori Michelle Strobel, all of the home; and one brother, Dr. John D. Strobel of Great Bend. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with the Rev. Jack Singer officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. until service time Friday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the George A. Strobel Children Scholarship Fund, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 7, 2001

Grace Ivdene Robson 1910-2001

LIVINGSTON, Mt. - Grace Ivdene Robson, 90, died Jan. 31 at Livingston Memorial Hospital. She was born April 2, 1910, near Hartman, Colo., in rural Prowers County, the daughter of Clyde and Dolly MacFarland Flint. She was a 1927 graduate of Holly High School in Holly, Colo. She married George Willard Robson in 1932. He died. A resident of Livingston, coming from Lamar, Colo., and Walsh, Colo., she was a bank secretary, farmed with her husband and owned a bookkeeping and income tax service until her retirement. Mrs. Robson was a member of Walsh United Methodist Church, Order of the Eastern Star, Walsh Civic Club, Walsh Pinochle Club and longtime member of Walsh Library Board, all in Walsh, Colo. Survivors include two daughters, Phyllis Russell of Livingston and Verlea Ross of Hoisington; two sisters, Isabel Turner of Amarillo, Texas, and Myrtle Reedy of Lamar; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Sheila; three brothers; and one infant great-grandson. Cremation has taken place. Graveside inurnment will take place at a later date at Hartman Cemetery in Hartman, Colo. Memorials are suggested to Walsh Ambulance Fund, P.O. Box 206, Walsh, CO 81090. Franzen-Davis Funeral Home and Crematory of Livingston is in charge of arrangements. (Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 7, 2001)
Glen Carvin McDermed 1937-2001

CAREFREE, Ariz. - Glen Carvin McDermed, 63, died at home Feb. 3, 2001. He was born Dec. 19, 1937, in Lyons. He is the son of Carvin N. McDermed and Wilma Lenora Kent McDermed. Glen lived in the Phoenix, Scottsdale area from 1959 to 1973, and he retired to Carefree in 1993. After graduation from the University of Kansas, he became an engineer for the state of Arizona. The bulk of his career was with IBM. He then moved to an analyst position with Gartner Group. He was an active board member of the Canyon State Naturists. He is survived by five children, Scott Allen of Bend, Ore., Monte Lee of Chapel Hill, N.C., Diane Marie of Apex, N.C., Courtney Bryn of Tucson, Ariz., and Elliott Kent of Lawrence; one brother, Lyle Kent of Corsicana, Texas; and three grandchildren. He will be remembered as a loving father and grandfather. His interests included camping and woodworking. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society. Burial arrangements in Geneseo are pending. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 8, 2001

Willis C. Mohr 1914-2001

ALBERT - Willis C. Mohr, 86, died Feb. 5 at Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse. He was born Feb. 11, 1914, in Otis, the son of Emanuel M. and Mollie Winters Mohr. He married J. Wilhelmine Kunze Nov. 5, 1935, in Enterprise. A lifetime resident of Rush County, he was a retired farmer. Mohr was a member of Seventh Day Adventist Church in La Crosse. Survivors include four sons, Harold E. Mohr of Abilene, Everett L. Mohr of Loma Linda, Calif., Theodore W. Mohr of Redlands, Calif., and Robert J. Mohr of Otis; two daughters, Carletta W. Bender and Felicitas Dawson, both of Loma Linda; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Esther Heiser and Eva Herbel. Funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Ed Jumper officiating. Burial will be at Shaffer S.D.A. Cemetery in Albert. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, both at the Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the Enterprise Academy Students Scholarship Fund or the Quiet Hour India Project, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 8, 2001

Delores Jean Orth 1941-2001

TIPTON, Iowa - Delores Jean Orth, 59, died Jan. 14 at the University of Iowa Hospital. She was born April 13, 1941, in Ellsworth, the daughter of Cecil and Gertrude Stratman Newsome. She married Norman Orth March 11, 1962, in Holsington. A resident of Tipton, she was a certified nursing assistant and a homemaker. Mrs. Orth was a member of Morrison McFadden Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary 3111 in Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Galen Orth of Mechanicsville, Iowa and Billy Orth of Tipton; two daughters, Carletta W. Bender and Felicitas Dawson, both of Loma Linda; and nine grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Todd Campbell and Brad Campbell; one daughter, Denise Orth; one brother, Norman Newsome; and one grandson, Cody Orth. Funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. Jan. 17 in the chapel of the Fry Funeral Home in Tipton with the Rev. Eugene Benda officiating. Burial will be at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Mechanicsville. Memorials are suggested to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary 3111 or Cancer Aid and Research Program, both in care Gertrude Newsome, 2707 Gano, Great Bend, KS 67530-7351. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 8, 2001

K. Margaret Fabrizius 1896-2001

WAKEENEY - K. Margaret Fabrizius, 104, died Feb. 6 at Trego County Lemke Memorial Long Term Care in WaKeeney. She was born Oct. 4, 1896, in Saratov, Russia, the daughter of David and Mary Elizabeth Dietz Deines. She married John George Fabrizius Dec. 26, 1917, in Trego Center. He died Sept. 26, 1984. She came to the United States in 1900, and settled in the Russell area. A resident of WaKeeney, coming from Minot, N.D., and Denver, Colo., she was a homemaker. Mrs. Fabrizius was a member of Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church of Aurora, Colo. Survivors include five sons, Argus Fabrizius of WaKeeney, Arthur Fabrizius of Hutchinson, Paul Fabrizius of Aurora, George Fabrizius of Carson City, Nev., and Richard Fabrizius of Colorado Springs, Colo.; four daughters, Olga Walker of Minot, Hulda Dorsch of Bird City, Edna Holnborg of Ellis and Lydia Frank of Pueblo, Colo.; 32 grandchildren; 67 great-grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Herman Fabrizius; five brothers, David Fabrizius, Solomon Fabrizius, Fred Fabrizius, George Fabrizius and Henry Fabrizius; one sister, Lydia Deines; one grandson, Ed Dorsch; and one great-grandfather, Alicia Dorsch. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church in Aurora with the Rev. Mark Voss officiating. Burial will be at Fairmont Cemetery in Aurora. Friends may call Sunday at Olinger Mortuary in Aurora. Memorials are suggested to the church or to donor's choice, both in care of Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 8, 2001

February 9, 2001

Joy Ray Edmonds 1926-2001

LARNED - Joy Ray Edmonds, 74, died Feb. 7 at HCA Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was born Oct. 10, 1926, in Bluejacket, Okla., the son of Rov Nollner and Lela Maude Doores Edmonds. He married Dorothy F. Wiseman Nov. 27.
1946, in Oswego. A resident of Larned since 1972, coming from Ellis, he was a retired Rainbo Bread Route man for Betts Baking Company for 27 years. Edmonds was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars, both of Larned. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include one son, Timothy R. Edmonds of Ellis; three daughters, Joyce L. Henderson, Sandi L. Edmonds, both of Larned, and Mary Von Feldt of Wamego; his mother of Oswego; one brother, Bob Edmonds of Oswego; one sister, Shirley Sevart of Wichita; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by one brother, Junior Edmonds and one grandson, Jeremy. Vigil service will be at 7 tonight at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church in Larned with the Rev. Dennis Reed officiating. Burial will be at the Larned Cemetery with military honors by the Larned VFW. Friends may call until 8 tonight at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Via Christi Foundation for Purdue House or the American Diabetes Foundation, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 9, 2001

Harold L. ‘Prince’ Elmquist 1922-2001

LURAY - Harold L. "Prince” Elmquist, 78, died Feb. 7 at his home in Luray. He was born March 8, 1922, in Lindsborg, the son of Luther and Annette Olson Elmquist. He married Ethelynn Elmquist. She died in 1973. He married Carol Cochrane Elmquist in Luray. A resident of Luray since 1995, coming from Lindsborg, he was a retired newspaper editor and master cabinet maker. Elmquist was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church of Lindsborg, Lindsborg Masonic Lodge, life member of the Russell Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Holsington American Legion. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Gary Elmquist of Osawatomie and Larry Elmquist of Lindsborg; one daughter, Lauran Lofgren of Wayne, Neb.; three stepdaughters, Brenda Mullender of Waldo, Donna Cole of Lindsborg and Elizabeth Whitson of Smithson, Mo.; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one stepson, James Berryhill. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Luray United Methodist Church with the Rev. Gay Robertson officiating. Inurnment will be at Elmwood Cemetery. A second memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Messiah Lutheran Church in Lindsborg with the Rev. Victoria Brundage officiating. Memorials are suggested to the KOOD Public Television in Bunker Hill, in care of Rodrick and Minear Funeral Home in Luray. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 9, 2001

Kenneth D. Herbel 1937-2001

OMAHA, Neb. - Kenneth D. Herbel, 63, died Feb. 6 at his home in Omaha. He was born on April 7, 1937, in Russell County, the son of Henry and Hulda Dick Herbel. A resident of Omaha, Neb., he was a laborer. Herbel was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Survivors include one brother, Delwin Herbel of Salina; two sisters, Charlett Bruce of Wilson and Shirley Holt of Salina. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Wilson City Cemetery with the Rev. Jim Wagner officiating. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Foster Mortuary in Wilson. Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 9, 2001

Gerald D. Love 1925-2001

Gerald D. Love, 75, of Great Bend died Feb. 8 at Integrated Health Services in Ellinwood. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 9, 2001

George Albert Strobel 1941-2001

LARNED - The funeral services of George Albert Strobel have been postponed until 2 p.m. Saturday at Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 9, 2001

February 11, 2001

Barbara Depperschmidt 1904-2001

ELLIS - Barbara Depperschmidt, 96, died Feb. 8 at Ellis Good Samaritan Center. She was born March 25, 1904, in Mariental, Russia, the daughter of Alex and Katie Herrman Ohbolz. She married Joseph Depperschmidt May 19, 1924, in Liebenthal. He preceded her in death. A resident of the Liebenthal and La Crosse area for 69 years, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Depperschmidt was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in La Crosse. Survivors include one son, Leo Depperschmidt of Garden City; four daughters, Lillian Dinges and Edna Augustine, both of Ellis, Dorothy Bittel and Angela Bittel, both of La Crosse; 29 grandchildren; 55 great-grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four sons, Alex Depperschmidt, Clarence Depperschmidt, Otto Depperschmidt and Joseph Depperschmidt; and three daughters, Helen McLaughlin, Mary Ann Brandt and Frances Depperschmidt. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Benjamin Martin officiating. Burial will be at Liebenthal Cemetery. Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Barbara Depperschmidt Memorial, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 11, 2001
Gerald D. Love 1925-2001

Gerald D. Love, 75, died Feb. 8 at Integrated Health Services of Woodhaven in Ellinwood. He was born March 29, 1925, in Cromwell, Okla., the son of Forest and Bertie Bryer Love. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Dimmitt, Texas, he was a plumber. Love was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend. Survivors include two sons, Rodger D. Love and Jack E. Love, both of Great Bend; one daughter, Bonnie L. Love of Great Bend; two brothers, Alvie Love of Boise City, Okla., and Elmer Love of Amarillo, Texas; one stepbrother, Ronnie Campbell of Ellendale, N.D.; one half-sister, Janet Langane of Dimmitt; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Angel Dy officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Sylvia Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 11, 2001

G. Harold Borck 1915-2001

BLUE RAPIDS - G. Harold Borck, 85, died Feb. 9 at his home in Blue Rapids. He was born Nov. 12, 1915, at Blue Rapids, the son of George R. and Lulu B. Burnett Borck. He married Marjorie G. Yungeberg Dec. 24, 1943, at Irving. A resident of the Blue Rapids area, he was a farmer and stockman. Borck was a member of Blue Rapids United Presbyterian Church, serving as an elder and trustee; a 60-year member of the Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star in Blue Rapids and was active for several years on the Blue Rapids Housing Authority. He was also a member of the Kansas Livestock Association and a member of the Kansas State University President's Club. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons and their wives, Lee and Kathy Borck and Fred and Sherry Borck, all of Manhattan, and two grandchildren and their spouses, Debi and Doug Bazzel, and Bailey and Raquel Borck. He was preceded in death by an infant sister and by a granddaughter, Tami Borck. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the church. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery, south of Blue Rapids. Friends may call until 8 p.m. Sunday at Terry Chapel and Funeral Home in Blue Rapids. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 11, 2001

B. Gail Rainbolt 1932-2001

B. Gail Rainbolt, 68, died Feb. 9 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born April 10, 1932, at Larned, the son of Cecil C. and Minnie K. Bernatzki Rainbolt. He married Cleota M. Dawley on July 12, 1950, at Spearville. A Great Bend resident, coming from Amarillo, Texas, in 1965, he was a retired vice president of Parts Inc. and a former employee at Waters True Value Hardware, both of Great Bend. Rainbolt was a member of Grace Community Church in Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Cecil L. Rainbolt of Larned, Clyde G. Rainbolt of Rio Rancho, N.M., and Craig L. Rainbolt of Flagstaff, Ariz.; one daughter, Cathi A. Clapham of Dallas, Texas, Cynthia M. White and Carolyn K. Mikesell, both of Great Bend, and Cheryl L. Hickel of Claflin; one brother, Henry Lee Rainbolt, of Paradise, Calif.; 13 grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; and one stepgreat-grandchild. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Bryant-Christians Chapel with the Rev. Shawn Winters officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. Sunday and until service time Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 11, 2001

Kenneth D. Herbel 1937-2001

OMAHA, Neb. - The funeral for Kenneth D. Herbel, 63, who died Feb. 6, has been postponed until 2 p.m. Monday at Wilson City Cemetery. Foster Mortuary of Wilson is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 11, 2001

February 12, 2001

Krista Rae Denning 1954-2001

MIDLOTHIAN, Texas - Krista Rae Denning, 46, died Feb. 9. She was born Oct. 23, 1954, in St. Joseph, Mo., the daughter of John D. and Nellie Roberts. A resident of Midlothian for 17 years, she was a nurse and health care director of nursing. Survivors include two sons, John S. Denning and Michael A. Denning, both of Midlothian; her mother, of Great Bend; one brother, Terrill D. Roberts of Panama City, Fla.; and one sister, Jonell Delacour of Independence. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at First Baptist Church in Midlothian with the Rev. Rick Davis officiating. Burial will be at Midlothian Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Cowards Funeral Home in Midlothian. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 12, 2001

Gertrude Piepmeier Reed 1910-2001
STAFFORD - Gertrude Piepmeier Reed, 90, died Feb. 9 at Somerset Health Center, Claridge Court in Prairie Village. She was born July 18, 1910, in Stafford, the daughter of William Thomas and Anna Gerdes Vice. She married Milton J. Piepmeier June 23, 1930, in Stafford. He died Oct. 12, 1963. She married Glenn E. Reed Oct. 28, 1971, in Hutchinson. He died March 25, 1993. A resident of Stafford, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Reed was a member of First United Methodist Church, P.E.O Chapter BK and North Star Community Club, all of Stafford, and a life member of the Women’s Society of Christian Service. Survivors include three daughters, Kathryn Stoops of Flagstaff, Ariz., Carol Piepmeier of Overland Park and Arlene Finney of Shawnee; two stepsons, Raymond Reed of Arvada, Colo., and Ronald Reed of Lubbock, Texas; six grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and 13 stepgreat-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Eldon Vice; and three sisters, Aletha Smith, Bernita Reed and Wilma Jean Hildebrand. Funeral will be at 2 today at Minnis Chapel in Stafford with the Rev. Kasey Crosby officiating. Burial will be at the Stafford Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Gertrude Piepmeier Reed Memorial Fund at the church, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Tribune), Feb. 12, 2001

Frieda Brack 1909-2001

OTIS - Frieda Brack, 91, died Feb. 11 at Integrated Health Services in Great Bend. She was born Sept. 17, 1909, in Bison, the daughter of Phillip and Mary Stang Kaiser. She married Lester A. Brack. He died Dec. 7, 1990. A resident of Otis, she was a farmwife. Mrs. Brack was a member of United Methodist Church in Otis. Survivors include one son, Dennis P. Brack of Santa Ana, Calif.; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by an infant daughter; four brothers; four sisters; and one grandson, Michael M. Brack. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church in Otis with the Rev. Kathy Bannister officiating. Burial will be at the Methodist Cemetery in Otis. Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington and from 9:30 a.m. until service time Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Otis Emergency Medical Service or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 12, 2001

Elmer F. Hill 1920-2001

HOISINGTON - Elmer F. Hill, 80, died Feb. 12 at Integrated Health Services in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 12, 2001

Courtney Lee Smith 1936-2001

MACKSVILLE - Courtney Lee Smith, 64, died Feb. 10 at Via Christi-St. Francis Medical Center in Wichita. He was born May 26, 1936, in Trousdale, the son of Alves B. and Eva Smith. He was a 1954 graduate of Trousdale High School. He married Nancy J. Smith Aug. 26, 1957, in Mayville, N.D. A resident of Macksville, he was a route fieldman for Panhandle Eastern Oil Pipeline Company. Smith was a member of Masonic Lodge in North Dakota. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, serving in the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Kelly Schnable of Hugoton and Kimberly Nave of Lakin; five brothers, John Smith of Neodesha, Daniel Smith of Mulvane, James Smith of Woodward, Okla., Larry Hinderlifter of Great Bend and Thomas Hinderlighter of Lyons; one sister, Charlotte Pickering of Kinsley; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Patsy Simms. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Macksville Christian Church in Macksville with the Rev. Carey Haner officiating. The body was cremated. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Minnis Chapel in St. John. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 12, 2001

Ruby V. Neptune 1914-2001

CONCORDIA - Ruby V. Neptune, 86, died Feb. 10 at Cloud County Health Center in Concordia. She was born May 20, 1914, at Huscher, the daughter of Roy and Beulah Grout Revell. She was a 1932 graduate of Concordia High School. She married Floyd E. Neptune March 11, 1932, in Concordia. A lifetime resident of Concordia, she worked in the pharmacy of the former Gelvin-Haughey Medical Clinic in Concordia and as site manager for Concordia Senior Citizens Center. Mrs. Neptune was a member of First Christian Church, Senior Citizens Center of Concordia and AARP. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Steven Neptune of Great Bend; one daughter, Eva Riggs of Woodward, Okla.; Larry Hinderlifter of Great Bend and Thomas Hinderlighter of Lyons; one sister, Charlotte Pickering of Kinsley; and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Alvin Revell of Emporia; one brother, Elma Trost of Concordia; three half-brothers, Alvin Revell of Navarri, Fla., Gerald Revell of Wyoming and Leroy Revell of Oswego; two half-sisters, Marilyn McGlasson of Harveyville and Vera Hubbard of Parsons; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Wilbur Revell and Chester Revell; one sister, Dorothy Cibes; and one stepsister, Thelma Tate. Funeral will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. John States officiating. Burial will be at Nelson Cemetery in Huscher. Family will receive friends from 7-9 tonight at Chaput-Buoy Funeral Chapel in Concordia. Memorials are suggested to Concordia Senior Citizens Center or Life Line at Cloud County Health Center, both in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 23, 2001

Rose L. Herrman Johnson 1926-2001
WORCESTER, Mass. - Rose L. Herrman Johnson, 74, died Feb. 8 at University of Massachusetts Memorial Hospital in Worcester. She was born May 18, 1926, in Liebenthal, the daughter of Leo and Rosalia Legleiter Herrman. She married John J. Kelleher in 1945 at Worcester. He died in 1963. She married Calvin Johnson in 1968. He died Sept. 9, 1998. A resident of Worcester, coming from Kansas, she was a retired licensed practical nurse. Survivors include one son, Dan Kelleher of Worcester; one sister, Florine Daubert of Great Bend; one stepbrother; four stepsisters; four grandchildren; several stepchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several stepgrandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Jerome Herrman, Julius Herrman and Gilbert Herrman; and her twin sister, Mary Hooper. Funeral Mass was today at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Worcester. Burial was at St. John's Cemetery in Worcester. Athy Memorial Home in Worcester was in charge of funeral arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 23, 2001

Bertha Randa 1911-2001

LA CROSSE - Bertha Randa, 90, died Feb. 8 at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. She was born Jan. 25, 1911, in Rush County, the daughter of Lorenz and Katherine Legleiter Kuhn. She married Chris Randa Feb. 29, 1929, in Liebenthal. He preceded her in death. A lifetime resident of Rush County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Randa was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and St. Joseph's Altar Society, both of Liebenthal. Survivors include one daughter, Lillian Draney of Great Bend; two brothers, Adolph Kuhn of Manteca, Calif., and Harry Kuhn of Carson City, Nev.; one sister, Regina Schmidt of Brighton, Colo.; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Berthold Kuhn, William Kuhn, Felix Kuhn, Ben Kuhn and Mike Kuhn; and one sister, Minnie Herrman. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse, followed by an Altar Society rosary at 7:30 p.m. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Burial will be at the Liebenthal Cemetery. Friends may call from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Bertha Randa Memorial, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 23, 2001

February 13, 2001

Dorothy L. Stutenroth 1914-2001

ELLINWOOD - Dorothy L. Stutenroth, 86, died Feb. 11 at Integrated Health Services in Great Bend. She was born Sept. 7, 1914, in Fredonia, the daughter of Herbert and Clara Siler Miller. She was a 1932 graduate of Fredonia High School. She married Oscar L. Stutenroth June 20, 1937. He died Jan. 29, 1982. A longtime resident of Ellinwood, she taught knitting at Sears and was a retired receptionist for doctors Holt, Preston and Peck. Mrs. Stutenroth was a member of Immanuel United Church of Christ, Altar Guild and the church choir, all of Ellinwood, P.E.O. and Eastern Star. Survivors include one son, David L. Stutenroth of Lawrence; one brother, Kenneth Miller of Tulsa, Okla.; and two sisters, Leona Bohannon of Wichita and Marie Tyler of Colorado Springs, Colo. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the church in Ellinwood with the Rev. Larry Young officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to the church or Christ Choir Fund, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 13, 2001

Elmer F. Hill 1920-2001

HOISINGTON - Elmer F. Hill, 80, died Feb. 12 at Integrated Health Services in Great Bend. He was born Nov. 13, 1920, in Baker, the son of Frank Ebberly and Eva Bindel Hill. He married Elsie M. Moeder July 26, 1948, in Hoisington. She died May 15, 1974. A resident of Hoisington, coming from Goodland, he was a machine operator for Sherman County. Hill was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and 3rd degree member of Knights of Columbus Council 1521, both of Hoisington and the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Goodland. He was a sergeant in the U.S. Army, serving during World War II. Survivors include four sons, E. David Hill of Great Bend, John Hill of San Diego, Calif., Peter Hill and Timothy Hill, both of Phoenix, Ariz.; three daughters, Mary Channell of Jetmore, Okla.; two sisters, Norma McDonald of Garnett and Alice Marie Climer of Lawrence; 17 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Chuck Hill; and two sisters, Agnes Sutton and Helen Hill. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, followed by a Knights of Columbus rosary, both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church in Hoisington with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery in Hoisington with flag presentation. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, Knights of Columbus Council 1521 or Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 13, 2001

Brad Schmitt 1945-2001

REEDSPORT, Ore. - Brad Schmitt, 55, died Feb. 10 after a long battle with multiple sclerosis. He was born June 22, 1945, in Great Bend. He was a 1963 graduate of Rancho Alamitos High School. He was a 1968 graduate of the University of California at Santa Barbara. A resident of Reedsport, he was a graphic artist and architectural model
February 14, 2001

Elizabeth Louise Bamberger Bradley 1943-2001

JETMORE - Elizabeth Louise Bamberger Bradley, 57, died Feb. 13 at Hodgeman County Health Center in Jetmore. She was born Oct. 7, 1943, in Stillwater, Okla., the daughter of John and Virginia Cook Kelty. She married Norman Bamberger in 1961, in Jetmore. She married Willmore Bradley in 1983, in Leavenworth. A longtime resident of Jetmore, coming from the Kansas City and Leavenworth area, she was a mental health service worker. She had a degree in addiction counseling, worked with mentally disabled adults, taught adoption educational workshops for Lutheran Social Services, and taught a Presbyterian Youth Group. Mrs. Bradley was a member of United Presbyterian Church in Jetmore. Survivors include three sons, Nick Bamberger of Minneapolis, Minn., Robert Bamberger of Des Moines, Iowa, and Mathew Bamberger of Jetmore; seven daughters, Amy Fagen and Jessie Bland, both of Jetmore, Patricia Schwab of Leoti, Sheila Bamberger of Florida, Laurie Richardson of Leavenworth, Maggie Chappel of Kansas City and Molly Bamberger of Boston, Mass.; her father, John Kelty of Larned; one brother, John Kelty Jr. of Larned; and 12 grandchildren. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the church in Jetmore with the Revs. Mitch Reece and Jo Clipson officiating. Burial will be at the Fairmont Cemetery in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life or Hodgeman County Health Center, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 14, 2001

Donald Eugene "Dee" Dailey 1922-2001

Donald Eugene "Dee" Dailey, 78, of Great Bend died Feb. 13 at his residence in Great Bend. He was born Aug. 6, 1922, in Great Bend, the son of John W. and Edith A. Kummer Dailey. He married Betty Jo Curray June 15, 1958, in Vandalia, Ill. She died Jan. 8, 2001. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he was a manager for the American Legion Lodge. Dailey was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111, Eagles Lodge, Elks Lodge and a past commander of American Legion Post 180. He was a U.S. Coast Guard veteran serving in World War II. Survivors include three brothers, Richard "Dick" Dailey of Great Bend, James F. Dailey of Sandy, Utah, and Jerry M. Dailey of Tulsa, Okla.; four sisters, Eleanor Dailey and Dottie Hershey, both of Great Bend, Janiece Burke of Denver, Colo., and Gwen E. Bible of Tulsa, Okla. He was preceded in death by two brothers, William D. Dailey and Jack Dailey Jr.; and two sisters, Peggy L. Dailey and Patricia J. Dillard. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Private family inurnment will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the First Christian Church or American Legion Post 180, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 14, 2001

February 15, 2001

Stephen G. Mai 1949-2001

RUSSELL - Stephen G. Mai, 51, died Feb. 13 at Salina Regional Medical Center in Salina. He was born June 18, 1949, in Russell, the son of Elmer David and Lorraine E. Bender Mai. He was a graduate of Russell High School. He attended Hutchinson Junior College for 2 1/2 years and Fort Hays State University for 1 1/2 years. A resident of Russell, he worked as a cashier at the Home State Bank and worked for King of the Road. Mai was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Russell and the Elks Lodge. Survivors include his parents of Russell; and one brother, Gordon Mai of Wilson. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Harry Hartman officiating. Burial will be at St. John Lutheran Cemetery in Russell. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at Pohlman's Mortuary in Russell and from 9:30 a.m. until service time Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to St. John Altar Guild or St. John Lutheran Cemetery Fund, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 15, 2001

Edna L. Barnett 1911-2001

Edna L. Barnett, 90, died Feb. 14 at her home in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Hays-Christians Funeral Home in Lindsburg. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 15, 2001

Helen M. Mullenix 1913-2001

LAWRENCE - Helen M. Mullenix, 88, died Feb. 14 at Lawrence Memorial Hospital. She was born Jan. 20, 1913, in Claflin, the daughter of Joe and Amelia Galliart Blazek. She graduated from State Center Grade School. She married Marvin Mullenix Jul 26. 1931. He preceded her in death. A resident of Lawrence. comind from Great Bend. she was a
homemaker and worked for food service at the University of Kansas in Lawrence for nine years. Mrs. Mullenix was a member of Claflin United Methodist Church for 60 years and of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8668, both in Claflin. Survivors include one son, Douglas K. Mullenix of McLouth; one daughter, Marlene Ebeling of Lawrence; one brother, Harold Blazek of Claflin; six grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Clara Mullenix. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Warren-McElwain Mortuary in Lawrence. Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery in Lawrence. The family will receive friends from noon until service time Friday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church or to donor's choice, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 15, 2001

Phyllis Elaine Suiter 1934-2001

MACKSVILLE - Phyllis Elaine Suiter, 67, died Feb. 14 at Stafford District Hospital. She was born Feb. 8, 1934, in Trousdale, the daughter of Frank and Laura Eula Lamb. She was a 1952 graduate of Trousdale High School. A resident of Macksville, coming from Hutchinson, she was owner and operator of Phyllee's Shoppe Inc., worked for Eriksens Crafts Inc. and was an office secretary for Minnis Chapel. Mrs. Suiter was a member of Macksville Christian Church, Macksville Chamber of Commerce and Macksville Ladies Card Club. She was VIP treasurer, secretary and treasurer of Farmington Cemetery Board and a Macksville City Council member, all of Macksville. Survivors include one son, Kenny Smith of Wichita; one daughter, Darlene Kuester of Sioux City, Iowa; and eight grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Harold Dean Lamb; and one sister, Barbara J. Lamb. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the church in Macksville with the Rev. Carey Haner officiating. Burial will be at Haviland Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Friday at Minnis Chapel in Macksville. Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 15, 2001

Wayne B. Blackburn 1920-2001

ROZEL - Wayne B. Blackburn, 81, died Feb. 15 at Halsey Hall in Fort Dodge. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 15, 2001

February 16, 2001

Evelyn Agnes Simmons 1912-2001

LARNED - Evelyn Agnes Simmons, 89, died Feb. 15 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Jospeh Campus in Larned. She was born Jan. 15, 1912, in Seward, the daughter of Matthew Franklin and Anna Gertrude Keenan Rickert. She married James William "Bill" Simmons May 20, 1931, in Seward. He died Aug. 8, 1992. A lifetime resident of Larned, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Simmons was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Altar Society, Golden Age Club and DOC Camping Club, all of Larned. Survivors include two daughters, Sonya Chapin of Oberlin and Tanya Terry of Larned; one sister, Edna Schartz of Topeka; five grandchildren; and six great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, James Simmons and John Simmons; four brothers, John Rickert, Robert Rickert, Walter Rickert and Emmett Rickert; and two sisters, Vina Guesnier and Ellen Tubb. Rosary will be at 7 tonight at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Funeral Mass will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the church in Larned with the Rev. Dennis Reed officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Larned Emergency Medical Service, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 16, 2001

Lucille "Lucy" Barnett 1910-2001

Lucille "Lucy" Barnett, 90, died Feb. 14 at her home in Great Bend. She was born March 18, 1910, in Erath County, Texas, the daughter of Ulmer and Mary Lowry Golightly. She married W.M. Barnett Feb. 23, 1933, in Stephenville, Texas. He died Oct. 28, 1977. A resident of Great Bend since 1949, coming from Chickasha, Okla., she was a homemaker. Survivors include one son, William R. Barnett of Alameda, Calif.; one daughter, Pat McClary of Great Bend; two grandchildren; and three great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, four sisters and one grandson. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Interfaith Caregivers of Great Bend, in care of Hays-Christian Funeral Home in Lindsborg. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune, Feb. 16, 2001

February 18, 2001

Wayne B. Blackburn 1919-2001

ROZEL - Wayne B. Blackburn, 81, died Feb. 15 at Halsey Hall in Fort Dodge. He was born April 12, 1919, in Parsons, the son of Preston S. and Lora Hazel Pate Blackburn. He married Frances D. Bell Dec. 23, 1962, in Larned. A lifetime resident of Rozel, he was a retired postmaster. Blackburn was of the Christian faith. He was a charter member of Rozel Lions Club. Survivors include his wife of the home: and one sister, Elva Jean Latas of Larned. He was preceded in death
by three brothers, Raymond Blackburn, Joe Blackburn and Keith Blackburn. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned with the Rev. Rob Schmutz officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Lions Club International Foundation, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 18, 2001

Beverly Byerly 1935-2001

KINSLEY - Beverly Byerly, 65, died Feb. 16. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Fryberger Mortuary in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 18, 2001

Herman R. Kayartz 1921-2001

Herman R. Kayartz, 79, died Feb. 17 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born Feb. 21, 1921, in Stendal, Germany, the son of Herman and Emma Zotzmann Kayartz. A resident of Great Bend for 50 years, coming from Portage, Wis., he was a retired pressman at the Great Bend Tribune. Kayartz was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and the American Legion, both in Great Bend. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving as a sergeant in World War II. Survivors include two daughters, Judie Sexson and Carol Rankin, both of Wichita; one brother, William Kayartz of Portage, Wis.; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Gunther Kayartz, Werner Kayartz and John Kayartz; and two sisters, Erna Kleist and Gertrude Strong. There will be no service. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association, in care of Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 18, 2001

Harvey Dirks 1902-2001

PAWNEE ROCK - Harvey Dirks, 98, died Feb. 16 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. He was born Oct. 17, 1902, in rural Barton County, the son of Jacob A. and Caroline Ratzlaff Dirks. He married Ella Schultz Aug. 18, 1926, in Pawnee Rock. A resident of Great Bend, coming from rural Pawnee Rock, he was a retired farmer. Dirks was a member of Bergthal Mennonite Church of Pawnee Rock. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Homer R. Dirks of Pawnee Rock; one daughter, Beverly Ann Prescott of Larned; one brother, Roy R. Dirks of Great Bend; two sisters, Mattie Smith of Flagstaff, Ariz., and Evelyn Dirks of Newton; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one stepgreat-grandchild. He was preceded in death by one son, Leon D. Dirks; two brothers, Chester Dirks and Dan Dirks; and two sisters, Mae Anderson and Fern Smith. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Bryant-Christians Chapel in Great Bend with the Rev. Muriel T. Stackley officiating. Burial will be at Mennonite Memorial Cemetery in Pawnee Rock. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to service time Monday at the funeral chapel. Family will receive friends from 7-9 tonight at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to Mennonite Central Committee Relief, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 18, 2001

February 19, 2001

Jack Dean Brown 1940-2001

Jack Dean Brown, 60, died Feb. 12 at his home in Great Bend. He was born May 8, 1940, in Harlan, the son of Willard and Deloris Correll Brown. He married Karen Eileen Hewitt Sept. 17, 1971, in Salina. She died June 27, 1995. A resident of Great Bend since 1976, coming from Salina, he worked in Marmie's of Great Bend detail shop. Brown was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend. Survivors include three sons, Terry Brown of Smith Center, Rick Brown of Beloit and Jeff Brown of Great Bend; four daughters, Vickie Larson Long of Smith Center, Billie Clinesmith of Hugoton, Lisa Brown of Halstead and Eva Brown of Great Bend; three sisters, Charlene Machen of Concordia; Carol Farmer of Indianapolis, Ind., and Sharon Brown of Denver; and nine grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Inurnment will be at a later date at Harlan Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Jack Brown Memorial Fund, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 19, 2001

J.D. Hager Sr. 1905-2001

ST. JOHN - J.D. Hager Sr., 96, died Feb. 17 at Leisure Homestead in Stafford. He was born Feb. 7, 1905, in Cleo Springs, Okla., the son of Chancey and Candace Hare Hager. He married Mary F. Helker Aug. 13, 1927, in St. John. She died July 27, 1996. A resident of St. John, he was a farmer and stockman. Hager was a member of First United Methodist Church, Odd Fellows Lodge, Rebekah Lodge, all of St. John, and the Eagles Lodge of Great Bend. Survivors include two sons, C. William Hager of Dayton, Ohio, and J.D. Hager Jr. of St. John; two daughters, Dorothy Jordan of El Dorado Springs, Mo., and Donna Heter of Hutchinson; 19 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Johnny Hager; and one grandson. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Minnis Chapel in St. John with the Rev. W. Harlan Rittgers officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call until 8 tonight at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to the church or Leisure Homestead, both in care of the chapel. Great
Agnes M. Montgomery 1912-2001

KINSLEY - Agnes M. Montgomery, 88, died Feb. 17 at Medicalodge in Kinsley. She was born July 20, 1912, in Rozel, the daughter of George W. and Jessie M. "Tew" Bartlett. She married John W. Montgomery March 19, 1932, in Kinsley. He died Sept. 4, 1995. A resident of Kinsley, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Montgomery was a member of The Kinsley Church of the Nazarene and the Farm Bureau Unit, both of Kinsley. Survivors include two daughters, Jo Ann Lawrence of Albert and Norma Lee Kelley of Auburn; 13 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, one daughter, one brother and one sister. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at McKillip Memorial Chapel in Kinsley with the Rev. Joyce Daniels officiating. Burial will be at Hillside Cemetery in Kinsley. Friends may call until 8 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday, all at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to Medicalodge or to the South Wind Hospice, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 19, 2001

Mildred M. Hendrich 1905-2001

WICHITA - Mildred M. Hendrich, 95, died Feb. 17 at Homestead Health Center in Wichita. She was born Sept. 9, 1905, in Czechoslovakia, Europe, the daughter of Vaclav R. and Dorothea Randall Hendrich. A resident of Wichita, coming from Wilson, she was a public school teacher. Ms. Hendrich was a member of First Baptist Church in Wilson, Alumni Association at Fort Hays State University and National Retired Teachers Association. Survivors include one nephew, Leo Hendrich; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Louis Hendrich, Winslow Hendrich and Joseph Hendrich; and five sisters, Anna Hendrich, Emilie Hendrich, Julie Hendrich, Marie Hendrich and Martha Hendrich. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Harlan Palser officiating. Burial will be at Wilson City Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Foster Mortuary in Wilson and from 8 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Prairie Homestead Retirement Center in Wichita, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 19, 2001

Beverly Joann Cochran Byerly 1935-2001

Beverly Joann Cochran Byerly, 65, of Great Bend died Feb. 16 in Kinsley. She was born July 13, 1935, in Butler County, the daughter of Leonard T. and Cecil Lou Tallman Cochran. She was a graduate of the Wichita schools. She married Virgil Lewis Byerly Oct. 1, 1976, in Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Wichita, she worked for Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice for 18 years and for two years with the ElderCare. Mrs. Byerly was a member of Eastside Baptist Church, Rebekah Lodge, Sunday school secretary and church choir member, all in Great Bend. She served on numerous church committees. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Roger Leroy Byerly of Belpre; two daughters, Rosalie Arnette Fansler of Olathe and Vada Kay Davis of Italy, Texas; four brothers, Leonard Cochran Jr., Bobby Cochran of Chanute, Dale Cochran of Clearwater and Ray Cochran of Liberal; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Inez Nurty. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Julius Ellis officiating. Private family inurnment will be at a later date at the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Fryberger Mortuary in Great Bend and from 10 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the church. The family will receive friends from 6-8 tonight at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church building fund, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 19, 2001

Herman R. Kayartz 1921-2001

Memorial service for Herman R. Kayartz, who died Feb. 17 in Great Bend, will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association, in care of Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 19, 2001

February 20, 2001

Evelyn D. McCrary 1923-2001

RUSSELL - Evelyn D. McCrary, 77, died Feb. 18 at her home in Russell. She was born July 31, 1923, in Rexford, the daughter of Leslie R. and Birdie M. Ogier Childs. She graduated from Rexford High School. She married Neil M. McCrary Dec. 25, 1944. A resident of Russell since 1945, she was a dispatcher for the police department and a secretary at an insurance office for several years. Mrs. McCrary was a member of Rexford Community Church in Rexford, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and Order of the Eastern Star, both of Russell. Survivors include two sons, Richard "Dick" McCrary of Russell and Ronald McCrary of Ellinwood; one daughter, Rita L. Webb of Topeka; two brothers, Cleon Childs of Phillipsburg and Gerald Childs of Olathe; two sisters, Beverly Maris of Wauneta, Neb., and Clois Ann Fiala of Colorado Springs, Colo.; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Memorial service for Mrs. McCrary will be at 11 a.m. today at the church with the Rev. Henry Hartman officiating. Burial will be at Russell City Cemetery. The family welcomes you to attend from 9 a.m. until service time today at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church building fund, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 19, 2001
Marguerite Virginia Rudicel 1909-2001

LA CROSSE - Marguerite Virginia Rudicel, 92, died Feb. 18 at Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse. She was born Feb. 11, 1909, in Rush County, the daughter of Clyde E. and Daisy P. McCaskey Smith. She was a 1927 graduate of La Crosse High School. A resident of La Crosse, she was a legal secretary. Ms. Rudicel attended the United Methodist Church and was a member of Business and Professional Women's Association. Survivors include one stepson, Dan McClenny of Emporia. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Gladys Peterson and Inez Osborn. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse with the Rev. Kathy Bannister officiating. Burial will be at Rush Center Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 20, 2001

Lenora F. West 1920-2001

SEWARD - Lenora F. West, 81, died Feb. 18 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born Jan. 24, 1920, in St. John, the daughter of Albion and Elsie Porter. She married Tom West in 1942. He died in 1992. A resident of Stafford County, she was a homemaker. Survivors include one son, David West of Seward; and two daughters, Lois West of South Hutchinson and Gayle West of Bloomfield, N.M. There will be no service. The body will be cremated. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Minnis Chapel in St. John. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 20, 2001

Vallee Wafer Hefner 1934-2001

RIVER OAKS, Texas - Vallee Wafer Hefner, 67, died Feb. 16 at her home in River Oaks. She was born Feb. 14, 1934, in Hill County, Texas, the daughter of James N. "Nick" and Thelma Akins Wafer. She attended Hillsboro High School, Navarro College and Texas Christian University. She married Frank Read. A resident of River Oaks, she was the retired director of catering for Metro Hotel Management, working with Fort Worth Hilton Hotel, Fort Worth Plaza Hotel, the Clarion Hotels and Ramada Hotels. She was a consultant with the Texas Alcohol and Beverage Control Department. Mrs. Hefner attended the Southern Baptist Church. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, James Randall "Randy" Clinkscales of Hays; one daughter, Rhonda Kay Klima of Great Bend; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by two brothers, William M. Wafer and Mordaunt Fred "Buddy" Wafer. Funeral was Monday at Biggers Funeral Chapel in Lake Worth, Texas. Burial was at Ridge Park Cemetery in Hillsboro. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 20, 2001

February 21, 2001

Mary Burke 1932-2001

GREELEY, Colo. - Mary Burke, 69, died Feb. 16 at her home in Greeley. She was born Jan. 7, 1932, in Little Rock, Iowa, the daughter of Henry and Ursula Viola Mayne Isebrands. She married Andrew Joshua Burke June 21, 1952, in Little Rock. He died March 8, 1993. She attended Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D., and received her bachelor degree in special education. A resident of Greeley, she was a teacher, worked for Weld County School District 6, worked as a data entry clerk, program analyst and managed the MIS department. Mrs. Burke was a member of First United Presbyterian Church of Greeley, serving as church pianist and organist. Survivors include three daughters, Laurie Beth Shaw of Silver Spring, Md., Mimi Costinett and Jane Kristin Burke, both of Greeley; and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Thole Isebrands, John Stanley Isebrands and Hillard Isebrands; and four sisters, May Clabaugh, Elizabeth Voss, Laura Marthinsen and Carol Isebrands. Services will be private. Burial will be at Linn Grove Cemetery. Friends may call until 7 tonight at Adamson Memorial Chapel at the West Chapel in Greeley, Colo. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 20, 2001

Rosa Katrillis Dipple Yost 1908-2001

LA CROSSE - Rosa Katrillis Dipple Yost, 93, died Feb. 20 at Rush County Memorial Hospital. She was born Feb. 10, 1908, in Chase, the daughter of George P. and Marie Sophia Ruhl Dipple. She graduated from Chase High School in 1928. She married Nelson G. Yost Sept. 7, 1930, at Salem Methodist Church near Bushton. He preceded her in death. A 71 year resident of La Crosse, she was a homemaker and nurse's aid for 20 years. Mrs. Yost was a member of United Methodist Church, serving as Sunday school teacher and superintendent, United Methodist Women, former member of Better Homes Unit and Come Join Us Unit. Survivors include one son, Howard Yost of La Crosse; one daughter, Dr. RoNet Meyer of Bella Vista, Ark.; two sisters, Matilda Boldt of Pratt and Bertha Kreitmann of Lyons; five grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by six sisters, Anna Blank, Elizabeth Cline, Amelia Cox, Elsie Keesling, Flora Riedel and Selma Wikoff. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the church in La Crosse with the Rev. Kathy Bannister officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 4-8 o.m. Thursday at Janousek
Funeral Home in La Crosse. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 21, 2001

Geraldine H. Schwartz 1921-2001

Geraldine H. Schwartz, 79, died Feb. 21 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus, in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 21, 2001

February 22, 2001

Geraldine Helen Schwartz 1921-2001

Geraldine Helen Schwartz, 79, died Feb. 21 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born Oct. 10, 1921, in Ellinwood, the daughter of Karl and Millie Stroh Kienzle. She married Harold Schwartz Feb. 9, 1942, in Ellinwood. He died May 2, 1993. A lifetime Ellinwood and Great Bend area resident, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Schwartz was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church. Survivors include one son, Randy Schwartz of Great Bend; three daughters, Kathleen Pafford of Oklahoma City, Okla., Sherry Shupe of Longmont, Colo. and Candy Pawlicki of Chicopee, Mass.; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Warren Stecklein officiating. Burial will be at the Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call until 9 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. to service time at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 22, 2001

February 23, 2001

Wayne "Rob" Roblyer 1941-2001

SYLVIA - Wayne "Rob" Roblyer, 59, died Feb. 19. He was born Aug. 7, 1941, in Kalamazoo, Mich. He was a resident of Sylvia, coming from Hutchinson and Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Rob Roblyer of Great Bend; two daughters, Jackie Roblyer of West Hills, Calif., Judith Snyder of Lancaster, Calif., and Melinda Chaney of North Hollywood, Calif.; two brothers, Robert Roblyer of Texas and Richard Fry of Los Angeles, Calif.; three sisters, Joelyn Willard and Cheri Acerrio, both of Los Angeles, and Betts Roblyer of Great Bend; and four grandchildren. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Church of Christ in Sylvia. Resthaven Mortuary is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 23, 2001

Billy D. Gross 1935-2001

GRANTS PASS, Ore. - Billy D. Gross, 65, of Grants Pass died Feb. 17 at Rogue Valley Medical Center in Medford, Oregon. He was born Oct. 30, 1935, in Bazine. He married Maria Duncas July 1, 1969. A resident of Grants Pass since 1961, coming from Colorado, he worked as a fork lift operator for the former Wood Products for 26 years. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Luis Gross of Medford and Jessie Gross of San Diego, Calif.; one daughter, Cynthia Gross Thibault of San Diego; two brothers, Vernon Gross of Grass Valley, Calif., and Clyde Gross of Great Bend; one sister, Virginia McGuffey of Grants Pass; and six grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Chapel of The Valley Funeral Home with Marvin Clark officiating. Committal service will follow at Hawthorne Memorial Gardens. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 23, 2001

Julie Ann Hammke 1978-2001

WICHITA - Julie Ann Hammke, 23, died Feb. 21 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. A resident of Wichita, coming from Great Bend, she was a child-care director for Precious Sights DayCare. Survivors include one daughter, Mikala B. Peaks; her mother, Brenda Werdann of Wichita; her father and stepmother, Allan and Gretchen Hammke of Wichita; one brother, Anthony A. Hammke of Wichita; two sisters, Jennifer M. Hammke and Sara J. Hammke, both of Wichita; and grandparents, Norman and Jolene Hammke of Great Bend and Joetta J. Allan of Wichita. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Grace Presbyterian Church in Wichita. Burial will be at Kechi Cemetery in Kechi. Memorials are suggested to the Educational Fund for Mikala B. Peaks, in care of DeVors Flanagan-Hunt Funeral Home in Wichita. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 23, 2001

February 25, 2001

Alfred "Ray" Almquist
Alfred "Ray" Almquist, 92, GREENWOOD, S.C. - died Feb. 21 at Self Memorial Hospital, Greenwood, S.C. He was born Aug. 4, 1908, at Pawnee Rock, the son of P.P. and Anna Johnson Almquist. He married Eulah Coykendall on April 28, 1929, in Larned. She died Sept. 30, 1993. A lifetime area resident, he was a former sheriff, farmer and carpenter. Almquist was of the Christian faith and a charter member of the Larned American Legion. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include one son, Don Almquist of Larned; one daughter, Sherrill Inabinet of Greenwood, S.C.; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Marvin; two daughters, Marilyn and Joann; three brothers, Hugo, Ted and Ed; and three sisters, Esther, Hilma and Hazel. A private family graveside service was held Saturday, with the Rev. Dan Lundgren officiating. Burial was at Larned Cemetery. Beckwith Mortuary was in charge of arrangements. Memorials are suggested to Larned Emergency Medical Services, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 25, 2001

Frank Joseph Steffan III

Frank Joseph Steffan III, 87, died Feb. 24 at the Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus. He was born March 5, 1913, at Redwing the son of Frank J. and Louisa Hagar Steffan. He married Cecelia Younger Oct. 21, 1942, at Marienthal. He was a resident of Great Bend, moving from Marienthal in 1945. He was a rug mechanic working for Rowland's and Falcon Coach Company. Steffan was a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Jerry of Great Bend and Ken of Lake Forrest Calif.; three daughters, Betty Zink of Olmitz, Bev Haselhorst and Marilyn Dougherty of Great Bend; 13 grandchildren; sixstep-grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and nine step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, John, Albert and Joe; and three sisters, Annie Steffan, Helen Meggers and Hattie Kaufman. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Bryant Christians Funeral Home. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Warren Stocklein and the Rev. Ultan Murphy officiating. Intermant will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. Sunday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to St. Patrick School Endowment Fund, in care of the mortuary.

Alphons Francis Nau

JETMORE - Alphons Francis Nau, 88, died Feb. 23 at the Hodgeman County Health Center in Jetmore. He was born Jan. 30, 1913, in Windthorst, the son of Henry and Elizabeth Schreck Nau. He married Anna Mary Beller May 17, 1943, at Bueyeros, N.M. A lifetime resident of Jetmore, he was a farmer, rancher and fur trader. Nau was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, American Trapper Association and the Kansas Fur Association. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Norbert of Gering, Neb.; eight daughters, Marie Gilchrist of Lakin, Betty Nau of Pawnee Rock, Margaret Phillips and Francine Dixon of Jetmore, Stella Linder of Hanahan, S.C.; Loraine Perkins of Westminster, Colo., Christine Herbert and Geneva Cecil of Dodge City; 28 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, William, one sister, Anna Mae Ackerman, and one grandson, David Hutchison. Family rosary will be at 6:30 p.m. and vigil will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the church. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Robert Schremmer officiating. Burial will be at the Fairmount Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the Beckwith Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the Tyson Fritzler Nursing Fund in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 25, 2001

Viona E. Ewalt

Viona E. Ewalt, 95, died Feb. 23 at the Central Kansas Medical Center St. Rose Campus. Arrangements will be announced by Bryant Christians Funeral Home.

February 26, 2001

Edna Vera Hines 1894-2001

Edna Vera Hines, 107, died Feb. 25 at her home in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 26, 2001

Betty Colleen Klingler 1928-2001

ELLINWOOD - Betty Colleen Klingler, 72, died Feb. 24 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born Sept. 5, 1928, in Climax, the daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Violet Ernestine Wilson. She was a graduate of Russell High School. She married Charles L. Klingler Oct. 3, 1952, in Hoisington. A resident of Ellinwood since 1972, coming from Hoisington, she was a waitress, babysitter and seamstress. Survivors include her husband of the home; two daughters, Kathleen "Kathy" Dunaway of Ellinwood and Marcia Janee Melton of Great Bend; one brother, David Wilson of Wichita; two sisters, Helen Mott of Edgerton and Donna Cave of Phoenix, Ariz.; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Graveside service will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood with the Revs. David Wesner and Paul Thomas officiating. Friends may call from 3-8 p.m. Tuesday at Kimple
Roy A. Ravenstein 1935-2001

JETMORE - Roy A. Ravenstein, 65, died Feb. 25 at Hodgeman County Health Center in Jetmore. He was born March 9, 1935, in Murdock, the son of Fred and Edna Bitner Ravenstein. He married Marianne Walters March 2, 1957, in Denver. She died Jan. 14, 1989. He married Mary Berger May 9, 1992, in Jetmore. A longtime resident of Jetmore, coming from Clint, Texas, he was an installer for Western Electric Telephone Company. Ravenstein was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church, American Legion and a retired fireman, all of Jetmore, and Veterans of Foreign Wars of Dodge City. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Mark Ravenstein of Jetmore; three daughters, Catherine Ravenstein of Snyder, Okla., Susan Ravenstein of Goodland and Judy Wasko of Hanston; one stepson, David Berger of Jetmore; two stepdaughters, Sandra View of Kalvesta and Debra Gibbs of Jetmore; two brothers, Wayne Ravenstein of Kinsley and Don Ravenstein of Ellinwood; two sisters, Ellen Werner of Kingman and Dorothy Oliver of Smith Center; 15 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the church with the Revs. Bob Schremmer and Mitch Reece officiating. Burial will be at Fairmont Cemetery in Jetmore. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, both at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to Chester Hawkins American Legion, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 26, 2001

Cleo Loreen Ahrens Etter 1914-2001

SYLVIA - Cleo Loreen Ahrens Etter, 86, died Feb. 25 at Leisure Homestead in Stafford. She was born Aug. 28, 1914, in Mankato, the daughter of Lewis and Nancy Warren Ahrens. She was a graduate of Mankato High School. She married Wesley Harris July 14, 1953. She died in 1970. She married Joseph O. Etter Nov. 7, 1974. He preceded her in death. A resident of Sylvia since 1968, coming from Los Angeles, Calif., she owned a beauty shop in Mankato, was an accountant in Los Angeles and was a nurse's aide. Mrs. Etter was a member of First Christian Church in Los Angeles. Survivors include four stepsons, Floyd Harris of Paradise, Calif., Junior Etter of Forrest Park, Ga., Donald Etter of Bostwick, Neb., and Larry Etter of Hutchinson; one stepdaughter, A. Marguerite Delka of Hardy, Neb.; 12 stepgrandchildren; 20 stepgreat-grandchildren; and five stepgreat-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Florence Thompson and Crystal Etter; one stepson, Melvin Etter; and one stepgrandson. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Sylvia Cemetery. Friends may call may call until 5 tonight at Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 26, 2001

Glen R. Boyce 1919-2001

JETMORE - Glen R. Boyce, 81, died Feb. 24 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born Sept. 23, 1919, in Edwards County, the son of Samuel Brown and Winifred Blanche Wyckoff Boyce. He married Fern L. Cowles Nov. 23, 1945, in Larned. A lifetime area resident of Jetmore, he was a farmer and rancher. Boyce was a member of Grace Community Church of Dodge City and the Senior Center in Jetmore. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Patricia Lee Ardern of Castle Rock, Colo.; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Sandra June Gustin; and one brother, Dale Boyce. Funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at United Presbyterian Church in Jetmore with the Rev. Kirk Larson officiating. Burial will be at Fairmont Cemetery in Jetmore. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9-11 a.m. Tuesday at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to the Ronald McDonald House, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 26, 2001

February 27, 2001

Harry H. Enright 1914-2001

HAYS - Harry H. Enright, 86, died Feb. 24 at Stonybrook Retirement Community in Manhattan. He was born July 2, 1914, in Fredonia, the son of William and Nellie Blevins Enright. He graduated from Hays High School and attended Fort Hays State University. He married Sylvia B. Plymire Jan. 21, 1948, in Ellinwood. She died Nov. 11, 1980. A resident of Hays, he was gauger for Service Pipeline in Hays for 25 years. Enright was a member of Liberty Fellowship Church, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion, all of Hays. Survivors include three sons, Terry Enright of Longmont, Colo., Randy Enright of Denver, Colo., and Monte Enright of Manhattan; one daughter, Kathy Enright of California; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by five brothers, Ray Enright, John Enright, Ralph Enright, Paul Enright and Lester Enright; and by four sisters, Vera Enright, Geneva Enright, Nellie Enright and Florine Enright. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Revs. William Miller and Steve Dinkel officiating. Burial will be at Mount Allen Cemetery in Hays with graveside military honors by the Hays American Legion. Friends may call from 6:30-8 tonight and from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. at Brock’s North Hill Chapel in Hays. Memorials are suggested to Hays Baseball Association or the Arthritis Foundation, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 27, 2001
Eldon D. Schneider 1945-2001

OVERLAND PARK - Eldon D. Schneider, 55, died Feb. 24 at his home in Overland Park from cancer. He was born June 22, 1945, in Rush County, the son of Henry and Helen Appel Schneider. He married Donita Spiker Payne June 13, 1981, in Overland Park. A resident of Overland Park for 25 years, coming from Wichita, he was an accountant. Schneider was a member of the board of directors of Insurant National Advisory Council and past president of Tanglewood Lake Owners Association, board of directors. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Jeff Payne of Sabetha; one daughter, Heather Payne of Overland Park; one brother, Larry Schneider of La Crosse; two sisters, Emma Curnette of Garden City and Donna Luft of Bison; and two grandchildren. Prayer service will be 7 p.m. Thursday at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Overland Park. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church with the Revs. Michael Peck and Maurice Schaus officiating. Memorials are suggested to Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Overland Park, First Lutheran Church of La Crosse or Sisters Servants of Mary, all in care of Great Bend Family Mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 27, 2001

Ruth Elizabeth Janke 1921-2001

MCCRAKEN - Ruth Elizabeth Janke, 80, died Feb. 25 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born Jan. 13, 1921, in eastern Kansas, the daughter of David and Margaret Begbie Moore. She married Alvin Janke Aug. 21, 1940, in Great Bend. A resident of McCracken, she was a homemaker and bookkeeper for the family business. Mrs. Janke was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Lutheran Women's Missionary League, St. Luke's Lutheran Sunday School, all in Bazine; Town and Country Ladies Club and Extension Homemakers Unit, both of Rush County; and McCracken Library Board of McCracken. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Ivan Janke of McCracken; one daughter, Peggy Allen of Stanwood, Wash.; one brother, Hugh Moore of Great Falls, Mont.; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church in Bazine with the Rev. Randall Jahnke officiating. Burial will be at McCracken Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City and 9 a.m. until service time Thursday at the church. Family will greet friends from 7-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to McCracken Library or Pastoral Educational Fund for LCMS, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 27, 2001

Edna Vera Hines 1894-2001

Edna Vera Hines, 107, died Feb. 25 at her home in Great Bend. She was born Jan. 31, 1894, in Council Grove, the daughter of Charles Fredrick and Mary Etta Ludlow Hines. A resident of Great Bend since 1917, coming from Salina, she worked as a bank teller at Citizens National Bank and American State Bank. Ms. Hines was a member of First Presbyterian Church, American Legion Auxiliary, past president of the auxiliary, all in Great Bend, and a lifetime member of Kansas Women's Golf Association. Survivors include several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by five brothers and seven sisters. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Bryant-Christians Chapel with the Rev. Tom Robson officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. at Gypsum Hill Cemetery in Salina. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 27, 2001

James 'Jim' Joseph Koenigsman 1927-2001

HAYS - James 'Jim' Joseph Koenigsman, 54, died Feb. 25 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was born May 3, 1946, in Tipton, the son of Ed and Veronica Lutgen Koenigsman. He married Lois C. Lohrmeyer Sept. 3, 1966, in Logan. She died Aug. 23, 1995. He graduated from Fort Hays State University in 1968 with a bachelor's degree in business. A resident of Hays, he was a housing manager for DSNWK. Koenigsman was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and Ellis Country Club, both in Hays. Survivors include four sons, Mike Koenigsman of Omaha, Neb., Russ Koenigsman and Kevin Koenigsman, both of Hays, and Mark Koenigsman of Wichita; one daughter, Brenda Bond of Hays; five brothers, Frank Koenigsman and Dave Koenigsman, both of Omaha, Ralph Koenigsman and Fred Koenigsman, both of Beloit, and Rick Koenigsman of Tipton; two sisters, Doris Mick of Newton and Mary Ellen Streit of Flint, Mich.; and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Ed Koenigsman. Parish vigil will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Revs. Ken Lohrmeyer and Don Zimmerman officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays. Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 Wednesday and from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Thursday, all at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to College Trust Fund for his grandchildren, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 27, 2001

February 28, 2001

Anna Stegman 1908-2001

PFEIFER - Anna Stegman, 92, died Feb. 27 at her daughter's home in Victoria. She was born April 15, 1908, near Emmeram, the daughter of Andrew and Maria Storm Dinkel. She married Joseph G. Stegman Aug. 18, 1931. in Pfeifer.
He died Feb. 3, 1970. A resident of Pfeifer, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Stegman was a member of St. Fidelis Catholic Church in Victoria and a former member of Holy Cross Catholic Church and Holy Cross Christian Mothers. Survivors include one son, Arthur Stegman of the home; two daughters, Mary Ann Adams of Salina and Ethel Younger of Victoria; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Nick Dinkel and Rich Dinkel; one sister, Amelia "Molly" Stegman; and one half-brother, Fred Dinkel. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Cline's Mortuary in Victoria. Daughters of Isabella rosary will be 8 p.m. Thursday at the mortuary. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church with the Revs. Frank X. Grinko, Felix Petrovsky, Emil Dinkel and John Lager. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery in Pfeifer. Friends may call from 3-9 p.m. Thursday and from 8:30-9:45 a.m. Friday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church, the Capuchin Province of MidAmerica, Hospice of Hays Medical Center or Masses, all in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 28, 2001

Mildred Louise Soeken 1914-2000

CHASE - Mildred Louise Soeken, 86, died Dec. 16 at Rock Island, Ill. She was born May 8, 1914, in Macksville, the daughter of Arthur and Ida Schneider Voight. She married Edward J. Soeken Oct. 9, 1938. He died Aug. 26, 1983. A resident of Rock Island, coming from Chase, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Soeken was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Rock Island and was a charter member of Grace Lutheran Church of Lyons. Survivors include one son, Vernon Soeken of Rock Island; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Edward Voight; and one sister, Ruby Knop. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Grace Lutheran Church in Lyons with the Rev. Calvin L'Heureux officiating. Memorials are suggested to Grace Lutheran Church, in care of Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 28, 2001

Gerald F. 'Gump' Gumbir 1937-2001

POTTER - Gerald F. "Gump" Gumbir, 63, died Feb. 24 at his home in Potter. He was born June 2, 1937, in Great Bend, the son of William F. and Edith May Rose Gumbir. He married Janice "Jan" F. Caine Aug. 22, 1958, in Wichita. A resident of Potter for 25 years, he worked for Curley's for 45 years and was serving as vice president for the company. Gumbir was a member of St. Hilda's Episcopal Church in Kimball and the Potter Volunteer Fire Department. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Kevin L. Gumbir of Denver, Colo.; two daughters, Jodie Nienhuser of Peetz, Colo., and Jennifer Lee Ann Ingwersen of Brainard, Neb.; his mother of Reading, Calif.; two brothers, Jim Eastman and Bob Eastman, both of California; one sister, Kathy Schlosser of California; stepmother, Beatrice Gumbir of Bakersfield, Calif.; and six grandchildren. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Cantrell Funeral Home in Kimball with the Rev. Ed Hunzeker officiating. Cremation will take place. Friends may call until 8 tonight with the family receiving friends from 7-8 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Jerry Gumbir Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 28, 2001
March 1, 2001

James Reynolds Garetson 1922-2001

MONTEZUMA - James Reynolds Garetson, 79, died Feb. 28 at his home. He was born Jan. 22, 1922, at his family home in northeast Haskell County, the son of James Davies and Laura Magdalena Reynolds Garetson. He married Martha Loucks Aug. 19, 1944, in Copeland. A lifetime resident of Montezuma, he was a farmer and stockman. Garetson was a member of the United Methodist Church in Copeland, past school board member of Copeland and Colusa Schools and secretary for Providence Grain Board. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Jesse James Garetson of Copeland; six daughters, Chloe Rita Dohrmann of Ensign, Debra Henley, Shelly Baldwin and Melanie Penner, all of Wichita, Kerri Batman of Great Bend and Andrea Cearley of Sublette; two brothers, L. Moner Garetson of Copeland and Robert "Red" Garetson of San Antonio, Texas; one sister, Mary Bell of Milan, Tenn; 15 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, John Garetson, Paul Garetson and Howard Garetson; two sisters, Marjorie Waldron and Wanda McManus. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Junior High Gymnasium in Copeland with the Rev. Warren Cico officiating. Burial will be at Copeland Cemetery. Friends may call from 5-8 tonight and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, both at Montezuma Funeral Home in Montezuma. Memorials are suggested to the Montezuma Community Hall-Senior Center in Copeland, donor's choice, the United Methodist Church in Copeland or Copeland Santa Fe Senior Center, all in care of the funeral home, Box 421, Montezuma, KS 67867. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 1, 2001

Viona E. Ewalt 1905-2001

Viona E. Ewalt, 95, died Feb. 23 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born Aug. 8, 1905, in Great Bend, the daughter of Lot L. and Marie Schaeffer Ewalt. A resident of Great Bend since 1994, coming from Prairie Village, she was a retired school teacher in Osage City, Fredonia and Kansas City. Ms. Ewalt was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Rebekah Circle, Jeremiah Howard Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Portia Club and Barton County Retired Teachers. Survivors include one nephew, Robert McNulty of British West Indies; one great-nephew; and one great-great-nephew. She was preceded in death by one sister, Velma McNulty. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Great Bend Cemetery with the Rev. Tom Robson officiating. Friends may call until 9 tonight with the family receiving friends from 6-8 tonight, both at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Brit Spaugh Zoo or to donor's choice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 1, 2001

Mildred Pearl Smith 1920-2001

MACKSVILLE - Mildred Pearl Smith, 80, died Feb. 27 at Pratt Regional Medical Center. She was born Aug. 22, 1920, in Neodesha, the daughter of Joseph Slone and Sarah Viola Callier. She married Samuel Nathan Smith Nov. 28, 1938, in St. John. He died Feb. 5, 1990. A resident of Macks ville since 1938, she was a homemaker and farmer. Mrs. Smith was a member of Macks ville Christian Church and Christian Women's Fellowship, both of Macks ville. Survivors include one daughter, Mildred Rebecca Courtney of Macks ville; one sister, Ruby Mable Buchwitz of Hibbing, Mexico; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Charley A. Callier, Joseph R. Callier, Lawrence T. Callier, Thomas E. Callier and Wilbur S. Callier; and four sisters, Hazel E. Bradley, Beatrice H. Callier, Abigail R. Ivy and Alma V. Childress. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Carey Haner officiating. Burial will be at Farmington Cemetery in Macks ville. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Friday at Minnis Chapel in Macks ville. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 1, 2001

March 3, 2001

Vicki Ellen Haberman 1942-2001

LACEY, Wash. < Vicki Ellen Haberman, 58, died Feb. 27, at her home in Lacey, Wash. She was born June 30, 1942, in Pittsburg, the daughter of Fred Allen and Wilma Blackburn Carr. She married Donald Haberman July 2, 1960, at Aken, S.C. A longtime resident of Lacy, formerly of Larned, she was a registered nurse at Providence St. Peter Hospital in Olympia, Wash. Mrs. Haberman was a Christian. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Bradley Haberman of Lacey, Kevin Haberman of Turnwater, Wash., and Scott Haberman of Shelton, Wash.; two brothers, Fred Allen Carr Jr. and Bob Carr, both of Humble, Texas; one sister, Gayla Berry of Liberty, Texas; and five grandchildren. Friends may call from noon to 8 p.m. Monday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Family will receive friends from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Funeral service was held Friday in Lacey. Cremation is planned. Memorials are suggested to Larned
March 4, 2001

George Wendell Amerine 1915-2001

George Wendell Amerine, 85, died March 2, at Meridian Nursing and Rehab Center in Wichita. He was born July 27, 1915, in Barton County, the son of G.P. and Minnie Woestman Amerine. He married Mary Eleanor Robertson Nov. 26, 1940, in Great Bend. She died June 18, 1995. A lifetime resident of Barton County, he was a retired farmer. Amerine was a member of First Presbyterian Church. Survivors include his brother, Virgil Amerine, of Great Bend. He was preceded in death by a brother, Ernest Amerine. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Bryant-Christians Chapel with the Rev. Tom Robson officiating. Burial will be in Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 3-9 p.m. today, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 4, 2001

Paul Schneider 1916-2001

Paul Schneider, 85, died March 2 at Central Kansas Medical Center St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born Feb. 9, 1916, in Hoisington, the son of Peter and Lydia Bender Schneider. He married Esther Boxberger Jan. 13, 1936, in Milburger. A lifetime Barton County resident, he was a retired farmer and carpenter. Schneider was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and the Cheyenne Sportsman’s Club, both in Great Bend. Survivors include his wife, of the home; two sons, Gerald Schneider of Hoisington and Donald L. Schneider of Great Bend; one daughter, Sheryl White of Albert; two sisters, Katie Keenan and Martha Eichman, both of Russell; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Prayer service will be 7 tonight at Bryant-Christians Funeral Chapel. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Gary W. Teske officiating. Burial will be in Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today at the funeral chapel and from 9:30 a.m. until service time Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 4, 2001

Maxine West 1930-2001

NEKOMA --Maxine West, 70, died March 2 at Rush County Memorial Hospital in LaCrosse. She was born Dec. 22, 1930, in McCracken, the daughter of Albert and Emma Koch Janke. She married Willard West Dec. 2, 1952, at Bazine. A lifetime resident of Rush County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. West was a member of Hope Lutheran Church and Ladies Aide, of Rush Center; the Rush County Election Board, Town and Country Extension Home Unit, Walnut Valley Senior Citizen Center and Rush County coordinator of Reading is Fundamental. Survivors include her husband, of the home; one son, Dale West of Alexander; four daughters, Valerie Craig and Lisa Holloway, both of Olathe, Brenda Hagerman and Penny Reidel, both of Larned; one brother, Alvin Janke of McCracken; one sister, Corrine Brenner of Hays; and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five brothers and two sisters. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Maurice Schaus officiating. Burial will be at Nekoma Cemetery in Nekoma. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Fitzgerald Funeral Home and until service time Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Walnut Valley Senior Citizens Center or Hope Lutheran Church Ladies Aide, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 4, 2001

Rita Maxine Menges 1923-2001

PRATT --Rita Maxine Menges, 77, died March 1 at Friendship Manor in Pratt. She was born April 27, 1923, in Wichita, the daughter of Fred and Martha Watson Menges. A resident of Pratt for two years, coming from St. John and Hudson, she was a retired housekeeper for St. Francis Hospital in Wichita. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Pratt. Survivors include one brother, Jerry Menges of Ellinwood; and two sisters, Joyce Schad of Hudson and Carol Henderson of Pratt. She was preceded in death by one brother, Fred Menges Jr. Vigil will be at 7:30 tonight at Larrison Mortuary in Pratt. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church in Pratt with the Rev. Jim Dieker officiating. Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Calvary Cemetery in Wichita. Friends may call from 1-8 today at the mortuary in Pratt. Memorials are suggested to the church or South Wind Hospice, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 4, 2001

March 5, 2001

Helen Irene Soeken 1908-2001

ST. JOHN - Helen Irene Soeken, 92, died March 3 at Stafford District Hospital. She was born July 25, 1908, in rural St. John, the daughter of Herbert and Anna Metz. She married Norman John Soeken May 27, 1937, in rural St. John. He died Sept. 18, 1998. A resident of St. John, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Soeken was a member of First United Methodist Church and Rebekah Lodoe. both of St. John. Survivors include two daugheters, Norma D. Manke of Ellinwood and Janett
June Olive Carlynn Nelzen Johnson 1915-2001

June Olive Carlynn Nelzen Johnson, 85, died March 4 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born June 30, 1915, in New Gottland Community in McPherson, the daughter of Carl J. and Edna Wilheminia Clark Nelzen. She attended Ashland Country School and graduated from Galva High School. She married Wayne K. Johnson June 30, 1936, in Lindsborg. He died Oct. 15, 1973. A resident of Great Bend since 1990, coming from Galva, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Johnson was a member of First United Methodist Church of Great Bend, the Galva United Methodist Church in Galva and a former member of New Gottland Covenant Church in McPherson, United Methodist Women of Great Bend, Order of Eastern Star Oriental Chapter 58 of McPherson, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2715 Ladies Auxiliary of McPherson. Survivors include one son, Dwane K. Johnson of Sherman Oaks, Calif.; one daughter, Deanna C. Grant of Great Bend; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Dwight Nelzen and Gordon Nelzen; and three sisters, Violet Tillman, Beatrice Hallgarth and Eda Nelzen. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Glidden-Ediger Chapel in McPherson with the Rev. Kenneth R. Busse officiating. Burial will be at McPherson Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 p.m. Wednesday at the chapel. Family will greet friends from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to New Gottland Covenant Church in McPherson, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 5, 2001

Stuart Hazard Jr. 1932-2001

TOPEKA - Stuart Hazard Jr., 69, died Feb. 28 at his home in Topeka. He was born Feb. 10, 1932, in Topeka, the son of Stuart G. and Marguerite Hahn Hazard. He graduated from Topeka High School in 1950 and from the school of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State University in 1956. He married Lois Steadman June 10, 1956. A resident of Topeka, he maintained a small animal practice for 40 years. Hazard served in the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps. Survivors include two sons, Todd Hazard and Stuart G. Hazard III, both of Wakarusa; one sister, Margaret H. Beers of Topeka; and two grandchildren. Cremation is planned. Services will be private. Memorials are suggested to the Helping Hands Humane Society, in care of Penwell-Gabel Mid-Town Chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 5, 2001

Debra Jo Plank 1958-2001

WILLIAMSBURG - Debra Jo Plank, 42, died March 2 as a result of a car accident. She was born March 30, 1958, in Larned the daughter of Wencel Otto and Pat Shearrer Steiner. She graduated from Great Bend High School. She married William Plank Jan. 2, 1983, in Manitou Springs, Colo. A resident of Williamsburg, she was a certified medical assistant for Golden Heights Nursing Home in Garnett and Baldwin Care Center in Baldwin. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Shannon R. Lewis of Vassar; one daughter, April M. Plank of the home; one brother, Terry Shearrer of Louisburg; two sisters, Linda Ruble and Kim Gorton, both of Hoisington; and two grandchildren. Parish rosary will be at 7:30 tonight at Warren-McElwain Mortuary in Lawrence. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Lawrence. Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery in Lawrence. Friends may call until 9 tonight at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Multiple Sclerosis Society, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 5, 2001

March 6, 2001

Rosie Marie Oborny 1910-2001

LA CROSSE - Rosie Marie Oborny, 90, died March 5 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus im Great Bend. She was born Dec. 18, 1910, in Rush County, the daughter of Joseph and Louise Kirklan Jecha. She married Jerry F. Oborny April 11, 1934. He preceded her in death. A lifelong resident of Rush County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Oborny was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in La Crosse, St. Ann's Altar Society in Timken and was a 66-year member of the Catholic Workman. Survivors include many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by infant daughter, Mary Dolores Oborny; two brothers, Joseph E. Jecha and James Jecha; three sisters, Martha Phillips, Emma Murphy and Mary L. Pechanec. Wake service will be at 7:30 tonight with a Catholic Workman Rosary to follow at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Timken with the Revs. Henry Baxa, Benjamin Martin and Ultan Murphy officiating. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery in Timken. Friends may call until 8 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Rush County Memorial Hospital Long Term Care, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 6, 2001

Mildred Pettit Kerby 1913-2001
March 7, 2001

Murvel 'Jack' Gray 1918-2001

GARFIELD - Murvel "Jack" Gray, 82, died March 4 at Lea Regional Medical Center in Hobbs, N. M. He was born May 23, 1918, in Klondike, Ill., the son of Guy and Ethel Gray. He married Geneva Eddy Sept. 19, 1946, in Kansas City. He was a resident of Hobbs, formerly of Garfield. Gray was a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and the Moose Lodge 2084; a member of Masonic Lodge 331 of Hoisington, Lea County Shrine Club and AKDAR Temple of Tulsa, Okla. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, serving aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise. He received 16 battle stars and a purple heart. Survivors include two sons, David A. Gray of Arlington, Texas, and Phillip G. Gray of Oklahoma City, Okla.; one sister, Trilla Skinner of Evansville, Ind.; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Daniel Gray. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Garfield Cemetery with military honors. The Rev. Dan Lundgren will be officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to Jack Gray Memorial Fund or Highland Christian Church in Hobbs, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 7, 2001

March 8, 2001

Bernard Woydziak 1930-2001

HOISINGTON - Bernard Woydziak, 70, died March 8 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington.

March 9, 2001

Esther F. Schlessinger 1912-2001

CLAFLIN - Esther F. Schlessinger, 88, died March 7 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington.

Bernard Stephan Woydziak 1930-2001

HOISINGTON - Bernard Stephan Woydziak, 70, died March 8 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born Dec. 11, 1930, in Barton County, the son of Arsenius and Mathilda Hoffman Woydziak. He married Elizabeth Wondra Aug. 16, 1949, in Hoisington. A lifetime resident of the Hoisington area, he was a farmer and worked in the oil fields for Allen Drilling and Al Tipton. Woydziak was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, both of Hoisington, past president of Kansas Farm Bureau and a member of the Union Township Board and the Susank School Board. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Stephen Woydziak of Lyons and David Woydziak of Hoisington; four daughters, Joyce Hanzlick of Hill City, Judy McDonald of Mayetta, Connie Geiger of Olsburg and Jeannie Komarek of Hays; one brother, James Woydziak of Hoisington; one sister, Juanita Brower of Pampa, Texas; 15 grandchildren; and one great-grandchildren. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, followed by a Knights of Columbus Rosary, both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at the
Robert L. 'Bob' Weigel 1930-2001

Robert L. "Bob" Weigel, 71, died March 9 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born Jan. 31, 1930, in Victoria, the son of Joseph C. and Catherine Paul Weigel. He married Flora Braun July 17, 1954, in Walker. A resident of Great Bend, he worked for Bovaird Supply for 40 years. Weigel was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus in Great Bend, and a lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars in Russell. He was an U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. He was the recipient of the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Robert N. "Bob" Weigel of Great Bend and Brian J. Weigel of Salina; two daughters, Pam Hitz and Michelle Weigel, both of Great Bend; two brothers, Donald Weigel of Blue Springs, Mo., and Anthony "Tony" Weigel of Overland Park; five sisters, Velma Giebler of Hays, Leona Kuhn of Great Bend, Mary Jane Miller, Shirley Weigel and Doris Weigel, all of Victoria; three grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Joseph Weigel and Michael Weigel; and one sister, Louise Weigel. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend, followed by Knights of Columbus rosary. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Angel Dy officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at St. Anne's Cemetery in Walker with military honors. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Legion Baseball, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 11, 2001

Naomi Maxine Lewis 1923-2001

LARNED - Naomi Maxine Lewis, 78, died March 10 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus in Larned. She was born Jan. 30, 1923, in Plainville, the daughter of Frank and Pearl McCune Bedwell. She married Lloyd G. Lewis July 21, 1939, in Bisbee, Ariz. A resident of Larned since 1943, she was a retired mental health technician. Mrs. Lewis was a member of First United Methodist Church in Larned and Eastern Star of Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Gerald Lewis and Richard L. Lewis, both of Larned, and Steven Lewis of Roeland Park; one brother, Roy Bedwell of Albuquerque, N.M.; and two granddaughters. She was preceded in death by one brother, Morgan Bedwell; four sisters, Marie Reeves, Velma Cowart, Henretta Sanders and Marietta Bedwell. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Larned Cemetery with the Rev. Charles Grant officiating. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the church or Welcome Inn, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 11, 2001

Ralph E. Dixon 1932-2001

STERLING - Ralph E. Dixon, 69, died March 8 at Lyons District Hospital in Lyons. He was born Feb. 12, 1932, in Wichita, the son of William Curtis and Edna Mae Greenwell Dixon. He married Martha Burns Nov. 27, 1959, in Perryton, Texas. A longtime resident of Sterling and Alden, he was a retired oil field driller. Dixon was a member of AARP and Eagles Lodge, both of Hutchinson. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Ralph Dixon II and Randy B. Dixon, both of Hutchinson; one daughter, Doris Jean King of Hutchinson; one sister, Lois "Betty" Hastings of Elk City; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by an infant daughter and an infant granddaughter, Rebecca Barnett. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Sillin Funeral Home in Sterling. Burial will be at Sterling Community Cemetery. Friends may call from 2-5 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association or American Diabetes Foundation, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 11, 2001

Mary L. Evers 1932-2001

Mary L. Evers, 68, died March 9 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born March 28, 1932, in Barton County, the daughter of Fred and Selma Brack Brack. She married Kenneth L. Evers May 27, 1950, in Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend, she was a bookkeeper for Evers TV. Mrs. Evers was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; two daughters, Sharnon Pivonka of Great Bend and Margaret Darks of Wichita; one sister, Etta Brack of Lakewood, Colo.; and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five brothers and one sister. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Bryant-Christians Chapel in Great Bend with the Rev. Dr. Gary W. Teske officiating. Inurnment will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 11, 2001

Clarence "C.J." Metzen 1908-2001

WELLINGTON - Clarence "C.J." Metzen. 93. died March 9 at Sumner Regional Medical Center in Wellington. He was born
March 1, 1908, in St. Mark’s, the son of Joseph and Anna Roth Metzen. He married Sis McCreary Feb. 22, 1954, in Wellington. A resident of Wellington for 26 years, coming from Mayfield, he was a former owner of Mayfield Grocery and Locker and of Metzen’s Liquor Store. Metzen was a member of St. Anthony-St. Rose Parish, past grand knight of Knights of Columbus, served on the Mayfield recreation commission, the Mayfield school board, Mayfield township board and BPOE 1167. Survivors include his wife of the home; four sons, Dennis W. Metzen and Ronald D. Metzen, both of Mayfield, John W. Metzen of Great Bend and Raymond E. Metzen of Wellington; five daughters, Marilyn A. Cook of Dighton, Betty Lucas, Darlene K. Collburn and Pat M. Robinson, all of Wellington, and Sheryl J. Shephard of Anaheim, Calif.; two brothers, Gene Metzen of Mayfield and Leo Metzen of Cheney; three sisters, Bertha Nollenberger of Medford, Okla., Bernetta Burnsden of Douglas and Mildred Zoglmann of Garden Plain; 28 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, William Metzen and Norbert Metzen; and two grandchildren. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at the church. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday at Frank Funeral Home in Wellington. The family will greet friends from 6-7 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Wellington Knights of Columbus or Mayfield Recreation Commission, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 11, 2001

Emil Dietz 1911-2001

RUSSELL - Emil Dietz, 89, died March 9 at Integrated Health Services Nursing Home in Moore, Okla. He was Aug. 1, 1911, in Russell County, the son of Ferdinand and Pauline Karst Dietz. He married Ruth Dumler Feb. 7, 1932. She died Sept. 5, 1990. A resident of Russell, he was a farmer and stockman. Dietz was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Russell. Survivors include one son, Eugene Dietz of Russell; and two daughters, Merna Holkum of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Dorothy Dolechek of Hoisington. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the church in Russell with the Rev. Henry Hartman officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in rural Russell. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, both at Pohlman’s Mortuary in Russell, and from 1 p.m. to service time Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Trinity Lutheran Cemetery or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 11, 2001

March 12, 2001

Genevieve Clothier 1910-2001

STAFFORD - Genevieve Clothier, 90, died March 11 at Leisure Homestead in Stafford. She was born Sept. 2, 1910, near Sylvia, the daughter of Larren L. and Iva G. Green Gaston. She graduated from Sylvia High School. She received a bachelor’s of arts degree in elementary education from Oklahoma State Teachers College in Alva, Okla. She married Virgil C. Clothier April 17, 1937. He died April 7, 1953. A resident of Stafford, she was an elementary teacher for four years in Oklahoma and 22 years in Stafford. Mrs. Clothier was a member of national and state teachers associations and the BPW. Survivors include two sons, Gary L. Clothier and Marvin G. Clothier, both of Pittsburg; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Glen Gaston and Boyd Gaston. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Church of Christ in Stafford with the Rev. Richard Foster officiating. Burial will be at Peace Creek Cemetery in rural Stafford. Friends may call from 7-8:30 tonight at Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 12, 2001

March 13, 2001

Norman J. Jordan 1957-2001

WICHITA - Norman J. Jordan, 43, died March 4 in Wichita. He was born April 14, 1957, in Frankfurt, Germany, the son Carol Hopkins, adopted by Jack and Frances Jordan. A resident of Wichita, he was a machine operator, a volunteer firefighter and a National Guard sergeant. Survivors include his mother, Frances Jordan of Savonburg; his biological mother, Carol Hopkins of Ellinwood; two brothers, Douglas Crumrine of Wichita and Anthony Hopkins of Ellinwood; and four sisters, Brenda Mealman of Topeka, Bonnie Wiles of Fayetteville, Ark., Lee Ann Cassidy of Dalhart, Texas, and Shelia Haehn of Wichita. Funeral were March 9 at Friends Lutheran Church in Savonburg. Burial was at Chanute. Lakeview Funeral Home in Wichita is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 13, 2001

March 14, 2001

Patrick R. Hockett 1964-2001

SATANTA - Patrick R. Hockett, 37, died March 8 at his home in Neosho, Mo. He was born March 2, 1964, in Hays, the son of Elwin and Betty Reimer Hockett. He attended Satanta High School. He married Heather Labaron March 4, 2000, in Grove, Okla. A resident of Neosho, coming from Satanta, he was self-employed. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Ryan Hockett of Joplin, Mo.; his mother and stepfather, Thayne Wright of Satanta; his stepmother, Hillie Hockett of Miami, Fla.; one brother, Kelly Hockett of Sacramento, Calif.; his grandparents, Juanita Love and Art and Velma Hockett. all of Satanta. Memorial service will be at 2 o.m. Sunday at Hacon Aoes Center in Satanta with the Rev. Larr
Sara L. Folsom 1907-2001

Sara L. Folsom, 93, died March 13 at Rush County Long Term Care in La Crosse. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 14, 2001

Nellie M. Conwell 1909-2001

ELLINWOOD - Nellie M. Conwell, 91, died March 13 at Integrated Health Services, Woodhaven in Ellinwood. She was born Sept. 19, 1909, in South Haven, the daughter of Wesley and Anna May King Robinson. She married Richard Andrew Conwell Dec. 31, 1932, in South Haven. He died April 3, 1967. A resident of Ellinwood for 60 years, coming from Chase, she was a retired co-owner of Dick's Engine in Ellinwood and a homemaker. Mrs. Conwell was a member of United Methodist Church of Ellinwood. Survivors include one son, Richard Conwell of Great Bend; two daughters, Sondra Wise of Ellinwood and Sherry Johnson of Great Bend; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, T.A. Robinson and Dayrl Robinson; one sister, Violet Butler; and one grandson, Randy Wise. Private family graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood with the Rev. Jim Newkirk officiating. Friends may call from 5-9 tonight at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. The family will receive friends from 7-8:30 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Ellinwood Meals on Wheels or AAU Track Clubs of Ellinwood or Great Bend, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 14, 2001

March 15, 2001

Mildred Warner 1914-2001

BURDETT - Mildred Warner, 86, died March 13 at Edwards County Hospital in Kinsley. She was born Dec. 5, 1914, in Daniel, Wyo., the daughter of Webster and Elizabeth Poole Frymire. She married Glen R. Warner July 23, 1933. He died June 28, 2000. A resident of Burdett since 1935, coming from Lawrence, she was a bookkeeper and parts manager for Warner Implement Company in Burdett. Mrs. Warner was a member of Burdett United Methodist Church, Faith Fellowship Church in Gray, Burdett United Church Women and the Burdett Seniors. She was a Sunday school teacher and youth leader. Survivors include two daughters, Cleo Gorman of Burdett and Inita Palumbo of Rockwall, Texas; one sister, Zelma Brown of Cody, Wyo.; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by two sons, Glen Eugene Warner and Robert Leon Warner; one brother, Webster "Junior" Frymire; and one sister, Marie Frymire. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Faith Fellowship Church in Gray with the Rev. Irving Jennings officiating. Burial will be at Browns Grove Cemetery in Burdett. Friends may call until 8 tonight, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, all at Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Memorials are suggested to Burdett United Methodist Church, Burdett EMS, Burdett Senior Center or Pawnee Heights Enhancement Fund, all in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 15, 2001

Sara L. Folsom 1907-2001

Sara L. Folsom, 93, of Great Bend died March 13 at Rush County Longterm Care in La Crosse. She was born Nov. 6, 1907, in Longford, the daughter of Gershom and Annie Baah Ware. She married Clarence Folsom April 28, 1930, in Clay Center. He died June 22, 1991. A resident of Great Bend, she was a clerk and seamstress for Isern-Lutschg, worked at Reisbig's Clothing Store and was a school teacher. Mrs. Folsom was a member of First Presbyterian Church and Presbyterian Women, both of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Ora L. Folsom of Great Bend; one daughter, Margaret L. Edwards of Bison; nine grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one son, Robert W. Folsom; two brothers, Charles Ware and Horace Ware; and three sisters, Harriett Toothaker, Margaret Steward and Ann Headley. Funeral will be at 10:30 p.m. Saturday at Bryant-Christians Chapel in Great Bend with the Rev. Tom Robson officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 5-9 tonight, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at the chapel. The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 15, 2001

March 16, 2001

Vincent D. Simmons 1916-2001

LARNED - Vincent D. Simmons, 84, died March 14 at his home in Larned. He was born April 7, 1916, in Larned, the son of Dennis and Laura Gust Simmons. He married Grace Bird Jan. 18, 1938, in Larned. A lifetime resident of Larned, he was a retired auto-parts sales man. Simmons was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, both of Larned. Survivors include his wife of the home: five sons. Vincent H. Simmons of Garden Ctv. Jerome Simons of
Olathe, Joseph Simmons and Kevin Simmons, both of Larned, and Patrick Simmons of Howard; three daughters, Lavada Rowe of Scranton, Veronica Holloman of Topeka and Monica Schneweis of Dodge City; 25 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. Parish vigil will be at 7 tonight at the church in Larned. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, at the church with the Rev. Dennis Reed officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 6:30 p.m. tonight at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to Sacred Heart Endowment Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 16, 2001

Geraldine Leona Stafford 1925-2001

TURON - Geraldine Leona Stafford, 75, died March 15 at Kansas Heart Hospital in Wichita. She was born July 26, 1925, in Gaylord, the daughter of Louis and Amanda Wolf Bechtold. She was a 1943 graduate of Formoso High School. She married Earl Stafford Jr. July 24, 1944, in Beloit. A resident of Turon, coming from Larned, she was a retired secretary for the Pawnee County Engineer's Office. Mrs. Stafford was a member of Church of the Nazarene in Larned. Survivors include two sons, the Rev. Richard Stafford of Ulysses and Stanley Stafford of Olathe; two daughters, Joan Green of Turon and Diane Stafford of Texarkana, Ark.; 12 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Kenneth Bechtold; two sisters, Aileen Layland and Wilma Bechtold; and one great-granddaughter, Holly Green. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned with Dr. Edmond Nash officiating. Burial will be at 4:30 p.m. Saturday at Caldwell Cemetery in Formoso. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 16, 2001

Leonard V. 'Brushie' Stos 1921-2001

OLMITZ - Leonard V. "Brushie" Stos, 80, died March 15 at his home in Olmitz. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 16, 2001

Gilbert O. Suelter 1910-2001

ELLSWORTH - Gilbert O. Suelter, 90, died March 15 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born March 23, 1910, in Lincoln County, the son of Paul and Martha Steinhaus Suelter. He married Evelyn Pfughoff Oct. 16, 1940, in Ellsworth. She died April 23, 1990. A resident of Great Bend for six months, coming from Ellsworth, he was a farm-machinery salesman for Lloyd Implement in Ellsworth. Suelter was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6485 and American Legion Post 174, all of Ellsworth. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include one son, Robert Suelter of Great Bend; three brother, Loren Suelter and Adolph Suelter, both of Salina, and Lewis Suelter of Lincoln; one sister, Frieda Schultz of Lincoln; two grandchildren; and one step-grandchild. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Ed Suelter, Elmer Suelter and Paul Suelter. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church in Ellsworth with the Rev. Gary Wolf officiating. Burial will be at Ellsworth Cemetery with military honors. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Sunday at Parsons Funeral Home in Ellsworth and until service time Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune., March 16, 2001

Samuel Everett 'Rocky' Hagerman 1921-2001

WALDPORT, Ore. - Samuel Everett "Rocky" Hagerman, 79, died March 2 at Pacific Communities Hospital in Newport, Ore. He was born Aug. 22, 1921, in Walsh, Colo., the son of Samuel and Lucy Campbell Hagerman. He attended school in Stafford. He married Colleen Drumm Sept. 9, 1944, in Auckland, New Zealand. A resident of Waldport, he was retired from Massey-Ferguson and also worked for J.I. Case. Hagerman was a member of American Legion Post 180 in Great Bend and St. Matthews Catholic Church in Elk City, Okla. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, serving on the U.S.S. Honolulu in Hawaii during the Pearl harbor bombing. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Raymond Hagerman of Sheboygan, Wis., and Roger Hagerman of Oklahoma City, Okla.; one daughter, Debbie Schram of Yachats, Ore.; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Services were held March 6 at the church in Newport. Batenen Funeral Home in Newport, Ore. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 16, 2001

The Rev. Delmer J. Harders 1930-2001

BENTON - The Rev. Delmer J. Harders, 70, died March 15 at his daughter's home in Benton. Friends may call at 4 p.m. Saturday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced later by the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 16, 2001

Lillian Yvonne Durant 1934-2001

MEDICINE LODGE - Lillian Yvonne Durant, 66, died March 14 at Via Christi St. Francis in Wichita. She was born Sept. 27, 1834, in Galatia, the daughter of John E. and Elizabeth Wilhelm Kaiser. A resident of Medicine Lodee for 34 years. she
was a community-living instructor at Arrowhead West. Survivors include two sons, Robert Durant of Albuquerque, N.M., and Russell Durant of Medicine Lodge; two sisters, Joyce Schiller of Great Bend and Donna Kaiser of Barstow, Calif.; and one grandchild. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Larrison-Forsyth Funeral Home in Medicine Lodge with the Rev. Tom Walters officiating. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery in Medicine Lodge. Friends may call until 8 tonight, from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Arrowhead West, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 16, 2001

March 18, 2001

John Harry Ward

80, died March 16, 2001, at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born Sept. 4, 1920, in Wilmore, the son of Ollie Harry and Cora Elizabeth Carter Ward. He married Lilla Hazel Liggett on June 4, 1950, in Fayetteville Ark. He retired from Esfeld engineering in 1985 and moved to Great Bend from La Crosse. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Justin Ward of Wichita, one brother, Ralph Ward of Hazelton; and three grandchildren. He was proceeded in death by four brothers Floyd Ward, Loyd Ward, Merton Ward and Paul Ward. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend with the Rev. David W. Beeson officiating. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. Sunday and 9 a.m. until noon Monday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home. Memorial are suggested to the family. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 18, 2001

Leonard V. "Brushie" Stos

OLMITZ -, 80, died March 15, 2001, at his home. He was born Feb. 12, 1921, in Otis, the son of Joseph and Julia Axman Stos. He married Helen Budig May 18, 1943, at Great Bend. He was a lifetime resident of the Otis-Olmitz area, a farmer and oilfield worker. He retired in 1985. Stos was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, both of Olmitz. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Leonard J. "Butch" Stos of Heizer, Randy Stos of Otis and Timothy Stos of Olmitz; two daughters, Karolyn Schaffer of La Crosse and Debra Stos of Otis; one brother, Bernard Stos of Otis; one sister, Mary Schiller of Odin; five grandchildren; one stepgrandchild; and four stepgreat-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Joseph V. Stos and his twin, Leo Stos. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church with Rev. Ultan Murphy officiating. Wake service will be at 7:30 tonight, followed by Knights of Columbus rosary at Nicholson-Rickey Funeral Home in Hoisington. Friends may call from 1-9 tonight. Memorials are suggested to Otis Ambulance Service or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 18, 2001

Lane F. Keenan

OVERLAND PARK -, 52, died March 15, 2001, at St. Joseph Health Center. Born Nov. 29, 1948, in Larned, he was the son of Ora and Marieda Keenan. He was a general sales manager for various liquor companies for 20 years as well as a sponsor for Kansas City Chiefs Ambassador. Survivors include his wife, Karen; one son, Troy; one daughter, Amy; three grandchildren; three brothers, Jerry Keenan, Don Keenan and Mark Keenan; and two sisters, Mary Elliott and Anne Steinbacher. Rosary will be at 6 tonight at McGilley State Line Chapel, 12301 State Line Road in Overland Park. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church of the Nativity, 3800 West 119th Street in Overland Park. Burial will be at Resurrection Cemetery. Friends may call from 4-7 p.m. today. Memorials are suggested to to University of Kansas State Lawrence Center, 1631 Crescent Rd., Lawrence KS 66044. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 18, 2001

William J. Schoendaller

LA CROSSE -, 71, died March 15, 2001 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. He was born April 9, 1929, in Liebenthal, the son of John and Anna Catherine Kruetzter Schoendaller. He married Edna Werth Oct. 25, 1948. He was a lifetime resident of Rush County, working as the general manager of the Farmer's Co-op of La Crosse for 27 years. He was also employed by the Farmer's and Merchants State Bank, the Home State Bank of La Crosse and The Commerce Bank of Hays. Schoendaller was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Lion's Club, Chamber of Commerce, Historical Society and the Knights of Columbus all of La Crosse. He was also a former city commissioner and mayor of La Crosse. Survivors include his wife; three daughters Ann Saindon of Ellis, and Sharon Webster and Cecelia Morse, both of La Crosse; one brother Robert Schoendaller of Wichita; three sisters, Louise Horning of Ransom, Irene Steckline of Hays and Georgia Steckline of Wichita' and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three, sisters Caroline Schuckman, Minnie Stump and Eva Heigert. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Michael's Catholic Church in La Crosse with the Revs. Benjamin Martin, Ken Schuckman and William Miller officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Sunday with a rosary at 7 p.m. at the Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Memorials are suggested to Hays Medical Center Inpatient Oncology Unit. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 18, 2001

The Rev. Delmer James Harders

BENTON -, 70, Benton, died March 15, 2001, at his home. Born April 25, 1930, at Great Bend, he was the son of Frederick and Anna Hemken Harders. He married Leila Marie Baroer Oct. 2. 1949. in Great Bend. He was employed by
Parkersburg Rig and Reel and later studied for the Lutheran ministry. He served congregations in Canton, Moundridge, Pittsburg and Colome, S.D. He was youth counselor for many years at Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend. He was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Wichita. He was an Air Force veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Dale Harders of Roseville, Ill., and Scott Harders of Moundridge; two daughters, Michele Parker and Lisa Standfast, both of Benton; three brothers, Marion Harders and Robert Harders, both of Great Bend, and Allen Harders of Sun City, Calif.; two sisters, Marjorie Murphy and Gladys Brack, both of Great Bend; and 11 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Sheila Sue Harders; and two brothers, Martin Harders and Ralph Harders. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Trinity Lutheran Church with the Revs. Joel Frank and Jonathan Rockhoff officiating. Burial with graveside military honors by the 184th Bomb Wing Honor Guard of the Kansas Air National Guard will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call from 4-9 today at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m. tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Messiah Lutheran Church Building Fund, 1241 N. Ridge Rd., Wichita, Kan. 67212 or Hospice Inc., 313 S. Market, Wichita, Kan. 67202. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 18, 2001

Eve Rickenbrode

Eve Rickenbrode, 92, formerly of Bushton, died Feb. 23, 2001, at her home in Robbindale, Minn. She was a clerk at the Bushton Post Office for many years. She was a member of Bushton United Methodist Church, Methodist Women and Double Seven Club. Survivors include one daughter, Phyllis Weimeister; three grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. Funeral was March 1 at Pilgrim Methodist Church in Plymouth, Minn. Gill Brothers Funeral Home of Minneapolis, Minn., was in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 18, 2001

Everett Watson

Everett Watson, 92 HAVILAND -., died March 15, 2001, at Kiowa County Memorial Hospital in Greensburg. He was born Jan. 5, 1909, in Kiowa County near Haviland, the son of Jesse Gilbert and Laura Watson Larkin. He married Viola M. Myers Nov. 11, 1934, in Wichita. He was a lifetime resident of Kiowa County and a farmer. Larkin attended Kansas State University and was a member of Haviland United Methodist Church, IOOF Lodge, Kiowa County Historical Society and a former member of Kiowa County Farm Bureau and Brenham Cooperative. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Raymond Larkin of Hosington; one daughter, Nancy Larkin of the home; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Anna Marie Prince; and three brothers, Otis Larkin, Loren Larkin and Willard Larkin; and one sister, Blanch Hesston. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Gene Slack officiating. Friends may call from 3-7 p.m. today at Fleener Funeral Home in Greensburg. Memorials are suggested to the church or Kiowa County Memorial Hospital, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 18, 2001

Jessie E. Woods

Jessie E. Woods, 92, Great Bend, died March 17, 2001, at IHS of Great Bend. She was born Jan. 27, 1909, in Stafford County, the daughter of William and Clara Miller Schulz. She married James H. Woods Aug. 28, 1928, in Wichita. He died Feb. 6, 1958. Woods was a pioneer aviatrix and she and her husband founded the Flying Aces Air Circus, the longest running air circus in U.S. history. She was named pilot of the year by the Washington State Pilots Association in 1967 and was an employee of Washington state. Woods was a member of the Ninety-Nines International Women Pilots, OX 5 Pioneers, received the OX 5 Aviation Pioneer Woman award and was elected to the OX 5 Aviation Pioneers Hall of Fame in 1985. In 1991, she received the A.E. Aviation Award from the Zonta Club of St. Petersburg, Fla., and in 1994 she was named to the Pioneer Women in Aviation Hall of Fame in Orlando, Fla. Also in 1994, she was the only woman to be honored as an eagle at the Gathering of Eagles at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala. Survivors include one niece, Marjorie L. Phillips of El Cajon, Calif. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John with the Rev. Dr. Tom Keith officiating. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to noon Monday at Bryant-Christsians Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to Jessie Woods Space Scholarship Fund. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 18, 2001

March 19, 2001

Lawrence A. Bates 1916-2001

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Lawrence A. Bates, 84, died March 15 in Columbus. He was born Dec. 12, 1916, in Stockton. He was a 1940 graduate of Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina. He married Frances Evelyn Allen. A resident of Columbus, he was retired from the Missouri-Pacific Railroad. Bates was a member of United Methodist Church in Hoisington. Survivors include his wife, of the home; one son and daughter-in-law, Lawrence and Anita Bates of Gahanna, Ohio; one daughter and son-in-law, Laree and Larry Morgenstern of Chicago, Ill.; one sister, Gladys Bates White of Las Vegas, Nev.; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Friday in the Miller Chapel at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina. Inurnment will be at Gypsum Hill Cemetery in Salina. Memorials are suggested to Kansas Wesleyan Athletic Department, in care of Schoedinger Northeast Chapel in Gahanna, Ohio. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune,
March 19, 2001

Allen L. Prosser 1949-2001

RUSSELL - Allen L. Prosser, 51, died March 18 at Gatewood Care Center in Russell. He was born Sept. 28, 1949, in Great Bend, the son of Jospeh T. and Emma J. Reif Prosser. He was a resident of Russell for nine years, coming from Hoisington. Prosser was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus, both of Hoisington, and St. Marys Catholic Church in Russell. Survivors include his father, of Kinsley; two brothers, James J. Prosser of Springfield, Mo., and Steven C. Prosser of Wichita; nine sisters, Joyce E. White, Bonnie J. Schremmer, Celeste M. Meitner, all of Hoisington, Lois A. McClain of Goddard, Rita J. Solorio of Emporia, Nona S. Parfi of Marion, Nancy D. Yackshaw of Norfolk, Va., Patti L. Myers of Borger, Texas, and Annie A. Holmes of Wellington. He was preceded in death by one sister, Mary Jane Prosser. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, followed by a Knights of Columbus rosary, all at Nicholson Ricke-Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church in Hoisington with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery in Hoisington. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Gatewood Care Center or St. John Cemetery, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 19, 2001

March 20, 2001

Mary Margaret Hebrank 1908-2001

COUNCIL GROVE - Mary Margaret Scott Hebrank, 93, died March 18 at Wharton Manor Nursing Home in Manhattan. She was born Jan. 25, 1908, at the family homestead southeast of Council Grove, the daughter of Robert and Johanna Wodke Scott. She was a 1925 graduate of Council Grove High School. She married Albert E. Hebrank on June 12, 1929 in Wilsey. He died July 21, 1967. A resident of Council Grove since 1967, coming from Wilsey, she was a homemaker and a teacher for four years in Council Grove. Mrs. Hebrank was a member of the United Methodist Church of Council Grove, Sunday school teacher, and 4-H leader. Survivors include one son, Kenneth Hebrank of Manhattan; one daughter, Mary Weil of Great Bend; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Robert Scott, and three sisters, Ann Scott, Rosalie Wallace and Stella Revere. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the church in Council Grove. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery in Council Grove. Memorials are suggested to the Church, in care of the Kendall Funeral Chapel in Council Grove. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Mar. 20, 2001

Matilda Scheuerman Schlegel 1904-2001

CERRITOS, Calif. - Matilda Scheuerman Schlegel, 96, died March 16 in Moreno Valley, Calif. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Mar. 20, 2001

Elmer E. Cross 1916-2001

PRATT - Elmer E. Cross, 84, died March 17 at Pratt Regional Medical Center. He was born July 19, 1916, at Winfield, the son of Earl F. and Delia Kimberly Cross. He was a graduate of Emporia State University. He married Helen McGovney Dec. 28, 1941, in Cunningham. She died Nov. 10, 2000. A resident of Pratt, he was a high school teacher at Pratt and also a Pratt County juvenile officer. Cross was a member of First United Methodist Church, Optimist Club, Elks Lodge and Retired Teachers Association, all of Pratt. He was a U.S. Army Air Corp veteran of World War II. Survivors include five sons, John Cross of Great Bend, Larry Cross of Denver, Colo., David Cross of Shorncliffe, Queensland, Australia, George Cross and Steven Cross, both of Pratt; three daughters, Carol Freund of Cunningham, Kathleen Pugh of Sylvia and Susan Parsons of Pratt; one sister; Leona Burger of Chautauqua; 19 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Leo Cross and Otis Cross; and one grandson, Eric Cross. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. today at the church with the Rev. Kendal Utt officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery in Pratt. Memorials are suggested to the church, Pratt Community College or Emporia State University, all in care of Larrison Mortuary in Pratt. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Mar. 20, 2001

Alice D. Swanson 1915-2001

BUSHTON - Alice D. Swanson, 85, died March 19 at her home in Great Bend. She was born Nov. 3, 1915, at Sumner County, the daughter of W.D. and Ethel Lula Frey Hull. She married Paul Swanson Sep. 22, 1937, in Lyons. He died May 9, 1988. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Bushton, she was a former school teacher. Mrs. Swanson was a member of United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Sew & So Club, Double 7 and women's Bible class; a teacher of Menninger Bible Class, a 4-H leader, and chairman of the church memorial committee, all of Bushton. Survivors include one son, John O. Reynolds of Great Bend; one daughter, Nancy Herman of Great Bend; one sister, Helen Stapleton of Lyons; and two great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the church in Bushton with the Revs. Barbara Parker and Mark Pennington officiating. Burial will be at Genesee Cemetery. Friends may call from 2-7 p.m. today and from 11 a.m. until service time Wednesday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to the church or
Alice Mary Stegman 1922-2001

HOLCOMB - Alice Mary Stegman, 78, died March 17 at her home in Holcomb. She was born Nov. 2, 1922, in Kinlsley, the daughter of Phillip and Eva Adams Frick. She attended Kinsley schools. She married Julius Stegman Oct. 14, 1943, in Offerle. He died Aug. 5, 1989. A resident of Holcomb, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Stegman was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church, Daughters of Isabella, and Our Lady of Perpetual Help, all of Garden City. Survivors include four sons, Allen Stegman, Mike Stegman and Scott Stegman, all of Holcomb, and Greg Stegman of Delray Beach, Fla.; one daughter, Diane Florio of Branchville, N.J.; two brothers, Elmer Frick and Lester Frick, both of Kinsley; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. James E. Baker officiating. Burial will be at Valley View Cemetery in Garden City. Friends may call from 5-8 today and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, both at Garnand Funeral Home in Garden City. Memorials are suggested to the church or the Alice Stegman Scholarship Fund for the Holcomb Booster Club, both in care of the funeral home.

William "Bill" J. Medley 1930-2001

LIBERTY, MO. - William "Bill" J. Medley, 70, died March 18 at his home in Liberty. He was born May 3, 1930, in Tampa, the son of Cecil Lee and Josephine Elizabeth Miller Medley. He graduated from Durham High School. He married Georgia Ann Peters April 15, 1950, in Hillsboro. A resident of Liberty, he was an insurance agent for Hawkins Insurance Company in Edina, Mo., a n agent for Missouri Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company in Liberty, had managed local grain cooperatives in Arkansas City and represented Farmland Cooperatives in Liberty. Medley was a member of Liberty United Methodist Church, served on the Pastor's Parish Committee, Liberty Rotary Club, board member of Great Bend Chamber of Commerce, Lion's Club in Durham and Toastmaster in Arkansas City. He served as youth directors for United Methodist Church in Arkansas City and Rockport, Mo. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Murray Kent and Mitchell K. Medley, both of Independence, Mo.; one brother, Soren Ray Medley of Wichita; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by infant daughter, Kristi Jo Medley; one brother, J.L. Medley; one sister, Phyllis Medley; and his stepmother, Ann Medley. Funeral will be at 9 a.m. Wednesday at United Methodist Church in Liberty and at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the United Methodist Church in Hillsboro. Burial will be at Hacker Cemetery in Tampa. The family will receive friends from 8-9 a.m. Wednesday at the church in Liberty. Friends may call from 2-7 p.m. today at the Church-Archer-Pasley Funeral Home in Liberty. Memorials are suggested to the Hospice Preferred Choice in Kansas City, Mo., or the church in Liberty, both in care of Bram Funeral Home in Gallatin, Mo.

March 21, 2001

Paul G. Ziegler 1927-2001

LYONS - Paul G. Ziegler, 74, died March 19 at Hutchinson Hospital. He was born March 15, 1927, at Willowdale, the son of George and Rose Thimesch Ziegler. He married Wanda J. Welsch Beydler on Sept. 14, 1963, in Lyons. She died Dec. 23, 2000. A resident of Lyons since 1963, he was a farmer, truck driver and roofing contractor. Ziegler was a member of St. Peters Catholic Church in Willowdale and Veterans of Foreign War of Lyons. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include three stepsons; Calvin L. Beydler of San Diego, Calif., Donald E. Beydler of Great Bend and Milton R. Beydler of Wiggins, Colo.; one stepdaughter; Joyce A. Link of Pawnee Rock; three brothers; Larry Ziegler of Lockbuie, Colo.; Lester Ziegler and Jerry Ziegler, both of Kingman; one sister; Rozella West of Kingman; eight stepgrandchildren; 12 stepgreat-grandchildren; and six stepgreat-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers; Eugene Ziegler and Carl Ziegler; and one sister; Evelyn Dane. Graveside services will at 11 a.m. Friday at Pawnee Rock Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-5 p.m. Thursday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to Rice County Council on Aging, in care of the funeral home.

Matilda Scheuerman Schlegel 1904-2001

NORWALK, Calif. - Matilda Scheuerman Schlegel, 96, died March 16 at her home in California. She was born March 31, 1904, the daughter of J. Conrad and Mary Elizabeth Steben Scheuerman. She married Carl B. Schlegel Aug. 24, 1927, in Otis. He died June 22, 1985. A resident of Norwalk, coming from Minneola, she was a school teacher for LaMirada Unified School District in Norwalk. Survivors include one daughter; Janeanne Sue Schlegel of Lindsborg; and one brother, Ben F. Scheuerman of Great Bend. She was preceded in death by one brother, the Rev. Claude Scheuerman; and one sister, Alta L. Scheuerman. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at United Methodist Church in Otis with the Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. Burial will be at the Methodist Cemetery in Otis. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 21, 2001

Alvin L. Ochs 1911-2001
Alvin L. Ochs, 89, of Great Bend died March 20 at the Hoisington Rehabilitation Center in Hoisington. He was born April 13, 1911. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 21, 2001

W. S. ‘Bill’ Southern 1918-2001

W. S. ‘Bill’ Southern, 82, of Great Bend died March 20 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 21, 2001

Marie A. Hampton 1919-2001

LARNED - Marie A. Hampton, 81, died March 19 at the Pratt Regional Medical Center in Pratt. She was born Aug. 18, 1919, in Pawnee County, the daughter of Garvin Henry and Minnie E. Sutton Elmore. She married Delbert Hampton. He died Dec. 16, 1982. She married John G. Hampton Jan. 1, 1986, at Pratt. He died Oct. 11, 1998. A resident of Pratt since 1986, she was a secretary for the Kansas Turnpike Authority. Mrs. Hampton was a member of the Presbyterian Church and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, both of Pratt. Survivors include two sisters; Jessie Novack of Offerle and Juliet Salmans of Benton. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with the Rev. John Hester officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association and the American Diabetes Association, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 22, 2001

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Alvin L. Ochs 1911-2001

Alvin L. Ochs, 89, of Great Bend died March 20 at Hoisington Rehabilitation Center. He was born April 13, 1911, in Barton County, the son of Jacob and Kathryn Ochs Ochs. He married Clara C. Dumler June 11, 1937, at Russell. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Hoisington, he was a farmer. Ochs was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ of Great Bend and a leader of Fairview Scouts 4-H Club of Galatia. Survivors include his wife, of the home; two sons, Lee Ochs of Overland Park and Bob Ochs of Hoisington; two daughters, Mary Luman of Overland Park and Carol Smith of West Milford, N.J.; one sister, Verna Rhorer of Alexandria, Va.; 11 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren and three stepgreat-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, J.B. Ochs; and two sisters, Florence Dumler and Emma Karst. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Diana Coberly officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to First Congregational United Church of Christ for Camp White or Multiple Sclerosis Association, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 22, 2001

Margaret Louise Janousek 1931-2001

LACROSSE - Margaret Louise Janousek, 69, died March 20. She was born Nov. 15, 1931, in Great Bend, the daughter of Gerald and Mildred Glover Stowell. She was a 1949 graduate of Wichita High School. She married Jay Janousek Aug. 27, 1948, in Oklahoma. He died in April 1990. A resident of Rush County for 30 years, she was a licensed funeral director and co-owner of the Janousek Funeral Home in LaCrosse. Mrs. Janousek was a member of United Methodist Church, Eastern Star, La Crosse Chamber of Commerce and director of Friendship Meals, all of LaCrosse. Survivors include three sons, Jeff Janousek of Wichita, Craig Janousek of LaCrosse and Bobby Janousek of Larned; one brother, Jerry Stowell of Pembroke, Mass.; one sister, Geraldine Thornton of Lake Jackson, Texas; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the church in LaCrosse with the Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. Burial will be at La Cross City Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse and from noon until service time Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Margaret Louise Janousek Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 22, 2001

W.S. 'Bill' Southern 1918-2001

ELLINWOOD - W. S. ‘Bill’ Southern, 82, died March 20 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was born Aug. 3, 1918, in Ness City, the son of William Leonard and Mabel Stephens Southern. He was a 1936 graduate of Ellinwood High School and he attended the University of Kansas from 1937-40. He married Helen Heidbrink Oct. 25, 1942, in Portland, Ore. A resident of Ellinwood, he was an independent life insurance agent representing John Hancock and Transamerica Insurance companies for over 50 years. He served two terms as a member of the Kansas House of Representatives from 1973-76, representing the 113th District. Southern was a member of Immanuel United Church of Christ in Ellinwood, Kappa Sigma Fraternity of the University of Kansas, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Wheat Bowl Foundation, all of Ellinwood: was a member of Great Bend Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors. the Kansas Calvary and the Kansas
Underwriters Association. He was a 1959 member of the Million Dollar Roundtable for his insurance company. He was a U.S. Army Air Corp veteran of World War II. Survivors include wife of Wichita; one son, Bill Southern of Hutchinson; two daughters, Joan Pivonka of Ellinwood and Nancy Bommer of Deer Harbor, Wash.; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Robert E. Southern; and one grandson, Ryan Pivonka. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the church in Ellinwood with the Rev. Larry Young officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 3-8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to noon Friday, all at Kimple Funeral Home of Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to Barton County Community College Foundation or the church Endowment Foundation, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 22, 2001

Larry Schmidt 1942-2001

ELLSWORTH - Larry Schmidt, 58, died March 20 at the Salina Regional Medical Center-Santa Fe Campus. He was born May 14, 1942, in Hays, the son of George J. and Katherine Breit Schmidt. He married Nancy Carder Sept. 8, 1962, in Salina. A resident of Ellsworth, coming from Salina, he was owner/operator of Ellsworth Printing Company. Schmidt was a fourth-degree knight, past grand knight and past knight of the year of the Knights of Columbus; an original founder in 1976 and committee member of the Ellsworth “Cowtown Days,” portraying Sheriff Chauncey B. Whitney for 25 years; organized Ellsworth’s recreational baseball and men’s softball programs, was a Ellsworth Chamber of Commerce board member, chamber of commerce citizen of the year in 1992, grand marshall of the Cowtown Parade in 1991 and 2000. He served as a Department of Corrections Ellsworth Correctional Facility committee member, Ellsworth Fire Department volunteer and board member of J.H. Robbins Memorial Library in Ellsworth. Survivors include wife of the home; one son, Gary W. Schmidt of Ellsworth; three daughters, Keri Ann Katzenmeier of Geneseo, Pamela L. Schmidt of McPherson and Stacie J. Schmidt of Salina; three brothers, LeRoy Schmidt of New Cambria, and Kenneth Schmidt and Virgil Schmidt, both of Salina; three sisters, Viola Baxter and Patricia Perry, both of Salina, and Sister Lila Schmidt of Concordia; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Wilbert Schmidt; and four sisters, Esther Youngdahl, Lillian Shubert, Sister Ann Clare Schmidt and Mary Rose Pfeifer. Vigil beginning at 7 tonight at Parsons Funeral Home in Ellsworth. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Bernard’s Catholic Church in Ellsworth with the Revs. Daniel Scheetz and Paul Oborney officiating. Burial will be at Ellsworth Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association or Salina Regional Health Center Penn Campus Physical Therapy Department, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 22, 2001

March 23, 2001

Rowena Harriet Lindgren 1909-2001

LARNED - Rowena Harriet Lindgren, 91, died March 21 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus Long Term Care in Larned. She was born Nov. 18, 1909, in Bennington, the daughter of Jason Percival and Clara Shultice Crow. She married Clyde Stanley Lindgren April 20, 1930, in Salina. A resident of Larned, coming from Wichita, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Lindgren was a member of Zion Methodist Church in Wichita. Survivors include one niece, Marty Buster of Larned. She was preceded in death by one infant son, Clyde Stanley Jr.; two brothers, Ralph Crow and Joe Crow; five sisters, Winifred Hake, Wilma Barnes, Ura Vivian Eubank, Reba Johnston and Margaret ST. JOHN - Ruby J. Timmons, 91, died March 21 at Stafford District Hospital. She was born June 20, 1909, in Geneseo, the daughter of Jesse and Anna Jeannette Collinge. She was a 1926 graduate of Geneseo High School. She married Lawrence E. Timmons July 26, 1927, in Lyons. He died March 28, 1997. A resident of St. John, coming from Cherokee Village, Ark., and Bushton, she was homemaker. Mrs. Timmons was a member of First United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women and Rebekah Lodge, all of St. John; and a life member of the National Parent Teacher Association. Survivors include one son, Darrol H. Timmons of Richland, Wash.; one daughter, Marilyn J. Atkinson of St. John; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Tom Collinge; and two sisters, Rose Dobrinski and Kate Handlin. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Minnis Chapel in St. John with the Revs. W. H. Harlan Rittgers and Ron Miller officiating. Burial will be at 12:15 p.m. Saturday at Genesee Cemetery. Friends may call until 7 tonight at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to Sandyland Shepherds Center of St. John or the church, both in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 23, 2001

Ruby J. Timmons 1909-2001

ST. JOHN - Ruby J. Timmons, 91, died March 21 at Stafford District Hospital. She was born June 20, 1909, in Geneseo, the daughter of Jesse and Anna Jeannette Collinge. She was a 1926 graduate of Geneseo High School. She married Lawrence E. Timmons July 26, 1927, in Lyons. He died March 28, 1997. A resident of St. John, coming from Cherokee Village, Ark., and Bushton, she was homemaker. Mrs. Timmons was a member of First United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women and Rebekah Lodge, all of St. John; and a life member of the National Parent Teacher Association. Survivors include one son, Darrol H. Timmons of Richland, Wash.; one daughter, Marilyn J. Atkinson of St. John; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Tom Collinge; and two sisters, Rose Dobrinski and Kate Handlin. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Minnis Chapel in St. John with the Revs. W. H. Harlan Rittgers and Ron Miller officiating. Burial will be at 12:15 p.m. Saturday at Genesee Cemetery. Friends may call until 7 tonight at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to Sandyland Shepherds Center of St. John or the church, both in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 23, 2001

Lillie Elizabeth Burk Klein 1919-2001

LA CROSSE - Lillie Elizabeth Burk Klein, 81, died March 21 at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. She was born Nov. 6, 1919, in Alexander, the daughter of Russell and Mae Link Burk. She married Lester Klein July 9, 1938, in Great Bend. He died July 9, 1998. A resident of La Crosse, coming from Bison, she was a housekeeper for Rush County Hospital. Mrs. Klein was a member of St. Paul United Church of Christ in Holyrood. Survivors include three sons, Billy...
Klein of Canon City, Colo., Ron Klein of Holyrood and Mel Klein of Bison; three daughters, Lola Duffey of Aurora, Colo., Marilyn Mantz of Bazine and Marsha Klein of Greensburg; two brothers, Cecil Burk of Rush Center and Don Burk of New Iberia, La.; one sister, Audrey Burton of Frisco, Texas; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. today at United Methodist Church in Bison, with the Rev. Kathy Bannister officiating. Friends may call until service time today at the church. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society or St. Paul United Church of Christ in Holyrood, both in care of Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 23, 2001

Frank D. 'Butch' Bezemek 1947-2001

LEAVENWORTH - Frank D. 'Butch' Bezemek, 53, died Jan. 19 at the Veterans Hospital in Kansas City, Mo. He was born March 6, 1947, in Stafford, the son of Frank and Vada Bezemek. He was a 1965 graduate of Bushton High School. He attended Pratt Community College. He married Roberta Gibison in 1967. A resident of Houston, Texas, coming from Frederick, he was a purchasing and parts manager for HB Zachry Company. Bezemek was an Eagle Scout. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and was honorably discharged in 1970. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Amanda Bezemek and Lysa Bezemek of Portland, Ore.; his mother, Vada Bezemek of Olathe; his father and stepmother, Frank and Laura Bezemek of Frederick; one sister, Lucille Rockett of Olathe. He is interned at Leavenworth National Cemetery. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 23, 2001

March 25, 2001

Musetta Curtis 1927-2001

STAFFORD - Musetta Curtis, 73, died March 22 at her home in Stafford. She was born Oct. 20, 1927, in Stafford, the daughter of Merle Ray and Maggie Priscilla Morlan Yingst. She married Jack Tedder Curtis June 1, 1945, in Stafford. He died May 13, 2000. A resident of Stafford, she was a homemaker and co-owner of Curtis Cafe. Mrs. Curtis was a member of First United Methodist Church of Stafford, Sunday School teacher and a member of the American Bell Association. Survivors include three daughters, Cindy Creager of LaCygne, Ruth Wiltshire and Barb New, both of Stafford; one brother, Victor Yingst of Crosby, Texas; one sister, Willa Buehler of McAllen, Texas; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford with the Rev. Kasey Crosby officiating. Burial will be at Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. today at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to the Stafford County Historical Society, American Heart Association or KPTS Public Television, all in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 25, 2001

Matthew James 'Matt' Bond 1988-2001

LAWTON, Okla. - Matthew James O'Matt' Bond, 12, died March 22 at Lawton Hospital. He was born Aug. 5, 1988, in Great Bend, the son of Barry and Janie Bond. He attended Central Junior High School in Lawton. He was a resident of Lawton, coming from Kentucky. Bond was a member of Dayspring Community Church of Lawton and was a Cub Scout. He played football, soccer and track while being involved in leadership courses at Taft Academy and being a member of the Rifle Drill Team, all in Lawton. Survivors include his parents of the home; one brother, Jeremiah Bond of the home; grandparents, Dennis E. Bond of Missouri, Shirley Sanders of Colorado, James E. and Betty J. West of Fresno, Calif.; and two great-grandmothers, Lucille Nichols of St. John and Marjorie McVey of Larned. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Frontier Chapel Center at Fort Sill in Lawton, with the Rev. Chris Stephens officiating. Burial will at the Post Cemetery at Fort Sill. Funeral arrangements were handled Becker Funeral Home in Lawton. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 25, 2001

Lucille Mills 1912-2001

STAFFORD < Lucille Mills, 88, died March 24 at Stafford District Hospital. She was born Oct. 28, 1912, in Stafford County, the daughter of Ellsworth Leroy and Mattie Birdie Krey Bagley. She graduated from Stafford High School and attend Wichita Business College and nursing school at Research Hospital in Kansas City. She married Joseph Robert ?Bob? Mills Oct. 28, 1956, in Stafford. He died Nov. 19, 1980. A resident of Stafford, moving to Wichita in 1956 and back to Stafford in 1994, she was a registered nurse for Dr. O.W. Longwood's office for 15 years and worked in the emergency room of St. Francis Hospital in Wichita for 15 years. Mrs. Mills was a member of Stafford Church of Christ. Survivors include one brother Wendell Bagley of Wichita; one sister, Margaret Parker of Edmond, Okla.; one stepson, Jon Phillip Mills of Napa, Calif.; and seven stepgrandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Edrie Murphy and Irma Brock; one brother, Glenn Bagley; and one stepson, Joseph Robert Mills. Funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford with Richard Foster officiating. Burial will be at Peace Creek Cemetery in rural Stafford. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 25, 2001

James Casper Copeland 1934-2001

BARTLESVILLE, Okla. - James Casper Copeland, 66, died March 21 at Jane Phillips Medical Center in Bartlesville. He was born Nov. 9, 1934, in Hutchinson. the son of Harvev Rov and Marie Casper Cooland. A resident of Bartlesville.
formerly of Great Bend, he was a petroleum engineer. Survivors include his wife, Karen K. Copeland of the home; three sons, Curtis Lee Copeland and Craig Allen Copeland, both of Bartlesville, and Christopher Copeland of Verdigress, Okla.; two sisters, Virginia Hutchins of Enid, Okla., and Connie Kvasnicka of Nevada; and eight grandchildren. Private family services will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements were under the direction of Stumpff Funeral Home of Bartlesville. Memorials are suggested to American Lung Association of Oklahoma, 2905 East Skelley Drive, Suite 806, Tulsa, OK 74105-6252. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 25, 2001

March 26, 2001

Nattie J. Shaffer 1908-2001

HUTCHINSON - Nattie J. Shaffer, 92, died March 25 at Hester Care in Hutchinson. She was born May 16, 1908, in Sallisaw, Okla., the daughter of John P. and Victoria Myers Cargill. She married Carl D. Shaffer on June 21, 1925, in Drumright, Okla. He died Dec. 10, 1966. A resident of Hutchinson, coming from Medicine Lodge, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Shaffer was a member of First Baptist Church, FBC Circle, Order of Eastern Star and a 50-year member Silver Leaf Chapter 464. Survivors include four daughters, Dorothy Hartman and Exie McPherson, both of Hutchinson, Wanda Sieker of Ellinwood and Shirley Walker of Bedford, Texas; one brother, John Cargill of Great Bend; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Andrew Cargill and Albert Cargill; one sister, Georgia Land; and one granddaughter, Vicki Curtis. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Elliott Chapel in Hutchinson with the Rev. Jim Autrey officiating. Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery in Hutchinson. Friends may call until 9 tonight at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 26, 2001

Leta J. Weld 1925-2001

CLAFLIN - Leta J. Weld, 75, died March 25 at Hoisington Rehabilitation Center. She was born Aug. 19, 1925, in Sublette, the daughter of Olivier and Flossie Parker Barger. She married Vernon I. Weld on Jan. 5, 1955, in Pueblo, Colo. A resident of Claflin, coming from Great Bend, she was the owner of 156 Lounge in Claflin. Survivors include her husband of the home; and one brother, Harold Barger of Canon City, Colo. No services or visitation will be held. Arrangements are being handled by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 26, 2001

March 27, 2001

Merle Hattie Hardwick 1900-2001

LA CROSSE - Merle Hattie Hardwick, 101, died March 24 at Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse. She was born Feb. 12, 1900, the daughter of Lonson and Hattie Perkins Helvie. She married Francis M. Hardwick June 3, 1925, in Leoti. He died June 20, 1968. A resident of Rush County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Hardwick was a member of First Christian Church, Home Demonstration Unit and U & I Sunday School Class, all of La Crosse. Survivors include one son, Richard Hardwick of La Crosse; two daughters, Jo Ann Neidenthal of Oberlin and Jean Oelkers of McCracken; seven grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Bill Hardwick; four brothers, Bryan Helvie, Lynn Helvie, Carol Helvie and Beach Helvie; two sisters, Ina Demney and Josephine Jarnigan; and one grandson, Daylin Frank Neidenthal. Memorial service will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the church in La Crosse with the Rev. Troy Schroeder officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. today at the Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Family will receive friends from 6-8 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or the Rush County Nursing Home, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 27, 2001

Dolores F. Craghead 1929-2001

JETMORE - Dolores F. Craghead, 71, died March 25 at Hodgeman County Long Term Care Center in Jetmore. She was born Oct. 4, 1929, in Jetmore, the daughter of Raleigh and Nola Burdue Scothorn. She married Maurice B. Craghead Dec. 15, 1945, in Jetmore. A resident of Jetmore, coming from California, she was a homemaker and co-owner of Jetmore Motel. Mrs. Craghead was a member of United Methodist Church and was a Brownie Girl Scout leader, both Jetmore. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Jesse L. Craghead of Jetmore; two daughters, Maureen Hammond of Copeland and Linda F. Terry of Fresno, Calif.; three brothers, Lloyd Scothorn of Tawas City, Mich., Leon Scothorn of Pampa, Texas, and Dallas Scothorn of Burlington; three sisters, Sharon Rudzik, Shirley Pfaff and Janice Scothorn, all of Jetmore; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Dennis L. Craghead. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at United Presbyterian Church in Jetmore with the Revs. Jo Clipson and Mitch Reece officiating. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore. Friends may call until 8 tonight and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to Hospice of the Prairie, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 27, 2001
H.E. 'Hank' Zoller, Jr. 1928-2001

DENVER, Colo. - H.E. "Hank" Zoller Jr., 72, died March 12 in Long Beach, Calif. He was born Oct. 16, 1928, in Ponca City, Okla., the son of Henry E. and Paula DeBois Zoller. He was a graduate of the University of Kansas. A resident of Denver since 1954, coming from Wichita, he was active in the oil and gas industry as a partner in Zoller-Danneberg Inc. and Zoller Resources. Zoller was a leader in the Men's Fellowship Group at Cherry Hills Country Club and active in "Friends in Transition Prison Ministry" program. He was a supporter of "Whiz Kid" tutoring program. Survivors include three sons, Henry E. Zoller IV of Highlands Ranch, Colo., Jeffrey R. Zoller of Hinsington and Todd A. Zoller of Englewood, Colo.; two daughters, Michelle Nocera of Long Beach, Calif., and Monique Zoller of Great Bend; one brother, Dr. David D. Zoller of Blue Springs, Mo.; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Patricia McEwen; and one grandson, Christopher Elliot. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. April 12 at Cherry Hills Country Club in Denver, Colo. Inurnment will be at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Denver Leadership Foundation, 5500 E. Yale Ave., Denver, CO 80222, in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hinsington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 28, 2001

Dennis M. Huslig 1947-2001

LAGRANGE PARK, Ill. - Dennis M. Huslig, 53, died Jan. 11 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove, Ill. He was born March 1, 1947, in Great Bend, the son of Leonard E. and Margaret Sauber Huslig. He married Mary Ann Hubbel July 11, 1970, in Basehor. A 17 year resident of LaGrange, he was director of Lisle Public Library District in Lisle, Ill. Huslig was an active deacon at St. Louise de Mariliac Church in LaGrange, ordained deacon of Archdiocese of Chicago, member of Knights of Columbus, Rotary Club of Lisle, American Library Association, Illinois Library Association and a board member for National Marriage Encounter, all of Illinois. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Mark Huslig of Austin, Texas; one daughter, Dawn Huslig of Arlington, Texas; his mother of Salina; one brother, Eldon Huslig of Lombard, Ill.; and one sister, JoAnn Maddox of Salina. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Inurnment will be at St. John Cemetery in Hinsington with a military flag presentation by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7428. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer's Association, in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 27, 2001

March 28, 2001

Dorothy I. Stoppel 1922-2001

WILSON -- Dorothy I Stoppel, 78, died March 27, at Wilson Nursing Center. She was born July 20, 1922, in Wilson, the daughter of Christian J. and Mary Gephart Stoppel. A resident of Wilson, she was a screen-print operator for Eschbaugh Advertising of Wilson. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Wilson. Survivors include one nephew, David Stoppel of Wilson; and one niece, Nancy King of Phoenix, Ariz. She was preceded in death by one brother, Ray Stoppel; and one sister, Elsie Sanders. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Tim Harlan officiating. Burial will be Wilson City Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Foster Mortuary in Wilson. Memorials are suggested to the church or the donor's choice, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 28, 2001

Vera L. Nuss 1912-2001

WILSON -- Vera L. Nuss, 88, died March 26 at Wilson Nursing Center. She was born Dec. 8, 1912, in Ellsworth County, the daughter of Frank H. and Mary J. Horejsi Kraft. She married Ezra Nuss, Sept. 1, 1931, in Ellsworth. He died July 24, 1982. A resident of Wilson, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Nuss was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Wilson and Sunrise EHU of Ellsworth County. Survivors include two daughters, Vicki Purma of Scott City and Donna Greeling of Wilson; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Foster Mortuary Chapel, with the Rev Tim Harlan officiating. Burial will be at Wilson City Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 28, 2001

Barbara J. Lemmons 1948-2001

WICHITA -- Barbara J. Lemmons, 63, died March 25 in Wichita. She married Max W. Lemmons. A resident of Wichita, she was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Jay Whittle of Great Bend; one brother, James Bean of Seattle, Wash.; four sisters, Wanda Eckert of Buckley, Ill., Shirley Theobold and Mary Zuckermann, both of Columbus, Ohio, and Kathryn Stumbo of Tulsa, Okla.; two stepsons, Patrick Lemmons of Haysville and Rusty Lloyd of San Antonio, Texas; one stepdaughter, Deforest Neiert of Wichita; two grandchildren; and eight stepgrandchildren. Funeral was at 10:30 a.m. today. Memorials are suggested to Wichita Children's Home, in care of Old Mission Mortuary in Wichita. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 28, 2001
Naomi Carol Sutton 1931-2001

NESS CITY -- Naomi Carol Sutton, 69, died March 25 at the Ness County Hospital. She was born Dec. 24, 1931, in Ness City, the daughter of Lemuel B. and Pearle Kanaga Burditt. She married Robert L. Sutton Feb. 7, 1954, at Ness City. A resident of Ness City, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Sutton was a member of First Baptist Church and American Baptist Women, both of Ness City. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Bryan Sutton of Ness City; one daughter, Norma Ann Coplin of Crestwood, Mo.; two brothers, Earl Burditt of Ness City and Dwayne Burditt of Grangeville, Idaho; two sisters, Vera Pember of Springfield, Mo., and Valdah Klitzke of Ness City; and six grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. today at the church with the Rev. Russell King officiating. Memorials are suggested to Ness County Hospital in care of Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 28, 2001

Mary E. Burns 1923-2001

JETMORE -- Mary E. Burns, 77, died March 27 at the Good Samaritan Center in Lyons. She was born April 24, 1923, in Goodwill, Okla., the daughter of George and Myrtle Henderson VanVleet. She married Lawrence Burns June 12, 1943, in Jetmore. He died on May 5, 1991. A resident of Jetmore, she was a farmer. Mrs. Burns was a member of United Methodist Church and T.O.P.S., both of Jetmore. Survivors include one son, Harry Burns of Jetmore; two daughters, Mary Keiley of Jetmore and Betty Romero of Lyons; one brother, George VanVleet of Jetmore; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Nathan Burns; two brothers, William VanVleet and Nathan VanVleet; two sisters, Lena Yost and Rosa Larkin; one grandson, Sonny Burns; and one great-grandson, Spencer Bergmann. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore. Friends may call until 8 tonight, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and 9-11 a.m. Friday, all at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to the Mary E. Burns Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 28, 2001

Michael R. Moran 1958-2001

McCRACKEN -- Michael R. Moran, 43, died Monday at his home. Services are pending with Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 28, 2001

March 29, 2001

Richard Lloyd Hockmuth 1954-2001

Richard Lloyd Hockmuth, 46, of Great Bend, died March 28 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born Oct. 29, 1954, in Hartford, Conn., the son of Dr. Lloyd Norton and Marjorie Gunther Hockmuth. He was a graduate of the University of Massachusetts. He married Darlene Smith Dec. 22, 1990, in Liberty, Mo. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Gladstone, Mo., he was president of American Plastic Machinery Company. Hockmuth was a member of Society of Plastics Engineers and Holder of Gear Patents, president of the Kiowa Gun Club, committee chairman of Fort Zarah Friends of the National Rifle Association, secretary of Mid-America Manufacturing Technology Center and life-time member of the NRA. He was president of Pittsburg State University Advisory Council and secretary/treasurer of Western Kansas Technology Corporation. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Amanda Sue Hockmuth of Great Bend; his mother, Marjorie Hockmuth of Wallpole, N.H.; and one brother, Robert Paul Hockmuth of Durham, Maine. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Great Bend Family Mortuary with the Rev. Kevin Baxter officiating. Burial will be at a later date. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday at the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 29, 2001

Kenneth L. Kuhn 1928-2001

ST. JOHN - Kenneth L. Kuhn, 72, died March 27 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born Oct. 9, 1928, at Larned, the son of William O. and Icie Barnett Kuhn. He married Judith A. Bidleman June 21, 1948, in Windhorst. A resident of Kinsley, he was a farmer and rancher. Kuhn was a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7349, both of Kinsley. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Kenneth L. Kuhn Jr. of Joplin, Mo., and Scott A. Kuhn of Kinsley; one sister, Myrtle Fisher of Kinsley; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at McKillip Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Kinsley with the Rev. Andrew Owen officiating. Burial will be at Hillside Cemetery in Kinsley. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Stafford County Home Health or Stafford County Emergency Medical Technicians, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 29, 2001

Michael Lewis Cannon 1955-2001

Michael Lewis Cannon, 45, of Great Bend, died March 27 in a traffic accident on K-96 near Albert. He was born Aug. 29, 1955, in Great Bend. the son of Manford G. and Ruth M. Borne Cannon. A resident of Great Bend. he was a journevman
Survivors include his mother of Great Bend; three brothers, Dennis M. Cannon of Hoisington, Daniel G. Cannon and Joe Cannon, both of Great Bend; and one sister, Janet Baker of Ozark, Mo. Memorial service will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Angel Dy officiating. The body was cremated. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the Great Bend Humane Society, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 29, 2001

Milo C. Hamilton 1914-2001

ST. JOHN - Milo C. Hamilton, 87, died March 27 at Good Samaritan Nursing Center in Minneapolis. He was born Feb. 5, 1914, in St. John, the son of Charles and Mamie Hamilton. He married Ida Ruth Watson on March 19, 1932, in Noble, Mo. She preceded him in death. A resident of St. John, he was a farmer and custodian for St. John schools. Hamilton was a member of First Christian Church and Community Fellowship Church, both of St. John. Survivors include four daughters, Betty Lu Shuler of Littleton, Colo., Bonnie Ann Hunsicker of Murfreesboro, N.C., Vicki Sue Lance of Minneapolis and Anita Kay Bross of Cincinnati, Ohio; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; and six step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Elmer Hamilton; and two sisters, Florence Edison and Erma Southard. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Minnis Chapel in St. John with the Rev. Ron Miller officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to Good Samaritan Nursing Center, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 29, 2001

Jerald Hazen 'Bill' Bennett 1913-2001

HUTCHINSON - Jerald Hazen 'Bill' Bennett, 87, died March 28 at Hutchinson Hospital. He was born June 25, 1913, in Bentley, the son of Claude Ira and Grace Black Bennett. He was a graduate of Bentley High School. He married Elmira U. Woolery on July 9, 1937, in Wichita. A resident of Hutchinson and Tahlequah, Okla., he was a head roustabout for Conoco Oil Company. Bennett was a member of the Masonic Lodge AF and AM of Valley Center. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Dee Ann Linsner of Hoisington and Ila Rae Higgins of Wichita; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; four step-grandchildren and seven step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Vivian Sage. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Elliott Mortuary Chapel in Hutchinson with the Rev. Richard F. Stuchlik officiating. Burial will be at Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Bentley. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Great Bend Humane Society in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 29, 2001

Mike Moran 1957-2001

McCRACKEN - Mike Moran, 43, died Monday at his home in McCracken. He was born June 7, 1957, in Hays, the son of Vincent Martin "Vick" and Marjorie Lee "Jack" Sloan Moran. He was a 1975 graduate of McCracken High School. A resident of Rush County, he was a farm laborer. Moran was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in McCracken. Survivors include two brothers, Paul Moran of Alexander and Thomas Moran of McCracken; six sisters, Rosemary Kopp of Fairview, Pat Lohrey, Kathleen Moran and Jane Oborny, all of La Crosse, Betty Burkhart of Wright, and Susan Moran of Lee's Summit, Mo. Rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Benjamin Martin officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in McCracken. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home and from 9-9:45 a.m. Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to McCracken Rodeo Association or McCracken Emergency Medical Services, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 29, 2001

Pauline W. Brack 1906-2001

OTIS - Pauline W. Brack, 94, died March 29 at Hays Medical Center. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 29, 2001

March 30, 2001

Bertha M. Reynolds 1905-2001

LA CROSSE - Bertha M. Reynolds, 95, died March 29 at Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse. She was born Sept. 21, 1905, in Albert, the daughter of Henry and Love Alkire Cunningham. She graduated from the Rush Center School. She married L.V. Reynolds on May 2, 1922. He died Aug. 12, 1968. A resident of Rush County, she was a homemaker and farmer. Survivors include one daughter, Berniece Stejskal of Timken; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Bill Reynolds and James Reynolds; one daughter, Bernice Reynolds; three brothers, Ernest Cunningham, Richard Cunningham and Raymond Cunningham; and one sister, Ruth Middleton. Funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Janousek Funeral Home Chapel in La Crosse with the Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. Burial will be at Locust Hill Cemetery in Rush Center. Friends may call until 8 p.m. tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Rush County Nursing Home or American Cancer Society, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend
DENVER, Colo. - Charles L. Naylor, 70, died March 23 at Veterans Administration Hospital in Denver. He was born Aug. 1, 1930, in Dodge City, the son of Talmadge "Spud" and Rose W. Naylor. He was a 1948 graduate of Great Bend High School. He attended Wichita State University. A resident of Denver, coming from Great Bend, he was a bank worker, construction worker and restaurant manager. Naylor was a veteran of the Korean War. He was buried March 27 at Fort Logan Veterans Cemetery in Denver. Memorials are suggested to the Jerry Deutsch Scholarship Fund, in care of Terry Naylor, 3113 26th Street, Great Bend KS 67530. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 30, 2001
Gilbert J. Toman Sr. 1926-2001

HESSON - Gilbert J. Toman Sr., 74, died March 30 at Schowalter Villa in Hesston. He was born Sept. 12, 1926, in Ellsworth County, the son of Joseph Herman and Rose Edna Shanelec Toman. He married Marjorie Mae Bender Dec. 24, 1946, at Ellsworth. She died Aug. 1, 1975. A resident of Hesston since 1999, coming from Halstead and Hoalood, he was a retired petroleum technician for Kansas Corporation Commission. Toman was a member of American Legion Post 200 of Holyrood, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6485 of Ellsworth and Kansas Heart Association. He was past American Legion District 6 commander and on the American Legion alternate national executive committee. Survivors include three sons, Gib Toman and Dan Toman, both of Halstead, and Ron Toman of Olathe; three daughters, Karen Rudiger of League City, Texas, Joyce Du Bois of Halstead and Debra Cameron of Canton; one brother, Robert Toman of Ellsworth; 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sons, Leon Toman and Richard Toman; two brothers, Joseph Toman and William Toman; and one sister, Marian Kepka. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Kaufman Funeral Home in Halstead with the Rev. James Mardock officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Ellsworth Cemetery. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Schowalter Villa, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 1, 2001

Tamra D. Stremel 1963-2001

ELLINWOOD - Tamra D. Stremel, 37, died March 31 at home. She was born May 31, 1963, in Ellinwood, the daughter of Roger Duane and Janis Virginia Libby Stremel. A lifetime Ellinwood resident, she was employed by Family Foods and Kids‘ N Care, and did custodial work for Adams, Brown, Beran and Bell. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Ellinwood. Survivors include her parents of Ellinwood; three brothers, Scott D. Stremel of Wichita, Daniel M. Stremel of Dodge City and Douglas A. Stremel of Lawrence; and her grandmother, Maxine Stremel of Hutchinson. Altar Society rosary will be at 3 p.m. today at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Vigil service will be at 7 tonight at St. Joseph Church in Ellinwood. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church with the Revs. Ronald M. Gilmore, David A. Flagor and John J. Maes officiating. Burial will be at Lakin Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph’s School Endowment or Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 1, 2001

Cleopha ‘Cleo’ Breit 1918-2001

HAYS - Cleopha “Cleo” Breit, 82, died March 31 at Hays Medical Center. She was born Aug. 25, 1918, at Liebenthal, the daugher of Martin M. and Elizabeth Basgall Herrman. She married Anthony Breit on Oct. 8, 1935, in Pfeifer. He died Oct. 15, 1997. A Hays resident, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Breit was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Hays. Survivors include her two sons, Vern Breit of Hays and Robert Breit of Las Vegas, Nev.; five sisters, Tina Schreiner, Mary Schmidt, Alfreda Burgardt, Dorothy Werth and Josephine Zimmerman, all of Hays; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Eugene Herrman, and one sister, Pauline Herrman. Parish vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. today at Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home in Hays. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Michael Suchnicki officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery of Hays. Friends may call from 3-8 p.m. today and from 9-9:45 a.m. Monday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the charity of donor’s choice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 1, 2001

Nima M. Mellick 1906-2001

LA CROSSE - Nima M. Mellick, 95, of La Crosse, died March 30 at Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse. She was born February 22, 1906, at Bison, the daughter of John and Anna Elizabeth Scheuerman Schwindt. She attended Bison schools. She married Noel Wesley Mellick Nov. 11, 1922, in Larned. He died Oct. 18, 1992. A lifetime resident of Rush County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Mellick was a member of Church of Christ in Hays. Survivors include one son, Thayne Mellick of Kinsley; two daughters, Noma Reeves of La Crosse, and Marcine Durrant of College Station, Texas; three sisters, Hannah Auston of La Crosse, Minnie Nicoll of Denver, Colo., and Ethel Duncan of Coal Hill, Ark.; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one grandson, one brother and five sisters. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home in Hays with the Rev. Tony Dominguez officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home from 3-5 p.m. on Monday and from 1 p.m. until service time on Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the charity of the donor’s choice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 1, 2001
James J. Homolka 1911-2001

CLAFLIN - James J. Homolka, 89, died March 31 at Ellsworth County Medical Center in Ellsworth. He was born Sept. 6, 1911, in Barton County, the son of Peter L. and Anna Marie Jezek Homolka. He married Edith M. Beasley Oct. 9, 1948, in Gove. She preceded him in death. A lifetime resident of Ellsworth and Barton counties, he was a retired farmer and stockman. Homolka was a member of United Methodist Church of Claflin, Claflin Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star, Palacky Cemetery board, township board, past Holyrood Co-op board member and president, past church board member, past Farm Bureau board and past Barton County Extension Service board. Survivors include one son, James A. Homolka of Holyrood; two daughters, Joann Klug of Springfield, Mo., and Alice Lynn Donley of Ellsworth; one sister, Helen Homolka of Holyrood; and seven grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Janet Myers officiating. Burial will be at Palacky Cemetery in rural Holyrood with Masonic graveside rites. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. today and from 8-10 a.m. Monday, both at Parsons Funeral Home in Ellsworth, and from 1-2 p.m. Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home.

Judson 'Beck' Hart 2000-2001

MANHATTAN - Judson "Beck" Hart, 9 months, died March 28 at Mercy Health Center emergency room in Manhattan from sudden infant death syndrome. He was born June 12, 2000, in Manhattan, the son of Jim L. and April S. Wagnon Hart. Survivors include his parents of the home; and four grandparents, Tom and Doris Hart of Westmoreland and Jerry and Wanda Wagnon of Great Bend. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel in Manhattan with the Rev. Jim Newman officiating. Memorials are suggested to the American Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Institute, in care of the funeral chapel.

Pauline W. Brack 1906-2001

OTIS - Pauline W. Brack, 94, died March 29 at Hays Medical Center. She was born May 11, 1906, in Brunethal, Russia, the daughter of Jacob and Anna Katherina Becker Weber. She married Jacob Benjamin Brack Oct. 27, 1927, in Otis. He died Feb. 23, 1953. A resident of Otis, she was a farmer. Mrs. Brack was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Otis, Barton County Farm Bureau and AARP. Survivors include one son, Harold U. Brack of Otis; one daughter, Alta E. Spencer of Woodward, Okla.; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Margaret Gary officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery in Otis. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington and from 9:30 a.m. until service time Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, Martin Luther Home or donor's choice, all in care of the funeral home.

April 2, 2001

Leland W. Deutsch 1930-2001

HOISINGTON - Leland W. Deutsch, 71, died April 1 at his residence in Hoisington. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 2, 2001

Mary S. Demel 1911-2001

ODIN - Mary S. Demel, 89, died April 1 at Cherry Village Residential Care in Great Bend. She was born April 13, 1911, in Hoisington, the daughter of William and Sidonia Moeder Klug. She married Frank A. Demel Nov. 21, 1932, in Odin. He died April 13, 1989. A resident of Odin, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Demel was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Odin; and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary of Claflin. Survivors include six sons, Robert F. Demel and Ray Demel, both of Great Bend, Thomas Demel and Mark Demel, both of Hoisington, Marvin Demel of Kanopolis and Allen Demel of Woodward, Okla.; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by 14 brothers and sisters. Vigil service at 7 tonight, followed by an Altar Society Rosary, both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at Holy Family Cemetery in Odin. Friends may call until 9 tonight at the funeral home and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the cemetery, in care of the funeral home.

Earl W. Booth 1916-2001

HOISINGTON - Earl W. Booth, 85, died March 31 at Hoisington Rehabilitation Center in Hoisington. He was born Jan.
Maxine 'Mickie' Imogene Bolinger 1922-2000

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. - Maxine "Mickie" Imogene Bolinger, 77, died Nov. 27, 2000, in San Francisco. She was born Dec. 24, 1922, in Minneola, the daughter of O.F. and Blanche Bolinger. She was a 1941 graduate of Great Bend High School. She also attended Minneola, Dodge City and Hays schools. A resident of San Francisco, coming from Denver,
Colo., she was a reservation representative for United Air Lines. Miss Bolinger was a member of the Methodist Church. Survivors include one brother, Merritt Bolinger of Eckert, Colo.; and two sisters, Francis Bolinger and Dorothy Beth Bolinger. She was preceded in death by one brother, O.F. Bolinger Jr.; and four sisters, Gwendolyn Shields, Blanche Bolinger, Virginia Reed and Dorothy Mills. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Great Bend Cemetery with the Rev. William Wolf officiating. Friends may call at 3 p.m. Friday, poolside at the Holiday Inn in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Barton County Historical Society, in care of Fryberger Mortuary in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 3, 2001

Marjorie I. Mayo 1911-2001

HUTCHINSON - Marjorie I. Mayo, 89, died April 3 at Thorne Care Center in Hutchinson. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 3, 2001

April 4, 2001

John 'Johnny' Blank Jr. 1915-2001

HOLYROOD - John "Johnny" Blank Jr., 86, died April 2 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born Jan. 11, 1915, in Chase, the son of John Sr. and Anna Dipple Blank. He married Margaret Smith May 14, 1950, at Lake Benton, Minn. A resident of Ellsworth and Rice counties, he was a farmer and carpenter. Blank was a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Holyrood. He was a U.S. Army Air Corp veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Daniel Blank of Halstead and Merle Dean Blank of Madison, Ala.; two daughter, Iris Ogden of Great Bend and Marcia Hendrix of Springfield, Mo.; one brother, Lawrence Blank of Lyons; two sisters, Aline Doie of Wichita and Evelyn Shaduck of Holyrood; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Bernard John Blank; and one sister, Mary Mae Blank. Flower service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the church. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Mary Lou Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. Paul's United Church of Christ Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 8-10 a.m. Thursday, all at Parsons Funeral Home in Ellsworth and from 1 p.m. until service time Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Kansas State University Center for Basic Cancer Research, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 4, 2001

Marjorie Isabelle Mayo 1911-2001

HUTCHINSON - Marjorie Isabelle Mayo, 89, died April 3 at Wesley Towers in Hutchinson. She was born Oct. 15, 1911, in Claflin, the daughter of Robert Townsend and Wilhemina Johanna Piel Mayo. A resident of Hutchinson, coming from Claflin, she was a homemaker and was employed by Claflin Flour Mill during the war years. Miss Mayo was a member of United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women, both of Claflin; Kansas People to People International, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of the Union Veterans and Barton County Historical Society. Survivors include one sister, Harriet Mayo of Hutchinson. She was preceded in death by three sisters, Roberta Gibler, Gertrude Mix and Elizabeth Hartman. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Janet Myers officiating. Burial will be at Claflin Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the Claflin Community Scholarship Fund, in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 4, 2001

Margaret S. Worster 1910-2001

LARNED - Margaret S. Worster, 90, died April 1 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus in Larned. She was born Aug. 27, 1910, at Elberfeld, Germany, the daughter of Fred and Marie Pohl Harke. She married Pete Worster May 7, 1930, at Fort Collins, Colo. He died Dec. 13, 1994. A resident of Larned, coming from Laramie, Wyo., she was a homemaker. Survivors include one son, Hugo William "Bill" Worster of Roundup, Mont.; two daughters, Hellen Collins of Ticaboo, Utah, and Greta Atwell of Larned; 17 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great grandchildren. Memorial service will be at a later date in Laramie. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the donor's choice, in care of Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 4, 2001

Jane E. Williams 1918-2001

LARNED - Jane E. Williams, 82, died April 3 at Wellstar-Kennestone Hospital in Marietta, Ga. She was born Aug. 17, 1918, in Dodge City, the daughter of Bruce E. and Beth Warner Josserand. She was a graduate of Kansas State Teachers' College in Emporia. She married Robert "Bob" Williams Aug. 15, 1942, in Dodge City. He died March 8, 1984. A resident of Larned, she was a librarian at Jordaan Memorial Library in Larned. Mrs. Williams was a member of First United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women and Fort Larned Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, all of Larned, and the American Association of University Women. Survivors include four sons, Robert B. Williams and Gregory W. Williams, both of Marietta, Stephen C. Williams of Hampton, Ga., and Roger R. Williams of Rapid City, S. D.; and five grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Charles Grant officiating. Burial
Charles Wayne Duncan 1931-2001

PRATT - Charles Wayne Duncan, 69, died April 2 at Pratt Regional Medical Center. He was born April 14, 1931, in Collyer, the son of Charles N. and Myrtle Vansyke Duncan. He married Loretta M. Wood Feb. 2, 1972, in Boulder, Colo. A resident of Pratt, coming from Boulder, he was owner and operator of A & A Propane in Pratt. Duncan was a member of a trap shooters' club. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, George Long of North Kingstown, R.I., and John Long of Lafayette, Colo.; six daughters, Gaylene Thayer of Meriden, Waynette Reese of Paducah, Ky., Denise Bertram and Vickie Basye, both of Hoisington, Linda Northway of Pratt and Cindy Pearce of Boulder; one sister, Lois Swanson of Sun City, AZ.; 14 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Larrison Mortuary in Pratt. Burial will be at 3:30 p.m. Friday at Collyer City Cemetery. Friends may from 7-8 p.m. Thursday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Pratt County Humane Society, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 4, 2001

April 5, 2001

Ruth E. Sipe 1911-2001

Ruth E. Sipe, 89, of Great Bend, died April 4 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 5, 2001

Cecil Tobias 1912-2001

LYONS - Cecil Tobias, 88, died today at Good Samaritan Center in Lyons. He was born May 4, 1912, in Lyons, the son of Edward A. and Pearl Hamm Tobias. He married Frances Kimple June 4, 1946, at Lyons. A resident of Lyons, he was a farmer and stockman. Tobias was a member of United Methodist Church, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and IOOF Lodge, all of Lyons. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, serving in the South Pacific theater of operations. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Ed Tobias of Lyons and Dan Tobias of Lincoln, Neb.; one daughter, Elaine Brandenburg of Lincoln; two brothers, the Rev. Robert Tobias of Racine, Wis., and Jim Tobias of Lyons; two sisters, Helen Long of Hutchinson and Mariella Sawin of Lyons; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Raymond Tobias; and one great-grandson, Cody Maw. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Revs. Robert Tobias and Cindy Watson officiating. Burial will be at Lyons Municipal Cemetery. Friends may call from 5-8 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, both at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Good Samaritan Center, all in care of Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 5, 2001

Jacepine Diane Myers 1934-2001

CANON CITY, Colo. - Jacepine Diane Myers completed her physical life's journey March 30, 2001, at her home in the Colorado mountains she loved. Jacepine was born in Great Bend Jan. 3, 1934, the daughter of John Wendell and Phyllis Smith. She met her future husband in grade school, and, as a young women, fell in love with and married Walter Franklin Myers. On Jan. 13, 1950, after eloping to Dodge City, Jacepine began her career as a Cherished Wife, Terrific Mother and Wonderful Grandmother. Jacepine is survived by her husband of 51 years, Walter Myers. Her children: John Walter Myers (Mary) of Longmont, Colo., Lucinda Diane Stegman (Don) of Penrose, Colo., Kimberly Kay Saiyers (Dave) of Rosita, Colo., Tracy Neile Hokanson (Bill) of Clifton, Colo., and Amanda Jane Weakland (Pat) of Windsor, Colo. Grandchildren: David, Kerri, Wendy and John Myers; Erin, Jennifer, Callie and Kaitlin Stegman; Caleb and Jacepine Hokanson; Zachary and Rachel Weakland. Her mother, Phyllis Smith of Hutchinson. Sisters, Linda Deckert of Manhattan, Sherry Mundehnenke of Hutchinson also survive Jacepine as well as nieces, nephews and cousins too numerous to mention. Her father, Wendell Smith preceded Jacepine in death. Cremation with private family service was held on March 31. With treasured memories, family and friends will lovingly remember Jacepine Diane Myers. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 5, 2001

April 6, 2001

Stewart William Rife 1912-2001

LYONS - Stewart William Rife, 88, died April 5 at Lyons District Hospital. He was born Aug. 22, 1912, in rural Windom, the son of Marshall and Josie Whorton Rife. He was a graduate of Lyons High School. He married Ethel M. Fischer Nov. 5, 1936, in Sylvan Grove. She died June 14, 1981. He married Ruth Brubaker Burgess March 28, 1982, in Chase. A resident of Rice Countv. he was a farmer. Rife was a member of Ebenezer Methodist Church and the Liars Fishing Club.
both of Lyons. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Mervyn Rife of Lyons; two daughters, Anita Doheny of Nevada City, Calif., and Karen Smith of Huntsville, Ala.; one stepson, Richard Burgess of Lyons; three stepdaughters, Linda Eades and Nancy Henry, both of Lyons, and Norma Zajic of Holyrood; one brother, Kenton Rife of Ossego; two sisters, Janice Brubaker of Lyons and Lowella Day of Longmont, Colo.; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; 10 step-grandchildren; and 13 step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Dean Rife; and two sisters, Bernadine Rolfs and Arlene Martin. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church with the Revs. Janet Weathersbee and Kevin Butler officiating. Burial will be at Lyons Municipal Cemetery. Friends may call 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 6, 2001

Ruth Elizabeth Sipe 1911-2001

Ruth Elizabeth Sipe, 89, of Great Bend, died April 4 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born Aug. 17, 1911, in Great Bend, the daughter of Harley Cecil "Buzz" and Hazel Grace Duncan Johnson. She married Velton "V.R." Sipe on May 8, 1932, at Ness City. He died Dec. 23, 1988. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Ness City, Kiowa and Medicine Lodge, she was a teacher, co-owner/operator of Sipe's Drug Store and a homemaker. Mrs. Sipe was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Church Women's Organization, Presbyterian Naomi Circle, Garden Club, Order of the Eastern Star and Parnassus Music Club, all of Great Bend. Survivors include one daughter, Eva Riggs of Fosston, Minn.; two sisters, Sylvia Huber of McPherson and Ina Mae Parratt of Hastings, Neb.; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Bryant Christians Funeral Home Chapel in Great Bend with the Rev. Tom Robson officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Shrine's Hospital for Children, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 6, 2001

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Floyd E. Neptune 1910-2001

CONCORDIA - Floyd E. Neptune, 90, died April 6 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born Oct. 14, 1910, in Huscher, the son of Oliver and Eva Reeves Neptune. He married Ruby Viola Revell March 11, 1932, at Concordia. She died Feb. 10. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Ness City, Kiowa and Medicine Lodge, she was a teacher, co-owner/operator of Sipe's Drug Store and a homemaker. Mrs. Sipe was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Church Women's Organization, Presbyterian Naomi Circle, Garden Club, Order of the Eastern Star and Parnassus Music Club, all of Great Bend. Survivors include one daughter, Mary Pat Thomson of San Antonio, Texas; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Leo Richard Johnson; and one sister, Lillian Messner. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Bryant Christians Funeral Home Chapel in Great Bend with the Rev. Tom Robson officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Concordia Senior Citizens or Life Line at Cloud County Health Center, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 8, 2001

Nina Jeanette Fabin 1930-2001

SALINA - Nina Jeanette Fabin, 70, died April 4 at Salina Regional Health Center, Santa Fe Campus in Salina. She was born April 23, 1930, in Dallas, Iowa, the daughter of Coleman and Ester Moline Ruggles. A resident of Salina since 1996, she was a drug and alcohol counselor at several institutions in Kansas and Oklahoma for more than 20 years. Mrs. Fabin was a Women's Army Corps veteran of the Korean War, stationed in Yokohama, Japan. Survivors include five sons, Mark Fabin of Salina, Brad Fabin of Fort Wayne, Ind., Ross Fabin of Ellinwood, Craig Fabin of Columbia, Mo., Robert Jessin of Onawa, Iowa; one brother, Gene Ruggles of San Diego, Calif.; one sister, Dorothy Gibson of Hemet, Calif.; and seven grandchildren. Memorial service was Saturday at Ryan Mortuary in Salina with the Rev. Paul Robbins officiating. The body was cremated. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 8, 2001

Levi Vernon Steinert 1922-2001

HOISINGTON - Levi Vernon Steinert, 78, died April 6 at Hoisington Rehabilitation Center in Hoisington. He was born April 19, 1922, in Russell County, the son of George Jr. and Natalie Bauer Steinert. A longtime resident of Hoisington, he was a retired self-employed painter. Steinert was a member of the Lutheran faith. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7428 of Hoisington. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, receiving the Purple Heart. Survivors include one son, Doug Steinert of Hoisington; one daughter, Ramona Cousins of Hoisington; two brothers, George L. Steinert of Grove, Okla., and Loren C. Steinert of Junction City; one sister, Elvera Humphrey of Chula Vista, Calif.; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Franklin Steinert; one brother, Leon Steinert; and one great-grandchild, Victoria Woods. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Fairview Cemetery in Galatia with the Rev. Kelly Taylor-Schaus officiating. The family will meet at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington at 10:30 a.m. and drive in procession to the cemetery. Friends may call from 2-9 tonight and 9-10:30 a.m. Monday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 8, 2001
April 9, 2001

William T. Wilkoff      1918-2001

ST. JOHN - William T. Wilkoff, 82, died April 6 at Stafford District Hospital. He was born Dec. 29, 1918, in Youngstown, Ohio, the son of Albert and Leah Wilkoff. He was a graduate of Wichita State University and attended seminary at Southern Methodist University. He married Kathryn M. Wilkoff Dec. 29, 1946 in Hutchinson. A resident of St. John, coming from Newton, he was a minister from 1955 to 1981 and a college instructor. Wilkoff was a member of First United Methodist Church of St. John, Kansas Methodist West Conference, Newton Masonic Lodge and Chaplain of Newton Chapter of Hospice. He was a pastor, preaching at Moundridge, Hesston and St. John. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Mark O. Wilkoff of Alexandria, Va.; one daughter, Kathryn A. Tanner of St. John; and one grandson. He was preceded in death by one brother, Howard Wilkoff; and one sister, Janet Wilkoff. Burial was at 10 a.m. today. Burial was at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Memorials are suggested to Leisure Homestead or the church, both in care of Minnis Chapel of St. John. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 9, 2001

Carol Mary Esfeld      1924-2001

Carol Mary Esfeld, 77, of Great Bend died April 8 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born Jan. 16, 1924, in Hutchinson, the daughter of Stanley J. and Anna K. Strobel Rychlec. She married Joseph E. Esfeld Aug. 28, 1950, in Enid Okla. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Hutchinson, she was treasurer of Esfeld Construction Inc. and an employee of Scheufler's and Great Bend Air Base Corp of Engineers, all of Great Bend. Mrs. Esfeld was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Altar Society, Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary and American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, all of Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Joseph E. "Bert" Esfeld Jr. of Great Bend; two daughters, Beverly Cross of Great Bend and Mary Jo Esfeld of Pawnee Rock; one brother, Robert L. Richley of Great Bend; one sister, Kathryn Hunt of Great Bend; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Junior Bombardier; one daughter, Carol Ann Bombardier Rychlec; three brothers, Aloysius "Bud" Rychlec, Billy Rychlec and Junior Rychlec; and two sisters, Vickie Rychlec and Mary Ann Rychlec. Rosary will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the church. Memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Angel Dy officiating. Burial will take place at a later date at St. Francis Xavier Cemetery in Seward. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Leader Dogs for the Blind, Dominican Sisters Retirement Fund or the church, all in care of Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 9, 2001

Lyman 'Butch' Kruckenberg      1950-2001

TOPEKA - Dr. Lyman "Butch" Kruckenberg, 50, died April 4 at Topeka Hospital. He was born April 26, 1950, in Great Bend, the son of Lyman and Esther Keil Kruckenberg Sr. He is a 1968 graduate of Great Bend High School and earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Sterling College. He is a 1983 graduate of the Kansas State University School of Veterinary Medicine. He married Virginia Sue Eaton on Nov. 22, 1969, in Great Bend. A resident of Topeka, coming from Great Bend, he was a veterinarian. Survivors include his wife of the home; his mother and father of Great Bend; three sons, Kris Kruckenberg of Overland Park, Brian Kruckenberg of Olathe and Casey Kruckenberg of Manhattan; one brother Martin Kruckenberg of Buhler; and one sister, Jenny McLeland of Wichita. Services were April 6 in Topeka and April 7 Ellis. Cemation and funeral arrangements were handled by Penwell-Gabel Mid-Town Chapel in Topeka. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 9, 2001

Olive A. 'Goggie' Honderick      1904-2001

HAYS - Olive A. "Goggie" Honderick, 96, died April 4 in Hays. She was born July 18, 1904, in Rush Center, the daughter of Harry and Dora Smith Button. She attended La Crosse High School. She married Ernest E. Honderick Nov. 9, 1921. He died June 1, 1983. A resident of Hays in a later date at St. Francis Xavier Cemetery in Seward. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Leader Dogs for the Blind, Dominican Sisters Retirement Fund or the church, all in care of Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 9, 2001

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William J. Raymond      1927-2001

LIEBENTHAL - William J. Raymond, 74, died April 6 at his home. He was born March 27, 1927, in Boston, Mass., the son of Joseph Daniel and Maroarait Marv Dunohv Raymond. A resident of Rush Countv. he was a retired Marine and
Wendy Jerry Terry both daughters, Peterson, of Wig, Germany, Jessica Lynn Clemans of Honolulu, Hawaii, and Kalie Clemans of Elko; two stepbrothers, Tyler Blake of Anchorage, Alaska; one brother, Jonathan Bryant of Idaho Falls, Idaho; three sisters, Kimberly Skinner of Frankfort, Anderson Clemans of Elko, Nev.; two grandmothers, Jessie Clemans of Polson, Mont., and Marjorie Garvin Swartz of

ST. JOHN - Larry Scott Unger Clemans, 32, died April 7 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was born Jan. 17, 1969-2001

Jack Dean Brown, 60, of Great Bend, died Feb. 12 at his home. He was born May 8, 1940, the son of Willard and Deloris Correll Brown. He married Karen Eileen Hewitt Sept. 17, 1971, in Salina. She died June 27, 1995. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Salina, he was an employee of Marmie Ford, Lincoln, Mercury Inc. Brown was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Great Bend. Survivors include three sons, Terry Brown of Smith Center, Rick Brown of Beloit and Jeff Brown of Great Bend; four daughters, Vickie Larson Long of Smith Center, Billie Clinnesmith of Hugoton, Lisa Brown of Halstead and Eva Brown of Great Bend; three sisters, Charlene Machen of Concordia, Carol Farmer of Indianapolis, Ind., and Sharon Brown of Denver, Colo.; and nine grandchildren. Inurnment of ashes will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Bethany Cemetery in Harlan. Minnis Chapel of Stafford is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 10, 2001

Larry Scott Unger Clemans 1969-2001

Jack Dean Brown 1940-2001

ST. JOHN - Larry Scott Unger Clemans, 32, died April 7 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was born Jan. 17, 1969, in Morrison, Ill., the son of Michael Lee and Susan J. Blake Clemans. He was a 1988 graduate of Harrison High School in Colorado Springs, Colo. A resident of St. John, he was a volunteer worker. Clemans was a member of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, volunteer at the Sandyland Shepherds Center, both of St. John; and he was a volunteer with the Special Olympics. Survivors include his parents; stepfather, Kent Blake of St. John; stepmother, Cindy of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, volunteer at the Sandyland Shepherds Center, both of St. John; and he was a volunteer with the Special Olympics. Survivors include his parents; stepfather, Kent Blake of St. John; stepmother, Cindy Anderson Clemans of Elko, Nev.; two grandmothers, Jessie Clemans of Pojol, Mont., and Marjorie Garvin Swartz of Anchorage, Alaska; one brother, Jonathan Bryant of Idaho Falls, Idaho; three sisters, Kimberly Skinner of Frankfort, Germany, Jessica Lynn Clemans of Honolulu, Hawaii, and Kalie Clemans of Elko; two stepbrothers, Tyler Blake of Garden City and Judd Blake of Wichita; and two stepsisters, Erica Westhoff of Plano, Texas, and Rachelle Dickson of Wichita. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Minnis Chapel in St. John with Bruce Bartlett and Grant Swartz, uncles of the diseased, officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery. Friends may visit from 7-9 p.m. Thursday at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to Sandyland Shepherd Center, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 10, 2001

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Flora J. Hankins Booth 1912-2001

LA CROSSE - Flora J. Hankins Booth, 89, died April 8 at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. She was born Feb. 23, 1912, in Dexter, the daughter of Charley L. and Madelsa Thompson Hankins. She was a 1930 graduate of Cambridge High School. She attended Arkansas City Junior College and Pittsburg State Teachers College. She married Oran Booth Aug. 6, 1933, in Medicine Lodge. A resident of Otis, coming from Cambridge, she was a school teacher and homemaker. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Arthur Booth of Eustace, Texas, Richard Booth of Clearwater and James "Jim" Booth of New Strawn; one daughter, Arlene Thompson of Otis; one brother, Vernon Hankins of Winfield; three sisters, Fern Steward of Winfield, Avis Rhodd of Dexter and Martha Welch of St. John; 10 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Carl Hankins and Cleo Hankins; and one sister, Winnie Brubaker. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Miles Funeral Service in Winfield. Burial will be at Kansas Cemetery in Cambridge. Friends may call until 9 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Cambridge Senior Citizens Center and Cambridge Presbyterian Church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 11, 2001

Robert D. Peterson 1938-2001

LARNED - Robert D. Peterson, 62, died April 10 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born April 17, 1938, in Joplin, Mo., the son of Archie and Bertha Palmquist Peterson. He married Wilena Frankieinstein Nov. 24, 1974, in Eden Okla. A resident of Larned, coming from Lindsborg, he was a licensed mental health technician specialist for the Larned State Hospital. Peterson was a member of United Methodist Church of Larned and the Larned Country Club. Survivors include his wife of the home; four sons, Corey Peterson and Larry Peterson, both of Topeka, Jerry Peterson and Terry Peterson, both of Wichita; four daughters, Wendy Berg of Galva, Machelle
Clark of Andale, Melissa Rosendahl of Anthony and Marnette Peterson of Emporia; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Charles Grant officiating. Inurnment will be at Elmwood Cemetery in Lindsborg at a later date. Friends may call until 8 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, and 9 a.m. until service time Friday, all at Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association or Bethany Home Retirement Center, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 11, 2001

Mancel J. 'Bud' Curtis 1911-2001

ELLINWOOD - Mancel J. "Bud" Curtis, 89, died April 9 at the Ellinwood District Hospital. He was born Oct. 30, 1911, in rural Hudson, the son of Edwin John and Carrie Schilling Curtis. A resident of Ellinwood, coming from Hudson, he was a farmer and stockman. Survivors include three sisters, Muriel Faubion of Hutchinson, Elizabeth Girsch of Henderson, Nev., and Norma Smith of Bella Vista, Ark. He was preceded in death by one twin sister, Ethel Carrier; and two brothers, Edwin Curtis and Gustus Curtis. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Trinity Cemetery in Hudson. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Ellinwood District Hospital Memorial Fund, in care of Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 11, 2001

Selma L. Ochs 1916-2001

BISON - Selma L. Ochs, 84, died April 10 at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced later by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 11, 2001

April 12, 2001

Selma L. Ochs 1916-2001

BISON - Selma L. Ochs, 84, died April 10 at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. She was born Aug. 26, 1916, in rural Rush County, the daughter of John George Jr. and Emma Scheuerman Appel. She married Reuben Ochs Jan. 28, 1934, in Otis. He died Nov. 14, 1999. A resident of rural Otis and Bison, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Ochs was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, served as a Sunday School teacher and was an officer of ALCW, all of Otis. She was a 4-H leader and a member of the American Agriculture Movement. Survivors include one son, Darrel Ochs of Bison; two daughters, Glenna Leiker of Aurora, Colo., and Marvalee Shaw of Valley Center; one sister, Mary Bitter of La Crosse; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by six brothers and five sisters. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Margaret Gary officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Otis. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington and from 9:30 a.m. until service time Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Rush County Nursing Home or Rush County Emergency Medical Service, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 12, 2001

Eula Evelyn Bohannan 1926-2001

CHASE - Eula Evelyn Bohannan, 74, died April 9 at Morton County Hospital in Elkhart. She was born Sept. 23, 1926, at Nogo, Ark., the daughter of William and Minnie Walker Boyd. She married Howard Edward Bohannan Dec. 25, 1947, in Pinesville, Mo. He died Jan. 14, 1988. A resident of Chase, coming from Elkhart, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Bohannan was a member of Pentecostal Church of Lyons. Survivors include three sons, Kenneth Bohannan and Travis Hardcastle, both of Ellinwood, and Joe Bohannan of Hutchinson; four daughters, Connie Shadduck of Elkhart, Debbie Mazur of Chase, Brenda Suppes of Winfield and Cindy Shadduck of Ellinwood; one brother, Bill Boyd of Santa Paula, Calif.; one sister, Euna Mayben of Woodlake, Calif.; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Omer Boyd; and one sister, Clara Mae Eleam. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons with the Rev. Larry Weatherman officiating. Burial will be at Chase Springdale Cemetery in Chase. Friends may call until 7 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 12, 2001

Leroy Karlin 1930-2001

Leroy Karlin, 70, of Great Bend, died April 11 at his home. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 12, 2001

Mable M. Krebaum 1913-2001

Mable M. Krebaum, 88, of Great Bend, died April 11 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born Jan. 27, 1913, in Newton, the daughter of Charles and Ila McCool Ward. She married Raymond A. Krebaum Sept. 4, 1935, in Minter. He died Nov. 16, 1973. A resident of Great Bend, she was a homemaker and caregiver for the elderly. Mrs. Krebaum was a member of First Christian Church of Great Bend and the National
Marguerite Birkes 1912-2001

HUTCHINSON - Marguerite Birkes, 88, died April 12 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born Nov. 12, 1912, at Marion, Iowa, the daughter of Perry O. and Leona Watt Silvara. She married Farrell Birkes May 4, 1952, at Webb City, Mo. He died Dec. 19, 1975. A resident of Hutchinson since 1978, coming from Montezuma, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Birkes was a member of First Baptist Church of Hutchinson, a past member of Early Bird Extension Homemakers Unit of Hutchinson and a past member of Blue Light EHU of Montezuma. Survivors include two daughters, Beverly Burkett of Hutchinson and Roberta Pike of Stafford; one brother, Melvin Silvara of Oroville, Calif.; one sister, Harriett Houseman of...
Jeanne Swords 1923-2001

RUSSELL - Jeanne Swords, 77, died April 13 at Main Place of Russell Regional Hospital in Russell. She was born April 19, 1923, at Eureka, the daughter of Jesse Samuel and Ida Mae Mitchell Hart. She married Leo H. Swords June 1, 1944, at Tonkawa, Okla. A resident of Russell since 1969, coming from Great Bend and McCook, Neb., she was a homemaker. Mrs. Swords was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary of Russell. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Leo K. Swords of Russell; one daughter, Charlotte Roth of Great Bend; and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, David K. Swords; and one sister, Jesse Holeman. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Russell with the Rev. Charles Steiner officiating. Friends may call from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at Pohiman's Mortuary in Russell. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 15, 2001

Goldie W. Kelley 1909-2001

LYONS - Goldie W. Kelley, 92, died April 12 at Lyons District Hospital in Lyons. She was born Feb. 18, 1909, in Great Bend, the daughter of George O. and Clara Mae Hopkins Dunn. She was a graduate of Great Bend High School. She married Bowman Kelley Feb. 18, 1928, in Hutchinson. He died June 29, 1988. A resident of Lyons since 1945, she was a retired bookkeeper for OK Tire Store of Lyons. Mrs. Kelley was a member of First Christian Church of Lyons, charter member of Gray Ladies, serving at Lyons District Hospital for 12 years, volunteer and bookkeeper at Friendship Meals of Park Place in Lyons, former member of HDU and former member of Rebekah Lodge of Lyons. Survivors include one son, Theron Kelley of Lyons; one daughter, Beverly Root of Lyons; one brother, Leonard Dunn of Tacoma, Wash.; eight grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Merle Dunn and Oren Dunn; two sisters, Mable Nelson and Vonnie Green; and one grandson, Thane Kelley. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Great Bend Cemetery with the Rev. Tom Eastman officiating. Friends may call from 8:30-10 a.m. Monday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to Rice County Council on Aging, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 15, 2001

Nona Lea Staub 1931-2001

ST. JOHN - Nona Lea Staub, 70, died April 12 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born April 7, 1931, in Pratt, the daughter of Ernest and Clara Jane Wilson. She was a 1950 graduate of Pratt High School. She married Carl M. Staub June 26, 1956, in Clayton, N.M. A resident of St. John for 45 years, she was a homemaker and farmer. Mrs. Staub was a member of Eden Valley Church of the Brethren, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Junior Golden Circle Club, and Republican committee woman for Douglas Township for 18 years, all of St. John. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Lonnie Staub and Carl Staub Jr., both of St. John; two daughters, Gail Dill and Rita Suiter, both of St. John; two sisters, Roberta Hickey of Dallas, Texas, and Arlena Mills of Pratt; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, John Nicholas Staub; and two brothers, John Henry Giggy and Wilford Ernest Wilson. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Minnis Chapel Inc. in St. John with the Rev. Matthew Spurgin officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 15, 2001

Nancy Gates

CHASE - Nancy Gates died April 13 at her home in Chase. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Sillin Funeral Home of Lyons. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 15, 2001

Thelma Irene Zimmer 1909-2001

Thelma Irene Zimmer, 91, died April 14 at Integrated Health Services of Woodhaven in Ellinwood. She was born July 23, 1909, at Schaffer, the daughter of George Washington and Susan Cox Schaffer. She married Roy Zimmer Aug. 14, 1933, in Newton. He died July 1975. A longtime resident of Great Bend, she assisted her husband in his accounting business. Mrs. Zimmer was a member of First Congregational Church of Christ, Dorcas Club and Women's Fellowship, all of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Bill Zimmer of Great Bend. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant-Christians Chapel in Great Bend, with Loren Dyke officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Woodhaven of Ellinwood Employees’ Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 15, 2001
April 16, 2001

John J. Mingenback  1919-2001

John J. Mingenback, DDS, 81, died April 15 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born Dec. 17, 1919, in McPherson, the son of Carl F. and Maude S. Drake Mingenback. He married Arlene A. Cavert March 4, 1944, in Denver, Colo. A resident of Great Bend since 1950, coming from Omaha, Neb., he practiced dentistry in Great Bend for 47 years. Mingenback was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church of Great Bend and past senior warden, 50-year member of the Great Bend Noon Lions Club; past president of the Kansas Dental Association and Central District Dental Association; delegate to the American Dental Association; served on the Dental Laboratories Relations Committee, International College of Dentists and the Pierre Fauchard Academy. He was past president of Barton County Community Concert Association and chairman of the Cheyenne District of Boy Scouts of America. He was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Michael K. Mingenback of Emporia and Mark G. Mingenback of Great Bend; one daughter, Marla Mingenback Sheiner of Phoenix, Ariz.; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Ruth Mingenback Zimmerman. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Drs. Tom Keith and Konrad Rock officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery with full military honors. Friends may call from 5-9 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, all at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the John Mingenback Dental Scholarship Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 16, 2001

Stella Marie Spray  1911-2001

Stella Marie Spray, 89, died April 14 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. She was born Nov. 5, 1911, in Farley, Iowa, the daughter of George and Sarah Struckhoff Wallace. She married Orville O. Spray Sr. on Dec. 29, 1929, in Farley. He died Feb. 6, 1977. A resident of Great Bend since 1978, coming from Wichita, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Spray was a member of the Episcopal Church, Order of Eastern Star, and Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Survivors include one son, Orville O. "Butch" Spray Jr. of Great Bend; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Dr. Gary W. Teske officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Rest Haven Gardens of Memory in Wichita. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Great Bend Humane Society, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 16, 2001

Harry Eldon Bruntzel  1925-2001

LARNED - Harry Eldon Bruntzel, 75, died April 13 at HIS Springs Village, Colorado Springs, Colo. He was born June 23, 1925, at Rozel, the son of Harry August and Willa Jane Ricks Bruntzel. He married Wilma J. Vratil Dec. 17, 1954. She died July 10, 1999. A longtime resident of Colorado Springs, he was a retired U.S. Postal worker. Bruntzel was a life member and past commander of the Jack Kreiger Post No. 7271 Veterans of Foreign Wars of Larned, American Legion, Masonic Blue Lodge 167 of Larned, 32nd degree Mason and Shrine-Midian Temple, both of Wichita, and Camel Herder - Al Katy Temple of Pueblo, Colo. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include one sister, Beulah Fromong. He was preceded in death by one brother, Bill Bruntzel; and one sister, Lola Bruntzel. Masonic graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Larned Cemetery with military honors. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Pikes Peak Hospice, in care of Beckwith Mortuary of Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 16, 2001

Myrtle L. Trott  1906-2001

ELLINWOOD - Myrtle L. Trott, 95, died April 16 at Ellinwood District Hospital. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 16, 2001

April 17, 2001

Nancy E. Kelso Gates  1930-2001

CHASE - Nancy E. Kelso Gates, 70, died April 13 at her residence in Chase. She was born Aug. 8, 1930, in Cleveland, Okla., the daughter of Thomas Edward and Gladys Ruth Shepard Kelso. She married Raymond Arthur Gates Jan. 15, 1946, in Lyons. He died July 24, 1994. A lifetime resident of Chase, she was a retired certified nurses' aide and homemaker. Mrs. Gates was a member of the Baptist Church. Survivors include two sons, Donald Gates of Nephi, Utah, and Terry Gates of Bonner Springs; five daughters, Sharon Douglas and Brenda Boalwright, both of Chase, Neva Anderson of Stanton, Calif., Kellie Kerns of Nephi and Jennifer Matlock of Japan; two sisters, Donna Mecum of Edwardsville and Pat Bieberle of Ellinwood; 19 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five brothers; four sisters; and two granddaughters. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons with the Rev. Larrv Weatherman officiating. Burial will be at Chase Sorinodale Cemeter in Chase. Friends may
Myrtle LeuDell Trott  1906-2001

ELLINWOOD - Myrtle LeuDell Trott, 95, died April 16 at Ellinwood District Hospital. She was born Jan. 3, 1906, in Little River, the daughter of Jacob and Mary Brown Deeds. She was a 1924 graduate of Little River High School. She married Walter A. Trott Oct. 10, 1925, at Little River. He died May 5, 1983. A lifetime Rice and Barton County resident, she was co-owner of Trott’s Drug Store of Ellinwood. Mrs. Trott was a member of United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women and Art Club, all of Ellinwood. Survivors include one daughter, Mary Ann Matrow of Ellinwood; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Bill Wolf officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Bean Cemetery in Little River. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 17, 2001

James 'Jay' Naylor  1943-2001

GREAT FALLS, Mont. - James "Jay" Naylor, 58, died April 12 at his home. He was born Jan. 28, 1943, in Great Bend. He attended Great Bend schools before graduating from Wheatridge High School in Denver, Colo. He married Lynn Kjelsrud in 1971. They divorced in 1984. He married Kathy Naughten in 1992. A resident of Great Falls, he worked for Burlington Northern Railroad in Great Falls. Naylor served in the U.S. Air Force for four years. Survivors include his wife of the home; his mother, Rose Naylor of Denver; one daughter, Taryn Naylor of Portland, Ore.; one stepson, Joel Kegel of Missoula, Mont.; and one stepdaughter Candi Kegel of Billings, Mont., and one brother, Terry Naylor of Great Bend. Funeral was today at Croxford and Sons Funeral Home in Great Falls. Cremation took place after funeral. Memorials are suggested to Shriners Traveling Fund in care of Ernie Rutherford of Great Falls or the Jerry Deutsch Scholarship Fund, in care of Terry Naylor of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 17, 2001

Odee M. Murphy  1916-2001

Odee M. Murphy, 84, of Great Bend died April 16 at Meridian Nursing and Rehabilitation in Wichita. She was born Nov. 30, 1916, in Odin, the daughter of Alois and Hattie H. Frenz Klug. She married James P. Murphy February 1947 in Great Bend. He died Aug. 1, 1989. A lifetime resident of Barton County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Murphy was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church and the Altar Society, both of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Michael J. Murphy of Divide, Colo.; one brother, Edward Klug of Great Bend; two sisters, Cecil McClure of Wichita and Dorothy Mayer of Springfield, Mass.; and four grandsons. She was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters. Altar Society Rosary will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home Chapel in Great Bend. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Warren Stecklein officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 5-9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family School Endowment Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 17, 2001

Kelvin R. 'Kelly' Sell  1928-2001

STAFFORD - Kelvin R. "Kelly" Sell, 72, died April 15 at Hutchinson Hospital. He was born July 31, 1928, in Stafford, the son of Reuben and Marie Drummond Sell. He was a 1947 graduate of Stafford High School. A lifetime resident of Stafford, he was owner/operator of Kelly's Service Station in Stafford. Sell was a member of American Legion in Stafford. He was an U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include one son, Mike Sell of Stafford; one daughter, Julie Sell Dechant of Stafford; three brothers, Robert Sell and James Sell, both of Loveland, Colo., and Darwin Sell of Stafford; and four grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford with the Rev. Kasey Crosby officiating. Burial will be at Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Wednesday at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to the Stafford Educational Foundation Athletic Fund, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 17, 2001

Elva Florence Lick  1915-2001

WHITE CITY - Elva Florence Lick, 85, died April 15 at Plaza West Regional Health Center in Topeka. She was born Nov. 23, 1915, in Mitchell County, the daughter of Annis James and Anna M. Pestinger Spears. She married George Lick Oct. 1, 1940, in Hunter. He died Jan. 9, 1977. A resident of White City since 1994, coming from Hunter, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Lick was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Hunter. Survivors include one son, Jerald Lick of White City; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by an infant son, Darrell Alan Lick. Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Greenwood Cemetery in Hunter with the Rev. Gerald Radtke officiating. There is no visitation. No memorials are suggested. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Great Bend Family Mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 17, 2001
Edith Marie Nee 1906-2001

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - Edith Marie Nee, 94, died April 7 in Colorado Springs. She was born Aug. 12, 1906, in Runnells, Iowa, the daughter of Meek and Rebecca Waddle Marshall. She married Clyde Cecil Clevenger Sept. 25, 1926. He died. She married John Joseph Nee Oct. 1, 1952. He died. A resident of Colorado Springs, she was a homemaker. Survivors include one son, James Clevenger; one daughter; Mary Bieberle; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three daughters, Jean Marie Clevenger, Beverly Ann Crabbs and Flora Fleming. Funeral was April 10. She was buried at Evergreen Cemetery in Colorado Springs. Memorials are suggested to First Christian Church in Colorado Springs, in care of Swan Law Funeral Directors of Colorado Springs. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 17, 2001

Rose Linsey 1938-2001

Rose Linsey, 62, of Great Bend died April 17. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Fryberger Mortuary of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 17, 2001

April 18, 2001

William Edward 'Bill' Baldwin 1924-2001

JETMORE - William Edward "Bill" Baldwin, 76, died April 16 at his home in Jetmore. He was born July 7, 1924, in Eliasville, Texas, the son of William High and Thresa McAlpin Baldwin. He married Virginia Greenway Zimmerman Aug. 17, 1974, in Jetmore. A resident of Jetmore since 1951, he was a farm laborer and well driller. Baldwin was a member of United Presbyterian Church of Jetmore and the National Rifle Association. Survivors include his wife of the home; three stepsons, Milford Zimmerman of Salina, John Zimmerman of Gatesville, Texas, and Frank W. Zimmerman of Junction City; two stepdaughters, Sheryl Ellis of Garfield and Jana Freed of Otis; one brother, Ervin Baldwin of Sayre, Okla.; three sisters, Estella York and Syble Sweet, both of Sayre, and Hattie Heim of Altus, Okla.; 10 step-grandchildren; and numerous step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Thomas Baldwin and Ralph Baldwin; and one sister, Helen Baldwin. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Jo Clipson officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Lone Oak Cemetery in Sayre, with Martin Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to Bill Baldwin Memorial Fund, in care of Beckwith Funeral Home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 18, 2001

Virginia Lee 'Ginger' Azzaro 1940-2001

SAN ANTONIO, Texas - Virginia Lee "Ginger" Azzaro, 60, died April 5. She was born June 8, 1940, in Bison, the daughter of Henry P. and Mary M. Popp. She was a resident of San Antonio, coming from Bison. Mrs. Azzaro was a member of River City Community Church of San Antonio. Survivors include three sons, Sean Azzaro, Michael Azzaro and Rome Azzaro, all of San Antonio; one daughter, Lena Mosti of San Antonio; one stepdaughter, Adele Azzaro of Miami, Fla.; one brother, Richard Popp of Little River; four sisters, Alma Lech of Arlington Heights, Ill., Ruby Wells and Geneva Steinert, both of Great Bend, and Betty Wiziarde of Little River; and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Walter Popp and Elmer Popp. Memorial services were held April 8 at the church. Porter Loring Mortuary of San Antonio was in charge of funeral arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 18, 2001

Evelyn E.'Lynn' Devaney 1921-2001

WICHITA - Evelyn E. "Lynn" Devaney, 80, died April 12 at her home in Wichita. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Hillside East Funeral Home of Wichita.

Rose Ann Hoadley Lindsey 1938-2001

Rose Ann Hoadley Lindsey, 62, of Great Bend died April 17 at her home. She was born April 19, 1938, in Great Bend, the daughter of George and Hilda Slankard Hoadley. She married Roy Leon Lindsey Oct. 9, 1954, in Great Bend. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, she was a custodian for two years for USD 428 and worked for Regis Inventory for 13 years. Mrs. Lindsey was a member of First Southern Baptist Church and Eagles Auxiliary, both of Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Roy Leon Lindsey Jr. of Fort Worth, Texas; four daughters, Nina Dove and Donna Howard, both of Cottonwood, Ariz., Teresa Seachris of Great Bend and Sharon Bieberle of Larned; one sister, Lorraine Johnson of Great Bend; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Dean Robinson and Hilda Mae Starkey. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Fryberger Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Doyle Smith officiating. Burial will be at Golden Belt Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from 7-8 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. until service time Friday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt...
Hospice, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 18, 2001

Reta J. Hardten Plowman 1933-2001

BELLEVUE, Wash. - Reta J. Hardten Plowman, 68, died April 14. She was born March 13, 1933, in Claflin, the daughter of Fred and Naomi Nagel Hardten. She was a 1951 graduate of Claflin High School. She married William S. Plowman Aug. 19, 1951, in Claflin. A resident of Bellevue for 36 years, coming from Claflin, she was a bookkeeper. Mrs. Plowman was a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Bellevue. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, David R. Plowman of Sammamish, Wash., and Dr. Greg D. Plowman of San Carlos, Calif.; one daughter, Ronna J. Bell of Eatonville, Wash.; two brothers, Ronald D. Hardten of Leawood and Gerald R. Hardten of Claflin; and eight grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Mary P. Boyd officiating. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the Reta J. Plowman Memorial, in care of the church, and the ADRC Alzheimer Research, in care of the University of Washington, Box 358220, Seattle, WA 98199. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 18, 2001

April 19, 2001

James Edward Smith 1929-2001

LARNED - James Edward Smith, 72, died April 17 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus in Larned. He was born March 29, 1929, in Larned, the son of William Edward and Florence Dipman Smith. He married Virginia L. Woelk Nov. 1, 1950, in Albert. A long-time resident of Larned, he was a refrigeration and heating technician at Larned State Hospital and a mechanic for the Department of Transportation at Garden City. Smith was a member of Grace Lutheran Church and Fort Larned Lions Club, both of Larned. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Gregory L. Smith, James E. "Bub" Smith Jr. and Steven K. Smith, all of Larned; three daughters, Julie M. Atteberry and Debra G. Harbert, both of Larned, and Sheri L. Smith of Olathe; three brothers, Gary Smith, Doug Smith and Curtis Smith, all of Larned; two sisters, Patsy Mull of Great Bend and Sara Smith of St. John; 21 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Marlene Hamilton. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. John Drosendahl officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, all at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to Larned Emergency Medical Service, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 19, 2001

Hazel I. Pool 1920-2001

LARNED - Hazel I. Pool, 81, died April 17 at Larned Healthcare and Living Center in Larned. She was born Feb. 10, 1920, in Great Bend, the daughter of John W. and Bessie Huddleston Lacy. She married Hermon Leo Pool November 1957 in Oklahoma. He died April 4, 1973. A resident of Larned, coming from Dodge City, she was a homemaker. Survivors include one son, Allen Wayne Moomy; one brother, Harold Lacy of Maryland; and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Bill Lacy; and two sisters, Mary VonFeldt and Alice Lacy. There will be no funeral or visitation. Cremation has been arranged. A private family inurnment will be at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the donor's choice, in care of Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 19, 2001

Thelma M. Smith 1908-2001

Thelma M. Smith, 93, of Great Bend, died April 19 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. Service arrangements and survivors will be announced by Fryberger Mortuary in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 20, 2001

April 22, 2001

Orison L. Small 1913-2001

HOLYROOD - Orison L. Small, 88, died April 20 at Salina Regional Health Center. He was born March 27, 1913, at Galva, the son of Gay and Lottie Gayer Small. He married Eva Mae Ripper June 8, 1932, in Lyons. She died Sept. 2, 1967. He then married Marian L. Simpson June 1, 1971, in Burlington, Colo. A resident of Holyrood since 1950, he was a retired welder-mechanic for National Co-op Refinery Association. Small was a member of the St. Paul’s United Church of Christ of Holyrood, AFLCIO Union and KY2 Campers. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Bobby K. Small of Lyons; one daughter, Merrilln Meyer of Mesa, Ariz.; one stepson, Dale Simpson of Salina; one stepdaughter, Maralee Whitehead of Natchez, Miss.; six grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; five step-great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church in Holyrood with the Revs. Mary Lou Klein and Jeff Meyer officiating. Burial will be at St. Paul's United Church of Christ Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1-8 p.m. today at Parsons' Funeral Home in Ellsworth and from 9 a.m. until service time Monday at the
Morris Gene Hollingsworth 1929-2001

LENEXA - Morris Gene Hollingsworth, 71, died April 20 at the Select Specialty Hospital in Overland Park. He was born Aug. 8, 1929, in Toronto, the son of Ed and Helen Hollingsworth. He married Shirley Krug on Oct. 13, 1956, in Bazine. He was a teacher and retired from working for the Southwestern Bell Yellow Pages. Hollingsworth was a member of the Lenexa United Methodist Church, National Education Association, CWA Local 6327, Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was U.S. Air Force veteran. Survivors include wife of the home; one son, Steven Hollingsworth of Overland Park; one daughter, Susan Hauenstein of St. Peter's, Mo.; and three grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church in Lenexa. Burial will at St. Joseph Cemetery in Shawnee. Friends may call from 6:30-8 tonight at Porter Funeral Home in Lenexa.

Thomas Lyle Edwards 1922-2001

Thomas Lyle Edwards, 78, of Great Bend died April 21 at his residence. He was born Nov. 30, 1922, at El Dorado, the son of Thomas Orlando III and Euphamia Brace Edwards. He married Betty Z. Smith Sept. 9, 1943, at Gainsville, Texas. A resident of Great Bend since 1987, coming from rural Albert, he was a retired engineer for the U.S. Forest Service. Edwards was a member of the Methodist Church and American Legion, both of Moline; and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars in Russell. He was U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in both the European and Pacific theatres. He was awarded the bronze star. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Lyle Jane Gould of Dodge City and Joy Elizabeth Cooper of Strasburg, Colo.; three brothers, Veryl Edwards of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Bob Edwards and Frank Edwards, both of Littleton, Colo.; one sister, Nancy Balloun of Russell; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Geraldine Edwards. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Moline Cemetery, Moline. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, in care of the Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend.

April Marie Boettcher 1980-2001

RUSSELL - April Marie Boettcher, 21, died April 19 near Grainfield due to a vehicle accident. She was born Jan. 27, 1980, in Casper, Wyo., the daughter of Jerry Patton Lyttle and Nona Kay Adams Wagner. A resident of Russell, she was a homemaker. Survivors include one son, Austin Boettcher of Russell; one daughter, JoHanna Boettcher of Russell; her mother of Russell; her father of Casper; one brother, Roosevelt Henderson of Russell; three sisters, Shantara Adams and Santia Henderson, both of Russell, and Jasmine Crosley of Casper; numerous grandparents; and numerous great-grandparents. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Pohlman's Memorial chapel in Russell with the Rev. Dick Ogle officiating. The body was cremated.

April 23, 2001

Ruth Esther Nelson 1912-2001

JETMORE - Ruth Esther Nelson, 88, died April 21 at Hodgeman County Health Center in Jetmore. She was born Oct. 11, 1912 in Ness County, the daughter of Hugh M. B. and Leah Burditt Frusher. She married Lawrence Nelson June 3, 1945 in Ness City. He died Aug. 8, 1997. A lifetime resident of Jetmore, she was a teacher, local artist and homemaker. Mrs. Nelson was a member of United Methodist Church of Jetmore, Delta Kappa Gamma, Art Association of Kansas and the Home Demonstration Extension Unit. She is survived by one sister Melvi Lea Frusher of Jetmore. She was preceded in death by four brothers, William A. Frusher, Hugh L. Frusher, Robert G. Frusher and Edgar C. Frusher; and two sisters, Mary Frusher and Emily Jane Sayler. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at United Methodist Church of Jetmore with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. Friends may call until 8 p.m. tonight at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to Hodgeman County Long Term Care Center in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 23, 2001

Jesse W. Deckert 1903-2001

LARNED - Jesse W. Deckert, 97, died April 21 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born July 30, 2903 in Stafford County, the son of John William and Ethel Mae Baldwin Deckert. He married Faye Lillian Kerns June 10, 1924 in Lyons. He was preceded in death by four brothers, William A. Frusher, Hugh L. Frusher, Robert G. Frusher and Edgar C. Frusher; and two sisters, Mary Frusher and Emily Jane Sayler. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at United Methodist Church of Jetmore with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. Friends may call until 8 p.m. tonight at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to Hodgeman County Long Term Care Center in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 23, 2001

Jesse W. Deckert 1903-2001

LARNED - Jesse W. Deckert, 97, died April 21 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born July 30, 2903 in Stafford County, the son of John William and Ethel Mae Baldwin Deckert. He married Faye Lillian Kerns June 10, 1924 in Lyons. She died April 10, 1963. He married Thelma F. Carpenter Vanderree Nov. 7, 1967 in Clayton New Mexico. A resident of Larned, coming from Pawnee County and Lewis, he was a farmer. Deckert was a member of United Methodist Church of Lewis and former school board member of Unified School District 23. Survivors include his wife of the home; three daughters, Lois Kennedy of Pratt, Glenna Mae Johnson of Larned and Shirley Brollier of Kinsley; 11 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; three step great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Leon Deckert; two brothers, Ivan Deckert and John Deckert; two sisters, Helen Dirks and Opal Nulf; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at United Methodist Church in Lewis with the Rev. Debra Hanes-Nelson officiating. Friends may call until 8:30 p.m. today and from 9

Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home.
Raymond L. Vopat 1926-2001

WILSON - Raymond L. Vopat, 75, died April 20 at his home in Wilson. He was born Feb. 8, 1926, in Lincoln County, the son of John M. and Ruth Eshe Vopat. He married Frances Friebus may 26, 1957, in Wilson. A lifetime area resident, he was a grocery manager at Klema's IGA in Wilson, worked at Novak's IGA in Ellsworth and was an insurance salesman. Vopat was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Wilson, was the Voice of the Wilson Dragons for 37 years and emceed the Wilson's Czech festival parade for 39 years. He was a U.S. Army Air Force veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Leslie Vopat of Wilson; two daughters, Tamara Garrett of Hutchinson and Dawn Obermeyer of Wichita; one brother, Harold Vopat of Wichita; and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by an infant sister and an infant grandson. funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Jim Wagner officiating. Burial will be at William City Cemetery, with military rites by John F. McManus American Legion Post 263 in Wilson. Friends may call from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Foster Mortuary in Wilson, and from 8 a.m. until service

Chester A. Brotherson 1907-2001

LINDSBORG - Chester A. Brotherson, 94, died April 22 at Lindsborg Community Hospital. He was born Feb. 25, 1907 in Lindsborg, the son of Andrew C. and Adeline M. Amoid Brotherson. A lifetime resident of Lindsborg, he was a farmer and plumber for Lundstrom Brothers Plumbing. Brotherson was a member of the Methodist Church. Survivors include one sister, Viola Larson of Great Bend. He was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Hays-Christians Funeral Home Chapel in Lindsborg with the Rev. Don Hawk officiating. Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery in Lindsborg. Memorials are suggested to Bethany Home in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 23, 2001

Freda Clarke 1909-2001

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Freda Clarke, 92, died April 22 at Bishop Spencer Place in Kansas City. She was born April 5, 1909 in Rush County, the daughter of Philip and Mary Catherine George Schwartzkopf. She was a 1928 graduate of Alexander High School and attended Trinity Lutheran Nursing School in Kansas City, Mo. She married Joe B. Clarke October 1935 in Olathe. He died. A resident of Kansas City, Mo., coming from Rush County, she was a registered nurse. Mrs. Clarke was a member of Village Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village. Survivors include two brothers, William "Bill" A. Schwartzkopf of Larned and Carl E. Schwartzkopf of Wichita; and one sister, Clara Wallace of Kansas City, Mo. She was preceded in death by one brother, Herman Schwartzkopf. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Alexander Cemetery in Alexander with the Rev. Maurice Schaus officiating. Burial will be at Alexander Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Memorials are suggested to Oaks Indian Center, Oaks, Okla., in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 23, 2001

Charleen Taylor Moser 1920-2001

WICHITA - Charleen Taylor Moser, 81, died April 21 at her home in Wichita. She was born March 11, 1920 in Butler, the daughter of William and Edith Boucher Taylor. She married Robert E. Moser. A resident of Wichita, she was a homemaker and cosmetologist. Survivors include her husband of the home; three daughters, Marcene Amend of Ft. Collins, Colo., Marilyn Hagemeister of Wichita and JoAnne Fleska of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and eight grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Jan Davis. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Lakeview Funeral Home Chapel in Wichita with the Revs. Preston Barrett and Oral Newberry officiating. Burial will be at Lakeview Mausoleum in Wichita. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Augusta Historical Museum in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 23, 2001

Glenn E. Gilliland 1928-2001

Glenn E. Gilliland, 72, of Great Bend, died April 21 at his home. He was born Nov. 1, 1928 in Scott City, the son of Hugh A. and Bernice Petefish Gilliland. He married Velda L. Steinert July 22, 1951 in Otis. A resident of Great Bend, he was a plant foreman for Halliburton and worked for Security State Bank. Gilliland was a member of Central Baptist Church. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Michael W. Gilliland of Lafayette, La.; one daughter, Charlotte L. "Shari" Perry of Soldier; two brothers, Robert H. Gilliland of Pueblo, Colo. and Charles L. Gilliland of Dolan Springs, Ariz.; four sisters, Mary L. Bright of Blanding, Utah; Leona J. Taylor of Peabody, Alice E. Curtis of Delta, Colo. and Jessie L. Myer of Moab, Utah; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, James A. Gilliland; and one grandson, Trenton Perry. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home Chapel in Great Bend with the Revs. Dr. Gordon E. Rhodes and John Grummon officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 p.m. tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Home Health and Hospice, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 23, 2001
Thelma Marie Smith 1908-2001

Thelma Marie Smith, 93, of Great Bend, died April 19. She was born Jan. 22, 1908 in Pittsburg, the daughter of Charlie and Anna Belle Ward Stringer. She married Walter Guy Smith. He died March 11, 1968. A resident of Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Smith was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ of Great Bend. Survivors include two nephews, Francis Carpenter and William Carpenter, both of Independence, Mo.; and one niece, Jean Crane of Holiday, Fla. She was preceded in death by three brothers, William Carpenter, Lloyd Carpenter and Jess Carpenter; and two sisters, Helen Wright and Leonna Peterson. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Great Bend Cemetery with the Rev. Diana Coberly officiating. Friends may call from 9-10 a.m. Tuesday at Fryberger Mortuary in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 23, 2001

Roy N. Delp -2001

BURDETT - Roy N. Delp, died April 22 at his home in Burdett. Funeral arrangements and survivors will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 22, 2001

Gerald F. Tauscher 1931-2001

HOISINGTON - Gerald F. Tauscher, 69, died April 21 at his home as a result of a tornado. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 23, 2001

April 24, 2001

Gerald F. Tauscher 1931-2001

HOISINGTON - Gerald F. Tauscher, 69, died April 21 at his home as a result of the Hoisington tornado. He was born Sept. 28, 1931, in Schoenchen, the son of John A. and Rosella Wasinger Tauscher. He married Joyce Neill April 4, 1959, in Hoisington. A longtime resident of Hoisington, he was a retired owner of Hoisington Auto Body Repair. Tauscher was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Anthony Tauscher of Suffolk, Va.; two daughters, Janet Tauscher of Lenexa and Patti Motes of Thornton, Colo.; five brothers, Eldon Tauscher of Larned, Ernie Tauscher and Kenneth Tauscher, both of Arkansas City, Harold Tauscher of Chicago, Ill., and Ronald Tauscher of Hoisington; one sister, Henrietta Farmer of Hoisington; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Arthur Lee Tauscher; and one sister, Bernice Reidl. Vigil service will be at 7 tonight at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery in Hoisington. Visitation will be until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the donor's choice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 24, 2001

Roy Neil Delp Jr. 1931-2001

BURDETT - Roy Neil Delp Jr., 69, died April 22 at his home. He was born June 25, 1931, the son of Roy Neil and Ivah Ellen Paris Delp. He married Colleen Collins March 12, 1950, in Sun City. A lifetime resident of Burdett, he was a farmer. Delp was a member of Burdett Lumber Company Bowling Team, Lions Club and past city councilman, all of Burdett. He was also a member of the Republican Party. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Bryan Delp of Wichita; one daughter, Charisse Beadles of Wellington; one sister, Maxine Gheen of Nixa, Mo.; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by one sister, Jeanine Carrell. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. today at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with the family officiating. Burial will be at Browns Grove cemetery in Burdett. Friends may call until service time today at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Burdett Emergency Medical Service, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 24, 2001

Regina M. Birzer 1918-2001

ELLINWOOD - Regina M. Birzer, 82, died April 23 at Ellinwood District Hospital. She was born Oct. 8, 1918, in Claflin, the daughter of Frank and Anna Hoffman Tinkel. She married Leo M. Birzer Oct. 21, 1947, in Dubuque. He died May 4, 1993. A lifetime Barton County resident, she was a high school cook, gardener and homemaker. Mrs. Birzer was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Daughters of Isabella and Altar Society, both of Ellinwood. Survivors include two sons, Matthew Leo Birzer of Bonner Springs and Aaron Birzer of Ellinwood; two daughters, Linda Sherman of Ellinwood and Karen Brough of Junction City; one brother, Albert Tinkel of Claflin; four sisters, Mary Redetzke and Elizabeth Zorn, both of Claflin, Ann Urban of Hoisington and Bernice Zorn of Smith Center; six grandchildren; and two
great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Frank Tinkel and Tony Tinkel. Altar Society Rosary will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. David Flagor officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph's School Endowment Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 24, 2001

Mollie Helen Lovell 1918-2001

Mollie Helen Lovell, 83, of Great Bend, died April 22 at Integrated Health Service in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Minnis Chapel of St. John. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 24, 2001

Enola I. Logan 1904-2001

HOISINGTON - Enola I. Logan, 97, died April 23. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 24, 2001

April 25, 2001

Brandon Lee Phelps 1984-2001

PRATT - Brandon Lee Phelps, 16, died April 24 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was born July 25, 1984, in Hoisington, the son of Bill and Sharon MaGee of Pratt and Ricky and Kathye Phelps of Great Bend. He attended Pratt High School and was a former student of Berean Christian School in Great Bend and Central Christian School in Hutchinson. A resident of Pratt, coming from Hutchinson, he was a student. Phelps attended Faith Chapel and First Baptist Church Youth Group, both in Pratt. Survivors include his parents; grandparents, James Phelps of Texas, Eunice Lane of Hoisington, Larry Schmidt of Sylvia, Connie McKinzie of Pratt, Charles McGee and Marie McGee, both of Independence, Ray Howland and Neva Howland, both of Beloit; great-grandparents, Edna Parr of Pratt, Emery Schmidt and Virginia Schmidt, both of McPherson, and Loventrice Sutter of Hutchinson; one sister, Amanda Kay Phelps of the home; and two stepbrothers, Devin Ramsey and Keylin Phelps, both of Great Bend. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at First United Methodist Church in Pratt with the Rev. Dr. Calvin Moore officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery in Pratt. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, all at Ayres-Calbeck Mortuary in Pratt. Memorials are suggested to Pratt County Emergency Medical Service or the American Lung Association, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 25, 2001

Inez Leota Brown 1905-2001

Inez Leota Brown, 96, of Great Bend, died April 24 at Woodhaven of Ellinwood. She was born Jan. 22, 1905, in Atchison, the daughter of Glen Leon and Sadie Wiggins Stanley. She married Henry Allen Brown Sr. Feb. 3, 1925, in Kansas City. He died Aug. 18, 1965. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Kansas City, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Brown was a member of First Church of the Nazarene in Great Bend. Survivors include three sons, Henry Allen Brown Jr. of Kansas City, Mo., Gail E. Brown of Sterling and Stanley E. Brown of Hutchinson; three daughters, Bonnie L. Arnold, Shirley A. Hardesty and Beverly J. Davis, all of Great Bend; one brother, Glen W. Stanley of Texas; one sister, Sara M. Taylor of Overland Park; 15 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; 10 step-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Richard Stanley. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Mark Pennington and Milton Raymer officiating. Burial will be at noon Saturday at Memorial Park Cemetery in Kansas City, Kan. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, all at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Family will greet friends from 7-9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Woodhaven of Ellinwood, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 25, 2001

Aura L. Humburg 1902-2001

LA CROSSE - Aura L. Humburg, 99, died April 23 at Rush County Memorial Hospital Long Term Care in La Crosse. She was born April 1, 1902, in Rush County, the daughter of Charles T. and Cora M. Britton Humburg. She was a 1922 graduate of La Crosse High School. A life-long resident of Rush County, she was a school teacher. Miss Humburg was a member of United Methodist Church of Bison. Survivors include one sister, Leona Evans of Gunnison, Colo. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Russell Humburg and Lawrence Humburg; and one sister, Helen Hatton. Prayer service will be at 7 tonight at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home with the Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Bison Library, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 25, 2001
Mollie Helen Lovell 1918-2001

Mollie Helen Lovell, 83, of Great Bend, died April 22 at Integrated Health Services in Great Bend. She was born April 13, 1918, in Hudson, the daughter of Wade Horace and Julia Ann Clarke. She married W. W. "Jay" Lovell Sept. 27, 1941, in Wichita Falls, Texas. He died July 25, 1998. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Ellinwood, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Lovell was a member of First Church of God and the Ladies Missionary Group, both of Great Bend. Survivors include two daughters, Evelyn Joan Tallman of San Jose, Calif., and Lilly Quirk of Arvada, Colo.; two brothers, Fred Clarke of Moreno, Calif., and David Clarke of Ellinwood; seven grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Elaine Libby; and three sisters, Alma Clarke, Dora Delker and Ollie Pickerill. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Richard Ogle officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Minnis Chapel in St. John. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 25, 2001

Enola I. Logan 1904-2001

HOISINGTON - Enola I. Logan, 96, died April 23 at the Hoisington Rehabilitation Center. She was born Aug. 15, 1904, in Hoisington, the daughter of Delmar M. and Elsina Snodgrass. She married J. Wylie Logan Aug. 23, 1931, in Hoisington. He died July 23, 1993. A lifetime resident of Hoisington, she was a school teacher for the Hoisington school district. Mrs. Logan was a member of First Christian Church, Order of the Eastern Star and Past Worthy Matron Una Chapter 119, all of Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Paula Bell officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Edward D. Kroesch Scholarship Fund or Clara Barton Hospital Foundation, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 25, 2001

April 26, 2001

Worth G. 'Jack' Josserand 1905-2001

WICHITA - Worth G. "Jack" Josserand, 95, died April 25 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was born May 19, 1905, in Copeland, the son of John Franklin and Cynthiaanul Dulin Josserand. A Wichita resident since 1991, coming from Great Bend, he was a farmer. Josserand was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church of Great Bend. Survivors include three sons, Jack E. Josserand of Haysville, Kenneth W. Josserand of Joplin, Mo., and Donald D. Josserand of Meade; seven grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren. Memorials are suggested to Wichita Presbyterian Manor Good Samaritan Fund, in care of Hillside Funeral Home "West." Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 26, 2001

Esther Hearn 1915-2001

STAFFORD - Esther Hearn, 85, died April 25 at her home in Stafford. She was born Dec. 10, 1915, in Bedford, the daughter of John and Emma Burhenn Hildebrand. She married Howard Hearn Feb. 12, 1938, in Stafford. He died Oct. 26, 1988. A lifetime resident of Stafford, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Hearn was a member of Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford. Survivors include two sons, Merlyn Hearn and Ronald Hearn, both of Stafford; one daughter, Carolyn Reimer of Fowler; one brother, Leo Hildebrand of Tucson, Ariz.; three sisters, Opal Priest of Stafford, Anna Smith of Sterling and Marcille Manwarren of Exitor, Neb.; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Donald Hildebrand, Earl Hildebrand, Sam Hildebrand and Clifford Hildebrand. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. David Vetter officiating. Burial will be at Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Friday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 26, 2001

Mary Zajic 1910-2001

HOLYROOD - Mary Zajic, 90, died April 24 at Wilson Nursing Center in Wilson. She was born May 22, 1910, in Barton County, the daughter of Patrick and Minnie Eggers Hogan. She married Rudolph L. Zajic Dec. 24, 1935, in Great Bend. He died May 25, 1953. A lifetime resident of Holyrood, she was a homemaker and clerk at Holyrood Grocery. Mrs. Zajic was a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Holyrood. Survivors include one son, Derald Zajic of Holyrood; one brother, LeRoy Hogan of Holyrood; one grandchild; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Marvin Hogan, Harold Hogan and Leo Hogan; and one sister, Myrtle Rose. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Parsons Funeral Home in Ellsworth with the Rev. Mary Lou Klein officiating. Burial will be at Palacky Cemetery in rural Holyrood. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Holyrood Ambulance Service, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 26, 2001

Max P. Horn 1914-2001

April 26, 2001
RUSSELL - Max P. Horn, 87, died April 24 at Hays Medical Center. He was born April 15, 1914, in Glasco, the son of Fredrick M. and Bertha A. W. Henning Horn. He married Whilmetta M. Dumler Sept. 21, 1947, in Russell. A resident of Russell, he was a president and bank director of Home State Bank. Horn was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Rotary Club, Elks Lodge, Masonic Lodge, Shrine Club, life member of American Legion and Veterans of Foreign War Post, all of Russell. He was also a member of ISIS Shrine and Consistory at Salina, Beta Theta Pi Fraternity at Kansas University and KU Alumni Association. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, William D. Horn of Brookfield, Ill. He was preceded in death by one brother, Karl Horn, and one infant sister. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Henry Hartman officiating. Burial will be at St. John Lutheran Cemetery in Russell. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Pohlman's Mortuary in Russell and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 26, 2001

Georgia Lea Baird 1938-2001

RUSSELL - Georgia Lea Baird, 62, died April 24 at Russell Regional Hospital in Russell. She was born Sept. 14, 1938, in Wichita, the daughter of Robert Leo and Verna June Schwartzentrub Baird. She was a resident of Russell, coming from Parsons. Survivors include her stepmother, Mary Lou Bronson of Pratt; three brothers, Bob Baird and Jim Baird, both of Great Bend, and Gary Baird of Houston, Texas; and five sisters, Eddi Walty of Lake Stevens, Wash., Kay Sisler and Roberta Logan, both of Wichita, Linda Beauchaine of Vallejo, Calif., and Gloria Schroeder of Venice, Fla. She was preceded in death by one brother, Daniel Leo Baird. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at DSNWK Center in Russell with the Rev. Tim Harlin officiating. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Kechi Cemetery in Kechi. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Pohlman's Mortuary in Russell. Memorials are suggested to DSNWK Center, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 26, 2001

Dora Marie Solomon 1914-2001

RUSH CENTER - Dora Marie Solomon, 86, died April 23 at Via Christie Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born Nov. 5, 1914, in Ness County, the daughter of Jerry Simpson and Estella Zoe Cooley Goatley. She married Francis "Frank" Solomon March 8, 1946. He died Jan. 25, 1976. A lifetime resident of Rush Center, she was an Avon representative. Mrs. Solomon was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Card Club and Coin Club, all of Rush Center. Survivors include three sons, Arlyn Solomon and Dennis Solomon, both of Rush Center, and Jerry Solomon of Great Bend; two daughters, Genita Hughes of La Crosse and Rita Geisler of Gypsum; one brother, Loy Goatley of Headley, Texas; 20 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Cecil Goatley. Funeral will at 10 a.m. Monday at United Methodist Church in La Crosse with the Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. Burial will be at Rush Center Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Sunday at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Rush County Senior Center, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 26, 2001

Raymond W. Weltmer

LA CROSSE - Raymond W. Weltmer, died April 25 at Rush County Memorial Hospital Long Term Care Unit. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at United Methodist Church in La Crosse. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Friday at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Survivors will be announced by the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 26, 2001

April 27, 2001

Raymond W. Weltmer 1910-2001

LA CROSSE - Raymond W. Weltmer, 91, died April 25 at Rush County Memorial Hospital Long Term Care in La Crosse. He was born Feb. 24, 1910, in Olmitz, the son of John Abraham and Bertha Skolaut Weltmer. He married Dorothy F. Littler Oct. 26, 1939. She preceded him in death. A resident of La Crosse, coming from Hargrave and McCracken, he was a farmer. Weltmer was a member of United Methodist Church of La Crosse and Farm Bureau. Survivors include one brother, Ralph Weltmer of Rush Center; and one sister, Alice Steben of Otis. Funeral will be at 10:30 Saturday at the church with the Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Memorials are suggested to Rush County Memorial Hospital Long Term Care, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 27, 2001

Florence Matal 1921-2001

LIEBENTHAL - Florence Matal, 80, died April 26 at Hays Medical Center. She was born Feb. 16, 1921, in Liebenthal, the daughter of Alexander and Mary Doerfler Pfeifer. She married Henry Matal May 7, 1941. He died April 17, 1998. A lifelong resident of Rush County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Matal was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and
Albert Siemsen 1904-2001

HOLYROOD - Albert Siemsen, 97, died April 26 at Wilson Nursing Center. He was born March 17, 1904, in Holyrood, the son of Marcus and Ernestine Frehse Siemsen. He married Nellie Margaret Finke Oct. 12, 1927, in Vesper. She died Dec. 17, 1987. A lifelong resident of Holyrood, he was a farmer and stockman. Siemsen was a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Holyrood, Farm Bureau and 4-H. Survivors include five sons, Harold Siemsen of Hutchinson, Albert Glenn Siemsen of Milwaukee, Wis., Gerald Siemsen of Topeka, Donald Siemsen of Manhattan and Delbert Siemsen of Milwaukee, Minn.; 12 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers and four sisters. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Benjamin Martin officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Liebenthal. Friends may call until 9 tonight at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Florence Matal Memorial, in care of Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 27, 2001

George Befort 1938-2001

DAMAR - George Befort, 62, died April 25 at his home in Damar. He was born May 25, 1938, in rural Ellis County, the son of August and Helen Pfeifer Befort. He attended Antonino Grade School and was a 1956 graduate of Hays High School. He married Rosalie Klaus Sept. 27, 1958, in Antonino. He married Elaine Hamel Brin Jan. 16, 1996. A resident of Damar, coming from Ellis County and Antonino, he was a farmer, custom harvester and owner/operator of Befort Sales. Befort was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Damar and former member of the Knights of Columbus in Ellis. He served in the Army National Guard. Survivors include his wife of the home; his parents of Hays; four sons, Bruce Befort and Clayton Befort, both of Hays, Rodney Befort of Ingalls and Rex A. Befort of Wichita; one daughter, Karen L. Kohl of Hays; five stepsons, Marty Brin of Great Bend, Arlen Brin of Zurich, Myron Brin of Plainville, Galen Brin of Kansas City, Mo., and David Brin of Hays; one stepdaughter, Sheri Webb of Logan; one brother, Jim Befort of Monroe, N.C.; one sister, Alberta Klaus of Hays; 10 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; 17 step-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren. Vigil service will be at 6:30 tonight at Cline's Mortuary of Hays. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church in Hays with the Revs. Don McCarthy, Bill Surmeier and Bill Kilian officiating. Burial will be at St. Nicholas Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. Saturday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association or Rooks County Transportation Van and Masses, all in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 27, 2001

Stephen Edward Rettig 1945-2001

SALINA - Stephen Edward Rettig, 55, died April 25 at his home in Salina. He was born July 23, 1945, in Wichita, the son of Ross E. and Constance J. Tarrant Rettig. A resident of Salina, he was an MIS operations manager for UMB NBA Bank in Salina. He also worked for First National Bank in Great Bend, Kansas Garden National Bank in Garden City and the Santa Fe Railroad. Rettig was a member of First Southern Baptist Church of Salina, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Garden City J.C., and the Salina Twirlers. He served in the U.S. Army. Survivors include his father of Wellington; two daughters, Jaunita J. Justice of Carneys Point, N.J., and Natasha M. Behner of Salina; one brother, Richard A. Rettig of Wellington; one sister, Laura M. Rettig of Wellington; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Linda Rettig. Memorial service will be at 3:30 p.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Glenn Davis officiating. Cremation has taken place. A reception dinner at the church will be held following the service for family and friends. Memorials are suggested to the church, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, or Hospice of Salina, all in care of Ryan Mortuary of Salina. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 27, 2001

Carolee Arian Barben 1918-2001

SABETHA - Carolee Arian Barben, 82, died April 25 at the Apostolic Christian Home in Sabetha. She was born Nov. 4, 1918, near Oneida, the daughter of Edwin George and Clara Leone Gage Brinkworth. She graduated from Sabetha High School. She married Edward Adolph Barben Feb. 1, 1939, in Nashua, Iowa. He died Sept. 21, 1991. A resident of Sabetha, coming from Fairview, she was a farmer and homemaker. Mrs. Barben was a member of Delaware Baptist Church and Ladies Group and the General Federation of Women's Club, all of Fairview. Survivors include two sons, Dr. Joe Barben of Placitas, N.M., and Ross Barben of Great Bend; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband. Memorial Masses, all in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 27, 2001

Carolee Arian Barben 1918-2001

SABETHA - Carolee Arian Barben, 82, died April 25 at the Apostolic Christian Home in Sabetha. She was born Nov. 4, 1918, near Oneida, the daughter of Edwin George and Clara Leone Gage Brinkworth. She graduated from Sabetha High School. She married Edward Adolph Barben Feb. 1, 1939, in Nashua, Iowa. He died Sept. 21, 1991. A resident of Sabetha, coming from Fairview, she was a farmer and homemaker. Mrs. Barben was a member of Delaware Baptist Church and Ladies Group and the General Federation of Women's Club, all of Fairview. Survivors include two sons, Dr. Joe Barben of Placitas, N.M., and Ross Barben of Great Bend; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband. Memorial Masses, all in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 27, 2001
Brinkworth. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Popkess Mortuary Chapel in Sabetha. Burial will be at Isely Cemetery, north of Fairview. Friends may call from 7-8:30 tonight at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 27, 2001

Raymond G. Hainke 1922-2001

RUSSELL - Raymond G. Hainke, 79, died April 25 at Russell Regional Hospital in Russell. He was born Feb. 27, 1922, in Otis, the son of Guy Bruno and Martha Wolf Hainke. He was a graduate of Russell High School. He married Isabel Danby Jan. 26, 1946, in Dublin, England. A resident of Russell, he owned a lawnmower repair shop for many years in Russell. Hainke was a member of St. John Lutheran Church and was a life member of Veterans of Foreign War Post 6240, both of Russell. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Gary Hainke of Wichita; three daughters, Gloria Deem of Seattle, Wash., Rita Hainke of Kansas City, Mo., and Virginia Arend of Topeka; and five grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Pohlman's Mortuary Memorial Chapel in Russell with the Rev. Harlan Kaden officiating. Burial will be at St. John Lutheran Cemetery in Russell. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church or American Cancer Society, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 27, 2001

Vivan E. Cates 1922-2001

CLAFLIN - Vivan E. Cates, 78, died April 27 at Hutchinson Hospital. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 27, 2001

April 29, 2001

Merle R. Peterson 1947-2001

HUTCHINSON - Merle R. Peterson, 47, died April 26 at Hutchinson Hospital. He was born Oct. 27, 1947, at Lyons, the son of Ralph F. and Helen M. Smith Peterson. Survivors include two sisters, Mildred Dundas of Hutchinson and Elizabeth Rohrbaugh of Olathe. Funeral will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at Elliott Mortuary Chapel in Hutchinson with the Rev. Barry Dundas officiating. Graveside service will be at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Hillcrest Cemetery, Great Bend. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to TECH, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 29, 2001

Charlotte Bea Berry 1944-2001

WICHITA-Charlotte Bea Berry, 56, died April 25 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. She was born Aug. 21, 1944, at Great Bend, the daughter of Gaylord and Ruth Thompson. A resident of Wichita for one year, coming from Houston, Texas, and Macksville, she was a legal secretary. Mrs. Berry was a past member of Macksville Christian Church, Grace United Methodist Church and OES, all of Macksville. Survivors include three daughters, Jodi Tucker of Dickinson, Texas, Gail Tucker of Wamego and Vicki Mills of Hockley, Texas; one brother, Douglas Miller of Holcomb; one sister, Beverly Coen of Wichita; and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Gregory Tucker. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Macksville Christian Church in Macksville with the Rev. Carey Haner officiating. Inurnment will be at Farmington Cemetery at Macksville. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Animal Rescue Project, in care of Minnis Chapel of Macksville. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 29, 2001

Chester E. Bauer 1910-2001

HUDSON- Chester E. Bauer, 90, died April 27 at Wesley Towers in Hutchinson. He was born Dec. 9, 1910, at Hudson, the son of Henry J. and Sabena Siefkes Bauer. He was a 1929 graduate of Hudson High School and received a teacher's degree at Emporia State Teachers College. He married Helen Naomi Anderson on May 31,1935, in Hudson. She died Oct. 12, 1998. A resident of Hudson most of his life, he was a bulk oil distributor for Hudson Oil Company from 1933-1973. Bauer was a member of Trinity United Church of Christ, Hudson, and a past member of American Legion and Eagles Lodge, both of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Survivors include one son, Dr. Thomas A. Bauer of Hutchinson; one daughter, Mary Lou Martin of Wichita; two half-brothers, Charles Bauer and Harold Bauer, both of Hudson; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Johanna Carpenter. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. George Redington officiating. Inurnment will be at Trinity Cemetery at Hudson. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the Minnis Chapel of St. John. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 29, 2001

Vivan "V.E." Cates 1922-2001

CLAFLIN- Vivan "V.E." Cates, 78, died April 27 at Hutchinson Hospital. He was born July 10, 1922, at Ellsinore, Mo., the son of Jesse Elmond and Lizzie Carter Cates. He married Thelma J. Gower on Dec. 18, 1948, at Winfield. A resident of
Claffin since 1954, coming from Cushing, Okla., he was an operator of Cates Motor Service since 1954, Cates Custom Combines from 1958-1983 and owner of Cates Service and Supply from 1978 until his retirement, all of Claffin. Cates was a member of First Southern Baptist Church of Claffin. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; six sons, Donald Cates and Robert Cates, both of Claffin, Bruce Cates of Houston, Texas; Raymond Cates of Fort Worth, Texas; Steven Cates of Emporia and Barry Cates of Milwaukee, Wis.; one daughter, Myra Prosser of Claffin; his father, Jesse E. Cates of Cushing; eight sisters, Irene Pack, Kathleen Harrison, Opal Gayhart and Juanita Kirkpatrick, all of Cushing, Lorene Franklin of Manford, Okla., Ernestine Pershing of Stillwater, Okla., Sylvia Myerdirk of Bartlesville, Okla., and Rosilee Mills of Pittsboro, N.C.; 21 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the United Methodist Church in Claffin with the Rev. Matthew Price officiating. Burial will be at Claffin Cemetery with military graveside rites by Fort Riley Honor Guard. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington and from 10 a.m. until service time Monday at the church.

Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Reno County or Vivan and Thelma Cates scholarship fund, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 29, 2001

William 'Don' Donald McCrary 1924-2001

LARNED - William "Don" Donald McCrary, 76, died April 28 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born Sept. 16, 1924, at Davenport, Calif., the son of Earl C. and Goldie L. Burton McCrary. He married Leona A. Fought March 28, 1950, at Santa Cruse, Calif. A longtime resident of Larned, he was a retired machine operator for Cross Manufacturing in Lewis. McCrary was a member of Church of Christ of Larned. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; five sons, William Daniel McCrary of Pawcatuck, Conn., Willard Daryl McCrary of Boise, Idaho, Warren Dean McCrary of St. Louis, Mo., Wayne Dale McCrary of Hutchinson and Walter Donald McCrary of Walker; one brother, Robert "Bob" McCrary of Portland, Ore.; four sisters, Audrey Keller of Marysville, Calif., Edith Harbert of Riverside, Calif., Esther Greenwood of Soquel, Calif., and Iris Crabb of Valley Springs, Calif.; 18 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned with the Rev. Alvin Leach officiating. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Morehead Cemetery in Morehead. Friends may call from noon until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Monday, all at the funeral home. Family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 29, 2001

April 30, 2001

Alvin A. Hartman 1927-2001

BISON - Alvin A. Hartman, 74, died April 29 at Hays Medical Center. He was born Feb. 7, 1927, in Loretta, the son of George and Catharine Stegman Hartman. He was a 1944 graduate of La Crosse High School. A life-long resident of Rush County, he was a farmer. Hartman was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Liebenthal. Survivors include one brother, Norbert Hartman of Bison; he was preceded in death by one brother, Celestine Hartman; and one sister, Euphrosena Basgall. Wake service with a rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Revs. Ultan Murphy and Eugene Kenny officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery in Loretta. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 30, 2001

Fidelis Jacob Schmidt 1915-2001

PLAINVILLE - Fidelis Jacob Schmidt, 86, died April 29 at Hays Medical Center. He was born Feb. 19, 1915, at Catherine, the son of Fred and Margaret Dinkel Schmidt. He married Albina Hammerschmidt Nov. 26, 1940, at Victoria. A resident of Plainville, he was a retired oil field pumper, farmer and massage therapist. Schmidt was a member of Sacred Heart Church and Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, both of Plainville, and a member of American Massage Therapist Association. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Gerald Schmidt and Eugene Schmidt, both of Great Bend, and Patrick Schmidt of Manhattan; three daughters, Patricia Roy of Stockton, Kathlyn Holmes of Manhattan and Jacquelyn Morgan of Menlo; four brothers, Leo Schmidt of Missoula, Mont., Hilary Schmidt and Marcellus Schmidt, both of Hays, and John Schmidt of Great Bend; five sisters, Marge Younger and Mary Pelzel, both of Hays, Albertine Likardopoulos of Wichita, Ann Schmidt of Plainville and Jane Jacobs of Minneapolis, Minn.; 18 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Joe Schmidt and Alex Schmidt; and one sister, Kate Quint. Parish vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Brock's North Hill Chapel in Hays. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph's Church in Hays with the Rev. Joe Popelka officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Hays. Friends may call from 6-8 tonight, from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday and from 8:30-9:45 a.m. Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 30, 2001
May 1, 2001

Lois E. Fox 1933-2001

LARNED - Lois E. Fox, 68, died April 30 at her home in Larned. She was born Jan. 28, 1933, in Hudson, the daughter of Paul Frederick and Neva Freda Mellies Fischer. She married Roger Fox Feb. 18, 1951, in Larned. A lifelong resident of Larned, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Fox was a member of United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and American Legion Auxiliary, all of Larned. Survived include her husband of the home; two daughters, Sherry Webster and Marsha Erway, both of Larned; three brothers, Robert Fischer of Hutchinson, Rex Fischer of Salina and Lee Fischer of Larned; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Charles Grant officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 1, 2001

Eula Estelle Rogers 1895-2001

CARTER, Okla. - Eula Estelle Rogers, 105, died April 24 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born Dec. 7, 1895, in Wise County, Texas, the daughter of Harrison and Dora Dover Smith. She married Thomas Jefferson Rogers Jan. 15, 1915, in Carter. He died in 1982. A resident of Carter, she was a farmer and homemaker. Mrs. Rogers was a member of First Baptist Church of Carter. Survivors include one daughter, Bettie Trotnic of Hoisington; one brother, Ira Smith of Santa Rosa, N.M.; one sister, Roberta Rouse of Lafayette, La.; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Bill Rogers; one daughter, Evelyn Lee; and one grandson, Larry Lee. The funeral was held April 28 at the church. She was buried at Carter Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association or the donor's choice, both in care of People's Cooperative Funeral Home in Lone Wolf, Okla. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 1, 2001

Levon W. Lee Pruner 1922-2001

ELLINWOOD - Levon W. Lee Pruner, 78, died April 30 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 1, 2001

May 2, 2001

Katherine Mary Rusco 1912-2001

Katherine Mary Rusco, 88, of Great Bend, died April 30 at Eudora Nursing Home in Eudora. She was born Sept. 23, 1912, in Ellinwood, the daughter of Michael and Theresa Auburger Schartz. She married Orville John Rusco June 13, 1934, in Great Bend. He died June 8, 1998. A lifelong resident of Barton County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Rusco was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Ellinwood. She attended St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend and was a member of its Altar Society. Survivors include one son, Dr. Jim A. Rusco of Little Rock, Ark.; two daughters, Gloria Chediak of Lawrence and Vaunita Schnell of Newton Centre, Mass.; one sister, Dolores Kirkman of Great Bend; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church with the Rev. Angel Dy officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 3-9 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to ElderCare or both churches, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 2, 2001

Fred C. Witt 1927-2001

BURDETT - Fred C. Witt, 74, died April 30 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus in Larned. He was born Feb. 19, 1927, at Borger, Texas, the son of Chester and Beatrix Gorden Witt. He married Caroline M. Scothorn Nov. 10, 1948, in Jetmore. A resident of Burdett, coming from Scotsdale, Ariz., and Denver, Colo., he was a printer for The Denver Post for 40 years. He was a member of the Methodist Church in Kansas City, Kan. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Ronald L. Witt of Golden, Colo., John R. Witt of Aurora, Colo., and Chester Wade Witt of Youngsville, N.C.; one daughter, Connie Ann DePue of Edmore, Mich.; five brothers, Delbert Witt of Missoula, Mont., Lee Witt of Kansas City, Leo Witt of Hanston, Harold Wayne Witt of Crane, Mo., and Thomas Witt of Salt Lake City, Utah; three sisters, Audrey Hess of Newton, Maxine Waterhouse of Jetmore and Joan Freeman of Waxahatchi, Texas; 13 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Freddi Witt. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with the Rev. John Grummon officiating. Inurnment will take place at a later date. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the donor's choice, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 2, 2001
Memorials are suggested to the Cerebral Palsy Foundation, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 2, 2001

Vesper. Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. Thursday with the family receiving friends from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, all at the funeral home.

Friday at Harrison-Hall Funeral Home in Lincoln with the Rev. Dr. Jim Morford officiating. Burial will be at Feldhut Cemetery in Stafford County.

Survivors include six sons, Dick Meitler of Great Bend, Daryl Meitler of Ulysses, Chuck Meitler of Lockhart, Texas, Dean Meitler and Danny Meitler, both of Plainville; and Don Meitler of Wichita; nine daughters, Judy Werner of Plainville, Alice Oller of Holyrood, Carolyn Gehring of Zurich, Linda Faris of Stockton, Vicki Wiles and Cindy Miller, both of Ellsworth, Debra Iwig of Topeka, Kathy Ashbaugh of Salina and DeAnn Thrun of Wakeeny; three brothers, Wilbert Zachgo and Donald Zachgo, both of Lincoln, and Kenneth Zachgo of Hunter; 47 grandchildren; 53 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by one son, James Dean Pruner; one brother, George Pruner; and one sister, Cecil White. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Ellinwood with the Rev. David Flager officiating. Burial will be at Feldhut Cemetery in Stafford County.

Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph's School Endowment Fund or Ellinwood School/Community Library Foundation, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 2, 2001

Andrew William Stramel 1909-2001

DODGE CITY - Andrew William Stramel, 91, died April 30 at Trinity Manor in Dodge City. He was born Dec. 15, 1909, in Buffalo Park, the son of John L. and Lena Stegman Stramel. He married Arlie Irene Sorem April 18, 1933, in Nonchalanta. She died Jan. 5, 1999. A resident of Dodge City, coming from Jetmore, he worked at Fairmont Creamery in Dodge City and then built and operated Stramel Grocery Store in Dodge City. Stramel was a member of Sacred Heart Cathedral, Knights of Columbus, Moose Lodge and the Senior Center, all of Dodge City. Survivors include five sons, Melvin Stramel of Detroit, Mich., Claire Stramel of Omaha, Neb., Andrew Stramel Jr. of Tampa, Fla., Clyde Stramel of Loveland, Colo., and Kenny Stramel of Lakewood, Colo.; two daughters, Florence Hines of Spearville and Dorothy Gabel of Fowler; two brothers, Ernie Stramel of Wichita and Hilary Stramel of Phoenix, Ariz.; one sister, Tillie Robertson of Mason, Ariz.; 26 grandchildren; 54 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Malcolm Stramel, Mike Stramel, Albert Stramel, and Carl Stramel; and five sisters, Louise Stramel, Josephine Stramel, Ida Stramel, Elizabeth Stramel and Katie Stramel. Rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the church. Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. John Strasser officiating. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore. Friends may call until 8 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, all at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to Sacred Heart Grade School Endowment Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 2, 2001

Ruth Virginia Clark 1918-2001

HUTCHINSON - Ruth Virginia Clark, 82, died April 30 at Presbyterian Manor in Salina. She was born May 6, 1918, in Hutchinson, the daughter of Eugene Wesley and Linnie Foster Moore. She was a 1937 graduate of Hutchinson High School. She married Miles John Clark Nov. 21, 1937, in Hutchinson. He died Oct. 15, 1992. A resident of Salina, coming from Great Bend and Hutchinson, she worked for Dillons in Hutchinson and was a homemaker. Mrs. Clark was a member of First Assembly of God Church in Hutchinson. Survivors include two daughters, Phyllis Breckon and Ginny Denney, both of Salina; one brother, John Moore of Hutchinson; one sister, Florence Holmes of Hutchinson; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Fairlawn Mausoleum in Hutchinson with the Rev. Kevin Roach officiating. Burial will be at the mausoleum. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at Elliott Mortuary in Hutchinson. Family will receive friends from noon to 2 p.m. Friday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Presbyterian Manor of Salina or Hospice of Salina Inc., both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 2, 2001

James W. Brough 1921-2001

HAYSVILLE - James W. Brough, 80, died April 25. He was born Jan. 12, 1921, in Great Bend, the son of Leroy and Melba Clark Brough. He married Betty Brough. A resident of Haysville, he was a postal clerk. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Dennis Brough of Broomfield, Colo., and Victor Brough of Colorado Springs, Colo.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Friday at El Paso Cemetery in Derby. Memorials are suggested to Disabled American Veterans or Veterans Administration Center, both in care of Broadway Mortuary in Wichita. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 2, 2001

Lois 'Bonnie' Meitler 1920-2001

ELLSWORTH - Lois "Bonnie" Zachgo Meitler, 80, died April 30 at Ellsworth County Medical Center. She was born June 14, 1920, in Lincoln County. She married Clarence Meitler. He died in 1970. A lifelong resident of Ellsworth County, she was a homemaker. Survivors include six sons, Dick Meitler of Great Bend, Daryl Meitler of Ulysses, Chuck Meitler of Lockhart, Texas, Dean Meitler and Danny Meitler, both of Plainville, and Don Meitler of Wichita; nine daughters, Judy Werner of Plainville, Alice Oller of Holyrood, Carolyn Gehring of Zurich, Linda Faris of Stockton, Vicki Wiles and Cindy Miller, both of Ellsworth, Debra Iwig of Topeka, Kathy Ashbaugh of Salina and DeAnn Thrun of Wakeeny; three brothers, Wilbert Zachgo and Donald Zachgo, both of Lincoln, and Kenneth Zachgo of Hunter; 47 grandchildren; 53 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by two grandsons, Scott Meitler and one great-grandson, Larry A. Meitler. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Harrison-Hall Funeral Home in Lincoln with the Rev. Dr. Jim Morford officiating. Burial will be at Vesper Cemetery in Vesper. Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. Thursday with the family receiving friends from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Cerebral Palsy Foundation, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 2, 2001

Gordon R. Hildebrand 1940-2001
May 3, 2001

Dorothy Gladys Stout 1911-2001

DIGHTON - Dorothy Gladys Stout, 89, died May 1 at Lane County Long Term Care Unit in Dighton. She was born May 8, 1911, in McCracken, the daughter of Henry Fayette and Martha Jane Neill Whipple. She graduated from Beeler High School. She married Herbert H. Stout June 29, 1930, in Beeler. He died Sept. 13, 1972. A resident of Dighton, coming from Finney and Ness counties, was a teacher, farm wife and homemaker. Mrs. Stout was a member of First Christian Church of Dighton, Willing Workers Sunday School class, Christian Quilters group, J.O.Y. Center, Stitch and Chatter Club, Bronco Camoers Club and former member of Spring Creek EHU. Survivors include two sons, Lee Stout of Haysville and Ronald Stout of Sioux Falls, S.D.; one daughter, Donna Whipple of Beeler; two sisters, Velma Wancura of Dighton and Ethel Detter of Defiance, Ohio; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Glen Monroe Whipple and Virgil Thomas Whipple; one sister, Opal Birdsong; one granddaughter; and one great-granddaughter. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church with the Revs. Mike Grogan and Kerry Grogan officiating. Burial will be at Dighton Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Boomhower Funeral Home in Dighton. Memorials are suggested to the church or Southwind Hospice, both in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 3, 2001

Loretta Anna "Granny" Feck 1920-2001

CHASE - Loretta Anna "Grandma" Feck, 80, died May 2 at Good Samaritan Center in Lyons. Survivors and arrangements will be announced by Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 3, 2001

May 6, 2001

Julius Radke 1918-2001

Julius Radke, 82, died May 4 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus. He was born June 24, 1918, at Milberger, the son of Fred and Lena Boxberger Radke. He married Pauline Habiger. She preceded him in death. A lifelong resident of Great Bend, he was an oil production foreman. Radke was a member of the Bow Hunter's Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Eagles Lodge and was included in the Fast Pitch Softball Hall of Fame in Topeka. He was a veteran of World War II. Survivors include one daughter, Jewell Lena Garrison of Great Bend; one sister Josephine Waber of Yelm, Wash.; five grandchildren, Jason Cavender, Beau Cavender, Kayci Cavender, Aspen Linenberger, all of Great Bend, and Dawn Cavender of La Crosse; five great-grandchildren, Ethan Cavender of Russell, Lakin Likes, Logan Likes and Lacey Kelly, all of La Crosse; and Harley Cavender of Great Bend; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Leon Radke, Rollie Radke, Raymond Radke and Ray Radke; three sisters; Hilda Martin, Molly Hickle and Olga Oakley. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Great Bend with the Rev. Shannon Tiller officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. at Fryburger Mortuary in Great Bend with a flower reading at 7:30 tonight. The family will receive friends today from 6-8 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the Hoisington Tornado fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 6, 2001

May 7, 2001

Charles A. Leet Sr. 1921-2001

JETMORE - Charles A. Leet Sr., 79, died May 5 at Hodgeman County Long Term Care Center in Jetmore. He was born Sept. 28, 1921, at Chabansse, Ill., the son of Charles Daniel and Ada May Stottlemyer Leet. He married Hermine Jo Janssen May 15, 1943, in Fort Sill, Okla. He married Martha Charles in Hutchinson. She died Oct. 31, 1995. A resident of Jetmore, he was an appliance and television salesman. Leet was a member of the Methodist Church and the American Legion. He taught and called square dancing for over 30 years in Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Colorado. He was a veteran of World War II and received the Silver Star. Survivors include two sons, Charles Leet Jr. of Jetmore and Richard Leet of Ness City; one sister, Jobie Walsh of Grayville, Ill.; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. Friends may call until 8 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday. all at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to Hodoeman County Long Term Care
Logan Smith 1918-2001

BUNKER HILL - Logan Smith, 83, died May 5 at the Beverly Health Care Center in Lucas. He was born Jan. 27, 1918, in Dexter, the son of Carl Logan and Ethel Marion Jacka Smith. He married Vera Mae Glazier July 15, 1941 in Ness City. She died March 7, 1981. A resident of Bunker Hill since 1954, he was a heavy equipment operator, mostly as a cat skinner in the oil field business. Smith was a life member of Veterans of Foreign War Post 6240 in Russell. He was a U. S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include one son, Dallas Smith of Russell; two daughters, Janet Cable and Julie Meyer, both of Russell; one brother, Grant Smith of Colby; one sister, Pauline Green of Chautauqua; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three sisters, Gertrude Nimz, Laura Lutters and Audrey Jean Hilmes. Service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Pohlman's Mortuary Memorial Chapel in Russell with the Rev. Earl Haggard officiating. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the cemetery in Ransom. Friends will call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 7, 2001

Eleanor I. Nordstrom 1903-2001

BUSHTON - Eleanor I. Nordstrom, 97, died May 7 at Ellsworth County Medical Center. She was born Sept. 29, 1903, in Bushton, the daughter of Albert and Matilda Korf Volkland. She married Carl O. Nordstrom Nov. 29, 1928, at Bushton. He died June 26, 1988. A lifelong resident of Bushton, she was a homemaker, private violin and piano teacher, and church organist. Mrs. Nordstrom was a member of First United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women, both of Bushton. Survivors include one son, Carl Dwight Nordstrom of San Diego, Calif.; one daughter, Marilyn Kirkpatrick of Bushton; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Otto Volkland and Oscar Volkland; two sisters, Nettie Matthael and Mabel Nedderman; and one grandson, Timothy Alan Kirkpatrick. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the church with the Revs. Barbara Parker, David Trott and Joseph M. Dokken officiating. Burial will be at Bushton Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, and from 10 a.m. until service time at the church on Thursday. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 8, 2001

Harold N. Beck 1917-2001

RUSSELL - Harold N. Beck, 83, died May 4 at Russell Regional Hospital. He was born June 6, 1917, at Bloomington, the son of Aaron and Janie McColl Beck. He married Audine Wilson on March 18, 1942, in Hays. She died Nov. 16, 1990. A longtime resident of Russell, coming from Longmont, Colo., he was an oil field worker. Beck was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, both of Russell. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include two sons, Rodger Beck of Carter Lake, Iowa, and Robert Beck of Ellinwood; one daughter, Cynthia B. Fetner of Longmont; one brother, Dean Beck of Geneseo; and two sisters, Amy Hodson of Grand Junction, Colo., and Audrey Muxlow of Gravois Mills, Mo.; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Don Beck, John Beck, Eugene Beck and Glenn Beck; and three sisters, Sarah Meade, Oma Beck and Ruth Beck. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Pohlman's Memorial Chapel in Russell with the Rev. Glenn Tombaugh officiating. Burial will be at Russell City Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to National Kidney Foundation, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 8, 2001

Albert L. Dixon 1956-2001

SAN DIEGO, Calif. - Albert L. Dixon, 44, died April 25 in San Diego. He was born Nov. 14, 1956, in Watten, Mich., the son of Gerald and Helene Dixon. He married Audine Wilson on March 18, 1942, in Hays. She died Nov. 16, 1990. A longtime resident of San Diego, he grew up in Great Bend. Survivors include his parents of Stony Point, N.Y.; one brother, Gerry Dixon of Stony Point; and one sister, Arlene Exferd of Boise, Idaho. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Brown Grove Cemetery in Burdett with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. There will be no visitation. Bryant-Christians Funeral Home of Great Bend is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 8, 2001

Jerry L. Folger 1940-2001

ST. JOHN - Jerry L. Folger, 61, died May 7 at Hutchinson Hospital. He was born March 21, 1940, in Great Bend, the son of Floyd A. and Evelyn Potter Folger. A resident of St. John, coming from Houston, Texas, he was a data processor for computer software. Folger was a member of First Baptist Church of St. John, National Rifle Association and AARP. Survivors include his mother of Sylvia; one brother, Tom Folger of Houston, Texas; and one stepbrother, Don Anderholz of Midland, Texas. A private family service and scattering of the ashes will take place at a later date. Minnis Chapel of Stafford is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 8, 2001
SAN DIEGO, Calif. - Albert L. Dixon, 44, died April 25 in San Diego. He was born Nov. 14, 1956, in Warren, Mich., the son of Gerald and Helene Dixon. A resident of San Diego, he grew up in Great Bend. Survivors include his parents of Great Bend; one brother, Gerry Dixon of Stony Point, N.Y.; and one sister, Arlene Exferd of Boise, Idaho. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Brown Grove Cemetery in Burdett with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. There will be no visitation. Bryant-Christians Funeral Home of Great Bend is in charge of burial arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 8, 2001

Alan Isern 1935-2001

ELLINWOOD - Alan Isern, 66, died May 8 at Ellinwood District Hospital. He was born April 13, 1935, in Ellinwood, the son of Milton and Helen Weber Isern. A longtime resident of Ellinwood, he was a past president and CEO of Peoples State Bank and owner of Isern Oil Company, both of Ellinwood. Isern was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and Grove Park Golf Club, all of Ellinwood; and a University of Kansas Williams Fund member. He was the former mayor of Ellinwood. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include one son, Chad A. Isern of Shawnee; three daughters, Betsy Isern of Overland Park, Amy Mulich of Lewisburg and Molly Curtis of Shawnee; one sister, Carolyn Johnson of Ellinwood; and six grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Andy Keitner officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 3-8 p.m. Thursday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to Ellinwood Ambulance Fund or the Ellinwood School and Library Foundation, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 9, 2001

John Carroll Jarmer 1943-2001

John Carroll Jarmer, 57, of Great Bend, died May 7 at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Wichita. He was born Dec. 24, 1943, in Hutchinson, the son of John F. and Albina Sue Horyna Jarmer. A resident of Great Bend, he was an engineer for Welex-Division of Halliburton Services. Jarmer was a member of the Catholic church, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and Eagles Lodge, all of Great Bend. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. Survivors include one son, Brett Jarmer of Wamego; two daughters, Rebecca Schroeder of Topeka and Nicole Lentz of Kansas City; and three sisters, Viola Estes of Larned, Loretta Right of Olmitz and Bonnie Reber of Independence. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Great Bend Cemetery with a flag presentation by the American Legion Argonne Post 180 of Great Bend. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Hoisington Alcohol Treatment Center, in care of Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 9, 2001

Mary A. "Tommy" Branum 1930-2001

RUSSELL- Mary A. "Tommy" Branum, 71, died May 7 at Wilson Nursing Center. She was born Jan. 11, 1930, at Tesco, the daughter of Buford and Dagmer Everson Thomas. She was a graduate of Ellinwood High School. She married Joe K. Branum Feb. 25, 1949, in Ellinwood. He died Nov. 27, 1985. A longtime resident of Russell, She was a homemaker and helped in the office with her husband's oil business. Mrs. Branum was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, both of Russell. Survivors include three sons, Kyle Branum, Kelly Branum and Scott Branum, all of Russell; one brother, Dale Thomas of McPherson; one sister, Willabeth Hauser of Red Feather Lake, Colo.; and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Theresa Jo Branum Grunwald. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church in Russell, with the Rev. Kelly Talyor-Schauf officiating. Burial will be at the Russell City Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at Pohlman's Mortuary in Russell. Memorials are suggested to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 9, 2001

Shirley L. Nickell 1934-2001

MEDICINE LODGE - Shirley L. Nickell, 67, died May 7 at the Hutchinson Hospital. She was born Feb. 19, 1934, at Medicine Lodge. The daughter of Arthur and Bertha May Snyder Ash. She married Bob L. Nickell on May 15, 1951. He died Nov. 20, 1985. A lifetime resident of Medicine Lodge, she was an operator and clerk at Isaiah's Thrift Shop in Medicine Lodge. Survivors include one son, Robert Nickell of Arlington; two daughters, Kathy Thomas of Woodward, Okla., and Christy Jacobs of Medicine Lodge; two brothers, Bob Ash of Anthony and Raymond Ash of Great Bend; one sister, Betty Hargus of Petersburg, Ind.; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Restoration Church in Medicine Lodge, with the Revs Mike Shinkle and Jay Morford officiating. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery in Medicine Lodge. Friends may call 8 tonight at Larrison-Forsyth Funeral Home in Medicine Lodge. Memorials are suggested to Isaiah's Thrift Shop, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 9, 2001

May 10, 2001

John Carroll Jarmer 1943-2001

John Carrol Jarmer, 57, of Great Bend, died May 7 at Veterans Administration Hospital in Wichita. Omitted from the survivors from Wednesday's obituary was his step-mother, Virginia Jarmer of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 10, 2001

May 11, 2001
Benjamin 'Ben' Franklin Spatz Jr. 1913-2001

BELOIT - Benjamin "Ben" Franklin Spatz Jr., 87, died May 10 at his home in Beloit. He was born Aug. 15, 1913, in Mitchell County. He married Aileen Spatz. A lifelong resident of Beloit, he was a sales representative for Sunflower Manufacturing. Spatz was a member of First United Methodist Church, Methodist Men, Lions Club and was a past commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars, all of Beloit. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Cindy Balthazor of Russell and Sheila Hein of Hoisington; one sister, Hester Roles of Beloit; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one grandson, Kirk Matthew Balthazor.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Bill Brazil officiating. Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery in Beloit. Friends may call at Harrison Funeral Home in Beloit. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 11, 2001

Gilbert J. Dreher

LIEBENTHAL - Gilbert J. Dreher, 71, died May 9 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 11, 2001

May 13, 2001

Gilbert Joseph Dreher 1930-2001

HAYS - Gilbert Joseph Dreher, 71, died May 9 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born Jan. 9, 1930, at Liebenthal, the son of Rudolph Conrad and Magdalena Helen Suppes Dreher. A lifelong resident of Rush County, he was a farmer. Dreher was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Liebenthal and the Kansas National Guard. Survivors include one son, Gilbert Dreher Jr. of Hays; two daughters; Suzanne Bieker of Ellis and Margi Learned of Liebenthal; two brothers; Charles Dreher of Mesa, Ariz., and Norbert Dreher of Aurora, Colo.; one sister; Mary Ann Flax of Dodge City; six grandchildren; and one great grandchild. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Harold Dreher, Julius Dreher and James Dreher. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church. Burial will be at St. Joseph's Cemetery. Friends may call from 9-9:45 a.m. Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Gilbert Joseph Dreher memorial, in care of Janousek Funeral Home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 13, 2001

Helen L. Finney 1909- 2001

EDMOND, Okla. - Helen L. Finney, 91, died May 11 at Edmond Medical Center in Edmond Okla. She was born Dec. 2, 1909, at Canton, the daughter of William L. and Elta Maude Powers Ganson. She married Kenneth W. Finney Nov. 19, 1929, in Salina. He died Nov. 26, 1980. A resident of McPherson from 1981-1996, coming from Hays and Great Bend, she was a homemaker and a Barton County Register of Deeds. Mrs. Finney was a member of First Presbyterian Church of McPherson. Survivors include one son, Jack Finney of Henderson, Nev.; one brother; Leslie Ganson of Vergennes, Vt.; three sisters; Lois Koffel of Lake Placid, Fla., Marjorie Arnold and Pat 'Shirley' Cain, both of Valley Center; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Don Finney; three brothers, Wayne Ganson, Elton Ganson and Ralph Ganson; two sisters, Sue Wintersteen and Maxine Blevins; and one granddaughter; Stephanie Finney. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the church in McPherson, with the Rev. William Nelson officiating. Burial will be at McPherson Cemetery. Friends may call until 5 tonight at Stockham Family Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 13, 2001

Leona Mead 1924-2001

LARNED - Leona Mead, 77, died May 11 at her Larned residence. She was born April 4, 1924, at Trousdale, the daughter of Tony W. and Effie D. Strunk Bell. A lifelong area resident, she was a nurse's aide at Larned State Hospital. In her retirement years, she operated a taxi service. Survivors include one son, Vernon Lynn 'Sonny' Mead of Larned; two daughters; Angel Degenhardt of Hoisington and Maxine Blevins; and one granddaughter; Rebekah McCool. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to Rice County Women's Thrift Shop. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 13, 2001

Verla Maxine Wheaton 1933-2001

LYONS - Verla Maxine Wheaton, 67, died May 11 at Good Samaritan Center in Olathe. She was born July 23, 1933, at Centerview, the daughter of Tom and Verna Turner Stade. She married Garrett Eugene Wheaton Jan. 17, 1954, at Lewis. A resident of Lyons since 1966, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Wheaton was a member of First Baptist Church, former Sunday school teacher and superintendent, all of Lyons; and former president and volunteer at the Rice County Women's Thrift Shop. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, David Wheaton of Kansas City, Mo., and Sheldon Wheaton of Olathe; her mother, Verna Stade of South Hutchinson; one brother; Thomas DeVou Stade of Grass Valley, Calif.; and two grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Gary Karas officiating. Burial will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Wayne Cemetery in Lewis. Friends may call from 2-7 p.m. Monday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to Rice County Women's Thrift Shop. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 13, 2001
Thrift Shop or Kansas Fellowship of Christian Athletes, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 13, 2001

Robert 'Bob' L. Folkerts 1936-2001

TIMKEN - Robert 'Bob' Folkerts, 64, died, May 9 at Hays Medical Center. He was born May 14, 1936, at Great Bend, the son of Harvey H. and Vera Cecila Parker Folkerts. A resident of Timken since 1991 coming from Missouri, he was a heavy equipment mechanic. Folkerts was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include four sons, Ted Folkerts of Timken, Tim Folkerts of Hays and Kelly Folkerts and Kenny Folkerts, both of Tula, Okla.; two daughters, Traci Suppes of Great Bend and Terrie Folkerts of Rush Center; one brother, Max Folkerts of Timken; one sister, Sherrie Litzenburger of Edmond, Okla.; and 12 grandchildren. There will be no visitation. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at La Crosse Cemetery with the Rev. Maurice Schaus officiating. Military graveside service will be conducted by the Fort Riley Honor Guard. Burial will be at the cemetery. Great Bend Family Mortuary is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 13, 2001

Jesse T. Morsbach 1912-2001

HOISINGTON - Jesse T. Morsbach, 88, died May 12 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. Survivors and arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 13, 2001

May 16, 2001

Vern Shryock 1920-2001

ST. JOHN - Vern Shryock, 81, died May 14 at his residence in St. John. He was born March 6, 1920, in St. John, the son of Joe and Mary Shryock. He married Betty Ragsdale. She died. He married Velda May Mulholland Sept. 4, 1973. A resident of St. John, he was a painter, carpenter and farmer, working at Kansas Highway Department, city of St. John and White Manufacturing in St. John. Shryock was a member of First Southern Baptist Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars, both of St. John. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Jack Shryock of Wichita, Dennis Shryock of Maize and Larry Shryock of Cheney; two stepsons, Jack Smith of Sanbenito, Texas, and Ronald Smith of San Antonio, Texas; one brother, Gail Shryock of Apache Junction, Ariz.; one sister, Nadine Minnis of St. John; 13 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Wayne Shryock. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John with the Rev. Ron Miller officiating. Memorials are suggested to Southwind Hospice in Pratt, in care of Minnis Chapel in St. John. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 16, 2001

Louella Howerton 1908-2001

WICHITA - Louella Howerton, 92, died May 12. She was preceded in death by one son, Billy Joe Howerton. Funeral services were Tuesday in Wichita. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 16, 2001

May 17, 2001

Matilda 'Marie' Waknitz 1903-2001

Matilda "Marie" Waknitz, 97, of Great Bend, died May 16 at Cherry Village Nursing Home. She was born Aug. 8, 1903, at Bazine, the daughter of Frederick and Louise Hartman Waknitz. A resident of Great Bend for six years coming from Bazine, she was an Assembly of God minister. She was a member of the Assembly of God minister's association. Survivors include one brother, Dr. Frederick Waknitz of Seattle. She was preceded in death by one brother, Ed Waknitz. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Assembly of God Church with the Rev. David Hartsell officiating. Burial will be at Bazine Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. today at Great Bend Family Mortuary and from noon until service time Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Assembly of God Seminary, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 17, 2001

Gertrude Shaft Fritzemeyer 1908-2001

STAFFORD - Gertrude Shaft Fritzemeyer, 92, died May 15 at Leisure Homestead in Stafford. She was born June 21, 1908, at Clements, the daughter of Augustus Fremont and Ethelind Pyles Shaft. She was a graduate of Cottonwood Falls High School and Salt City Business College in Hutchinson. She married Ben Fritzemeyer April 4, 1933, in Hutchinson. He died March 29, 2000. A resident of rural Stafford since 1933, she was a secretary for Hutchinson Office Supply and Printing. Mrs. Fritzemeyer was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Stafford. Survivors include two sons, Joe Fritzemeyer of Stafford and Ray Fritzemeyer of Wichita; one daughter, Irma Ethridge of Glasco; one brother, Junior Shaft of Atwater, Calif.; one sister, Edna Keller of Hutchinson; six grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and five stepgreat-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Margaret Shaft. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church in Stafford with the Rev. David Vetter officiating. Burial will be at Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Friday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 17, 2001

Murval Hejny 1923-2001
May 18, 2001

Marguerite Boese 1908-2001

Marguerite Boese, 93, of Great Bend, died May 17 at Integrated Health Services in Great Bend. She was born Jan. 22, 1908, in Dundee, the daughter of Henry B. and Kate Jantz Unruh. She married Louis S. Boese Oct. 24, 1926, in Pawnee Rock. He died Dec. 19, 1977. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Dundee, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Boese was a member of Berghal Mennonite Church in Pawnee Rock. Survivors include two daughters, Twila Bedford of Lehigh and Genevieve Lyon of Newton; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Ronald Boese; four brothers, Ted Unruh, Alfred Unruh, Elmer Unruh and David Unruh; three sisters, Goldie Bowman, Adena Schultz and Victoria Unruh; and several half brothers and half sisters. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Muriel T. Stackley officiating. Burial will be at Dundee Valley Cemetery in Dundee. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. Saturday and from 1-9 p.m. Sunday, all at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 18, 2001

Murval L. Hejny 1923-2001

Murval L. Hejny, 78, of Great Bend, died May 17 at Columbia Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was born April 27, 1923, in Otis, the son of Charles B. And Anastazie Novotny Hejny. He married Louise Schmid Sept. 10, 1947, in Olmitz. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Otis, he was a farmer. Hejny was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, both of Olmitz, St. Patrick Catholic Church and Fraternal Order of Eagles, both of Great Bend, and Central Kansas Association for the Visually Impaired. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Donna Urban of Ellinwood and Norma Kraisinger of Otis; two sisters, Blanch Rea of Highlandville, Mo., and Pearl Rein of Glendora, Calif.; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Wake service will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday followed by a Knights of Columbus Rosary, both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoxington. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Ann Catholic Church with the Revs. Ultan Murphy and Warren Stacklein officiating. Burial will be at St. Ann Cemetery in Olmitz. Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. Saturday and from 1-9 p.m. Sunday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Ann Catholic Church, St. Patrick School Endowment Fund or Central Kansas Association for the Visually Impaired, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 18, 2001

May 20, 2001

Roy Joseph Hollembeak 1921-2001

Roy Joseph Hollembeak, 80, of Great Bend, died May 17 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born March 10, 1921, at Hannibal, Mo., the son of Elmo Abram and Lucy Grove Hollembeak. He married Twyla Ann Schmidt on Dec. 24, 1949, at Council Grove. A resident of Great Bend since 1949 coming from Arkansas City, he was an educator in Great Bend schools. Hollembeak was a member of Central Baptist Church, a life member of the National Education Association and had been a Boy Scout leader. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Bruce T. Hollembeak of Wichita and Hal J. Hollembeak of Great Bend; one daughter, Paula A. Laudick of Broomfield, Colo.; three brothers, Jack W. Hollembeak of Odessa, Texas, Jerry F. Hollembeak of Lenexa and Ted J. Hollembeak of Emporia; one sister, Jaunques F. Rogers of Tyler, Texas; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Hal D. Hollembeak; and one sister, Arline Hollembeak. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the church in Great Bend with the Rev. Dr. Gordan E. Rhodes officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today and 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend, and from noon until service time Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Fund or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 20, 2001

Arlie Virginia Freed 1921-2001

Arlie Virginia Freed, 79, died May 17 at Westview Manor in Derby. She was born Dec. 23, 1921, at Fairbury, Neb., the daughter of Harry and Fuchia Lena Seacord Hatfield. She was retired from Baxter Travenoel Laboratory. Survivors include four sons; Donald R. Freed of Russell, Ronald L. Freed and Timothy G. Freed both of Moscow, and Kenneth J. Freed of Otis; one daughter, Phyllis Freeman of Derby; one brother, Jack Hatfield of Oklahoma City, Okla.; 14 grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. today at Watson Funeral Home in Wichita. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Russell Cemetery in Russell. Memorials are suggested the Arlie Virginia Hatfield Freed memorial at Westview Manor, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 20, 2001

Carolyn Rowena Bridenstine 1916-2001

STILLWATER, Okla. - Carolyn Rowena Bridenstine, 85, died May 15 at Edina, Minn. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Friends Chapel Church. Burial will be at Oak Grove Cemetery in Coyle, Okla. Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at STRODEFH@aol.com. The Bernhardts 'Strode Funeral Home in Stillwater is in charoe of arranements. Great Bend (Kan.)
Henry V. Laudick 1904-2001

HOISINGTON - Henry V. Laudick, 96, died May 19 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born May 27, 1904, at rural Claflin, the son of Henry and Martha Redetzke Laudick. He married Stella Miller Sept. 24, 1924, at Hoisington. She died March 4, 1983. A resident of Hoisington since 1976, coming from a farm near Boyd, he was a Farmer Mutual Insurance agent for 65 years and a farmer. Laudick was a member of St. John Evangelist Catholic Church and was a fourth-degree knight of the Knights of Columbus, both of Hoisington, Elks BPO Lodge 1127 and Fraternal Order of the Eagles, both of Great Bend, and was active in the Eureka Homesteaders 4-H Club. Survivors include one son; Gary Laudick of Rogersville, Mo., three daughters; Merna Williamson of Hoisington, Vada Stafford of Wichita and Glenna Sheets of Saginaw Mich.; 10 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Bill Laudick, Joe Laudick, Earl Laudick and John Laudick; two sisters, Mary Durand and Theresa Laudick; and one granddaughter. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington, followed by a Knights of Columbus rosary. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church in Hoisington with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery in Hoisington. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the cemetery, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 20, 2001

May 21, 2001

Marjorie J. Daniels 1903-2001

WICHITA - Marjorie J. Daniels, 97, died May 18 at her residence in Wichita. She married Carl Daniels. He preceded her in death. A resident of Wichita, she was a retired Sedgwick County nurse. Survivors include two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Gretchen Dorr. Rosary service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Old Mission Mortuary in Wichita. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the mortuary. Friends may call from 1-5 p.m. Tuesday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to All Saints Catholic Church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 21, 2001

Dorothy Marie Rupp 1927-2001

HOISINGTON - Dorothy Marie Rupp, 74, died May 21 at Hoisington Rehabilitation Center. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 21, 2001

Aaron Ketcher Hartness 1913-2001

BARTLESVILLE, Okla. - Aaron Ketcher Hartness, 88, died May 19 at Bartlesville Care Center. He was born Feb. 5, 1913, in Younger, Okla., the son of Elige and Susie Ketcher Hartness. He married Emma Ellen Root July 7, 1943, in Chase. She died Aug. 19, 1995. He married Darlene Mae Gilbert Towns May 16, 2000. A resident of Bartlesville, coming from Pawhuska, Okla., and Hoisington, he was a painting contractor. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Mark K. Hartness of Andover; two daughters, Karen S. Ware of Satanta and Marilyn R. Klassen of Dodge City; three sisters, Emma Campbell, Opal Teshoney and Phillis Pfeifer, all of Bartlesville; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Lloyd Hartness and Wilbur Hartness. Graveside service will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Great Bend Cemetery with the Rev. Dr. Doyle Smith officiating. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, all at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to hospice of Great Bend or Hospice of Bartlesville, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 21, 2001

Jane Tompkins 1925-2001

SANTA ANA, Calif. - Jane Tompkins, 75, died May 16. She was born Oct. 26, 1925, in St. John. She married Ray Tompkins. A resident of Santa Ana, coming from Great Bend where she lived from 1949-54, she was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband of the home; three daughters; one sister, Verla Estes of St. John; and three grandchildren. Funeral was today at Waverly Church in Santa Ana. Burial will be at Fairhaven Memorial Park and Mortuary in Santa Ana. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 21, 2001

May 22, 2001

Dorothy M. Rupp 1927-2001

HOISINGTON - Dorothy M. Rupp, 74, died May 21 at the Hoisington Rehabilitation Center. She was born Jan. 27, 1927, in Comfrey, Minn., the daughter of Carl A. and Clara Lehning Engel. She married Robert A. Rupp Jan. 12, 1957, in Springfield, Minn. A resident of Hoisington, she was a certified nurses aid at Clara Barton Hospital and the Hoisington Rehabilitation Center, both of Hoisington. Mrs. Rupp was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Hoisington. Survivors include her husband of the home; and one sister, Ethel Jennigus of Springfield. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Walter Engel and Arthur Engel; and one sister, Della Meyers. Vigil and altar society rosaries will be at 7 tonight at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial
will be at St. John Cemetery in Hoisington. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 22, 2001

Alice Britton 1920-2001

MULVANE - Alice Britton, 81, died May 20 at her home in Mulvane. She was born Jan. 10, 1920, in Wichita, the daughter of Frank and Hazel Davis Young. She married Clifford Britton Oct. 7, 1937. He died. A resident of Mulvane, she was a retired employee of USD 263. Survivors include four sons, James L. Britton of Great Bend, Dale L. Britton of Moore, Okla., Frank W. Britton of Ponca City, Okla., and Mark A. Britton of Derby; two daughters, Sally A. Teter of Goldsmith, Ind., and Hazel L. Wessels of Mulvane; two sisters, Virginia Crist and Mary Brucker, both of McPherson; 17 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church in Mulvane. Burial will be at Mulvane Cemetery. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the church or Hospice Inc, both in care of Senter-Smith Mortuary in Mulvane. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 22, 2001

Howard Ruble 1921-2001

HOISINGTON - Howard Ruble, 79, died May 21 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 22, 2001

May 23, 2001

Howard L. Ruble 1921-2001

HOISINGTON - Howard L. Ruble, 79, died May 21 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born Aug. 9, 1921, in Hoisington, the son of William Monroe and Blanche Grace Clift Ruble. He married Jean Cook April 23, 1947, in Hoisington. A lifelong resident of Hoisington, he was a retired operator of Cook Well Service of Hoisington. Ruble was a member of First United Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge 331 A.F. and A.M. and a life member of Veterans of Foreign War Post 7428, all of Hoisington. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving with the 89th Division, OSS 101 Association in China, India and Burma. Survivors include his wife of the home; and one brother, Ed Ruble of Hoisington. He was preceded in death by one sister, Betty Jean Byers. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Hoisington Cemetery with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to the church or American Heart Association, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 23, 2001

Ann B. Dizmang 1921-2001

SALINA - Ann B. Dizmang, 79, died May 21 at Salina Regional Health Center. She was born July 15, 1921, near Olmitz. She married Jimmy Dizmang. He died in 1998. A resident of Salina for 37 years, coming from Holyrood, she was a ward clerk at Asbury Hospital in Salina. Mrs. Dizmang was a member of the Holyrood Guild. Survivors include one daughter, Gloria Dizmang of Palmdale, Calif. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Roselawn Heights Memorial Chapel Mortuary in Salina with the Rev. Bharat Surender officiating. Entombment will be at Mausoleum Williamsburg at Roselawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Salina. Friends may call until 6 tonight and from 10 a.m. until service time, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Salina Regional Health Center or Horace Greeley County Museum, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 23, 2001

Betty Littrel 1929-2001

HOISINGTON - Betty Littrel, 71, died May 22 at Hutchinson Hospital. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 23, 2001

May 24, 2001

Ruth Brough 1908-2001

Ruth Brough, 92, of Great Bend, died May 20 at Integrated Health Services in Great Bend. She was born July 19, 1908, in Neodesha, the daughter of Lemuel and Lucy Mable Mikesell Morrison. She married Otto Karl Bayer March 4, 1928, in Great Bend. He died in 1960. She married Leroy Brough Nov. 25, 1945, in Great Bend. He died Sept. 15, 1978. A resident of Great Bend since the age of 3, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Brough was a member of First Christian Church, taught Sunday School and was secretary for the church board, all in Great Bend. She was a member of Retired Federal Employees, Republican National Organization, Birthday Club and WCTU. Survivors include one daughter, Doris Ann White of Great Bend; one brother, John Rex Morrison of Van Cover, Wash.; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; 12 step-great-grandchildren; and two step-great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Carl Leon Bayer and Teddy Rex Bayer; one stepson, James W. Brough; one stepdaughter, Carley Meier; one brother, Paul Morrison; one sister, Beatrice Morrison; and one step-granddaughter, Diane Meier. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the church with the Revs. Bill Johnson and David Hartsell officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Monday at Great Bend Family Mortuary and from noon until service time Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Sunflower Diversified Services, both in
Helen J. Morton 1922-2001

WICHITA - Helen J. Morton, 78, died May 21 in Wichita. She was born May 24, 1922, in Odin, the daughter of Joseph and Mary Steiner. She married Charles G. Morton. A resident of Wichita, she was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, John E. Krier, Larry G. Krier and Danny L. Krier, all of Wichita; three sisters, Ann Minko of Wichita, Gertrude Hitzschmann of Abilene and Tillie Stadelman of Hays; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Rosary will be at 7 tonight at Cochran Mortuary in Wichita. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Friday at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Wichita with the Rev. Jerome A. Beat officiating. Graveside service will be at 3:30 p.m. Friday at Maud Cemetery in Cunningham. There will be no visitation and no memorials are suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 24, 2001

Gertrude Lucene Fermin 1922-2001

HOISINGTON - Gertrude Lucene Fermin, 78, died May 22. A resident of Hoisington, she was a homemaker. Survivors include three sons, Donald Fermin and Elvin Fermin, both of Wichita, and Lewis Garber of Denver, Colo.; two daughters, Nancy Carter of Hoisington and Norma Hurley of Harrah, Okla.; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at DeVorss Flanagan-Hunt Mortuary in Wichita. There will be no visitation and no memorials are suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 24, 2001

Betty Arlene Littrell 1929-2001

HOISINGTON - Betty Arlene Littrell, 71, died May 22 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born Dec. 23, 1929, in Eureka Township, the daughter of Frank and Mary Laudick Durand. She married Bob Littrell June 20, 1950, in Hoisington. A lifelong resident of Hoisington, she was a homemaker and special education bus aid for the Hoisington School District. Mrs. Littrell was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Altar Society and Veteran of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, all of Hoisington. Survivors include three sons, Mike Littrell of Hoisington; four daughters, Christa Beck of Claflin, Debbie Davis, Sandy Ray and Marte Littrell, all of Hoisington; one brother, JaDean Durand of Great Bend; three sisters, Marguerite "Peg" Milanovits of St. Louis, Mo., Nola Brack of Raymondville, Texas, and Barbara Purdy of Manitou Springs, Colo.; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Wilma Kelly. Vigil followed by Rosary will be at 7 tonight at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church with the Revs. Pascal Klein and Bob Schreemmer officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery in Hoisington. Friends may call until 9 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Barton County Relay for Life, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 24, 2001

Verna Haynes 1904-2001

Verna Haynes, 97, of Great Bend, died May 24 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. She was born March 21, 1904, in Hudson, the daughter of Ernest and Inez Clark Piper. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Mesa, Ariz., she was owner of a dress shop. Survivors include four cousins, John Drew of Great Bend, Fannie Watkins of Manhattan, Pearl Mettscher of Hutchinson and Dr. Laurence Clark of Wamego. She was preceded in death by one son, Rayfield Abrahamson. There will be no service or visitation. No memorials are suggested. Cremation has taken place. Inurnment will take place at a later date at Desert Lawn Memorial Park in Yuma, Ariz. Arrangements were handled by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home and Crematory in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 25, 2001

June Lorraine Ecke 1916-2001

June Lorraine Ecke, 84, of Great Bend, died May 24 at Integrated Health Services in Great Bend. She was born June 21, 1916, in Eau Claire, Wis., the daughter of Matthias and Elesse Kausrud Haugen. She married Al J. Ecke in Nashua, Iowa, Jan. 13, 1940. He died in June 1996. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Eau Claire, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Ecke was a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and American Legion Auxiliary, both of Eau Claire. Survivors include one son, Dr. Dennis G. Ecke of Great Bend; and one daughter, Judith S. House of St. Paul, Minn.; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. There will be no services or visitation. Inurnment will take place at a later date at Desert Lawn Memorial Park in Yuma, Ariz. Arrangements were handled by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 25, 2001

Ola L. Weltmer 1912-2001

DODGE CITY - Ola L. Weltmer, 88, died May 23 at Manor of the Plains in Dodge City. She was born Nov. 6, 1912, in Hanston, the
daughter of George and Sarah Abbott Salmans. She married Norris S. Weltmer May 1, 1937, in Rozel. He died March 29, 1969. A resident of Dodge City, coming from Harper, she was a farmer. Mrs. Weltmer was a member of Chicasaka Baptist Church, 4-H board member and E.S.U., all of Harper. Survivors include one sister, Myrtle Phillip of Hanston, and one foster sister, Geneva Faurot of Sibley, Iowa. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Earl Salmans, Vern Salmans, Ora Salmans and Oscar Salmans; and two sisters, Leila Salmans and Mina Salmans. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore with the Rev. Mark Durham officiating. Burial will be at Hanston Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, Manor of the Plains or Harper County 4-H Board, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 25, 2001

Florence M. Richards 1933-2001

Florence M. Richards, 68, of Great Bend, died May 24 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born Feb. 2, 1933, in Great Bend, the daughter of Robert J. and Mary Ethel Davidson Herren. A resident of Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Survivors include two sons, Denver H. Richards of Great Bend and Cole L. Richards of St. Louis, Mo.; one daughter, Holly K. Regan of Great Bend; one sister, Dorothy M. Dawson of Great Bend; and four granddaughters. She was preceded in death by one brother, Robert L. Herren; and one sister, Mary Jane Herren. There will be no services or visitation. Cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to the Great Bend Humane Society, in care of Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 25, 2001

Cecil M. "Reedie" Phillips 1925-2001

Cecil M. "Reedie" Phillips, 76, of Great Bend, died May 24 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born May 20, 1925, in Wichita, the daughter of William Cecil and Violet Marie Brown McCullough. She married Herbert L. Phillips II in August 1944 in Wichita. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Augusta, she was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Herbert L. Phillips III of Heizer and William Cecil Phillips of Derby; four grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home Chapel in Great Bend with the Rev. Dr. Gordon E. Rhodes officiating. Burial will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at El Paso Cemetery in Derby. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the donor's choice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 25, 2001

May 27, 2001

Edith K. White 1910-2001

LARNED - Edith K. White, 91, died May 24 at Good Samaritan Center in Hays. She was born May 6, 1910, in Meade, the daughter of Howard W. and Ida Mae LeVan Fox. She married Asher A. White Sept. 20, 1931, in Larned. He died Nov. 12, 1980. A longtime Larned resident, moving from Cunningham, she was a homemaker. Mrs. White was a member of First Christian Church of Larned. Survivors include two sons, Asher Bob White of Hays and Philip LeVan White of Bella Vista, Ark.; one brother Clyde L. Fox of Denver; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Verda Lane and Dorothy Compton; and one brother, Howard W. Fox. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with the Rev. Daniel Lundgren officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 27, 2001

Doris Jeffrey 1925-2001

SUN CITY WEST, ARIZ. - Doris Jeffrey, 76, former resident of Great Bend, died May 25, at her residence in Sun City West. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Camino Del Sol Funeral Home in Sun City West. Memorials are suggested to the Shriner's Hospital for Children, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 27, 2001

Firman N. Davis 1919-2001

LUCAS - Firman N. Davis, 82, died May 21 at CLC Salina. He was born April 20, 1919, in Lincoln County. He married Blanche Aksamit Sept. 3, 1938, at Ellsworth. She died Dec. 31, 1991. A resident of Lucas since 1977, coming from Ellinwood, he was a mechanic and farmer. Davis was a member of Lucas United Methodist Church and Lucas American Legion Post 267. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Survivors include two sons, Leroy Davis of Luray and Michael Davis of Stanwood, Wash.; one daughter, Sandra Myers of Sacramento, Calif.; one brother, John Davis of Lincoln; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Funeral was Saturday at the church with the Rev. David Williams officiating. Burial was at Lucas Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Lucas Medical Foundation Ambulance Fund, in care of Rodrick & Minear Funeral Home in Lucas. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 27, 2001

Ivan 'I.G.' Grant Smith 1920-2001

HOISINGTON - Ivan 'I.G.' Grant Smith, 81, died May 25 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born Jan. 24, 1920, in Utica, the son of William A. and Elva Grace Smith. He married Myra Ellen Carlisle March 15, 1943, in Hoisington. A resident of Hoisington since 1946, coming from Burbank, Calif., he was a retired conductor and brakeman for the Missouri Pacific Railroad.
Joyce Lee Jaynes 1923-2001

HOISINGTON - Joyce Lee Jaynes, 78, died May 27 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus in Wichita. She was born Jan. 18, 1923, in Hoisington, the daughter of Henry Edward and Ruth Whitcomb Hunt Herres. She married Lloyd L. Jaynes Feb. 12, 1943, in Phoenix, Ariz. A lifetime resident of Hoisington, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Jaynes was a member of First Christian Church, Christian Womens Fellowship Women's Joy Group and Class Reunion Club of 1939, all of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Richard Degner of Rapid City, S.D.; two daughters, Jayma Graham and Velma Woody, both of Wichita; one brother, Don Baker of Great Bend; five grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery with military graveside rites by VFW Post 7428 and American Legion Post 286. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today and Monday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington and from 9:30 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Sunflower Training Center, the church or donor's choice, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 27, 2001

Ivan E. Partington 1916-2001

ALDEN - Ivan E. Partington, 85, died May 26 at Sterling Presbyterian Manor in Sterling. She was born Feb. 3, 1916, in Haskew, Okla., the daughter of William and Pearl Long Rinshaw. She married Fay H. Partington June 15, 1941, in Sterling. A longtime resident of Alden, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Partington was a member and Sunday school teacher of First United Methodist Church of Sterling, United Methodist Women, Triumph Extension Homemakers Unit, Birthday Club, Rice County Extension Executive Board, Jolly Aldenites, Rice County Farm Bureau and Alden Community Pride. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Howard Partington of Great Bend; one daughter, Shirley Fair of Alden; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a twin sister, Iva Farney; and one grandson, Charles Norman Fair. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. James Graves officiating. Burial will be at Sterling Community Cemetery in Sterling. Friends may call from 1-5 p.m. Tuesday at Sillin Funeral Home in Sterling. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 27, 2001

Elizabeth Jeanne Degner 1921-2001

Elizabeth Jeanne Degner, 79, of Great Bend, died May 26 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born July 12, 1921, in Great Bend, the son of John Everett and Gladys Nellie Waters Sanders. He was a 1951 graduate of St. John High School. He married Edith L. Rodarmel Dec. 23, 1956, in St. John. A lifelong resident of St. John, he was a postal worker, oil field worker and city employee, all of St. John. Sanders was a member of New Hope Church, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign War, former trustee of Odd Fellows Lodge, Rebekahs Lodge, Golden Belt Campers Club, Cardinal Campers Clubs, 20-year volunteer fireman and 19-year volunteer ambulance worker, all of St. John. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Wade L. Sanders and Steven Sanders, both of St. John, and Lee Sanders of Lebanon, Mo.; one sister, Marlene Weddle of St. John, four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three step grandchildren; and five step great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one step great-grandson. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Minnis Chapel in St. John with the Rev. Rodney Lyons officiating. Friends may call until 8 tonight at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 28, 2001

Eldon Lee Sanders Sr. 1932-2001

ST. JOHN - Eldon Lee Sanders Sr., 68, died May 26 at his home in St. John. He was born Nov. 8, 1932, in Macksville, the son of John Everett and Gladys Nellie Waters Sanders. He was a 1951 graduate of St. John High School. He married Edith L. Rodarmel Dec. 23, 1956, in St. John. A lifelong resident of St. John, he was a postal worker, oil field worker and city employee, all of St. John. Sanders was a member of New Hope Church, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign War, former trustee of Odd Fellows Lodge, Rebekahs Lodge, Golden Belt Campers Club, Cardinal Campers Clubs, 20-year volunteer fireman and 19-year volunteer ambulance worker, all of St. John. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Wade L. Sanders and Steven Sanders, both of St. John, and Lee Sanders of Lebanon, Mo.; one sister, Marlene Weddle of St. John, four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three step grandchildren; and five step great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one step great-grandson. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Minnis Chapel in St. John with the Rev. Rodney Lyons officiating. Friends may call until 8 tonight at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 28, 2001

Elizabeth Jeanne Degner 1921-2001

Elizabeth Jeanne Degner, 79, of Great Bend, died May 26 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born July 12, 1921, in Great Bend, the son of Elmer and Velma Cook Bortz. She married Herman Degner November 1941 in Great Bend. He died April 9, 1989. A resident of Great Bend, she was an employee of JC Penney's for 30 years in Great Bend. Mrs. Degner was a member of First Christian Church, Christian Womens Fellowship Women's Joy Group and Class Reunion Club of 1939, all of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Richard Degner of Rapid City, S.D.; two daughters, Jayma Graham and Velma Woody, both of Wichita; one brother, Don Baker of Great Bend; five grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Friends may call until 9 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and from 9-11 a.m. Wednesday, all at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 28, 2001

May 29, 2001

Joyce Lee Jaynes 1923-2001

HOISINGTON - Joyce Lee Jaynes, 78, died May 27 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus in Wichita. She was born Jan. 18, 1923, in Hoisington, the daughter of Henry Edward and Ruth Whitcomb Hunt Herres. She married Lloyd L. Jaynes Feb. 12, 1943, in Phoenix, Ariz. A lifetime resident of Hoisington, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Jaynes was a member of First Christian Church, Christian Womens Fellowship Women's Joy Group and Class Reunion Club of 1939, all of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Craig E. Jaynes of Jamestown, Ohio, and Brent A. Jaynes of Overland Park; two daughters, Jerree Cooper of Hoisington and Leesa Zimmerman of Columbia, Mo.; one brother, Ed Herres of Hoisington; and nine grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at First United Methodist Church in Hoisington with the Rev. Janet Myers officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Vine United Methodist Church or Clara Barton Foundation, both in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 29, 2001
James M. Currie 1913-2001

James M. Currie, 87, of Great Bend, died May 28 at Integrated Health Services in Great Bend. He was born Nov. 20, 1913, in Wellington, Texas, the son of Robert Lee and Mabel King Currie. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Larned, he was the owner of Currie's IGA grocery store in Great Bend. Currie was a member of First Bible Baptist Church in Great Bend. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include two daughters, Joyce Owen of Houston, Texas, and Mary Wares of Larned; five grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Bill Currie. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home Chapel in Great Bend with the Rev. Robert Morris officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 29, 2001

Benjamin 'Ben' F. DeHaven 1913-2001

HOISINGTON - Benjamin "Ben" F. DeHaven, 87, died May 28 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born Nov. 22, 1913, in Abilene, the son of John Boyd and Minnie Gunzelman DeHaven. A resident of Hoisington, coming from Great Bend, he worked at the Meat Market in Great Bend and was a former owner of DeHaven Brothers IGA in Hoisington. DeHaven was a member of First United Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge 331 AF and AM, both of Hoisington, and Isis Shrine of Salina. Survivors include two sisters, Clara Beldon of Salina and Alice Bennet of Wichita. He was preceded in death by eight brothers, Charles DeHaven, Paul DeHaven, Dave DeHaven, Ralph DeHaven, Harry DeHaven, Henry DeHaven, Walt DeHaven and Bruce DeHaven. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Janet Myers officiating. Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Abilene Cemetery in Abilene. Visitation will be until 9 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Masonic Lodge or Clara Barton Hospital, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 29, 2001

Joseph F. Dolechek 1922-2001

CLAFLIN - Joseph F. Dolechek, 79, died May 28 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born Jan. 1, 1922, in Dubuque, the son of Paul P. Sr. and Anna Weber Dolechek. He married Louise R. Schmidt Oct. 29, 1946, in Liebenthal. She died March 30, 1983. A lifelong resident of Claflin, he was a farmer and stockman. Dolechek was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, both in Odin, and St. Catherine Catholic Church in Dubuque. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include two sons, Dennis Dolechek of Silver Lake and David Dolechek of Russell; one daughter, Delores Kaiser of Hoisington; one brother, Paul Dolechek Jr. of Hoisington; one sister, Theresa Ney of Hoisington; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by one brother, Leo Dolechek; and two sisters, Kathryn Lang and Rose Miller. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, followed by a Knights of Columbus Rosary, all at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Dubuque with the Revs. Pascal Klein and George Schmidt officiating. Burial will be at St. Catherine Cemetery in Dubuque. Visitation will be until 9 tonight, from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Catherine of Dubuque Heritage Association, Claflin Emergency Medical Service or Beaver Volunteer Fire Department, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 29, 2001

Alan Arthur 'Buzz' Orton 1938-2001

COUNCIL GROVE - Alan Arthur "Buzz" Orton, 63, died May 26 at his residence in Council Grove. He was born Feb. 9, 1938, in Alta Vista, the son of Alvin A. and Edith F. Williams Orton. He was a 1965 graduate of Council Grove High School. He married Mary Douglas in Council Grove. A resident of Council Grove, he was a retired conductor for the Missouri Pacific and Union Pacific railroads. Orton was a member of the Baptist Church and United Transportation Union. Survivors include his wife of the home; three daughters, Kim Price of Austin, Texas, Susan Clark and Cheryl Kinney, both of Tempe, Ariz.; four stepdaughters, Cathy Hawthorn of Allentown, Pam Siegrist of Wilsey, Ralph DeHaven, Harry DeHaven, Henry DeHaven, Walt DeHaven and Bruce DeHaven. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Alta Vista Cemetery. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, in care of Kendrick Funeral Chapel in Council Grove. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 29, 2001

Marion 'Marty' P. Keller Jr. 1930-2001

SAN ANTONIO, Texas - Marion "Marty" P. Keller Jr., 70, died May 24 in San Antonio. He was born Nov. 17, 1930, in Charlottesville, Va., the son of Marion P. Sr. and Florence E. Hoy Keller. He was a 1952 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School. He married Marilyn Juergensen in San Antonio, Texas; one brother, Russell "Bud" R. Keller of Richmond, Va.; and one sister, Elizabeth Bruton of Charlottesville. Inurnment will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery with full military honors. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to VNA Hospice of South Texas or Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital in San Antonio, both in care of Memorial Funeral Home in San Antonio. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 29, 2001

May 30, 2001
Una Irene Sewing 1912-2001

MACKSVILLE - Una Irene Sewing, 88, died May 28 at Leisure Homestead in St. John. She was born Dec. 14, 1912, in Macksville, the daughter of Walter and Effie Dutton. She was a graduate of Belpre High School. She married Donald E. Caley Jan. 5, 1941, in Alta Vista. He died July 4, 1994. She married Errol Garber April 12, 1997, in Council Grove. A resident of Council Grove, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Sewing was a member of St. John's Catholic Church, choir director, Extension Homemakers Unit, P.O.W. Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, community volunteer, and P.E.O. Charter member. She was preceded in death by one son, Ronald Caley; one daughter, Maureen Caley; and one brother, Donald Monroe. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Neil Chapel of the Carillon House in Lubbock with the Revs. Bobby Broyles and Bonner Teeter officiating. Burial will be at Littlefield Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 p.m. Thursday at Kendall Funeral Chapel in Council Grove. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral chapel.

Bernadine Hazel Caley Garber 1923-2001

COUNCIL GROVE - Bernadine Hazel Caley Garber, 78, died May 28 at the Stafford District Hospital in Stafford. She was born June 7, 1923, in Diamond Springs, the daughter of Donald Albert and Ruth Alice Monroe. She married Donald E. Caley June 7, 1941, in Alta Vista. He died July 4, 1994. She married Errol Garber April 12, 1997, in Council Grove. A resident of Council Grove, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Garber was a member of First Baptist Church, Sunday school teacher, board member of the Community Thrift Store, Extension Homemakers Unit, P.O.W. Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, past member of the Rebekah's and community volunteer, all of Council Grove. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Larry Caley of Council Grove and Gary Caley of Topeka; one stepson, Errol L. Garber of Mt. Vernon, Mo.; two brothers, Herbert Monroe of Salina and James Monroe of Pine Bluff, Ark.; three sisters, Ina Atchinson of Campbell, Calif., Ruth Cottrell and Linda Estes, both of Overland Park; three grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Dan Thompson; one brother; and one sister. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Neil Chapel of the Carillon House in Lubbock with the Revs. Bobby Broyles and Bonner Teeter officiating. Burial will be at Littlefield Memorial Park. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral chapel.

Ruth Casey 1915-2001

LUBBOCK, Texas - Ruth Casey, 85, died May 28 at Carillon House in Lubbock. She was born Sept. 6, 1915, in Cash, Texas. She married Landon Coffman July 9, 1932, in Hollis, Okla. He preceded her in death. She married Charles Casey April 16, 1940, in Shamrock, Texas. He died May 16, 1959. A resident of Lubbock, coming from Hoxingston, she owned an interior decorating business in Hoisington. Mrs. Casey was a member of First United Methodist Church in Hoisington. Survivors include two sons, Charles Michael Casey of Palm Springs, Calif., and Jimmy Landon Coffman of Nogales, Mexico; two daughters, Rita Ruth Grove of Williamsburg, Va., and Reba Delores Moore of Littlefield, Texas; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Neil Chapel of the Carillon House in Lubbock with the Revs. Bobby Broyles and Bonner Teeter officiating. Burial will be at Littlefield Memorial Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Hammons Funeral Home in Littlefield.

Doris 'Jean' Thompson 1913-2001

BURDETT - Doris "Jean" Thompson, 87, died May 28 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. She was born Dec. 4, 1913, in Pawnee County, the daughter of George and Hallie Notestine Bindley. She married Howard Thompson Dec. 26, 1934, in Burdett. He died April 17, 1996. A resident of Burdett, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Thompson was a member of United Methodist Church, choir director, United Methodist Women and Extension Homemakers Unit, all of Burdett, and Sweet Adelines of Larned. Survivors include one son, John Thompson of Burdett; one daughter, Doris Chipman of Denton, Texas; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Dan Thompson; one brother; and one sister. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church with the Revs. Rob Smutz and Irving Jennings officiating. Burial will be at Burdett Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the church or Gideons International, both in care of Great Bend Family Mortuary and Crematory in Great Bend.

Mildred E. Hanhardt 1910-2001

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - Mildred E. Hanhardt, 91, died May 27 at Integrated Health Services of Parkmoor in Colorado Springs. She was born April 18, 1910, in Council Grove, the daughter of Homer and Ethel Gaston Clabaugh. She was a 1931 graduate of La Crosse High School. She married Lester Van Horn July 4, 1931, in La Crosse. He preceded her in death. She married Reuben Hanhardt May 19, 1953, in La Crosse. He died Dec. 26, 1995. A resident of Colorado Springs, coming from La Crosse, Shaffer, rural Albert and Great Bend, she was a school teacher. Mrs. Hanhardt was a member of the Elks and Order of the Eastern Star, both of Great Bend. She was a 1997 nominee for Kansas Teachers' Hall of Fame. Survivors include one sister, Estella Frank of Great Bend. She was preceded in death by one brother, Robert N. Clabaugh. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Janousek Funeral Home Chapel in La Crosse. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society or the Kansas National Education Association, both in care of the funeral home.
Roy J. Kingsley Hessman 1919-2001

HUTCHINSON - Roy J. Kingsley Hessman, 81, died May 29 at Hospice of Reno County in Hutchinson. He was born July 7, 1919, in Leon. He attended Ford County schools. He married Grace Snyder. A resident Hutchinson, coming from Dodge City, he was a retired manager of Colorado Springs Wholesale Florals in Dodge City. Hessman was a member of First United Methodist Church, Wesley Weds Sunday school class and Veterans of Foreign Wars, all of Hutchinson. He was a veteran of World War II and received the Purple Heart while on duty in the South Pacific. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Robert Hessman of Temecula, Calif., and Ronald "Rock" Hessman of Hutchinson; one sister, Betty Criss of Shawnee, Okla.; four grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Ness City Cemetery with the Rev. Doug Hasty officiating. Military graveside rites will be performed by Frank Stull of the American Legion Post 152 of Ness City. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 8-9:30 a.m. Thursday, all at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City. Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Reno County or donor's choice, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 30, 2001

May 31, 2001

Joanne L. Reeves 1944-2001

OBERLIN - Joanne L. Reeves, 56, died May 28 at her residence in Oberlin. She was born Dec. 2, 1944, in Spokane, Wash., the daughter of John and Eleanor Pelz Riedl. She was a 1963 graduate of Hoisington High School and attended Wichita Business School. She married James Reeves Feb. 13, 1971. A resident of Oberlin, coming from Hoisington, she worked at Piper Aircraft, Petroleum Incorporated and as a librarian at the Oberlin City Library. Survivors include her husband of the home; her mother; one son, Robert Reeves of Manhattan; one daughter, Wendy Reeves of Seattle, Wash.; and two brothers, John Riedl of Hoisington and Frank Riedl of Great Bend. She was preceded in death by one brother, Robert Riedl. Funeral will be at 2 today at Paul's Funeral Home in Oberlin with the Rev. Tom Smith officiating. There will be a private family inurnment. Memorials are suggested to the Oberlin City Library or the Center for Basic Cancer Research, Kansas State University Foundation Center, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 31, 2001

Clara Wallace

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Clara Wallace, died May 30 at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 31, 2001
June 1, 2001

Merlin John Dirks 1923-2001

ALBERT - Merlin John Dirks, 78, died May 30 at Thorne Care Center in Hutchinson. He was born March 21, 1923, in Albert, the son of August Frederick and Hulke Magretha Eden Dirks. He married Dolores Hanhardt May 25, 1944, in Albert. A lifelong resident of Albert, he was a farmer and stockman. Dirks was a member of Peace Lutheran Church of Albert, serving as Sunday school superintendent and church council member, and school board, all in Albert, Pawnee Rock school board, Timken Co-op board, Barton County ASCS and Pawnee Rock Lions Club. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Gwen Strayer of Wichita and Marsha Moeder of Hutchinson; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Lester H. Dirks. Prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Tim Carey officiating. Burial will be at Peace Lutheran Cemetery in Albert. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and from 1-9 p.m. Sunday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Peace Lutheran Church Building Fund or Wesley Towers Foundation, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 1, 2001

Clarence H. Dirks

SAN ANTONIO, Texas - Clarence H. Dirks died May 24 in San Antonio. He was born in Great Bend. He attended Pawnee Rock High School and Wichita State University. He married Ruth Dirks. She preceded him in death. He married Lavern Dirks. A resident of San Antonio, he was a dairyman. Dirks was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. His unit received the Presidential Unit Citation Badge. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Judith Lair of Wichita; one brother, Delmer Dirks of Highlands Ranch, Colo.; one sister, Ellen Richter of Great Bend; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by one brother. The funeral has taken place and he is buried at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio. Memorials are suggested to the church or Lutheran Hour Ministries of St. Louis, Mo., both in care of Porter Loring North Mortuaries of San Antonio. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 1, 2001

Vada C. Fick

CONCORDIA - Vada C. Fick, 83, died May 29 in Colorado. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Chaput-Buoy Funeral Home in Concordia. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 1, 2001

June 3, 2001

B. Lucille Younkin 1918-2001

HAYS - B. Lucille Younkin, 82, died June 1 at Hays Medical Center, St. Anthony Campus in Hays. She was born Aug. 23, 1918, at Bode, Iowa, the daughter of J.P. and Tia Kinseth Jensen. She married Chester “Chet” Younkin on Aug. 28, 1942, at Wichita. He died May 14, 1991. A resident of Hays for 30 years, coming from Great Bend, she was a bank teller. Mrs. Younkin was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hays. Survivors include two nieces, Marian Tocko of Strum, Wis., and Kathy Frondel of Phoenix, Ariz. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Maurice Hauge and Woodrow Jensen; and one sister, Nioma Smith. Memorial service will be at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. James Strasen officiating. Inurnment will be at Great Bend Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Hays Cancer Center, in care of Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 3, 2001

Frances A. Amend 1920-2001

STERLING - Frances A. Amend, 80, died May 31 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. She was born Sept. 11, 1920, at Sterling, the daughter of William A. and Anna B. Bieber Buxton. She was a 1939 graduate of Sterling High School and attended Sterling College. She married W.L. “Les” Amend on Feb. 13, 1942 in San Luis Obispo, Calif. A lifelong resident of Sterling, she was a retired bookkeeper for Les Amend Chevrolet of Sterling. Mrs. Amend was a member of United Methodist Church and Wednesday Night Bridge Club, both of Sterling. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Richard Amend of Wichita; one daughter, Susie Unruh of Sterling; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. James Graves officiating. Burial will be at Sterling Community Cemetery. Friends may call from 2-5 p.m. today at Sillin Funeral Home in Sterling. Memorials are suggested to the church or Sterling Public Library, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 3,
David Roy Andrews Sr. 1960-2001

FT. MCCOY, Fla. - David Roy Andrews Sr., 41, died May 24 at Monroe Regional Medical Center. He was born in Niceville, Fla., in 1960. A resident of Ft. McCoy, coming from Great Bend 15 years ago, he was retired from Kmart as a stockman. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, David Andrews Jr. and Johnny Andrews, both of Ft. McCoy; his mother, Ellen Young of Loxley, Ala.; his father, John Andrews of Jacksonville, Fla.; two brothers, Rocky Andrews of Clinton, Ark., and Paul Young of Loxley; and one sister, Kelly Paul of Loxley. Roberts Bruce Chapel East of Ocala, Fla., is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 3, 2001

Vada C. Fick 1918-2001

CONCORDIA - Vada C. Fick, 83, died May 29 at Exempla Lutheran Hospital in Wheatridge, Colo. She was born Feb. 20, 1918, in Republic County, the daughter of Eugene and Della Tate Fick. She married Harold R. Fick on June 11, 1939, in Concordia. He died April 14, 1990. Mrs. Fick was a member of EUB Church, now the Trinity United Methodist Church in Concordia, the United Methodist Church in Dodge City, Daughters of the American Revolution and a former member of Eastern Star. Survivors include one son, Richard Fick of Arvada, Colo.; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Ron Fick. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Chaput-Buoy Funeral Chapel in Concordia with the Rev. Bill Eisele officiating. Burial will be at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Concordia. Friends may call from 8 a.m. to service time on Monday at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer's Association, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 3, 2001

June 4, 2001

Sara Jane Smith 1940-2001

LARNED - Sara Jane Smith, 61, died June 3 at Integrated Health Services of Great Bend. She was born March 10, 1940, in Larned, the daughter of William Edward and Florence Dipman Smith. She was a 1958 graduate of Larned High School and a 1964 graduate of Dodge City Community College Nursing program. A resident of Larned, she was a licensed practical nurse. She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church of Larned. Survivors include three brothers, Gary D. Smith, Doug Smith and Curtis Smith, all of Larned; and one sister, Patsy Mull of Great Bend. She was preceded in death by one brother, James E. Smith Sr.; and one sister, Ruth Marlene Hamilton. Funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. John C. Drosendahl officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, both at Morell Funeral Home in Larned, and from 10 a.m. until service time Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or American Cancer Society, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 4, 2001

E. Leroy Maggard 1926-2001

HOISINGTON - E. Leroy Maggard, 75, died June 2 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born Feb. 21, 1926, at Quinlan, Okla., the son of William Walter and Rosa Sanders Maggard. He married Melba Spires July 1, 1957, in Clayton, N.M. A resident of Hoisington, coming from Liberal, he was a retired farmer. Maggard was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars of Liberal. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Debbie Hatcher of Plattsmouth, Neb.; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Willie Maggard; and one sister, Vera O'Dell. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Gary Clark officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Lung Association or American Heart Association, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 4, 2001

Albert J. Younger 1924-2001

HOISINGTON - Albert J. Younger, 77, died June 2 at Hoisington Rehabilitation Center in Hoisington. He was born Jan. 1, 1924, in Gorham, the son of Martin and Anna Lauber Younger. He graduated from Hoisington High School. He married Lorraine Reif Sept. 25, 1951, in Great Bend. A resident of Hoisington, coming from Kansas City, Mo., he was a retired carpenter. Younger was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars, both of Hoisington; Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, American Legion and Carpenters Union Club, all of Kansas City, Mo.; and Elks Lodge and Eagles Lodge, both of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; one stepson, Rickey Schwein of Walterboro, S.C.; five daughters, Kathi Dorsey of Blue Springs, Mo., Barbara Weaver and Karen Dyche, both of Shawnee, Judy Younger and Peggy Flanagan, both of Kansas City, Mo.; one stepdaughter, Kim Spickard of Wichita; one brother, Jerome Younger of Emporia; three sisters, Martina Luebbers of Clifton, Mary Ann Funk of Galatia and Betty Shafer of Royce City, Texas; and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Paul Younger and Leonard Younger. Vigil service will be at 6:30 tonight at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the
Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or donor's choice, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 4, 2001

Marie V. Hirsch 1904-2001

ELLINWOOD - Marie V. Hirsch, 97, died June 3 at Ellinwood District Hospital in Ellinwood. She was born March 31, 1904, in Ellinwood, the daughter of Henry and Louise Charlotte Mellies Hirsch. She attended Bethany College and graduated from the University of Kansas. A lifelong resident of Ellinwood, she taught music in Marysville. She was a member and organist of Immanuel United Church of Christ and member of Order of the Eastern Star, both of Ellinwood. Survivors include two nieces, Mary Jo Cunningham of Ellinwood and Kathleen Hildebrand of Hutchinson; and one great-niece. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Larry Young officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 5-8 tonight and from 9-11 a.m. Tuesday, all at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 4, 2001

Georgia M. Bamberger 1910-2001

JETMORE - Georgia M. Bamberger, 91, died June 2 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born Jan. 4, 1910, in Bells, Texas, the daughter of R.V. and Etta Hawkins Wilson. She married Martin Bamberger Nov. 26, 1945, in Winfield. He died Feb. 10, 1998. A resident of the Jetmore area, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Bamberger was a member of the Methodist Church of Bells. Survivors include one son, Jack Bamberger of Jetmore; one brother, Guy Wilson of Dallas, Texas; two sisters, Ruby Strawn of Arlington, Texas, and Johnnie Mitchen of Fort Worth, Texas; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Ronald Bamberger; four brothers, Hubert Wilson, Hershel Wilson, Robert Wilson and Chester Wilson; and three sisters, Bertha Clark, Carrie Scroggins and Pauline Wilson. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, all at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to Hanston United Methodist Church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 4, 2001

Dora Kasselman Wallet 1915-2001

LARNED - Dora Kasselman Wallet, 85, died June 2 at Larned Health Care and Living Center in Larned. She was born June 30, 1915, in Barton County, the daughter of Gordon and Bessie Morris Flanders. She married Melvin C. Kasselman March 27, 1932, in Ellinwood. He died June 26, 1980. She married Duane Wallet March 4, 1983, in Brawley, Calif. He died Sept. 4, 2000. A lifelong resident of Larned, she was a farm wife. Mrs. Wallet was a member of Larned United Methodist Church and the Zook Extension Homemakers Unit. Survivors include three sons, Harlan Kasselman of Leavenworth, Ralph Kasselman of Ponca City, Okla., and Max Kasselman of Andale; two daughters, Ruth Steffen and Linda Parr, both of Larned; one sister, Peggy Gore of Larned; 12 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Robert Kasselman; and three brothers, Earl Flanders, Ray Flanders and Clyde Flanders. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with the Rev. Charles Grant officiating. Burial will be at Pleasant Valley Cemetery near Zook. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church, Zook Club House or the Pawnee County 4-H Foundation, all in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 4, 2001

Orlie George Adolph 1919-2001

Orlie George Adolph, 81, of Great Bend, died June 3 at Integrated Health Services of Great Bend. He was born Oct. 22, 1919, in Wabaunsee County, the son of George Washington and Frieda Augusta Hasenbank Adolph. He married Myrtle Pauline Peterson April 9, 1948, in Alma. She died July 3, 1979. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Manhattan, he was self employed in construction and remodeling. Adolph was a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses Church. Survivors include one son, Nathan Adolph of Great Bend; two daughters, Hjarda Cipra of Great Bend and Deborah Espinosa of Elk Falls; and five grandchildren. Family services will be private. Burial will be at Pleasant Valley Cemetery near Manhattan. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 4, 2001

June 5, 2001

Thelma Ernestine Ward 1906-2001

Thelma Ernestine Ward, 94, of Great Bend, died June 2 at Integrated Health Services of Great Bend. She was born Nov. 25, 1906, in Dodge City, the daughter of Fred and Lizzie Riggs Cox. She married Walter Franklin Ward Oct. 14, 1920 in Silver Cliff Colo. He died Oct. 4, 1939. A resident of Great Bend, she was a nursing home cook. Survivors include two sons, Leonard Ward of Castle Rock. Colo. and Melvin Ward of Pueblo. Colo.; two daughters. Grace Fanatia of Great
Anna A. Steiner 1914-2001

ODIN - Anna A. Steiner, 87, died June 4 at her residence in Odin. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington.

June 6, 2001

Anna A. Steiner 1914-2001

ODIN - Anna A. Steiner, 87, died June 4 at her residence in Odin. She was born April 15, 1914, in Odin, the daughter of Alois F. and Regina Hermann Prosser. She married August A. Steiner April 6, 1937, in Odin. He died April 12, 1954. A lifelong resident of Odin, she was a homemaker, she worked for 20 years in the Odin School lunch program and for three years at St. Johns School in Hoisington and was also a housekeeper for 10 years at the Hoisington Rehabilitation Center. Mrs. Steiner was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Odin; Clara Barton Auxiliary and Pink Lady Program, both of Hoisington, KS and KPERS. Survivors include two sons, Donald L. Steiner of Hawesville, Ky. and Leon J. Steiner of Hoisington; one daughter, Mary Ann Brush of Wichita; three brothers, William Prosser of Ellinwood, Joe Prosser of Kinsley and Julius Prosser of Odin; four sisters, Mary Birzer of Hutchinson, Tillie Kramer of Great Bend, Helen Kaiser of Hoisington and Catherine Schremmer of Hays; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Virginia M. Stout; four brothers, Tony Prosser, John Prosser, Louie Prosser and Leonard Prosser; three sisters, Eleanor Kingston, Cecilia Tipperman and Gean Rome; and one granddaughter, Anna Marie Brush. Due to the storm in Hoisington, the family resides and can be reached at 421 N. Main in Claflin. Vigil service followed by Altar Society Rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church with the Revs. Pascal Klein, Don Debes and August Moeder officiating. Burial will be at Holy Family Cemetery in Odin. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Clara Barton Hospital in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 6, 2001

June 7, 2001

Bernard N. Weber 1920-2001

CENTRAL POINT, Ore. - Bernard N. Weber, 81, died May 22 at Providence Medical Center in Medford, Ore. He was born April 13, 1920, in Dubuque, the son of Pete and Mary Feltes Weber. He married Dorothy Fallon July 22, 1967, in Sparks, Nev. A resident of Central Point since 1978, coming from Fremont, Calif., he raised cattle and owned and operated a hay baling operation. Weber was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Medford, Farm Bureau of Jackson County, Oregonians in Action of Portland and Tractor Club No. 81 in Central Point. He was a U.S. Coast Guard veteran, serving in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Betty Carter of Plano, Texas, and Ann Marie Weber of Seattle, Wash.; two sisters, Sister Stella Weber of Mesa, Ariz., and Marge Mayer of Wichita; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Virginia M. Stout; four brothers, Tony Prosser, John Prosser, Louie Prosser and Leonard Prosser; three sisters, Eleanor Kingston, Cecilia Tipperman and Gean Rome; and one granddaughter, Anna Marie Brush. Due to the storm in Hoisington, the family resides and can be reached at 421 N. Main in Claflin. Vigil service followed by Altar Society Rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church with the Revs. Pascal Klein, Don Debes and August Moeder officiating. Burial will be at Holy Family Cemetery in Odin. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Clara Barton Hospital in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 6, 2001

June 7, 2001

John M. Riedel Jr. 1940-2001

SALINA - John M. Riedel Jr., 61, died June 5 at Holiday Resort Care Center in Salina. He was born May 7, 1940, in Walker, the son of John Michael and Catherine Scheck Riedel. He received a bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1962 and a master's degree in elementary education in 1969, both from Fort Hays State University. He married Marilyn Truan July 11, 1964, at Gorham. A resident of Salina, coming from Hays, he had been a teacher and principal and was a retired general manager of School Specialty in Salina. Riedel was a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church of Salina, National School Supply and Equipment Association and Breakfast Bandits Ambuc's, and a past member of several education organizations and Toastmasters. He was Mr. Ambuc in 1989-1990. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, J.L. Riedel of Salina; two daughters, Amy Riedel-O'Brien of Salina and Ann Riedel, of the home; two brothers, Frank Riedel of Walker and Celly Riedel of Shawnee Mission; four sisters, Maggie Johnston of Osawatomie, Aggie Leiker of Hays, Katie Windholz of Quinter and Josie Braun of Victoria; and one grandson. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Herb Riedel, Alvin Ray Riedel and an infant, Alvin John Riedel; and three sisters, Mandy Riedel, Lena Riedel and Marie Leiker. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Salina. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at St. Ann Catholic Church in Walker with Sister Rose Walters officiating. Inurnment will be at St. Ann Cemetery in Walker. Family will receive friends following the vigil at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall and prior to memorial service at St. Ann Catholic Church at Walker. Memorials are suggested to St. Elizabeth
Ann Seton Catholic Church Building Fund, 1000 Burr Oak Lane, Salina, KS 67401, or Breakfast Bandits Ambucs, P.O. Box 1952, Salina, KS 67501. Ryan Mortuary in Salina is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 7, 2001

Beulah Frohreich 1915-2001

HOLYROOD - Beulah Frohreich, 84, died June 6 at Dillon Living Center in Hutchinson. She was born Aug. 27, 1915, in Bridgeport, Ill., the daughter of Pearl Gilbert and Flossie Carnes Bennett. She married Victor Delbert Frohreich June 3, 1937, in Holyrood. He died May 8, 1983. A lifetime resident of Holyrood, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Frohreich was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church of Holyrood. Survivors include two daughters, Carol Ann Kempke of Hutchinson and Barbara Reid of Overland Park; one brother, Ralph Bennett of Holyrood; one sister, Mildred Hughes of Holyrood; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. John Sharp officiating. Burial will be at the church cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 tonight at Parsons Funeral Home in Ellsworth and from 9-10 a.m. Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 7, 2001

Clara Wallace 1918-2001

LA CROSSE - Clara Wallace, 83, died May 30 at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, Mo. She was born March 9, 1918, at Alexander, the daughter of Philip and Mary Catherine George Schwartzkopf. She was a 1936 graduate of Alexander High School and attended Fort Hays College. She married Clyde Lewis Wallace Aug. 12, 1941. He died in the Korean War. A resident of Prairie Village, coming from Dodge City, she worked at Eckles Department Store and as a bookkeeper for Dodge City Cooperative Exchange for 19 years. Mrs. Wallace was a member of Village Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village. Survivors include one son, Darryl Wallace, MD, of Fairway; two brothers, William "Bill" Schwartzkopf of Larned and Carl Schwartzkopf of Wichita; and three granddaughters. She was preceded in death by one brother, Herman Schwartzkopf; and one sister, Freda Clarke. Graveside services were Saturday at Nekoma Union Township Cemetery in Nekoma with the Rev. Maurice Schaus officiating. Memorials are suggested to Bishop Spencer Place in Kansas City, Mo., in care of Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 7, 2001

Leora Irene Lea 1952-2001

Leora Irene Lea, 48, of Great Bend died June 6 at Hutchinson Hospital. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 7, 2001

June 8, 2001

Mary Ellen Burdick 1918-2001

HESSTON - Mary Ellen Burdick, 82, died June 7 at Schowalter Villa in Hesston. She was born Oct. 23, 1918, at Council Grove, the daughter of Arthur E. and Agnes F. Rowland Smith. She was a graduate of Hutchinson High School and Sterling College. She married Alvin Burdick Sept. 25, 1938, at Hutchinson. He died Nov. 16, 1986. A resident of Hesston, coming from the Holyrood area, she was a substitute teacher in and around the Holyrood. Mrs. Burdick was a member of United Church of Christ in Holyrood and of several ladies' groups. Survivors include one son, David B. Burdick of Valley Center; three daughters, E. Dianne Sisk of Lawrence, Lynn E. Lamkin of LaPorte, Texas, and Kim R. Bergin of Farmington, N.M.; one brother, Alvin L. Smith of Hutchinson; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Lewis R. Smith. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Schowalter Villa in Hesston with the Chaplain Beverly Baumgartner officiating. Graveside services will be at 8 p.m. Saturday at St. Peter United Church of Christ in Holyrood. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today at Petersen Funeral Home Chapel at Newton. Family will greet friends from 7-8:30 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to National Parkinson's Disease Foundation, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 8, 2001

Leora Irene Lea 1952-2001

Leora Irene Lea, 48, of Great Bend, died June 6 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born Dec. 31, 1952, at Prescott, Ariz., the daughter of Robert and Doris Guyett Wheeler. A longtime resident of Great Bend, she worked for the Great Bend Tribune. She was a member of First Church of God, Eagles Auxiliary and WIBC bowling. Survivors include one daughter, Frankie Pelster of Great Bend; her mother, Doris Wheeler of Great Bend; one brother, Robert Wheeler of Aurora, Colo.; three sisters, Jackie Hughey of Lakewood, Colo., Roberta Goodwin of Hutchinson and Jill Johnson of Great Bend; and two grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Dick Ogle officiating. Inurnment will be at Great Bend Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the family, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 8, 2001
Albert Gumbir 1905-2001

Albert Gumbir, 96, of Great Bend, died June 8 at Great Bend. He was born Feb. 7, 1905, at Dittersdorf, Austria, the son of Karl and Anna Frenzel Gumbir. He married Marie Wege Aug. 29, 1933, in Great Bend. She died Dec. 2, 1980. He was a resident of Great Bend since 1922, coming from Odin. Gumbir was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Eagles, Elks, Silver and Gold Club, a charter member of the Hilltop Society Foundation, Barton County Community College Buffalo Club, Barton County Historical Society, Kansas Oil and Gas Museum Foundation, Heartland Center Foundation and the Great Bend Foundation, all of Great Bend. He is survived by nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Carl Gumbir, Edmond Gumbir, Joseph Gumbir and William Gumbir; two sisters, Mary Gumbir and Bernadette Gumbir; and one step-son, Milton Gumbir. Vigil service will be at 7 tonight at Bryant-Christians funeral home. Funeral will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Warren Stecklein officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from 1-9 today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or We Care, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 10, 2001

Grace M. Georg 1912-2001

LA CROSSE - Grace M. Georg, 88, died June 7 at Rush County Memorial Hospital. She was born Nov. 3, 1912, at Alexander, the daughter of Nelson Peter and Edna Robbins Olson. She married Fred A. Georg Sept. 5, 1937. He died in 1994. A lifelong resident of Rush County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Georg was a member of First Lutheran Church of La Crosse, American Lutheran Church Women, past district officer of A.L.C.W., church council, Sunday school teacher, church organist for more than 50 years, church choir director, Alexander Review Club, 4-H sponsor, Rush County Meals on Wheels and nursing home volunteer and a piano teacher for more than 60 years. Survivors include one son, Winston F. Georg of La Crosse; two daughters, Kathlyn M. Lindberg of Lewis and Miriam J. Georg of Arlington, Texas; and seven grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Allen Olson, Loyd Olson, Paul Olson and Willard Olson. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the church with the Revs. Maurice Schaus and Patti Waser officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery in La Crosse. Friends may call from 3-8:30 today at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Memorials are suggested to the Grace Georg Memorial in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 10, 2001

Junior R. Weber 1951-2001

ELLINWOOD - Junior R. Weber, 49, died June 8 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born July 13, 1951, at Kingman, the son of Aloysius and Victoria Henning Weber. A resident of Ellinwood for the past 16 years, coming from Dodge City and Willowdale, he was a self-employed truck driver. Weber was a member of the Catholic faith. He was a U.S. Army veteran of Vietnam. Survivors include his mother; Victoria Weber of Macksville; five brothers, William Weber of Pawnee Rock, Tim Weber of Hobart, Okla., Frank Weber of Lyons, Neb., and Jeff Weber and Justin Weber, both of Sawyer; one half brother, Bradley Martin of Pratt; three sisters, Mary Rose Bates of Macksville, Rita Strohl of Cunningham and Ruth Startzman of Sawyer; one half brother, Bradley Martin of Pratt; three sisters, Mary Rose Bates of Macksville, Rita Strohl of Cunningham and Ruth Startzman of Sawyer. Rosary will be at 7 tonight at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Willowdale, with the Rev. John Miller officiating. Burial will be at St. Peter's Cemetery in Willowdale. Friends may call from 1-9 today at the funeral home and 9:30 a.m. until service time Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Woodhaven Care Center for physical therapy equipment or Ellinwood Ambulance Service, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 10, 2001

Mary E. Whiteside 1906-2001

DODGE CITY - Mary E. Whiteside, 94, died June 9 at Alterra Sterling House in Dodge City. She was born June 13, 1906, in Hodgeman County, the daughter of William G. and Julia Elizabeth Aldrich Billings. She married Walter James Whiteside July 10, 1927, at Pamapa, Texas. He died Jan. 11, 1997. Mrs. Whiteside was a member of United Methodist Church, Victory Sunday School Class of Dodge City, Friendly Neighbor Home Demonstration Unit of Hodgeman County, 4-H leader and Eastern Star, both of Jetmore. Survivors include one son, Kenneth Whiteside of Dodge City; one daughter, Nadine Hales of Wimberley Texas; six grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Wayne Billings; and five sisters, Caroline Stoecker, Ruth Lee, Sara Colt, Margaret Wilchek and Julia Brown. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore, with the Rev. Dick Robbin officiating. Burial will follow. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to noon Monday at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. The casket will remain closed. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 10, 2001

Otis Meade Arnel, Sr. 1933-2001

Otis Meade Arnel. 68. of Great Bend. died June 9 at Hutchinson Hosptital in Hutchinson. He was born Apil 21. 1933.
Beulah Vienna Alexander 1913-2001

COLDWATER - Beulah Vienna Alexander, 88, died June 9 at St. Catherine Hospital in Garden City. She was born April 17, 1913, in Fowler, the daughter of Clarence E. and Birdie Ann Risley Condra. She was a 1933 graduate of Protection High School. She married J.T. Alexander Feb. 22, 1934, in Protection. He died Jan. 23, 1994. A lifetime resident of Comanche County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Alexander was a member of United Methodist Church of Coldwater and a long-time leader for Happy Valley 4-H Club. Survivors include two sons, Don Alexander of Coldwater and Jerry Alexander of Hardtner; two daughters, Linda Vopat of Topeka and Jan Hopkins of Rose Hill; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Hatfield-Prusa Funeral Home in Coldwater with the Rev. Kent Little officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Greensburg. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Wilson Senior Center, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 11, 2001

Regina B. Mahony 1909-2001

DORRANCE - Regina B. Mahony, 91, died June 8 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center in Wichita. She was born Aug. 19, 1909, the daughter of Michael and Mary Manns Schwarz. She married Elmo Mahony in 1932 in Wilson. He died in 1979. A resident of Dorrance for most of her life, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Mahony was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Altar Society, CCD, all of Dorrance, Sorosis Club and Friends of Reading, both of Dorrance and Wilson. Survivors include one son, Garry Mahony of Wichita; two daughters, Linda Vopat of Topeka and Jan Hopkins of Rose Hill; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Parish vigil was Sunday at Foster Mortuary in Wilson. Funeral was this morning at the church in Dorrance with the Rev. Jerome Morgan officiating. Burial will be at the church cemetery in Dorrance. Memorials are suggested to Wilson Senior Center, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 11, 2001

Mabel Elizabeth Crawford 1909-2001

CHASE - Mabel Elizabeth Crawford, 92, died June 9 at Lyons District Hospital. She was born May 27, 1909, at Spivey, the daughter of Charles and Hannah Jenkins Dinger. A resident of Chase since 1987, coming from Kingman, she was a homemaker. Survivors include one daughter, Margaret Smith of Chase; 10 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Eloise Sue Spriggs. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Lyons Municipal Cemetery with the Rev. William Best officiating. Friends may call from 9-10 a.m. Tuesday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to Sandstone Heights Nursing Home in Little River, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 11, 2001

Lloyd Dean 'Harvey' Boeken 1951-2001

STERLING - Lloyd Dean "Harvey" Boeken, 50, died June 9 at Lyons District Hospital in Lyons. He was born April 25, 1951, in Great Bend, the son of Theodore F. and Hilda Drews Boeken. He married Rebecca Sue Grath June 26, 1971, in Great Bend. A resident of Sterling since 1974, coming from Claflin, he was a contract pumper and engineer. Boeken was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Sterling. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Troy D. Boeken, Travas D. Boeken and Tyler D. Boeken, all of Sterling; his mother of Hutchinson; one sister, Linda Specht of Santa Maria, Calif.; and seven grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at United Methodist Church in Sterling with the Rev. J. Douglas Neumann officiating. Burial will be at Sterling Community Cemetery in Sterling. Friends may call from 2-6 p.m. Tuesday at Sillin Funeral Home in Sterling. Memorials are suggested to Calvary Baptist Church in Sterling or Focus on the Family in Colorado Springs, Colo., in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 11, 2001

Brenda Lynn Mason 1968-2001

CANEY - Brenda Lynn Mason. 33. died June 6 at Jane Phillips Hospital in Bartlesville, Okla. She was born May 13.
1968, in Great Bend, the daughter of Ray and Jacque Strong Scheideman. She married John Mason Sept. 19, 1991, in Great Bend. A resident of Caney, she was a social service designee at Manor Nursing Home in Independence. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Eric Lee Mason, of the home; two daughters, Jade Amelia Mason and Stephanie Dawn Mason, both of the home; her parents of Great Bend; two brothers, Brad Scheideman of Great Bend and Brian Scheideman of Wamego; her grandparents, Bessie Strong and Millie Scheideman, both of Great Bend; and one grandson. Graveside services were Saturday at Bethany Cemetery in Perth with the Rev. Diana Hill officiating. Memorials are suggested to a trust fund for the children's education, in care of Elliott-Schaeffer Mortuary in Caldwell. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 11, 2001

June 12, 2001

Mary Isabel Koontz 1925-2001

STAFFORD - Mary Isabel Koontz, 76, died Saturday near Hutchinson. She was born April 27, 1925, at Stafford, the daughter of Addison and Clara Belle Titus Bartlett. She was a graduate of Stafford High School. She married Walter "Bud" Koontz Jr. July 3, 1946, in Wichita. He died Jan. 25, 1980. A lifetime Stafford resident, she was a child-care provider. Mrs. Koontz was a member of First United Methodist Church, past member of the Rebekah Lodge and past member of the Stafford Country Club Ladies Golf Association. Survivors include one son, Walter "Buddy" Koontz of Sedan; one daughter, Debra Koontz of Casa Grande, Ariz.; and six brothers, Bill Bartlett of Wichita, Brad Bartlett of Topeka, James Bartlett of Ocala, Fla., Benney Bartlett of Apple Valley, Calif., and Glenn Bartlett and Luke Bartlett, both of Denver, Colo.; three granddaughters, and four great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford with the Rev. Kasey Crosby officiating. Burial will be at Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to the Stafford Educational Foundation Playground Fund, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune June 12, 2001

Mildred Irene Durant 1910-2001

ST. JOHN - Mildred Irene Durant, 91, died Sunday at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born Jan. 27, 1910, at St. John, the daughter of Joseph and Sabina McAllister. She married Robert Eugene Durant July 25, 1929, at Iuka. He died in 1973. A resident of Great Bend for 10 years, coming from Radium, she was a homemaker and past cook for Radium schools. Mrs. Durant was a member of First Christian Church in Larned, and CES of St. John. Survivors include four sons, Lawrence Durant of Wellington, Dwyre Durant of Houston, Texas, Herb Durant of Medicine Lodge and Max Durant of Great Bend; one brother, Donald McAllister of St. John; one sister, Bernice Smith of Memphis, Texas; 15 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Frances Dale Durant; one brother, Orville McAllister; and four sisters, Wanita Baker, Euleta Fox, Margaret Savoy and Dorothy Schilling. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Minnis Chapel in St. John, with the Rev. Bill Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Wednesday at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to OES or American Cancer Society, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune June 12, 2001

June 13, 2001

Virginia P. Zimmerman 1943-2001

DODGE CITY - Virginia P. Zimmerman, 57, died June 12 at Western Plains Medical Complex at Dodge City. She was born Dec. 20, 1943, in Hoisington, the daughter of Joseph A. and Josephine Pfannestiel Urban. She was a graduate of Hoisington High School and Dominical School of Nursing in Great Bend. She married Larry Zimmerman July 1979, in Great Bend. A resident of Dodge City since 1979, coming from Great Bend, Pratt and Kingman, she was a retired registered nurse at Western Plains Regional Hospital in Dodge City. Mrs. Zimmerman was a member of Worldwide Church of God. Survivors include her husband of the home; three daughters, Julia A. Hanson of Dodge City, Holly D. Rutschman of Greensburg and Robin R. Shay of Dodge City; five brothers, Julius Urban of Hoisington, Melvin Urban of Ellinwood, Ervin Urban of Garden City, Arsenius Urban of Seward and Joe Urban Jr. of Dodge City; six sisters, Lillian Beck of Hoisington, Johanna Brodie of Great Bend, Twilla Kush of Colorado Springs, Colo., Delores Harris, Lorraine Wedman and Alberta Klein, all of Wichita; and six grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at First Christian Church. Burial will be at Maple Grove cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Cancer Center of Kansas. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune June 13, 2001

Edward C. Westhoff 1914-2001

LARNED - Edward C. Westhoff, 86, died June 12 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune June 13, 2001
June 14, 2001

Clarence Leon Bitter 1930-2001

HOISINGTON - Clarence Leon Bitter, 70, died June 13 in Denver, Colo. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, June 14, 2001

Marie Doll 1915-2001

DODGE CITY - Marie Doll, 85, died June 12 at Western Plains Regional Hospital in Dodge City. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Burkhart Funeral Chapel in Dodge City. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, June 14, 2001

Edward C. Westhoff 1914-2001

LARNED - Edward C. Westhoff, 86, died June 12 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born Nov. 14, 1914, at Girard, the son of Charles and Clemmie Nicholas Westhoff. He married Ina May Herod June 7, 1937, in Walnut. She died Feb. 21, 1999. A resident of Larned since 1973, coming from Morrowville, he owned and operated Ed Westhoff Dirt Construction. Westhoff was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Larned and past member of Land and Improvement Contractors Association. Survivors includes seven sons, Fred E. Westhoff of Muskogee, Okla., Earl C. Westhoff and Roy D. Westhoff, both of Great Bend, Larry W. Westhoff of Wichita, Don J. Westhoff of St. John, Gary E. Westhoff of Pratt and Jerry J. Westhoff of Lincoln, Neb.; three daughters, Phyllis J. Wells of Great Bend, Jacqueline Zabokrsky of Burlingame and Shirley A. Roth of Kansas City, Mo.; two brothers, Otis Westhoff of Lewistown, Mont., and Bernard Westhoff of Lamar, Colo.; three sisters, Barbara Westhoff of St. Paul, Louise Kennedy and Teresa Koester, both of Joplin, Mo.; 31 grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, John Westhoff, Sylvester Westhoff and Leonard Westhoff; and two sisters, Marie Hayden and Cecilia Mae Oh's. Parish vigil will be at 7 p.m. Friday at the church. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Dennis Reed officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Friday, all at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to Sacred Heart School or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, June 14, 2001

Frances A. Lewis 1915-2001

LARNED - Frances A. Lewis, 85, died June 13 at State College, Penn. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, June 14, 2001

Hildred Robl 1908-2001

ELLINWOOD - Hildred Robl, 93, died June 11 in Las Vegas, Nev. She was born Jan. 22, 1908, north of Ellinwood, the daughter of Mike and Anna Schlochtermeier Robl. She was a 1926 graduate of Ellinwood High School and also graduated from Hutchinson Business College. A resident of Las Vegas, coming from Ellinwood, Hutchinson and Wichita, she was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Las Vegas. Survivors include one brother, Father Eugene Robl of Columbia, Mo.; and one sister, Magdalen Robl of Las Vegas. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Mat Robl and Bernard Robl; and three sisters, Laura Hammek, Elizabeth Davis and Anita Schartz. Funeral will be at a time to be announced later by Kimple Funeral Home. Burial will be at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery near Ellinwood at a time to be announced later by the funeral home. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Mike Robl Family Seminarian Fund in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, June 14, 2001

June 15, 2001

Clarence Leon Bitter 1930-2001

HOISINGTON - Clarence Leon Bitter, 70, died June 13 in Denver, Colo. He was born Aug. 23, 1930, in rural Hoisington, the son of Herbert and Elizabeth Waymaster Bitter. A resident of Hoisington since 1947, coming from the family farm near Susan, he was an employee at Spears-Lehning Buick. Bitter was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church in Hoisington. Survivors include one sister, Twila Gottberg of Denver. Prayer service will be at 7.30 p.m. Sunday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Garry Dassow officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. Saturday and from 1-9 p.m. Sunday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 15, 2001
Frances A. Lewis 1915-2001

LARNED - Frances A. Lewis, 85, died June 13 at The Fairways at Brookline Village in State College, Pa. She was born Oct. 15, 1915, in Aberdeen, Idaho, the daughter of Louis C. and Edith N. Davies Aicher. She was a 1937 graduate of Kansas State University. She married Walter Morris Lewis Dec. 5, 1937, in Hays. He died Aug. 3, 1987. A resident of Larned, she was a homemaker and partner in Alfalfa Lawn Farms in rural Larned. Mrs. Lewis was a member of Presbyterian Church in Larned, a Sunday school teacher and choir member; a member of Delta Delta social sorority, a former president of the Home Economics Executive Committee, and a 4-H program leader and judge in Pawnee County. She was a Danforth Scholar and was awarded the 1985 KSU Distinguished Service in Home Economics Award and the 1998 Alumni Medallion Award, recognizing humanitarian service and the university's highest alumni award. She was the Kansas Master Homemaker in 1951 and helped organize the American Junior Hereford Association in 1967. Survivors include one son, Robert Lewis of Larned; one daughter, Martha Starling of State College; one brother, George Aicher of Eureka; and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Louis Aicher. Funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Jim Hawthorne officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Morell Funeral Home in Larned and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Pawnee County 4-H Foundation or the Livestock and Meat Industry Council Inc., both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 15, 2001

Harry Edmund 'Hap' Jackson 1910-2001

EUREKA - Harry Edmund "Hap" Jackson, 90, died June 13 at Medicalodge in Eureka. He was born Sept. 20, 1910, on the Clark ranch in northwest Greenwood County, the son of Harry Herbert and Margaret Augusta Lehmann Jackson. He attended Flint Ridge School. He married Kathryn Margaret Palmer June 1, 1932, in Marion. A resident of the Upper Fall River community, he was a rancher. Jackson was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Eureka and served on the Lutheran Church Council, South Salem Township Board, American Soil Conservation Service, Soil Conservation Board, Farm Bureau Board, Greenwood County Extension Council, Greenwood County Cattlemen's Association and was a 4-H leader. He helped organize the Rural Watershed District 21, serving as president for 22 years; he worked with Ag in the Classroom for 23 years; and he received many awards for his ranching and conservation practices, including the Kansas Farm Family of the Year Award. He was selected for sculpture in the 1986 National Ag Hall of fame at Bonner Springs. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Edd Jackson of Great Bend; two daughters, Kathy Drake of Wichita and Margie Swisher of Independence; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one granddaughter; two brothers; and two sisters. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Jeff Unger officiating. Burial will be at Upper Fall River Cemetery. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Campbell-Kelley Funeral Home in Eureka. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 15, 2001

Donald William Albers 1921-2001

RANSOM - Donald William Albers, 80, died June 13 at Grisell Memorial Hospital in Ransom. He was born April 21, 1921, in Hargrave, the son of Albert and Gladys Williams Albers. He married Marguerite Mae Seuser Sept. 16, 1945, in Bison. A resident of Ransom, coming from Hargrave, the son of Albert and Gladys Williams Albers. He married Marguerite Mae Seuser Sept. 16, 1945, in Bison. A resident of Ransom since 1948, coming from Wright, she was a homemaker. Albers was a member of First Mennonite Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7972, Senior Citizen Center, church board and Board of Education, all of Ransom. He was a veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Wilbur Albers of Ransom and E.B. Albers of Wichita; two sisters, Lotus Foos of Wichita and Marcelea Boatright of Oklahoma; 15 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one granddaughter; two brothers; and two sisters. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Eric Buller officiating. Burial will be at Ransom Cemetery with military graveside rites by Ransom VFW Post 7972. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City and from noon until service time Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, or Ransom Senior Center, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 15, 2001

Marie R. Doll 1915-2001

DODGE CITY - Marie R. Doll, 85, died June 12 at Western Plains Regional Hospital in Dodge City. She was born Sept. 27, 1915, in Odin, the daughter of Frank J. and Mary Louise Frenzl Huschka. She married Anthony X. Doll April 17, 1934, in Ellinwood. He died Aug. 21, 1959. A resident of Dodge City since 1948, coming from Wright, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Doll was a member of Sacred Heart Cathedral Catholic Church, Daughters of Isabella, Altar Society, DCCW, Guadalupe Parish Council, Zelta Lambda Chapter, Women Democrats and Old Timers Club, all of Dodge City. Survivors include one son, Larry Doll of Loveland, Colo.; four daughters, Mary Lou Buford of Las Vegas, Nev., Annette Burghart of Wright, Darlene Dvorak of Burlington, Colo., and Diann Young of Littleton, Colo.; two brothers, Leroy Huschka of Mesa, Ariz., and Martin Huschka of Garden City; four sisters, Frances Sessler and Leona Klein, both of Ellinwood, Ida Rzih and Evelyn Behr, both of Hoisington; 20 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Eugene Huschka, Frank Huschka, Edward Huschka, Albert Huschka and Leonard Huschka. Daughters of Isabella Rosary will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at Burkhart Funeral Chaoel in Doodoe City. Vioi
service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at the church. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church with the Revs. Pascal Klein, Marvin Reif and Pius Ta Caw officiating. Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery in Dodge City. Friends may call from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested in memory of Tony and Marie Doll, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 15, 2001

John Bednasek 1906-2001

HOLYROOD - John Bednasek, 94, died June 14 at the Wilson Nursing Center. He was born Sept. 4, 1906, in Ellsworth County, the son of Joe Sr. and Jennie Kroft Bednasek. He married Rose A. Borecky Jan. 4, 1927, in Russell. She died Sept. 13, 1997. A lifetime resident of Ellsworth County, he was a retired farmer and stockman. Bednasek was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Holyrood. Survivors include two sons, Vernon Bednasek of Holyrood and Kenneth Bednasek of Topeka; one brother, James Bednasek of Ellsworth; seven grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. John Sharp officiating. Burial will be at Ellsworth Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Parsons Funeral Home in Ellsworth and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 15, 2001

Carl Staudinger 1909-2001

DUBUQUE - Carl Staudinger, 92, died June 14 at his residence in Dubuque. He was born April 1, 1909, in rural Dubuque, the son of John and Veronica Woydziak Staudinger. He married Anna Hlaus Nov. 25, 1941, in Wilson. She died July 10, 1998. A lifetime resident of Dubuque, he was a farmer and stockman. Staudinger was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Dubuque, Holy Family Catholic Church in Odin and Holy Name Society. Survivors include three sons, Gerald Staudinger and Richard Staudinger, both of Dorrance, and Joe Staudinger of Gilbert, Ariz.; four daughters, Joann Snider and Marilyn Barton, both of Wichita, Carmen Patterson of Tucson, Ariz., and Alice Staudinger of Olathe; two sisters, Sister Veronica Staudinger, OP, and Sister Monica Staudinger, OP; and 13 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Gilbert Staudinger; one daughter, Michelle Staudinger; five brothers, Father Joseph Staudinger, OSB, Adolph Staudinger, Anton Staudinger, Henry Staudinger and Robert Staudinger; and one sister, Helen Malone. Vigil service will be at 7:30 tonight at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Dubuque with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. Catherine Cemetery in Dubuque. Friends may call until 9 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Catherine of Dubuque Heritage Fund or Dubuque Catholic Cemetery Trust, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 15, 2001

June 17, 2001

Mildred A. Grow 1916-2001

DONIPHAN, Mo. - Mildred A. Grow, 84, died June 11 at Ripley County Memorial Hospital in Doniphan. She was born Oct. 5, 1916, in Hoisington. She married Henry Grow Nov. 16, 1936, in Dodge City. He died in 1987. A resident of Doniphan for 15 years, coming from Hoisington, she was a homemaker. Survivors include one son, John Gilman Grow of Hudson, one daughter, Cara P. Frost of Doniphan; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. Cremation has taken place. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Eden Valley Cemetery in Stafford County with the Rev. Dick Ogle officiating. There will be no visitation. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 17, 2001

Harry Eugene 'Gene' Tomlinson 1930-2001

GARFIELD - Harry Eugene "Gene" Tomlinson, 70, died June 15 in Winslow, Ariz. He was born Sept. 28, 1930, in Larned, the son of Harry and Viola Davis Tomlinson. He married Lois Jeanie Bulkley Aug. 31, 1952, in Larned. She preceded him in death. A resident of Winslow, coming from Garfield, he was a retired farmer and had owned and operated Tomlinson Implement in Rozel. Tomlinson was a member of Bucklin Free Methodist Church. Survivors include one son, Charles "Dave" Tomlinson of Phoenix, Ariz.; three daughters, Donna Ruff and Denice Tomlinson, both of Hemet, Calif., and Diane Bilyeu of Arizona; four sisters, Evelyn Zimmer of Hutchinson, Marjory Nazarenus of Dodge City, Virginia Johnson of Quinlin, Texas, and Jeanie Tomlinson of Hemet; and seven grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Burial will be at Garfield Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Bucklin Teen Center or American Heart Association, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 17, 2001

Marjorie Hoke 1929-2001

DORRANCE - Marjorie Hoke, 71, died June 13 at Western Missouri Medical Center in Warrensburg, Mo. She was born Sept. 8, 1929, in Barton County, the daughter of Hubert and Helen Hikle Zorn. She was a graduate of Bunker Hill High School. She married Larry K. Hoke Jan. 23, 1953, in Russell. A longtime resident of the Bunker Hill area, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Hoke was a member of Bunker Hill United Methodist Church. Survivors include her husband of the
home: two sons, Brent Hoke of Warrensburg and Randy Hoke of Garden Grove, Calif.; one daughter, LaRee Bretz of Lucas; two sisters, Alice Zorn of Glendora, Calif., and Leona Robinson of Great Bend; and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Raymond Zorn and Vernon Zorn; and four sisters, Gertrude Loper, Bridget Pittser, Sally Cates and Loretta Black. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Pohlmans Mortuary Memorial Chapel in Russell with the Rev. Earl Haggard officiating. Burial will be at Bunker Hill Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Monday, all at the mortuaries. Memorials are suggested to the church or American Cancer Society, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 17, 2001

Mildred M. Howell 1920-2001

McPHERSON - Mildred M. Howell, 80, died June 15 at Memorial Hospital in McPherson. She was born Oct. 24, 1920, in Rozel, the daughter of Herman D. and Theresa R. Taylor Merkel. She was a graduate of Larned High School. She married Weldon G. Howell April 9, 1939, in Rozel. A resident of McPherson since 1999, coming from rural St. John, she was a homemaker, former cashier and payroll clerk for Montgomery Wards in Larned, retired office manager for the Stafford County Extension Service and farmed with her husband in Pawnee and Stafford counties for more than 60 years. Mrs. Howell attended Church of the Brethren in McPherson and was a member of Eden Valley Church of the Brethren in St. John where she served as a Sunday school teacher, clerk of the church board and was a member of the Ladies Aid Group. She was a project leader for 4-H programs as well as a member of the Extension Units and Golden Belt Campers Association. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Nolan Howell of Great Bend and Norman Howell of Freemont, Calif.; two daughters, Veneta Ediger of McPherson and Janice Wokaty of Jacksonville, Ark.; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Vera Merkel and Dorothy Kirchgassner. Service of memory will be at 7 tonight at Glidden-Ediger Funeral Home Chapel in McPherson. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the church in rural St. John with the Revs. W. David Albright and Matthew Spurgin officiating. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Monday at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Family will receive friends from 7-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 17, 2001

Betty Lou Klusener 1931-2001

HOISINGTON - Betty Lou Klusener, 69, died June 16 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born Nov. 21, 1931, at Broken Arrow, Okla., the daughter of John and Elva Pendengraph Medlock. She married Kenneth Klusener Sept. 26, 1980, at Wagoner, Okla. A resident of Hoisington for 20 years, coming from Broken Arrow, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Klusener was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Hoisington. Survivors include her husband of the home; one brother, LeRoy Medlock of Claremore, Okla.; and one sister, Madge Edwards of Broken Arrow. She was preceded in death by two brothers. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Kelly Taylor-Schaus officiating. Burial will be at Dubuque Lutheran Cemetery in Dubuque. Friends may call from 3-7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Family will receive friends from 7-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 17, 2001

June 18, 2001

Mabel Irene Howe 1922-2001

HANSTON - Mabel Irene Howe, 79, died June 16 at her residence in Hanston. She was born March 8, 1922, in Hanston, the daughter of Albert John and Elizabeth Sadie Hubin Halling. She married Everett Howe Nov. 22, 1941, in Coldwater. A resident of Hanston, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Howe was a member of United Methodist Church and Good News Club, and was a Cub Scout den mother, all of Hanston. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Dean Richard Howe of Pearl City, Hawaii, and Gary Howe of Hanston; two daughters, Barbara Jean Case of Alva, Okla., and Rhonda Sue Naegle of Hanover; two brothers, Lawrence Halling of Hanston and Robert Halling of Jetmore; one sister, Frieda Yust of Larned; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Alvin "Jack" Halling, Frank Halling and Harold Halling; one sister, Ella Cooksey; and one grandson, Jason Dean Naegle. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. Burial will be at the Hanston Cemetery in Hanston. Friends may call until 8 tonight, and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, all at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to the church or Hodgeman County Long Term Care Center, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 18, 2001

June 19, 2001

Paul "Leonard" Burris 1918-2001

GENEOSO - Paul "Leonard" Burris, 82, died June 17 at Hutchinson Hospital. He was born Nov. 13, 1918, at Parsons, the son of Paul R. and Ruth Maria Jones Burris. He married Ann Strodtmann Dec. 26, 1940, in Wellington. A resident of Geneseeo for most his life, he was a production department employee for Conoco Oil Company for 39 years. Burris was a
member of 55 Plus Club and Geneseo Golf Club. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Roger Burris of McPherson, Ron Burris of Lake Havasu City, Ariz., and Rick Burris of Care Free, Ariz.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Geneseo Cemetery with the Rev. Janet Weathersbee officiating. There will be no visitation. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Reno Co. Hospice or donor's choice, all in care of Great Bend Family Mortuary and Crematory. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 19, 2001

William "Bill" Shuey 1957-2001

William "Bill" Shuey, 43, of Great Bend, died June 13 at Republican River near Junction City. He was born July 16, 1957, in Great Bend, the son of Roger and Mickie Fulkerson Shuey. A lifelong resident of Great Bend, he worked as a derrick hand for Pickrell Drilling in Great Bend. Shuey was a member of the Baptist church. Survivors include his parents of Great Bend; two daughters, Brandi Gruber and Amanda Shuey, both of Great Bend; four brothers, Rick Shuey of Tioga, N.D., Ron Shuey and Joe Shuey, both of Great Bend, and Roger Dee Shuey Jr. of St. Joseph, Mo.; one sister, Pamela Jean Shuey of Great Bend; and two grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home Chapel in Great Bend with Peter Wackerman officiating. A private family inurnment will be held at a late date at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the Amanda Shuey College Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 19, 2001

Grace Evans Phillips 1908-2001

PRATT - Grace Evans Phillips, 93, died June 18 at Pratt Regional Medical Center in Pratt. She was born June 12, 1908, in Great Bend, the daughter of William Preston and Louisa Ida Paralee Clarke Evans. She married Glenn E. Phillips May 22, 1942, in Wichita. He died Aug. 14, 1990. A resident of Pratt, coming from Great Bend, she was a homemaker and clerk at Lischekys Department Store in Great Bend. Mrs. Phillips was a member of First Baptist Church in Pratt, Central Baptist Church, Central Kansas Medical Center Ladies Auxiliary, Ladies Golf Association, Bridge Clubs, Brownie Scout leader, Deaconess of Central Baptist Church and Sunday school teacher, all of Great Bend. Survivors include one daughter, Christy Hicks of Pratt; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Frank Clarke Evans, Joseph Evans, James William Evans and Charles Robert Evans; and one sister, Nancy Mary Evans. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Larrison Mortuary in Pratt. Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to First Baptist Church in Pratt, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 19, 2001

Marie E. Horn 1910-2001

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Okla. - Marie E. Horn, 90, died June 18 at Elkview General Hospital in Hobart, Okla. She was born Nov. 22, 1910, in Wichita, the daughter of Stephen A. Douglas and Bertha May Myers Philmlee. She married Reginald E. Frizzells in 1929. She then married Norman D. Horn on Oct. 6, 1944. He died in 1994. A resident of Mountain View, she had worked as a sales person for Sears in Great Bend for 30 years. Mrs. Horn was past president of American Legion Auxiliary in Great Bend. Survivors include one daughter, Joan Ratliff of Mountain View; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother and one sister. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Hackney Funeral Home Chapel in Mountain View. Graveside service will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Foundation, in care of Bryant-Christians Funeral Home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 19, 2001

Jack E. Schmidt 1917-2001

Jack E. Schmidt, 83, of Great Bend, died June 19 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 19, 2001

June 20, 2001

Jack E. Schmidt 1917-2001

Jack E. Schmidt, 83, of Great Bend, died June 19 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born Aug. 9, 1917, in Great Bend, the son of John and Evelyn Jordan Schmidt. He married Betty Standish Sept. 22, 1940, in Larned. A lifelong resident of Great Bend, he was a clerk for the U.S. Post Office in Great Bend and he also worked for Standish Ford. Schmidt was a member of First Presbyterian Church, American Legion Post 180, Veterans of Foreign War 3111, Elks Lodge 1107, Masonic Blue Lodge 15, Lake Barton Golf Club, and NARFE, all of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Robert Schmidt of Chandler, Ariz., and Douglas Schmidt of Manitowoc, Wis.; and one granddaughter. He was preceded in death by one brother, William Schmidt; and one sister, Blanche Smart. Memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home Chapel in Great Bend with the Rev. Tom Robson officiating. Cremation has taken place. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 20, 2001
June 21, 2001

Gary D. Wagenseller 1955-2001

ELLINWOOD - Gary D. Wagenseller, 46, died June 19 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born March 11, 1955, in Wolf Point, Mont., the son of Bub and Bonnie Whitehorse Wagenseller. He attended Liberal High School. He married Tami Drum Aug. 11, 1976, in Liberal. She died Feb. 10, 2000. A resident of Ellinwood, he worked in the oilfields as a roughneck. Wagenseller was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Liberal. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. Survivors include three daughters, Misty Reeves of Plains, Christy Wagenseller and Nicole Wagenseller, both of Liberal; his father and stepmother, Mary Jane, of Nixa, Mo.; his mother of Ellinwood; two brothers, Mike Wagenseller of Wolf Point and Jimmy Wagenseller of Turpin, Okla.; two sisters, Susan Roberts of Baldwin City and Bonita Ward of Larned; one stepbrother, Montgomery York of Nixa; one stepsister, Sherryl Murrell of Falcon, Mo.; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one stepsister, Jennifer York. Prayer service will be at 7 tonight at the church. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Henry Hildebrandt officiating. Burial will be at Liberal Cemetery. Friends may call from 4-9 tonight at the church. No memorials are suggested. Miller Mortuary of Liberal is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 21, 2001

Olive Elizabeth Hoskinson Kemper 1925-2001

STAFFORD - Olive Elizabeth Hoskinson Kemper, 75, died June 18 at Heritage Manor in Plano, Texas. She was born Dec. 12, 1925, in Stafford County, the daughter of Raymond and Florence Rundell Hoskinson. She married Jim Kemper Oct. 1, 1947, in Montezuma. A resident of Plano, coming from Wichita, she was a school teacher and columnist for the Wichita Eagle. Mrs. Kemper was a member of the 99's Women's International Flying Association, volunteer for the U.S. Forest Service and National Parks, and test cook for Betty Crocker. She was a private pilot and ground school instructor. Survivors include her husband of the home; one daughter, Jan Stalder of Parker, Texas; and one grandson. She was preceded in death by one brother, Edwin Hoskinson; and one sister, Cleo Cejda. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford with the Rev. Kasey Crosby officiating. Burial will be at Stafford Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer's Foundation, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 21, 2001

Ina M. McMillan 1909-2001

PAWNEE ROCK - Ina M. McMillan, 92, died June 20 at Integrated Health Services in Great Bend. She was born Jan. 13, 1909, in Pawnee Rock, the daughter of Rolla M. and Minnie E. Wachholz Fry. She married Hubert N. McMillan June 22, 1946, in Larned. He died Aug. 4, 1990. A resident of Pawnee Rock, coming from Larned, she was a psychiatric aide at Larned State Hospital and a homemaker. Mrs. McMillan was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7271 in Larned. Survivors include one daughter, Betty Schneweis of Odin; three grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by one brother, Fred Fry. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Larned Cemetery with Pete Wackerman officiating. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday, all at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer's Foundation, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 21, 2001

George L. Roof 1920-2001

ELLINWOOD - George L. Roof, 81, died June 21 at his home in Ellinwood. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 21, 2001

June 22, 2001

George L. Roof 1920-2001

ELLINWOOD - George L. Roof, 81, died June 21 at his home in Ellinwood. He was born June 11, 1920, the son of Charles O. and Jane Lowrey Roof. He married Dorothy Mae Scott Dec. 31, 1948 in Mt. Hope. A resident of Ellinwood, coming from Lyons, he was a retired pumper for Edmonton Oil Company and a driller for Alpine Drilling. Roof was a member of American Legion and Veterans of Foriegn Wars, both of Ellinwood. He was a U.S. Army veteran and former P.O.W. of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Eric L. Roof of Pawnee Rock; two daughters, Sarion Ann Simpson of Hutchinson, and Diana Lynn Weiser of Champaign, Ill.; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Albert Roof, Floyd Roof and William Roof; and two sisters, Betty Roof and Delores Roof. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Kimple Funeral Home Chapel in Ellinwood with the Revs. Ray Willis and Julius Ellis officiating. Burial will be at Lyons Cemetery in Lyons. Friends may call from 5-8 p.m. Saturday and from 3-8 p.m. Sunday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Legion or VFW, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 22, 2001
Rufina Suppes 1928-2001

Rufina Suppes, 72, of Great Bend, died June 21 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 22, 2001

Helen Evelyn Homolka 1909-2001

HOLYROOD - Helen Evelyn Homolka, 91, died June 21 at her residence in Holyrood. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 22, 2001

Ina P. Bookless 1908-2001

HUTCHINSON - Ina P. Bookless, 93, died June 20 at Thorne Care Center of Wesley Towers in Hutchinson. She was born April 12, 1908, at Orient, S.D., the daughter of Clark C. and Clara Reed Park. She came to Kansas as a small girl and grew to adulthood on a farm near Nickerson. She attended and graduated from the Nickerson School. On June 15, 1929, she married J. Orville Bookless in Pratt. To this union were born four children: two daughters, Wanda L. and husband, Donald Richards of Greensburg and Marilyn J. and husband, Delbert Gantz of Silver Spring, Md.; two sons, John C. and wife, Susan Bookless of Williamsburg, Va., and Lawrence R. and wife, Bonnie Bookless of Great Bend. She is survived by her four children and their spouses; 11 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. Ina was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Alvin Park; six infant brothers and sisters; one infant granddaughter, Elizabeth Ann Bookless; and one great-granddaughter, Rashelle Kelly. Ina spent her adult life in Central and Southwest Kansas, the wife of a United Methodist Minister. They had their first appointment in the Southwest Kansas Conference at Wilberton-Richfield Church in 1929, then to Hugoton-Maple Leaf in 1929-1930. They also had appointments in Mayfield, Clearwater, Burchfield, Bloom, Elkart, Raymond-Ebenezer, Glen Elder, Scandia, Clyde-Agenda, Wakefield-Zoar, Attica, and retired from Montezuma-Ensign in 1974. They purchased a home in Greensburg at that time to be closer to their daughter, Wanda Richards. In 1988, they moved to Wesley Towers in Hutchinson. Her husband preceded her in death Nov. 10, 1988. Ina was a member of the First United Methodist Church and a life member of the Star of Hope chapter, Order of the Eastern Star 193, both of Greensburg. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 23 at Wesley Towers Chapel in Hutchinson with the Rev. Robert Brooks officiating. Burial will be at Wildmead Cemetery in Nickerson. Friends may call from 5-8 p.m. today at Fleener Funeral Home Chapel in Greensburg. Memorials may be made to the Good Samaritan Fund at Wesley Towers in care of Fleener Funeral Home or Wesley Towers, 700 Monterey Place, Hutchinson, KS 67501. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 22, 2001

June 24, 2001

Rufina Suppes 1928-2001

Rufina Suppes, 72, of Great Bend, died June 21 at Via Christi-St. Francis Medical Center in Wichita. She was born Nov. 20, 1928, at Munjor, the daughter of Frank and Alice Kreutzer Graf. She married Reinhold J. Suppes Aug. 9, 1949, at Hays. A resident of Great Bend since 1988, coming from Bazine, she was a homemaker and farmed with her husband until retirement in 1988. Mrs. Suppes was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church and St. Patrick Altar Society, both of Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Stephen Suppes, David Suppes and Paul Suppes, all of Great Bend; six grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Ralph Graf. Altar Society rosary will be at 4 p.m. and a vigil service at 7 p.m., both today at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend with the Rev. Warren Stecklein officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association or Holy Family School endowment fund, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 24, 2001

The Rev. Carroll S. Blomberg 1924-2001

SALINA - The Rev. Carroll S. Blomberg, 77, died June 22. He was born May 19, 1924, at Clifton. A resident of Salina, he was a retired machinist for Roberts Industries of Salina. Blomberg was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife, Lillian of the home; two daughters, Connie Toburen of Great Bend and Carolyn Hull of Topeka; one brother, David Blomberg of Clay Center; one sister, Myrtle Baxter of Clay Center; and five grandsons. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at First Church of the Nazarene in Salina. Burial will be at Roselawn Memorial Park in Salina. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. today at Ryan Mortuary in Salina. Memorials are suggested to the Salvation Army in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 24, 2001

Helen Evelyn Homolka 1909-2001
HOLYROOD - Helen Evelyn Homolka, 91, died June 21 at her residence in rural Holyrood. She was born Sept. 19, 1909 in Barton County, the daughter of James L. and Anna Marie Jezek Homolka. She was a graduate of the University of Kansas. A resident of rural Holyrood, coming from Claflin and Lawrence, she was a food service worker on the KU campus for 10 years. She was a member of United Methodist Church, Eastern Star, UMW and helped start the 55 Plus Transportation and Meals on Wheels, all in Claflin. She was preceded in death by one brother, James J. Homolka; three sisters, Emma Homolka, Rose Buddenbohm and an infant sister. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at United Methodist Church in Claflin with the Rev. Janet Myers officiating. Inurnment will be at Palacky Cemetery in rural Holyrood. The body was cremated. Friends may call from 9:30 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Claflin Scholarship Fund directed to future University of Kansas students, in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 24, 2001

Ronald G. Lawson 1938-2001

HUTCHINSON - Ronald G. Lawson, 62, died June 21 at his residence in Hutchinson. He was born Oct. 10, 1938, at Shawnee, Okla., the son of Vinton Harold and Lula Mae Bryant Lawson. He was a 1956 graduate of Great Bend High School and attended Salt City Business College and Hutchinson Community College. He married Beth Bailey June 27, 1958. A resident of Hutchinson since 1959, he worked for Gordan Ray Motor Company and DMH. He was director of physician services for Halstead Hospital and Hertzler Clinic. Lawson was a member of the Countryside Baptist Church, World Vision and Mission Aviation fellowship and was an active supporter of Christian missions through the church’s jail ministry. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Steven Lawson of Hutchinson; one daughter, Debra Stack of Kansas City, Mo.; one brother, Harold Lawson of Dewey, Ariz., and two grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Dusty Cowell officiating. Private committal will precede the memorial service. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today at Johnson & Sons Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. today. Memorials are suggested to the Countryside Baptist Church Building Fund or Reno County Hospice in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 24, 2001

Helen K. Foster 1916-2001

CLAFLIN - Helen K. Foster, 84, died June 22 at Kansas Heart Hospital at Wichita. She was born Dec. 19, 1916, at Claflin, the daughter of Carl E. and Lula Grossardt Radenberg. She married Harry C. Foster April 26, 1939, at Claflin. A lifelong resident of the Claflin area, she was a homemaker and a teacher in a one-room school. Mrs. Foster was a member of United Methodist Church, 4-H leader, Sunday school teacher, all of Claflin; and a tutor at the Claflin schools. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, James A. Foster of Salina and Jack E. Foster of Leawood; two daughters, Virginia Sayler of Lawrence and Marilyn Kirk of Evanston, Ill.; one brother, Glenn Radenberg of Claflin; two sisters, Norma Stucky of Newton and Dorothy Tritsch of Claflin; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and five stepgreat-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers; Harry Radenberg and Edwin Lee Radenberg; and one granddaughter, Karen Elaine Sayler. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Janet Myers officiating. Burial will be at Claflin Cemetery in Claflin. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home and from 9:30 a.m. until service time on Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Claflin Ambulance Fund or United Methodist Youthville, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 24, 2001

Georgia Rose Linke 1915-2001

LYONS - Georgia Rose Linke, 86, died June 23 at Lyons District Hospital in Lyons. She was born Feb. 6, 1915, at Geneseo, the daughter of George and Rose Deardorff Michells. She graduated from Geneseo High School. She married Austin M. Linke Aug. 1, 1933, at Hutchinson. He died Aug. 9, 1993. A resident of Lyons since 1993 coming from Chase, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Linke was a member of Community Presbyterian Church in Chase. Survivors include two sons; Gerald Linke of Geneseo and Ralph Linke of Chase; five grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Jeanette Linke. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Chase Springdale Cemetery with Johnnie Hardie officiating. Friends may call from 1-5 p.m. Monday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. The casket will remain closed. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 24, 2001

June 25, 2001

Joanne M. Dranselka 1932-2001

Joanne M. Dranselka, 69, of Great Bend, died June 23 at Hillsboro Community Medical Center in Hillsboro. She was born Jan. 13, 1932, in Souris, N.D., the daughter of Oscar M. and Gina Brenden Aftem. She married Melvin L. Dranselka Feb. 28, 1953, in Milaca, Minn. He died Aug. 26, 1988. A resident of Hillsboro for seven months, coming from Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Dranselka was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend. Survivors include one daughter, Tracy L. Dranselka of Wichita; three brothers, Merle Aftem and Lee Aftem, both of Minot, N.D., and Danny
Aftem of Westhope, N.D.; and one sister, Gloria Kent of Boise, Idaho. She was preceded in death by one infant daughter. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Dr. Gary W. Teske officiating. Burial will be at Golden Belt Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 25, 2001

Helen C. Hallman 1906-2001

HUTCHINSON - Helen C. Hallman, 95, died June 23 at Dillon Living Center in Hutchinson. She was born April 13, 1906, in Elmdale, the daughter of Duncan A. and Maude Tripplett Macalpine. She married Walter A. Hallman June 8, 1940, in Hudson. He died Dec. 15, 1989. A resident of Hutchinson since 1945, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Hallman was a member of First United Methodist Church in Hutchinson. Survivors include several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one sister, Margaret I. Starkey. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. today at Trinity Cemetery in Hudson, with the Rev. Robert B. Brooks officiating. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Elliott Mortuary in Hutchinson. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 25, 2001

June 26, 2001

Leonard Howard Heyen 1917-2001

HUTCHINSON - Leonard Howard Heyen, 83, died June 24 at the Peabody Community Living Center in Peabody. He was born July 20, 1917, in Stafford County, the son of Cobus J. and Wilhelmina Hall Heyen. He married Avlena Bunselmeyer Dec. 23, 1946, in Stafford. A resident of Hutchinson, coming from Stafford, he was a retired Southwestern Bell lineman. Heyen was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, receiving the Bronze Star and the Good Conduct medal. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Barbara Heyen of Hutchinson; and four sisters, Delsa Harmon, Onabel Ragsdale and Verla Mandersheid, all of Stafford, and LaVern McCann of Billings, Mont. He was preceded in death by three brothers, George Heyen, Wesley Heyen and Irvin Heyen; and three sisters, Dora Bunker, Lois Clair and Hazel Green. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Feldhut Cemetery in rural Stafford with presentation of colors by Bravo Company, 116 Infantry, Fort Riley. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Memorials are suggested to First Christian Church in Stafford or First Christian Church of Hutchinson, both in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 26, 2001

Dorothy A. Harvey Curtis 1908-2001

PHOENIX, Ariz. - Dorothy A. Harvey Curtis, 93, died June 21 in Phoenix. She was born April 16, 1908, in Topeka. She married E. Earle Harvey. He died. She married Charles R. Curtis. A resident of Great Bend, she worked for the Santa Fe Railroad from 1927-1937 in Topeka. Mrs. Curtis was a member of First United Methodist Church and Sigma Beta Phi Sorority, both of Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Samuel D. Harvey of Jacksonville, Fla.; one daughter, Linda L. Boyle of Phoenix; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers; and two sisters. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. today at A.L. Moore-Grimshaw Bethany Chapel in Phoenix. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 26, 2001

Lucy Ethel Houchin 1906-2001

HOISINGTON - Lucy Ethel Houchin, 95, died June 25 at Hoisington Rehabilitation Center. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 26, 2001

Anna T. Hawk 1908-2001

SALINA - Anna T. Maneth Hawk, 92, died June 24 at Salina Regional Health Center. She was born Oct. 23, 1908, in Omlitz. She married Lawrence Hawk Nov. 20, 1934. He died in 1980. A resident of Salina, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Hawk was a member of Sacred Heart Cathedral, and Ladies Guild, both of Salina. Survivors include one son, Lawrence Hawk of Marysville, Wash.; two daughters, Theresa Gerstner of Las Vegas, Nev., and Shirley Briley of Littleton, Colo.; one brother, Leonard Maneth of Omlitz; one sister, Racie Butterfield of Fresno, Calif.; 15 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren. Rosary service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the church. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church. Burial will be at Mount Calvary Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday at Geisendorf-Rush Smith Funeral Home in Salina, and from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association or the Sacred Heart Cathedral Renovation Fund, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 26, 2001

June 29, 2001
Leona May Thompson 1903-2001

HUTCHINSON - Leona May Thompson, 98, died June 27 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born May 23, 1903, in Ames, Oklahoma Territory, the daughter of James Albert and Ella Maude Ballard Bennett. She married Melvin Erdman Thompson May 17, 1926, in Lyons. He died May 23, 1974. She was a 1923 graduate of Raymond High School and she also graduated from Emporia State Teachers College. A resident of Hutchinson, coming from Raymond, she was a school teacher and assistant postal clerk, all in Raymond. Mrs. Thompson was a member of Raymond First Baptist Church, Queen Esther Chapter of the Eastern Star, and charter member of the Little Arkansas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Survivors include two daughters, Alberta McKibben of Hutchinson and Colleen Stockstill of Wichita; one stepson, Ruby Schramling of Enid, Okla.; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Doris Lavon Thompson; one infant sister, Alverda Bennett; and two stepsisters, Ruth Ulrich and Rena Peters. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons with the Rev. Bob Bethell officiating. Burial will be at Raymond Hilltop Cemetery in Raymond. Friends may call until 5 tonight, and from 11 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, American Diabetes Association or the donor's choice, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 29, 2001

Roy L. Schoen 1928-2001

DODGE CITY - Roy L. Schoen, 73, died June 27 at his home in Dodge City. He was born April 1, 1928, at the family farm north of Dodge City, the son of Carl and Marie Peterson Schoen. He was a graduate of Dodge City High School and Dodge City Community College. He married Peggy M. Webb, Oct. 7, 1951, in Hodgeman County. A lifelong resident of the Dodge City area, he was a farmer and rancher. Schoen was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Dodge City, Dodge City Board of Education, Ford County Soil Conservation Board of Supervisors, Greensburg Production Credit Association Board and the District Nine Farm Credit Board of Wichita. He was the recipient of the Outstanding Young Farmer of Kansas Award and the Distinguished Alumnus Award from DCCC, both in 1963. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Kent Schoen and Rex Schoen, both of Dodge City, and Jeff Schoen of Clearwater; one daughter, Ardis Newton of Lakin; two brothers, Alfred Schoen and Clarence Schoen, both of Dodge City; three sisters, Lola Boger of Dodge City, Etta Stork of Seward, Neb., and Wanda Boger of Las Vegas, Nev.; 15 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Arnold Schoen and Otto Schoen; and two sisters, Corinne Harms and Minnie Schoen. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Randall Jahnke officiating. Burial will be at St. Michael's Cemetery in Hodgeman County. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Burkhart Funeral Chapel in Dodge City. Memorials are suggested to Holy Cross Lutheran Church building fund or Hospice of the Prairie, both in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 29, 2001

Paul H. Wegele 1925-2001

NESS CITY - Paul H. Wegele, 76, died June 28 near Satanta. He was born Jan. 14, 1925, in Barton County, the son of Jacob and Pauline Bitter Wegele. He married Edna Maier May 7, 1944, in Milberger. A resident of Ness County, coming from Ness County, he was an insurance appraiser and adjuster. Wegele was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church of Bazine, Veterans of Foreign Wars of La Crosse, board member of Ness County Hospital Foundation and past president of the Lutheran Layman's League. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two brothers, George Wegele of Hays and Leland Wegele of Otis. He was preceded in death by one brother, Jacob “J” E. Wegele, Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Randall Jahnke officiating. Burial will be at Bazine Cemetery with Military Graveside rites by Olin Cole American Legion Post 392 of Bazine. Friends may call from 1-6 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, all at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City, and from 9 a.m. until service time Monday, at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Lutheran Hour Ministries, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 29, 2001

Harold Alvin Morford 1912-2001

ST. JOHN - Harold Alvin Morford, 88, died June 28 at his residence in St. John. He was born Aug. 9, 1912, in St. John, the son of Amous Benjamin and Emma Morford. He married Myra Esther Morford Aug. 21, 1932, in Garden City. A resident of St. John, he was mechanic and the owner of Alvin's Repair. Morford was a member of New Hope United Methodist Church, OES, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Masonic Lodge past master, and 31-year volunteer fireman and chief, all of St. John, and Shriners of Wichita. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Harold Richard Morford; one sister, Marie Hayden; and two brothers, Howard Morford and Ralph Morford. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Minnis Chapel in St. John, with the Rev. Joe Atherton officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Saturday and from 1-7 p.m. Sunday, all at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to the church or the American Heart Association, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 29, 2001
Nicholas L. Arends 1918-2001

Nicholas L. Arends, 83, of Great Bend, died June 28 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 29, 2001
Nicholas L. Arends 1918-2001

Nicholas L. Arends, 83, of Great Bend, died June 28 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born April 8, 1918, at Spearville, the son of Nicholas Sr. and Mamie Laudick Arends. He married Agnes G. Wendtlandt on Oct. 22, 1940, at Clafin. A resident of Great Bend for the past nine years, coming from Clafin, he was a farmer and worked at Clafin Flour Mill for 15 years, Marlette Mobile Homes of Great Bend for 15 years and was a part-time electrician. Arends was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Clafin and St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church of Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Vincent J. Arends of Laurel, Md., Leonard P. Arends of Tehachapi, Calif., and Thomas J. Arends of Gilroy, Calif.; three daughters, Judith E. Wahaus of Salina, Linda R. Axtell of Mohave Valley, Ariz., and June A. Garrett of Clafin; one sister, Anna Randalph of Lakin; 20 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; six step-great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and four step-great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sons, Nicholas A. Arends and John Arends; one daughter, Mary Arends; one brother, Leo Arends; four sisters, Mary Boles, Margaret Daundivier, Emma Cole and Magdelena Gengo; and one grandson, Vincent J. Arends Jr. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Clafin with the Rev. Angel Dy officiating. Burial will be at Clafin Cemetery in Clafin. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Great Bend Ambulance Fund, Clafin Ambulance Fund or Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 1, 2001

James Kirk Clinkscales 1920-2001

WICHITA - James Kirk Clinkscales, 80, died June 29 at his home in Niotaze. He was born Oct. 27, 1920, at Providence Forge, Va., the son of Burke and Ruby Brenneman Clinkscales. He was a graduate of Stafford High School and Swallow Aircraft School in Wichita. He married Donna Heggy in 1940. She died March 16, 1959. He married Lorieta Wadley in 1960. She died in 1999. A resident of Niotaze since 1999, coming from Wichita, he was a quality assurance controller for Cessna Corporation. Clinkscales was a member of Pilgrim Congregational Church and American Legion, both of Wichita. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include one son, Kirk Clinkscales of Niotaze; two brothers, Hugh Clinkscales of Elizabeth City, N.C., and Lee Clinkscales of Mesa, Ariz.; one sister, Betty Mae Messick of Boulder, Colo.; seven grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two daughters, Marla and Charla. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Burial will be at Stafford Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 1, 2001

Grace E. Hullett 1914-2001

LARNED - Grace E. Hullett, 86, died June 30 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born Aug. 31, 1914, at Furley, the daughter of Carl and Agatha Haynes Mornhinweg. She married Ralph C. Hullett on Jan. 12, 1942, at Lyons. He died Oct. 30, 1990. A longtime resident of Larned, coming from Ash Valley in 1944, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Hullett was a member of United Methodist Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, both of Larned. Survivors include five sons, Kenneth Hullett, Clyde Hullett, Harold Hullett, Edward Hullett, all of Larned, and Larry Hullett of Hoisington; two sisters, Wilma Buller of Edmond Okla., and Louise Johnson of Halstead; one brother, Albert Mornhinweg of Halstead; 14 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, William Henry Hullett; and two great-grandchildren, Summer Ray Owens and Than Ray Mead. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with the Rev. Johnny Augmon officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Monday at the mortuary. Burial will be at the Larned Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 1, 2001

Paul H. Wegele 1925-2001

NESS CITY - Paul H. Wegele, 76, died June 28 in an automobile accident near Satanta. He was born Jan. 14, 1925, in Barton Countv. the son of Jacob and Pauline Bitter Wegele. He was a graduate of
Hoisington High School and attended Midland Radio and Television School in Kansas City, Mo. He married Edna Maier May 7, 1944, in Milberger. A resident of Ness City for 16 years, coming from Ness County, he was an insurance appraiser and adjuster. Wegele was a member of St. Luke’s Lutheran Church in Bazine, Ness County Hospital Foundation Board of Ness City, La Crosse Veterans of Foreign Wars and past international president of Lutheran Layman’s League. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; and two brothers, George Wegele of Hays and Leland Wegele of Otis. He was preceded in death by one brother, Jacob "J" Ernest Wegele. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Randall Jahnke officiating. Burial will be at Bazine Cemetery with military graveside rites by Olin Cole American Legion Post 392 of Bazine. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City and until service time Monday at the church. The casket will remain closed. Memorials are suggested to the church or Lutheran Hour Ministries, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 1, 2001

Norman Beecher 1936-2001

HILL CITY - Norman Beecher, 65, died June 24 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. He was born March 1, 1936, at the Beecher homestead in rural Graham County, the son of Russell N. and Marie Ellen Stites Beecher. He married Shirley Brungardt April 21, 1956, in Damar. A longtime area resident he was a farmer and stockman. Beecher was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Hill City, the rodeo committee, Pioneer Saddle Club and Hill City Elks Lodge. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Jeff Beecher of Baldwin City and Greg Beecher of Soldier; one daughter, Regina Fischer of Nashville; one brother, Clair Beecher of Wichita; one sister, Bonnie Hopson of Houston, Texas; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Connie. Funeral service was Wednesday at the church with the Revs. Donald McCarthy and Bill Kilian officiating. Burial was at Memorial Lawn Cemetery in Hill City. Memorials are suggested to Jayhawker Roundup Rodeo in Hill City, in care of Spencer-Stinemetz Chapel in Hill City. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 1, 2001

Lucille B. Thomas 1921-2001

JETMORE - Lucille B. Thomas, 79, died June 29 at Hodgeman County Health Center at Jetmore. She was born Oct. 13, 1921, at Jetmore, the daughter of D.O. and Harriett Barker Rynerson. She married Lewis Gilbert Thomas on July 31, 1942, at Jetmore. She was a homemaker. Mrs. Thomas was a member of United Methodist Church of Jetmore. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Doug Thomas of Hanston; one brother, D.J. John Rynerson of Yuma, Ariz.; one sister, Betty Fakes of Jetmore; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Russell Rynerson; one sister, Edith Odell; and one grandson. Funeral service will be at 9 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to Hodgeman County Long Term Care Center in Jetmore, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 1, 2001

Robert C. ‘Red’ Calvert 1931-2001

HAYSVILLE- Robert C. "Red" Calvert, 70, died June 27. He was born June 26, 1931, in Great Bend, the son of Ivi and Margie Neisler Calvert. He was a retired oil field worker and salesman. Survivors include two sons; John Calvert of Haysville and Dennis Calvert of Wichita; two daughters, Nancy McGlothlin of Peck and Marjorie Leech of Great Bend; one brother, Donald Calvert of Great Bend; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Robert Lewis Calvert; and one sister, Eloise McDonald. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Smith Mortuary in Haysville. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 1, 2001

Glen Dale Gilmore 1915-2001

LARNED - Glen Dale Gilmore, 85, died June 29 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Joseph Long Term Care at Larned. He was born Nov. 18, 1915, in Ford County, the son of Samuel and Clara Tullis Gilmore. He married Nadine Deets Nov. 25, 1979, at Larned. She died March 29, 1985. He married Etta Wilson Ward on April 4, 1986, at Larned. A longtime resident of Larned, he was a farmer. Gilmore was a member of the Christian faith, and belonged to Fort Larned Lions Club and Welcome Inn Seniors, both of Larned, and Good Sams Camping Club. Survivors include his wife of the home; three stepdaughters, Marietta Miller and Carol Cheetsos, both of Gothenburg, Neb., Donna Sever of Modesto, Calif., Mona Johnson of Wichita, Diana Echerd of Oklahoma City, Okla., Janet Deets of Dodge City and Bonnie Bird of Garfield. He was preceded in death by one brother, Dee Gilmore; and three sisters, Verna Jones, Ruth Barnes and Lucv Gilmore. Funeral service will be at 2 o.m. Monday at Morell Funeral
Dearold 'Deen' Bigelow 1929-2001

CHANUTE - Dearold "Dean" Bigelow, 72, died June 28 at Neosho Memorial Regional Medical Center. He was born April 15, 1929, at Mildred, the son of Jess and Olive M. Cubbison Bigelow. He graduated from Moran High School. He married Linda Ivins Oct. 6, 1990, at Iola. He was a businessman and retired as a fire and casualty claims adjustor from State Farm Insurance after 20 years. Bigelow was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Larry D. Bigelow of Chase and Curtis A. Beckwith of Tulsa, Okla.; four daughters, Debbie S. Cowhig of Tulsa, Theresa G. Bigelow of Wichita, Debbie B. Burchett of Paola and Sherry R. Liesemeyer of Sedalia, Mo.; one brother, Lawrence R. Bigelow of Oklahoma City, Okla.; five sisters, Melva Lincicome of El Dorado, June Green of Cedar Falls, Iowa, Wanda Sell of Frontenac, Karen Fritchey and Bonnie Weast, both of Joplin, Mo.; and 12 grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at First Baptist Church in Chanute with the Rev. Richard Qualls officiating. Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery in Chanute. Military honors will be by Chanute American Legion Post 170. Friends may call from 3-4 p.m. today at Johnson Mortuary in Chanute. Memorials are suggested to Victory In The Valley or American Cancer Society, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 1, 2001

July 2, 2001

Cheryl E. Lumpkins 1944-2001

MCPherson - Cheryl E. Lumpkins, 57, died June 30 at McPherson Hospital. She was born April 13, 1944, in Great Bend, the daughter of Johnnie A. and Margaret E. Smith Jones. She married Keith Lumpkins June 1, 1962, in Ellinwood. A resident of McPherson, coming from Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Lumpkins was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Ellinwood. Survivors include two sons, Craig Lumpkins and Dale Lumpkins, both of Wichita; two daughters, Robin Butler of Wamego and Renee Lumpkins of McPherson; one brother, Johnnie A. Jones Jr. of San Diego, Calif.; two sisters, Donna Ritz of Parsons and Joyce Hignite of Noel, Mo.; one stepsister, EJaye Jones of Austin, Texas; and 10 grandchildren. Funeral will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Kimple Funeral Home Chapel in Ellinwood, with the Rev. Ray Willis officiating. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 2, 2001

Viola M. Myers Larkin 1912-2001

HAVILAND - Viola M. Myers Larkin, 89, died June 30 at Hoisington Rehabilitation Center in Hoisington. She was born Feb. 1, 1912, in rural Driftwood, Okla., the daughter of Oscar T. and Blanche May Myers. She graduated from Driftwood High School and attended Haviland Bible Academy for two years. She married Everett W. Larkin Nov. 11, 1934. He died March 15, 2001. A resident of Haviland, coming from Driftwood, she was a homemaker and clerk for Willards Variety Store, Coberly's and Duckwalls, all in Greensburg. Mrs. Larkin was a member of Haviland United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Rebekah Lodge, Royal Neighbors and Sunflower Farm Bureau, all of Greensburg. Survivors include one son, Raymond Larkin of Hoisington; one daughter, Nancy Larkin of the home; one sister, Octava Brown of Cherokee, Okla.; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Anna Marie Prince; two brothers, John Myers and Paul Myers; and one sister, Geneva Stein. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Gene Slack officiating. Burial will be at Haviland Cemetery. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at Fleener Funeral Home in Greensburg. Memorials are suggested to the church or Kiowa County Memorial Hospital, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 2, 2001

Edith M. Dewberry 1921-2001

LARNED - Edith M. Dewberry, 79, died June 29 at her home in Larned. She was born July 24, 1921, in Ness County, the daughter of Charles W. and Pearlie Reynolds Petersilie. She married A.C. Hollingsworth. He died in February 1954. She married Red E. Dewberry. He died March 24, 1983. A resident of Larned, coming from Pawnee Rock and Topeka, she was a retired head custodian at Pawnee Rock School, USD 495. Mrs. Dewberry was a member of Larned Assembly of God Church. Survivors include three daughters, Linda Lemuz and Dee Blair, both of Larned, and Pat White of Topeka; three brothers, Charles H. Petersilie of La Crosse, Art Petersilie of Lecompton and Orv Petersilie of Otis; four sisters, Dana Rees of Delia, Wanda LaBonte of Colorado Springs, Colo., Arlene Riegle of Wichita and Barbara Schumacher of Great Bend; 13 grandchildren; and 22 great-
grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Elbert B. Dewberry and David J. Dewberry; one brother, Floyd Petersilie; and one sister, Ida Wenick. Funeral will be at 2 today at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with the Rev. Warren Stecklein officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Kansas Cripple Children Program or Sacred Heart School Endowment Fund, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 2, 2001

Junior Cate

ELLINWOOD - Junior Cate died July 1 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 2, 2001

July 3, 2001

Junior Edward Cate 1922-2001

ELLINWOOD - Junior Edward Cate, 78, died July 1 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born Aug. 31, 1922, in Lyons, the son of Edgar Allen and Alice Bell Cate. He married Lois Baxter Dec. 9, 1950, in Hutchinson. A resident of Ellinwood, he retired from Stevens Well Service in 1987. Cate was a member of Raymond Baptist Church of Raymond and American Legion of Ellinwood. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Michael Andrew Cate of Wichita; four daughters, Connie Gayle Carrier of Albert, Judy Shearl Hitchcock of Colorado Springs, Colo., Cindy Huff of Larned and Christi Robin Tiede of Hays; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Bob Bethel officiating. Burial will be at Hilltop Cemetery in Raymond. Friends may call from 6-8 tonight and from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, all at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 3, 2001

Gary Douglas Gunn 1946-2001

ALLYN, Wash. - Gary Douglas Gunn, 54, died June 28 at his residence in Allyn. He was born June 29, 1946, in Great Bend, the son of Glenn Albert and Louise Brown Gunn. He was a 1964 graduate of Great Bend High School. A resident of Allyn, coming from Lakebay, Wash., he was an insurance and investment salesman. Gunn was a member of the Unity church, Independent Order of Foresters in Utah and Washington, volunteered in the Special Olympics in Utah and a women's crisis shelter in Washington. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Survivors include his mother of Great Bend; and two sisters, Margaret S. Baldwin of Ellinwood and Barbara L. Anderson of Bartlesville, Okla. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the Special Olympics or a local crisis center, both in care of Bryant-Christsians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 3, 2001

Stanley E. Taylor 1944-2001

WELLINGTON - Stanley E. Taylor, 56, died July 1 at Republic County Hospital in Belleville. He was born Nov. 28, 1944, in Hutchinson, the son of Glenn and Helen Holt Taylor. He was a graduate of Nickerson High School and Kansas State University. He married Victoria Jean Lett Aug. 27, 1966, in Hutchinson. A resident of Wellington, he was a certified public accountant. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Travis Taylor of Newton and Kent Taylor of Wellington; three brothers, Bernard Taylor of Great Bend, Gary Taylor and Ronnie Taylor, both of Greensburg; and one sister, Connie Hartage of Wichita. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Wellington with the Rev. Andrew J. Seiler officiating. Burial will be at Prairie Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call from 5-9 tonight and from 1-9 p.m. Wednesday, all at Day Funeral Home in Wellington. Memorials are suggested to Wellington Public Library or Sumner Regional Medical Center in Wellington, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 3, 2001

August H. ‘Gus’ Tammen 1916-2001

PAWNEE ROCK - August H. “Gus” Tammen, 84, died July 2 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christsians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 3, 2001

Evelyn Artis Trimble 1916-2001
PLAINVILLE - Evelyn Artis Trimble, 84, died July 2 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born July 25, 1916, in Salina, the daughter of Irvin Augustus and Mary Ethel Mayer Woerner. She was a 1935 graduate of Trego County High School. She married Louis Lyse Trimble Aug. 7, 1937, in WaKeeney. He died July 8, 1980. A long time resident of Plainville, coming from Ellinwood, she was a clerk at Welch's Flower Shop in Plainville, clerk at Back's Dry Goods in Ellinwood and nurses' aide at Ellinwood Hospital. Mrs. Trimble was a member of First Baptist Church, church organist for more than 40 years, Garden Club, past worthy matron of OES 479, all of Plainville. Survivors include two daughters, Mildred Burroughs and Mary Loewenthal, both of Ellinwood; one sister, Harriet Lewis of Wichita; one stepbrother, Harold Stone of Wichita; nine grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren. Memorial will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at First Baptist Church in Ellinwood with the Revs. Andy Wesner and George McGregor officiating. Graveside service will be at 3:30 p.m. Friday at Peabody Cemetery in Peabody. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to First Baptist Church of Plainville or First Baptist Church Mission of Ellinwood, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 3, 2001

July 4, 2001

Evelyn J. Lippelmann 1919-2001

LYONS - Evelyn J. Lippelmann, 82, died July 3 at Sandstone Heights Nursing Home in Little River. She was born April 7, 1919, in Lyons, the daughter of Samuel and Fern Aves Rickabaugh. She graduated from Lyons High School and attended Lindenwood College in St. Joseph, Mo. She married Raymond H. Lippelmann Oct. 20, 1946, in Lyons. He died April 1, 1996. A lifelong resident of Lyons, she was a former financial manager of Rickabaugh Motors and a homemaker. Mrs. Lippelmann was a member of First Presbyterian Church, manager of the chamber of commerce, PEO Sisters, Town and Country Club, director of the library board, 4-H and Cub Scouts, all in Lyons. Survivors include one son, Roger Lippelmann of Lyons; one daughter, Karen Gay of Batavia, Ill.; one sister, Pauline McElwee of Gainsville, Fla.; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Rick Lippelmann and James Lippelmann. Memorial will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Ted Weis officiating. Burial will be at Lyons Municipal Cemetery. Friends may call from 2-7 p.m. Thursday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to Lyons Municipal Library or Lyons USD 405 Education Endowment Foundation, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 4, 2001

Vernon D. Burhenn 1932-2001

GILBERT, Ariz. - Vernon D. Burhenn, 69, died July 2 at Chandler Regional Medical Center in Chandler, Ariz. He was born Feb. 28, 1932, the son of Paul and Bertha Langrehr Burhenn. He was a graduate of Great Bend High School. He married Leah Daugherty June 11, 1952, in Alva, Okla. A resident of rural Pawnee Rock, he was a farmer. Tammen was a member of Peace Lutheran Church of Albert, where he served on the church council. He was a member of American Legion and Veterans of Foreign War, both of Great Bend, and served on the USD 11 school board. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, David Burhenn and Russell Burhenn, both of Topeka; three daughters, Pamela Dietz of Lee's Summit, Mo., Sandra Rebel of Lincoln, Neb., and Kelli Slous of Chandler; two brothers, Irvin Burhenn of El Dorado and Virgil Burhenn of Great Bend; three sisters, Evelyn Schartz of Ellinwood, Luella Schwager and Flossie Dewey, both of Great Bend; 16 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Jessica. Memorial will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington, with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 5-9 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association or American Lung Association, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 4, 2001

August Herman "Gus" Tammen 1916-2001

PAWNEE ROCK - August Herman "Gus" Tammen, 84, died July 2 at his home in rural Pawnee Rock. He was born Dec. 3, 1916, in Clarence Township, Barton County, the son of Herman Jr. and Augusta Louise Mary Neese Tammen. He married Margaret Iola Naylor Aug. 24, 1941, in Great Bend. A lifelong resident of rural Pawnee Rock, he was a farmer. Tammen was a member of Peace Lutheran Church of Albert, where he served on the church council. He was a member of American Legion and Veterans of Foreign War, both of Great Bend, and served on the USD 11 school board. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Ron Tammen of Pawnee Rock; two daughters, Rhonda Tutak of Hays and Reva Dougherty of Great Bend; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Prayer service will be at 4 today at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Dave E. Carlson officiating. Burial will be at Peace Lutheran Cemetery in Albert. Friends may call until 9 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association or American Lung Association, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 4, 2001
July 5, 2001

Donald Ray Linsner 1946-2001

HOISINGTON - Donald Ray Linsner, 54, died July 3 at his residence in Hoisington. He was born Sept. 28, 1946, in Great Bend, the son of Ervin J. and Edna B. Esfeld Linsner. He married Dee Ann Bennett Aug. 23, 1965, in Great Bend. A lifelong resident of Hoisington, he was a retired carman for the Union Pacific Railroad. Linsner was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, both of Hoisington and Transportation Communication Union. He served in the U.S. Army Reserves. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Karla Schroeder of Hutchinson and Leslie Klug of Hoisington; two brothers, Kirby Lisner of Hoisington and Elwyn Linsner of McPherson; and three grandchildren. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, followed by a Knights of Columbus rosary. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery in Hoisington. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 5, 2001.

Eva DeWald 1900-2001

Eva DeWald, 100, of Great Bend, died July 2 at Integrated Health Services in Great Bend. She was born Oct. 23, 1900, in Russell, the daughter of John George and Katherine Elizabeth Lohmann DeWald. She was a graduate of Russell High School, Fort Hays State University and the University of California, at Berkeley. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Hoisington, Wellington, Russell and Florida, she was a retired teacher. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and Delta Kappa Sorority, both in Russell. Survivors include two nieces, Danelda St. Aubyn of Great Bend and Peggy Ehrlich of Russell. She was preceded in death by six brothers, John DeWald, David DeWald, Walter DeWald, Henry DeWald and Robert Michael DeWald; and five sisters, Lydia St. Aubyn, Bertha Wenger, Amelia Kelly, Clara Krug and Martha Harrop. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Pohltman's Mortuary Memorial Chapel in Russell, with the Rev. Harlan Kaden officiating. Burial will be at Russell City Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Trinity Methodist Church Scholarship Fund or Russell County Historical Society, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 5, 2001.

Ludwig Schuckman 1913-2001

LA CROSSE - Ludwig Schuckman, 88, died July 3 at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. He was born March 28, 1913, in Rush County, the son of John J. and Margaret Heili Schuckman. He married Esther Schaffer Nov. 26, 1935, in La Crosse. A lifelong resident of Rush County, he was a farmer. Schuckman was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus Council, both in La Crosse. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, LeeRoy Schuckman of Hays and Eddie Schuckman of La Crosse; one daughter, Norma Jean Kirby of Wichita; 12 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by five brothers, Alex Schuckman, Dan Schuckman, Herbert Schuckman, Adam Schuckman and Berthold Schuckman; and two sisters, Wilheimina Dreher and Caroline Kuhn. Prayer service will be at 7 p.m. at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Benjamin Martin officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Ludwig J. Schuckman Memorial (for Masses) or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 5, 2001.

Russell Joseph Henderson

WINFIELD - Russell Joseph Henderson, died July 5. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Kimple Inc. Funeral Home in Ellinwood.

July 6, 2001

Helen R. Dumler 1915-2001

LYONS - Helen R. Dumler, 86, died July 5 at Lyons District Hospital in Lyons. She was born April 23, 1915, in Barton County. the daughter of Fred and Marv Steinert Niedens. She married Paul A. Dumler
June 18, 1933 in Milberger. He died Aug. 23, 1993. A resident of Lyons, coming from the Galatia/Milberger area, she was a homemaker and custodian for United Methodist Church in Lyons. Mrs. Dumler was a member of the church, Bonami Sunday School class, United Methodist Women, and Sewing Group, all of Lyons. Survivors include two daughters, Lila Nuss of Russell and Mary Jane Hoffinan of Lyons; two brothers, L. D. Niedens of Garden City and Ervin Niedens of Russell; one sister, Alvina Dietz of Great Bend; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Clista Funk and Isabell Schneider; and one infant granddaughter. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Cindy Watson officiating. Burial will be at Lyons Municipal Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to the church or Lyons District Hospital Swingbed, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 6, 2001

Herman Adolph Robert Rehme 1919-2001

ELLINWOOD - Herman Adolph Robert Rehme, 82, died July 4 at his summer home in Loveland, Colo. He was born March 25, 1919, in Ellinwood, the son of Adolph Henry and Anna Louise Dieterle Rehme. He married Velma Margaret Heine Nov. 25, 1945, in Chase. A resident of Barton County, coming from Grand Junction, Colo., he was self employed in sales and service of electrical, plumbing, heating and air-conditioning business in Grand Junction and Ellinwood. Rehme was a member of Immanuel United Church of Christ, former president of church council, 63 years in the choir, Sunday School teacher, and Lions Club, all of Ellinwood. He was a U.S. Army Medical Corp. veteran of World War II where he served on a hospital train in the European Theatre. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Norman Rehme of Loveland, Edwin Rehme and Erwin Rehme, both of Longmont, Colo.; one brother, Walter Rehme of Ellinwood; and eight grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Larry Young officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Sunday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to the church or Lions Club, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 6, 2001

Russell Joseph Henderson 1978-2001

WINFIELD - Russell Joseph Henderson, 23, died July 5 at William Newton Memorial Hospital in Winfield. He was born Jan. 5, 1978, in Great Bend, the son of Martin Arthur and Elizabeth Ellen Sanko Henderson. He was a resident of Winfield. Survivors include his father of Florida; his mother, Beth Bruno of Great Bend; one brother, Tim Henderson of Great Bend; one half-sister, Theresa Arnold of Great Bend; and three grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Sanko of Great Bend and Meg Kinzel of Hutchinson. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Ellinwood with the Rev. David Flagor officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Cemetery, north of Great Bend. Friends may call from 5-8 tonight at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to Creative Community Living in Winfield, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 6, 2001

Michael J. Raffelock 1954-2001

THORNTON, Colo. - Michael J. Raffelock, 47, died at his home in Thornton. He was born March 2, 1954, in Lawrence, the son of Ralph and Amelia Raffelock. He was a graduate of Great Bend High School, Red Rock Community College and Colorado Christian College. A resident of Thornton, he was the owner/operator of Lasting Impressions Custom Design in Thornton and former superintendent of Summit Legend Construction Company of Denver, Colo. Raffelock was a member of the Order of the Arrow and an Eagle Scout. Survivors include one son, Ryan Raffelock of Wheat Ridge, Colo.; two daughters, Heather Gambrell of Overland Park and Elyse Raffelock of Wheat Ridge; one brother, Troy J. Raffelock of Granger, Ind.; two sisters, Leslie Raffelock and Shelbi Raffelock, both of Great Bend; and three grandchildren. A memorial service was held Monday at Arvada Central Baptist Church with the Rev. Dutty Deardorf officiating. Memorials are suggested to Barton County Community College in care of the Raffelock family. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 6, 2001

July 8, 2001

Paul L. Churchill 1928-2001

ELLINWOOD - Paul L. Churchill, 73, died July 6 at his residence in Ellinwood. He was born May 30, 1928, in Great Bend, the son of John William and Dora Scheufler Churchill. He married Dorothy Barry April 11, 1947, in Great Bend. A lifelong resident of Ellinwood, he was a retired farmer. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Kim P. Churchill of Ellinwood; one daughter, Lonna Mead of Great Bend; one sister, Fern Wilson of Mesa, Ariz.; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Buckland Churchill; one brother, Brad Lawrence Churchill; and one sister, Lela Glover. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Kimple Funeral Home Chapel in Ellinwood with
the Rev. Diana Fox officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time on Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Ellinwood Fire Department candy fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 8, 2001

Corey Glenn Welch 1973-2001

WICHITA - Corey Glenn Welch, 28, died July 4 at HCA Wesley Hospital in Wichita. He was born Feb. 20, 1973, in Lyons, the son of Ronald and Linda Terrell Welch. He married Francie Trosper June 15, 1996, in Wichita. A resident of Wichita since 1989, he was a meat cutter for Food-4-Less/ Falley's Inc. of Wichita. Welch was a member of United Methodist Church in Sterling. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Emily Dawn Welch and April Lynn Welch, both of the home; his father and stepmother, Ronald and Lisa Welch of Atlanta Ga.; his mother and stepfather, Linda and George Casement of Wichita; one brother, Shelby H. Welch of Wichita; one sister, Angela Krueger of Topeka; several stepbrothers and stepsisters; and his grandmother, Helen Evans of Sterling. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the church with the Revs. Tom Hawks and Dr. Lee R. Louderback officiating. Burial will be at Sterling Community Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Emily Dawn Welch and April Lynn Welch education fund, in care of Sillin Funeral Home in Sterling. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 8, 2001

E. Jean Swartz 1915-2001

E. Jean Swartz, 86, of Great Bend died July 5 at her residence. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 8, 2001

Olga Schultz 1901-2001

Olga Schultz, 99, of Great Bend died July 6 at Integrated Health Services in Great Bend. She was born Oct. 24, 1901, the daughter of William and Elizabeth Christiansen Witte. She married George William Schultz Dec. 1, 1920, in Great Bend. He died July 29, 1981. A lifelong resident of Barton County, she was a homemaker and farmer. Mrs. Schultz was a member of First United Methodist Church, Friendship Sunday School Class, Barton County Historical Society, Silver and Gold Club, and volunteered at the Senior Center, all of Great Bend. Survivors include one daughter, Lenora Miller of Great Bend; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Alford Witte and Edwin Witte; and one sister, Sylvia Banks. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Dr. Kevin Baxter officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 5-9 tonight, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or senior center, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 8, 2001

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Jean Swartz 1915-2001

Jean Swartz, 86, of Great Bend, died July 5 at her home. She was born May 12, 1915, in Arkansas City, the daughter of Edward Sanford Sr. and Bessie Mildred Williamson Berry. She married Daniel V. Swartz June 13, 1937, in Arkansas City. He died Aug. 21, 1985. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Fort Scott, she was a teacher and homemaker. Mrs. Swartz was a member of First United Methodist Church, FS Chapter of PEO, United Way board, Great Bend Library board, Council on Aging, Golden Belt Home Health, certified Red Cross Gray Lady, Barton County Historical Society, Barton County Retired Teachers Association, American Association of Retired Persons, Kansas Association for the Visually Impaired, Central Kansas Medical Center Auxiliary and Hospital Board, all of Great Bend. Survivors include two daughters, Karen Stegall of Denver, Colo., and Susan Marie Ragan of Salida, Colo.; one brother, E. Sanford Berry Jr. of Champaign, Ill.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Joel Herbert Berry and Eldon Berry; and one sister, Marianne Garland. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home Chapel in Great Bend with the Rev. Jana Baxter officiating. Inurnment will be at Great Bend Cemetery at a later date. There will be no visitation, cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to the Dan and Jean Swartz Memorial Scholarship Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 9, 2001

Patricia Hake Coats 1931-2001

SALINA - Patricia Hake Coats. 70. died July 7 at Salina Regional Medical Center in Salina. She was
born Feb. 11, 1931, in Tipton, the daughter of John F. and Jessie M. Smith Hake. She married Robert L. Coats in 1965 in Omaha, Neb. A resident of Salina, coming from Corning, Ark., she was a homemaker. Mrs. Coats was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Tipton and had been attending Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina. Survivors include her husband of Doniphan, Mo.; two daughters, Kay Commerford of Salina and Jackie Bailey of Great Bend; one half-sister, Lolita Valenta of Lorraine; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Charles Hake. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Lorraine Baptist Cemetery in Lorraine, with the Rev. Daniel Scheetz officiating. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Salina, in care of Parsons Funeral Home in Ellsworth. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 9, 2001

Reuben Lee Roberts 1924-2001

LEWIS - Reuben Lee Roberts, 77, died July 7 at his home in Lewis. He was born June 11, 1924, in Chattanooga, Tenn., the son of Andrew and Naomi McCarty Roberts. He married Betty Welsch June 8, 1952, in Lewis. A resident of Lewis, he was a custodian for USD 502. Roberts was a member of United Methodist Church and Masonic Lodge 220, both of Lewis. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Kelly Roberts of Larned; two daughters, Tona King of Hoisington and Chari Peak of Kansas City, Mo.; three brothers, Earl Roberts of Winter Springs, Fla., John Roberts of Jefferson, Texas, and Jack Roberts of Lewis; two sisters, Louise Gerbing of Newburgh, Idaho, and Kay Keener of Arnod Park, Iowa; and four grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. David Bell officiating. Burial will be at Trotter Cemetery in Lewis. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, all at McKillip Memorial Funeral Home in Kinsley. Memorials are suggested to South Wind Hospice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 9, 2001

Olga Ida Schultz 1901-2001

Olga Ida Schultz, 99, of Great Bend died July 7 at Integrated Health Services in Great Bend. She was born Oct. 24, 1901, in Shaffer, the daughter of William and Elizabeth Christiansen Witte. She married George William Schultz Dec. 1, 1920, in Great Bend. He died July 29, 1981. A lifelong resident of Barton County, she was a homemaker and farmer. Mrs. Schultz was a member of First United Methodist Church, Friendship Sunday school class, Barton County Historical Society, Silver and Gold Club, and volunteered at the Senior Center, all of Great Bend. Survivors include one daughter, Lenora Miller of Great Bend; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Alford Witte and Edwin Witte; and one sister, Sylvia Banks. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Dr. Kevin Baxter officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 p.m. Monday, and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or senior center, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 8, 2001

Elma I. Brack 1908-2001

RUSSELL - Elma I. Brack, 92, died July 8 at Hoisington Rehabilitation Center. She was born Nov. 1, 1908, in southern Russell County, near Milberger, the daughter of David R. and Sarah Schwindt Dumler. She was a graduate of Hoisington High School and attended Fort Hays State College. She married Samuel Brack April 20, 1930, in Otis. He died Jan. 9, 1972. A lifelong resident of the Milberger area, she was a school teacher, farmer and homemaker. Mrs. Brack was a member of United Emanuel Lutheran Church and ladies circle of the church, both in Milberger. Survivors include two sons, Melvin Brack of Great Bend and LaVern Brack of Escondido, Calif.; one daughter, Isabelle Untereiner of Russell; one brother, William E. Dumler of Denver, Colo.; one sister, Eulalia Titus of Tulsa, Okla.; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Ferdinand Dumler and Albert Dumler; and one sister, Ruth Dietz. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Keith Kreitzer officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Galatia. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Pohlman's Mortuary in Russell and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or senior center, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 10, 2001

E. Albert Graham 1924-2001

SALINA - E. Albert Graham, 77, died July 7. He was born Jan. 14, 1924, in Sterling. He married his wife, Marjorie, Jan. 20, 1946, in Salina. He attended Kansas State University and graduated from Valparaiso Technical Institute. A resident of Salina, he was a civil engineering employee for the State of Kansas Department of Transportation. Graham was a member of United Methodist Church of the Cross,
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1432, Masonic Lodge 60, Scottish Rite of Freemasonry; Isis Temple, Order of Eastern Star, all of Salina, Central Kansas Amateur Radio Club WOCY and ARRL radio club. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Michael Earl Graham of Truckee, Calif., and Richard D. Graham of Albuquerque, N.M.; one sister, Donna L. Cunningham of Upland, Calif.; and four grandchildren. Funeral will at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Burial will be at Roselawn Memorial Park in Salina. Friends may call until 6:30 tonight at Ryan Mortuary in Salina. Memorials are suggested to the church or Hospice of Salina, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 10, 2001

July 11, 2001

Eva Alice Rickenbrode 1908-2001

ROBBINSDALE, Minn. - Eva Alice Rickenbrode, 92, died Feb. 23 at her residence in Robbinsdale. She was born Oct. 6, 1908, in Neodesha, the daughter of Eli Leroy and Cora Alice Field Kelly. She married Glen Rickenbrode Dec. 5, 1931, in Neodesha. He died August 1984. A resident of Robbinsdale, coming from Bushton were she resided from 1939-1991, she was a retired U.S. Postal worker. Mrs. Rickenbrode was a member of United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women and Double Seven, all of Bushton. Survivors include one daughter, Phyllis Ann Weinmeister of Minneapolis, Minn.; three grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Mayme Louise Chancey and Rosabelle Derr. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Bushton Cemetery with the Rev. Barbara Parker officiating. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society, in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 11, 2001

Robert Lee Underwood 1929-2001

EL CAJON, Calif. - Robert Lee Underwood, 71, died June 24 in El Cajon. He was born June 26, 1929, in Junction City, the son of E.C. and Josephine Mosby Underwood. He married Dolly Underwood. A resident of El Cajon, he was a retired Gunnery Sgt. of the U.S. Marine Corps. Underwood was a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and Lions Club, both of El Cajon. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Lee Underwood Jr. of El Cajon; two daughters, Linda Underwood and Janice Underwood, both of Biloxi, Miss.; three brothers, Bill Underwood and J.D. Underwood, both of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Bruce Brack of Mullinville; four sisters, Sally Basham of Lincoln, Neb., Kay Bredfeldt of Bellevue, Neb., Beverly Nuss of Hays and Lynn Litson of La Crosse; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Michael Underwood; and two sisters, Eleanor Hospodka and Barbara Underwood. Memorial services will be held at a later date and will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 11, 2001

Janice A. Boggess 1920-2001

LANGLEY - Janice A. Boggess, 80, died July 5. She was born Oct. 15, 1920, in Langley. She was a retired teacher. Survivors include two daughters, Linda Marus of Plymouth, Minn., and Jane Kliebenstein of Quincy, Ill.; two sisters, Kathy Honomichil of Great Bend and Verla Whitney of South Hutchinson; and nine grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Old Mission Mortuary in Wichita. Inurnment will be at Mission Chapel Mausoleum in Wichita. There will be no visitation. No memorials are suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 11, 2001

July 12, 2001

Paul Edward Keller 1924-2001

ST. JOHN - Paul Edward Keller, 77, died July 10 at Southwind Hospice Facility in Pratt. He was born May 8, 1924, in St. John, the son of James Walter and Essie Keller. He was a 1942 graduate of St. John High School and 1971 graduate of Preston Roads Seminary in Dallas, Texas. He married Jean Funk July 2, 1944, in St. John. She preceded him in death. He married Lillian Keller Jan. 12, 1991, in Portland, Ore. A resident of St. John, he was a telegrapher and depot agent for Santa Fe Railroad and a minister of the Gospel, preaching at several churches. Keller was a member of Veterans of Foreign War and past Mason, both in St. John. He was a Golden Gloves boxing champion. He was a U.S. Army Air Corp. veteran of World War II in the Pacific Theater. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Kenneth Keller of St. John; three stepsons, Greg Roberts of Mukilteo, Wash., John Roberts of Hayward, Calif., and Scott Roberts of Cascade Locks, Ore.; two brothers, Don Keller of St. John and Wayne Keller of Dodge City; one sister, Ruth Campbell of St. John; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.
Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Minnis Chapel in St. John, with the Rev. Wade Russell officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call until 8 tonight at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to Southwind Hospice in care of the chapel.

Elva Jean Latas 1924-2001

LARNED - Elva Jean Latas, 76, died July 10 at Healthcare and Living Center in Larned. She was born Nov. 13, 1924, in Pawnee County, the daughter of Preston S. and Lora Hazel Pate Blackburn. She married Arlie Eugene Latas Dec. 24, 1952, in Syracuse. He died Nov. 8, 1982. A longtime resident of Larned, she was a school teacher in Ness County, Zook, Radium and Pawnee Rock. Mrs. Latas was a member of the Methodist Church in Rozel, Ft. Larned Belles and Tertula Club, both of Larned, and the Retired Teachers Association. Survivors include two nieces, Belva Rosenau of Garden City and Bonnie Gregory of Wichita. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Raymond Blackburn, Joe Blackburn, Wayne Blackburn, Keith Blackburn and Olsa Lee Blackburn. Funeral will be at 10:30 Friday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned with the Rev. Charles Grant officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home.

Verle Vincent Gable 1927-2001

EXETER, Mo. - Verle Vincent Gable, 73, died July 10 at his residence in Exeter. He was born Oct. 16, 1927, in Alden, the son of Charles William and Hazel June Partington Gable. He attended school in Alden. He married Phyllis Roberta Lyon Sept. 16, 1947, in Great Bend. A resident of Exeter, coming from Brenham, Texas, Great Bend, Wichita, Hutchinson, and Eureka, he was superintendent for Petro Lewis Oil Company before retiring in 1984 and worked for Gates Rubber Company. Gable was a member of Exeter First Baptist Church, Pythagoras Masonic Lodge 383 and Celestia Chapter OES 81. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Craig Gable of Fayetteville, N.C.; one daughter, Brenda K. Moore of Barrackville, W.V.; one brother, Harold Gable of Chase; four sisters, Fain Boley of Republic, Mo., Shirley Bower of Loveland, Colo., Mae Riedel of Bellevue, Wash. and Donna Graves of Shell Knob, Mo.; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Dwight Gable and Dean Gable; and two sisters, Joyce White and Gale Austin. Funeral was today at the church. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Greenwood Cemetery in Eureka. No memorials are suggested. Arrangements are by Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville, Mo.

Patsy Ruth Breitenbach 1935-2001

BELPRE - Patsy Ruth Breitenbach, 66, died July 11 at her home in rural Belpre. She was born Feb. 11, 1935, in Hutchinson, the daughter of Blenard and Ione Clark Wilson. She married Garman Breitenbach June 12, 1954, in Hutchinson. A longtime resident of Belpre, she was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Marjain Breitenbach of Kansas City, Michael Breitenbach of Shawnee Mission, and Charles Breitenbach of Stafford; two daughters, Cheryl Hulsey of Hutchinson and Gayle Berrios of Kansas City, Mo.; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one grandson, Matthew Hulsey. Prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church in Larned. Burial will be at Belpre Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Southwind Hospice, in care of the funeral home.

July 13, 2001

Jacinta "Cindy" Almanza 1928-2001

STAFFORD - Jacinta "Cindy" Almanza, 72, died July 11 at Pratt Regional Medical Center in Pratt. She was born Sept. 11, 1928, in Rocky Ford, Colo., the daughter of Santiago and Soledad S. Rocha. She married Simon Almanza Sr. May 16, 1952, in Kinsley. He preceded her in death. A resident of Stafford, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Almanza was a member of St. John the Apostle Catholic Church in St. John. Survivors include two sons, Lawrence David Almanza of Stafford and Simon Almanza Jr. of St. John; four daughters, Susan Boles of Stafford, Marie Stauffacher of Hutchinson, Josephine Barnett of Colby and Tammy Henderson of Nevada, Mo.; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, John Almanza; and one sister, Guadalupe Rocha. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Minnis Chapel in St. John. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Rene Guesnier officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call.
Mary J. Bruno 1935-2001

Mary J. Bruno, 66, of Great Bend died July 12 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born March 31, 1935, at Barnsdall, Okla., the daughter of Miles Velton and Maudie Lee Jones Anthony. She married J.B. Bruno March 1, 1952, at Ellinwood. A resident of Great Bend, having been a longtime Barton County resident, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Bruno was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend, a former member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Ellinwood. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Vincent Bruno of Great Bend; two daughters, Terri Klein and Sharon Vanaman, both of Great Bend; one brother, Billy Joe Anthony of El Dorado; six sisters, La Vona Bowen of Luray, Lee Nora Daniel of Garden City, Sandra Orr of Denton, Texas, Diana Howard, Lana Slack and Ramona Tracy, all of Great Bend; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Jack Anthony, Robert Anthony, Johnnie Lee Anthony and Donald Anthony; and four sisters, Opal Casper, Wanda Mason, Delpha Wilson and Carolyn Anthony. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Ellinwood with the Rev. David Flagor officiating. Burial will be in Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the Mary Jane Bruno Expense Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 15, 2001

James C. Moran 1919-2001

LA CROSSE - James C. Moran, 81, of McCracken died July 12 at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. He was born Sept. 16, 1919, in Nekoma, the son of William P. and Rosa Marak Moran. He married Isabel R. Malone, Dec. 5, 1942, in Fort Pickett, Va. A lifelong resident of Rush County, he was a farmer, stockman and grain dealer at Hargrave. Moran was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus and Veterans of Foreign Wars, all of La Crosse. He was a graduate of St. Joseph Military Academy of Hays. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II, serving in Europe with the Third Armored Division, receiving the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in Belgium. Survivors include his wife, of the home; four daughters, Roslyn Bethke of Shawnee, Marla Williams of Topeka, Gail Mora of Scottsbluff, Neb., and Nancy Ong of College Station, Texas; one brother, Bill Moran of McCracken; four sisters, Marcelline Wendling of Halstead, Mary Ann Moran of McCracken, L. Jean Moran of Overland Park, Rita Pamilia of Danville, Calif.; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandson. He was preceded in death by one son, James E. Moran; and a brother, Vincent Moran. Rosary at 7:30 tonight at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Mass of Resurrections will be 2:30 p.m. Monday at the church with the Revs. Benjamin Martin and Eugene Kenny officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in McCracken. Friends may call from 4-9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. The family will greet friends from 6:30-7:30 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Monday at the funeral home. The family will receive friends from 6:30-7:30 tonight and from 1-2 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. The family will greet friends at 5 p.m. Monday at St. Michael's Parish Hall. Memorials are suggested to Rush County Memorial Hospital Long Term Care or to the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 15, 2001

Timothy Ekstrom 1911-2001

RUSSELL - Timothy Ekstrom, 90, died July 14 at Cherry Village in Great Bend. He was born Feb. 11, 1911, in Garfield, the son of Oscar and Marie Alvangren Ekstrom. He married Agnes Barbara Friebus Nov. 28, 1949, in Stuttgart. She died May 28, 1979. A resident of Russell, he worked as an oil field roughneck and in maintenance at Thies Packing Company in Great Bend. Ekstrom was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Russell. Survivors include three nephews, Arvin Peterson of Knoxville, Iowa, LaMoyne Peterson of Kinsley and Eugene Peterson of Hutchinson; and one niece, Euline Rowe of Wichita. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Pohiman's Mortuary Memorial Chapel in Russell, with the Rev. Don Wichmann officiating. Graveside service will be at noon Wednesday at Stockton City Cemetery in Stockton. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 16, 2001

Laurie R. Marvin 1938-2001
GREELEY, Colo. - Laurie R. Marvin, 63, of Greeley, died July 12 as a result of a traffic accident on I-70 in western Kansas. She was born Feb. 20, 1938, in Seminole, Okla., the daughter of Rizal and Laurie Flemming Marr. She graduated from Great Bend High School and attended Dominican School of Nursing. She married William Marvin 1964 in Indianapolis. He preceded her in death. A resident of Greeley, coming from Great Bend, she worked as a nurse for 35 years at St. Anthony's North hospital in Westminster. Mrs. Marvin was a member of First Christian Church and PEO Sisterhood, Chapter FZ, both in Greeley. Survivors include two sons, David Marvin of Have de Grace, Md., and Andy Marvin of Kersey, Colo.; one daughter, Beth Heide of Prairie Village; one brother, Robert Marr of Indianapolis, Ind.; and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Patty Tuck. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Highland Cemetery in Northglenn, Colo. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Gideons Auxiliary, in care of Stoddard Funeral Home in Greeley. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 16, 2001

Florence E. Byers 1912-2001

MCPherson - Florence E. Byers, 89, died July 15 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. She was born Jan. 1, 1912, in Inman, the daughter of William C. and Katherine Dirksen Ratzlaff. She was a 1931 graduate of Inman High School. She married Virgil R. Byers Oct. 22, 1932, in Newton. He died Dec. 30, 1961. A resident of McPherson, coming from Hudson, she was a homemaker, worked in the produce department at Dillons, and was a cook at McPherson College for 10 years. Mrs. Byers was a member of First Baptist Church and Friendly Hour Club, both of McPherson. Survivors include two sons, William Byers of Kingman and Larry Byers of Hutchinson; one daughter, Nancee Scherich of Wichita; two brothers, Carl Ratzlaff of McPherson and Ernest Ratzlaff of Morrilton, Ark.; one sister, Mable Rodgers of Marquette; seven grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Martha Totten and Irene Ray; and one grandson, Mark Byers. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Dr. James McIntosh officiating. Burial will be at North Inman Cemetery in Inman. Friends may call from 3-8 p.m. Wednesday at Glidden-Ediger Funeral Home in McPherson. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 17, 2001

Grace H. Brown 1915-2001

PRESTON - Grace H. Brown, 86, died July 15 at her home in Preston. She was born April 17, 1915, in Preston, the daughter of Frank and Sadie Leroux Selle. She graduated from Southwestern College in Winfield. She married Charles Leslie Brown Dec. 30, 1941, in Arnold. He died June 8, 1998. A resident of Preston, she was a retired music teacher. Mrs. Brown was a member of United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women, both of Preston, Music Club, Rebekah Lodge, Extension Homemakers Unit, and Retired Teachers Association, all of Pratt, and the National Education Association. Survivors include two sons, Kermit Brown and Stan Brown, both of Preston; one daughter, Brenda Riffey of Pratt; and three grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Larrison Mortuary in Pratt, with the Rev. Robert Walter officiating. Burial will be at Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Preston. Friends may call until 9 p.m. Wednesday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to South Wind Hospice or the church music fund, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 17, 2001

Doris Elizabeth Nairn Unruh 1917-2001

HUTCHINSON - Doris Elizabeth Nairn Unruh, 84, died July 16 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. She was born May 19, 1917, the daughter of John L. and Blanche S. Ewing Nairn. She married Galen W. Unruh Aug. 31, 1934. A resident of Hutchinson since 1981, coming from Pawnee Rock, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Unruh was a member of New Jerusalem Church in Pawnee Rock, Ladies Aide Society, Barton County Art Association and Pawnee County Art Association. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Stephen Unruh of Hutchinson and Stanley Unruh of San Antonio, Texas; three daughters, Janice Beougher of Kingman, Carole Bowman of Pawnee Rock and Sharon Billings of Milford, Ohio; three brothers, Wendell Nairn of Aurora, Calif., Loren Nairn and Gene Nairn, both of Great Bend; four sisters, Fern Walden of Alaska, Elva Petz of Overland Park, Winifred Pierce of Albuquerque, N.M., and Wila Smith of Fort Collins, Colo.; 18 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Daryl Nairn; and one sister, Violetta Schwager. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Fryberger Mortuary Chapel in Great Bend. Burial will be at Pawnee Rock Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight, from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 17, 2001
Hazel Ward 1921-2001

Hazel Ward, 80, of Great Bend, died July 16 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. She was born April 5, 1921, in Oklahoma, the daughter of Boss F. and Bertha Borulan Liggett. She married John Henry Ward June 4, 1950, in Fayetteville, Ark. He died March 16, 2001. A resident of Great Bend, coming from La Crosse, she was a homemaker. Survivors include one son, Justin Ward of Bentley; and three grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend with the Rev. David W. Beeson officiating. Friends may call until 9 tonight and 9-10 a.m. Wednesday, both at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the Hazel Ward Expense Fund, in care of the funeral home, Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 17, 2001

Kelly B. Puckett

Kelly B. Puckett of Great Bend, died July 15. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Fryberger Mortuary in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 17, 2001

July 18, 2001

Kelly B. Puckett 1923-2001

Kelly B. Puckett, 77, of Great Bend, died July 15 at Integrated Health Services in Great Bend. He was born Aug. 12, 1923, in Kiowa, the son of Burney and Mary Dillard Puckett. He was a 1942 graduate of Great Bend High School. He married Maxine Bush. A long time resident of Great Bend, he was a retired assembly line worker. Puckett was a member of First Christian Church in Great Bend. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Don Puckett of Geneseo, Ill. and Todd Puckett of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; two sisters, Maxine Oller of Great Bend and Billie Jean Lord of Mobile, Ala.; and two grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Friends may call from 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Fryberger Mortuary in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 18, 2001

Genevieve C. Henry 1924-2001

McPHERSON - Genevieve C. Henry, 76, died July 16 at Memorial Hospital in McPherson. She was born Sept. 4, 1924, in McPherson, the daughter of Erick Bamhart and Ella Christine Larsen Berg. She was a graduate of Windom High School in Windom and attended Salt City Business College in Hutchinson. She married Jack Henry Jr. Dec. 1, 1943, in Wichita. He died Sept. 8, 1972. A resident of McPherson, coming from Galva, Liberal and Great Bend, she worked as a secretary and business owner and partner. Mrs. Henry was a member of New Gottland Lutheran Church, McPherson Kitchenettes, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2715, Ladies Auxiliary and American Legion Post 24 Ladies Auxiliary, all of McPherson. Survivors include three sons, Vernon Henry of Hillsboro, Dean P. Henry of Little River and Edward G. Henry of Lindsborg; one daughter, Kristine Mcildoon of McPherson; one brother, Charles A. Berg of Windom; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Lineea Berg. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Glidden-Ediger Funeral Home Chapel in McPherson, with the Rev. Ramona H. Carlin officiating. Graveside service will be at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Andover Lutheran Church Cemetery in rural Windom. Friends may call from 3-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to McPherson County Council on Aging, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 18, 2001

Francis Dail Peterson 1917-2001

HOISINGTON - Francis Dail Peterson, 84, died July 17 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 18, 2001

Kay Louise Burgat Bitter 1943-2001

EUROPE - Kay Louise Burgat Bitter, 58 of Scottsdale, Ariz. died July 10 while traveling through Europe. She was born Jan. 25, 1943, in Great Bend, the daughter of Ted and Elsie Burgat. She attended Hoisington High School and Kansas State University, and has degrees from Wichita State University and Arizona State University. She married Gary Bitter Aug. 19, 1962 at Concordia Lutheran Church in Hoisington. A resident of Scottsdale, coming from Hoisington, she worked as a preschool teacher with
the Scottsdale School District for many years. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Steve Bitter of San Anselmo, Calif., Mike Bitter and Matt Bitter, both of Scottsdale, Ariz.; one brother, Gary Burgat of Colorado Springs, Colo.; one sister Becky Parks of Roanoke, Texas; and five grandchildren. She is preceded in death by one brother, Charles "Chuck" Burgat. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, at United Methodist Church in Scottsdale. Memorials are suggested to the Kay Bitter Memorial Fund for Preschool Education, in care of Bank of America, P.O. Box 52318, Phoenix, AZ, 85072-2318. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 18, 2001

July 19, 2001

Willard G. Doonan 1921-2001

HOISINGTON- Willard G. Doonan, 79, died July 18 at his residence. He was born Oct. 13, 1921, in Barton County, the son of Clarence and Florence Bowyer Doonan. He married Blanche Schaffer Nov. 5, 1939, at Russell. A resident of Barton County for most of his life, he was a farmer. Doonan was a member of St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, both of Hoisington, and was a clerk of Eureka township board. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Roy Doonan of Great Bend and Glen Doonan of Hoisington; two daughters, Faye Doonan and Darlene Stoss, both of Hoisington; two brothers, Robert Doonan of Quinlan, Texas, and Wendell Doonan of Great Bend; two sisters, Margueriet McAnulla of Great Bend and Evelyn Graham of Las Vegas, Nev.; 12 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son Willard Ray Doonan; and one granddaughter, Melinda Stoss. Family rosary will be at 7 tonight at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday, followed by Knights of Columbus rosary both at the funeral home. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the St. John Church Cemetery Fund or Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 19, 2001

W.L. ’Larry’ Nelson 1916-2001

RUSSELL - W.L. ’Larry’ Nelson, 84, died July 18 at HMC St. Anthony Hospital in Hays. He was born Aug. 19, 1916, at Concord, Neb., the son of Laurence Gilbert and Ella Florence Thompson Nelson. He attended college at Lincoln, Neb. He married Gloria D. Dole April 19, 1942, at La Crosse. A resident of Russell since 1979, coming from Ft. Morgan, Colo., he was a meter engineer. Nelson was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church, American Legion, Masonic Lodge, Elks Lodge and Shrine Club, all of Russell, Consistory and ISIS Shrine and Legion of Honor, both of Salina. He was a captain in the U.S. Army Air Force veteran of World War II; he was a B-29 pilot. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Laurence Nelson and Jeff Nelson, both of Salina, and Robert Nelson of Greeley, Colo.; two daughters, Linda Belau of Greeley and Susan Silz of Ft. Morgan; one sister, Jean Reinhard of Broken Bow, Neb.; 14 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Janet Sue Nelson; three brothers, Everett Nelson, Quentin Nelson and Keith Nelson; and one sister, Elinor Clough. Private family funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Pohlman's Mortuary Memorial Chapel at Russell with the Revs. Glenn Tombaugh and Harlan Kaden officiating. Burial will be at Russell City Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 8 p.m. Friday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the HMC Oncology Unit in Hays, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 19, 2001

Bina E. Travis 1902-2001

BICKNELL, Ind. - Bina E. Travis, 99, died July 17 at Beverly Manor Nursing Home in Seal Beach, Calif. She was born July 5, 1902, in Stafford County, the daughter of John A. and Susannah Schmidt Unruh. She married Albert C. Travis Oct. 17, 1926, at Great Bend. He died May 27, 1984. A longtime resident of Bicknell before moving to California in July 1995, she was a stenographer and owner of Bicknell Greenhouse from 1935-65. Mrs. Travis was a member of Bicknell United Methodist Church for 60 years, Who Do Sunday School Class, Mt. Olive OES, American Legion Auxiliary and PEO, all of Bicknell. Survivors include two sons, John Travis in Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., and Richard Travis in Coopersburg, Pa.; two brothers, Lee Unruh of Bucklin and Vernon Unruh of Larned; one sister, Martha Hahn of Hutchinson; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Ernest Unruh and George Unruh; and three sisters, Evelyn Wyman, Pearl Peck and Alice Clarkson. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Larned Cemetery with the Rev. Charles Grant officiating. Friends may call from 5-8 p.m. Sunday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 19, 2001
July 20, 2001

Francis Dail 'Pete' Peterson 1917-2001

HOISINGTON - Francis Dail "Pete" Peterson, 84, died July 17 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born Jan. 20, 1917, in Swedeburg, Mo., the son of Charles and Harriet Isabelle Kissinger Peterson. He married Viola Beck Feb. 20, 1960, in Hoisington. A resident of Hoisington, coming from Osawatomie, he was a retired conductor for Missouri Pacific Railroad. Peterson was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Veterans of Foreign War Post 7428, member and past president of United Transportation Union, NARVRE, Masonic Lodge 331 A.F. and A.M., and Lake Barton Golf Club, all of Hoisington. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Theatre. Survivors include his wife of the home; and one son, Bradley A. Peterson of Overland Park. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Obed Peterson, Howard Peterson and Clair Peterson; and two sisters, Gladys Mayer and Nellie Pummill. Funeral was today at the church, with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery in Hoisington, with Military Graveside Rites by VFW Post 7428 and American Legion Post 286, both of Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to the church or Clara Barton Foundation, both in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 20, 2001

Harold E. Dobrinski 1920-2001

LORRAINE - Harold E. Dobrinski, 80, died July 18 at his residence in rural Lorraine. He was born Oct. 3, 1920, in Lorraine, the son of Charles "Charlie" and Theresa Preuss Dobrinski. He was a graduate of Lorraine High School and Sterling College. He married Marion Hicks May 5, 1946, in Madison, Wis. She died July 10, 1995. A lifelong resident of Lorraine, he was a farmer, owner of Sunflower Antiques, and a school teacher, all in Lorraine. Dobrinski was a member of First Baptist Church in Lorraine, past president of the Farm Bureau in Ellsworth, American Legion in Holyrood and Gideons International. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. Survivors include one son, Mark Dobrinski of Larrain; one daughter, Cynthia Granger of Martinsville, Va.; one sister, Leora Phillips of Santa Barbara, Calif.; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Arthur Dobrinski and Carl Dobrinski; and one sister, Hertha Strella. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Revs. Everett Barker and Curtis Reinhardt officiating. Burial will be at Lorraine Cemetery with full military honors by the Fort Riley Honor Guard. Friends may call from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to Heart Ministries of Hutchinson, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 22, 2001

July 22, 2001

George R. Farney 1912-2001

WILSON - George R. Farney, 89, died July 21 at Wilson Nursing Center in Wilson. He was born Sept. 8, 1912, in Lincoln County, the son of Dennis Sr. and Lena Kasper Farney. He married Rose Macek Sept. 25, 1934, in Wilson. A lifetime resident of the Wilson area, he was a farmer, stockman and auctioneer. Farney was a member of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, both of Wilson. Survivors include his wife of the home; and three brothers, Dennis J. Farney of Wilson, Emil Farney of Wichita and Norbert Farney of Sylvan Grove. Parish vigil will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Foster Mortuary in Wilson. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Jerome Morgan officiating. Burial will be at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Cemetery in Wilson. Friends may call from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Catholic Cemetery Fund or the church, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 22, 2001

Danette M. Gaitros 1979-2001

WILSON - Danette M. Gaitros, 22, died July 20 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born Feb. 27, 1979, in Robinson, Texas, the daughter of Donald L. and Linda Vopat Gaitros. A resident of Wilson most her life, she was a Kansas State University student. She was a member of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church of Wilson, Circle K college sorority of Manhattan and Baylor Riding Club of Baylor, Texas. Survivors include her mother, Linda Weber of Wilson; her father and stepmother, Vicki Gaitros of Robinson; three brothers, Frank J. Weber of Wilson, Jeff Rogers of Robinson and Brad Rogers of Waco, Texas; six sisters, Cyria Green of Halstead, Angela Nawrocki of Henderson, Nev., Jennifer Gaitros and Kathy Dolff, both of Denver, Colo., Bettina Gaitros of Tolar, Texas, and Joanna Gaitros of Robinson; and her grandmother, Marie J. Vopat of Wilson. Parish vigil will be at 7:30 tonight at Foster Mortuary in Wilson. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church with th
Ellen Bernice Musil 1914-2001

BURDETT - Ellen Bernice Musil, 86, died July 21 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Joseph Long Term Care in Larned. She was born Sept. 1, 1914, in Sylvia, the daughter of Hugh L. and Mary Hazel Stevenson Brownlee. She was a graduate of Sylvia High School, attended Hutchinson Junior College, was a 1937 graduate of Kansas State University and did graduate studies at Fort Hays State University and Emporia State University. She married Elmer Ray Musil July 25, 1945, in Zenith. A resident of Burdett since 1957, she was a retired home economist, teacher at several Kansas schools including 16 years at Pawnee Heights, and a correspondent since 1983 for the Larned Tiller and Toiler and Jetmore Republican newspapers. Mrs. Musil attended United Methodist Church, was a member of Pathfinders Sunday school class, United Methodist Women, American Legion Auxiliary and Shiley Homemakers and Burdett Seniors, all of Burdett, Eastern Star of Marysville, Daughters of American Revolution, life member of KSU Alumni Association, an alumni board member of KSU College of Human Ecology, Kansas Master 4-H Club and Kansas Master Farm Homemakers Guild, serving as president. She was a past community project leader for Burdett Blue Ribbons 4-H Club. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Elmer Lee Musil of Burdett; and one grandson. She was preceded in death by three brothers, William Brownlee, George Brownlee and Donald Brownlee; and one sister, Virginia Brownlee.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the church with the Revs. Tony Horsley and Irving Jennings officiating. Burial will be at Browns Grove Cemetery in Burdett. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the church or Pawnee County 4-H Foundation, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 22, 2001

Clinton K. Turner 1927-2001

HUTCHINSON - Clinton K. Turner, 73, died July 20 at Hospice Residential Care Center in Hutchinson. He was born Nov. 27, 1927, near Sylvia, the son of Thomas and Verda Barker Turner. He was a 1946 graduate of Sylvia High School. He married Dorothy Mitchell Coffey Feb. 13, 1950, in Santa Barbara, Calif. A resident of Hutchinson, coming from Stafford and Creede, Colo., he was the retired owner of Turner Construction of Stafford and Creede. Turner was a member of Southwest Tool Collectors, Midwest Tool Collectors Association and Moose Lodge 982 of Hutchinson. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Tom Turner and Dave Turner, both of Stafford; two daughters, Brenda Fuller of Stafford and Peggy Miller of Caldwell; one stepson, George "Bud" Montford Jr. of Hutchinson; one stepdaughter, Judy Dodge of Albuquerque, N.M.; one brother, Milton Turner of Hemet, Calif.; one sister, Nina Sheppard of Hutchinson; eight grandchildren; eight stepgrandchildren; and eight stepgreat-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one grandson, Todd Turner. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Stafford Church of Christ with Carl Feril officiating. Burial will be at Peace Creek Cemetery in rural Stafford. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Monday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Memorials are suggested to Reno County Hospice or Victory in the Valley, both in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 22, 2001

Esther F. Sibert 1924-2001

DERBY - Esther F. Sibert, 77, died July 21 at Westview Manor in Derby. She was born July 6, 1924, in Galatia, the daughter of Philip and Katherine E. Wilhelm Rupp. She married Merle E. Sibert in September 1945, in Lyons. He died Nov. 25, 1971. A resident of Derby, coming from Barton County, she was a retired office manager of Semco Machine Company. Mrs. Sibert was a member of Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Wichita. Survivors include one daughter, Mary Lou Rusco of Wichita; three grandchildren; and one great-grandson. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Paul Rupp and Edward Rupp; and three sisters, Katie Wilson, Rachael Brunk and Leah Delker. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home Chapel in Great Bend, with the Rev. Thomas Harmon officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Westview Manor, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 23, 2001

Samuel F. Beckwith 1922-2001

LARNED - Samuel F. Beckwith, 78, died July 21 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born Sept. 11, 1922, in Hiawatha, the son of Gale D. and Elsie A. Brown Beckwith. He married E. Nadine Schade June 11, 1950, in Alta Vista. She died Oct. 30, 1999. A resident of...
Pawnee County since 1963, coming from Anthony, he was an American Baptist minister in the towns of Rozel, Tribune, Plains, Ulysses, Anthony, Kingman, Greensburg, Marysville, Peabody, Enterprise and Larned. Beckwith was a member of Rozel Baptist Church and Rozel Lions Club. He directed many children's summer church camps for more than 35 years. Survivors include one son, Tom W. Beckwith of Larned; one daughter, Elsie Marie Spencer of Minneola; one sister, Betty Christopherson of Albuquerque, N.M.; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Dwight Beckwith, Bob Beckwith and Tom Beckwith. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with the Rev. John Hester officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery in Larned. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 23, 2001

Virginia Lee Krug 'Tuny' Lane 1920-2001

HOISINGTON - Virginia Lee Krug "Tuny" Lane, 81, died July 22 at Specialty Hospital of Mid-America in Overland Park. She was born April 27, 1920, in Hoisington, the daughter of Leo and Beatrice Hammond Krug. She married Grant J. Lane June 14, 1939, in Hoisington. He died Jan. 5, 2000. A lifelong resident of Hoisington, she was a homemaker and retired field secretary for Federal Crop Insurance Corporation. Mrs. Lane was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Altar Society, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 286, former member of USD 431 school board, Business and Professional Women, PEO, Civic Club, SACS and several bridge clubs, all of Hoisington. She was also past state president of American Legion Auxiliary, former Girls State and Girls Nation counselor, and a member of 8/40. Survivors include one son, Kevin Lane of Washington, D.C.; three daughters, Nancy Lane of Russell, Patty Carpenter of Alexandria, Va., and Mary Bea Littrel of Washington, D.C.; and two grandsons. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, followed by an Altar Society rosary, both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery in Hoisington. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Clara Barton Foundation, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 23, 2001


HOISINGTON - Will E. Rubio, 18, died July 22 in rural Russell County as a result of an automobile accident. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 23, 2001

Zachary Catarino Rubio 1979-2001

HOISINGTON - Zachary Catarino Rubio, 20, died July 22 in rural Russell County as a result of an automobile accident. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 23, 2001

July 24, 2001

William Ward Leggett 1938-2001

LARNED - William Ward Leggett, 63, died July 21 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was born June 27, 1938, in Fredonia, the son of C. Roscoe "Ross" and Vera Glass Leggett. He was a 1956 graduate of Silver Lake High School in Silver Lake, a 1960 graduate of Baker University and a 1967 graduate of Fort Hays State University. He married Sue Zahn July 19, 1969, in Burdett. A resident of Larned, coming from Mankato, he was a retired superintendnet of USD 495. Leggett was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Larned, charter member of Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bennett, Colo., Rotary Club, Lions Club, Phi Beta Kappa and Kiwanis Club. He served as a student pastor in various communities. Survivors include his wife of the home; his mother of Topeka; one son, Lance Leggett of Newton; three daughters, Traci Sievers of Amarillo, Texas, Robin Keilig of Ravenna, Neb., and Dawn Leggett of Larned; one sister, Janet Matinek of Silver Lake; and four grandchildren. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Grace Lutheran Church in Larned with the Rev. John Drosendahl officiating. Inurnment will take place at a later date. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the William W. Leggett Memorial Fund, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 24, 2001

Zachary C. Rubio 1979-2001

HOISINGTON - Zachavr C. Rubio, 21, died Julv 21 in Russell County as the result of an automobile accident. Survivors and funeral arrangements are announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 24, 2001
accident. He was born Aug. 12, 1979, in Great Bend, the son of Martin C. and Linda C. Redetzke Rubio. He was a 1998 graduate of Hoisington High School. A lifelong resident of Hoisington, he was a heating and air-conditioning technician for Stith Company in Newton. Rubio was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington. Survivors include his parents of Hoisington; two brothers, Anthony D. Rubio of Newton and Richard A. Rubio of Littleton, Colo.; and his grandparents, Clarence and Martha Redetzke and Catarino and Mary Rubio, all of Hoisington. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery in Hoisington. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, Hoisington High School Music Department or The American Heart Association, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 24, 2001


HOISINGTON - Will E. Rubio, 18, died July 21 in Russell County as the result of an automobile accident. He was born Jan. 30, 1983, in Washington, D.C., the son of Willie and Connie Van Tassel Rubio. He was a 2001 graduate of Hoisington High School. A resident of Hoisington, coming from Fort Eustis, Va., he was active in Boy Scouts, wrestling and football. Rubio was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington. Survivors include his mother of the home; one brother, James Rubio of the home; one sister, Erin Rubio of the home; and his grandparents, Catarino and Mary Rubio of Hoisington and Arthur and Laura Van Tassel of Montrose, Pa. He was preceded in death by his father. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery in Hoisington. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, Hoisington High School Music Department, or The American Heart Association, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 24, 2001

July 25, 2001

Waunita L. Berry 1924-2001

Waunita L. Berry, 77, of Great Bend, died July 24 at her residence. She was born Jan. 8, 1924, in Otis, the daughter of Henry C. and Florence E. Matson Moore. She married James B. Berry Dec. 23, 1961, in Great Bend. A lifelong resident of Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Berry was a member of River of Life Church in Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Willard F. Renfro and Danny F. Renfro, both of Great Bend; one sister, Margerie Myers of Great Bend; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Everett Moore; one sister, Ruth Pohleman; and one grandson, Grant Renfro. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. David H. LeRoy officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 25, 2001

Evelyn Joyce Greenler Keener 1933-2001

LA CROSSE - Evelyn Joyce Greenler Keener, 67, died July 23 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born Dec. 2, 1933, in Newton, the daughter of the Rev. Albert E. and Edna L. George Greenler. She attended Sterling College in Sterling, Southwestern College in Winfield and Fort Hays State University in Hays. She married George Keener May 5, 1957, in Ness City. A resident of Rush County for 44 years, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Keener was a member of United Methodist Church in La Crosse and Order of the Eastern Star. She was a volunteer in her community and played the organ for the church. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Tom Keener, Jeff Keener and Bob Keener, all of Rush Center; and five grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. Burial will be at Rush Center Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight with the family receiving friends from 6-7 p.m. at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Memorials are suggested to Youthville, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 25, 2001

Douglas D. Wilson 1943-2001

ELLINWOOD - Douglas D. Wilson, 58, died July 24 at his home in Ellinwood. He was born July 3, 1943, in Great Bend, the son of Alva James and Ruby Bryant Wilson. He was a 1961 graduate of Ellinwood High School. He married Joy Axman Jan. 22, 1964, in Olmitz. A lifelong resident of the Ellinwood area, he was a farmer. Survivors include his wife of the home; four daughters, Deanna Hulse and Diana Wilson, both of Great Bend, Tonya Ticel of Ellinwood and Karen Hammersmith of Hutchinson; one
sister, Donna Moore of Ellinwood; and four grandchildren. Altar Society rosary will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Ellinwood with the Rev. David Flagor officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph's School Endowment, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 25, 2001

Isabella M. Koerner 1911-2001

HAYS - Isabella M. Koerner, 90, died July 24 at her home in Hays. She was born March 17, 1911, in Schoenchen, the daughter of Carl and Christina Dreher Dinges. She married James G. Koerner Oct. 4, 1932, in Hays. A resident of Hays, she was a homemaker, Duckwall's employee and cook at St. Joseph Military Academy. Mrs. Koerner was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and Altar Society Christian Mothers, both of Hays. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Vernon Koerner and Dale Koerner, both of Hays; one daughter, Jan Girvan of Hays; one brother, Wendelin "Buddy" Dinges of Hays; three sisters, Elizabeth Wolf of Thornton, Colo., Leona Burnett and Henrietta Heiser, both of Great Bend; 13 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, LeRoy Koerner; two brothers, Alex Dinges and Anthony Dinges; and four sisters, Cecilia Schumacher of Irvine, Calif., two sisters, Edarree Campbell and Sharon Jones; and six great-grandchildren. Rosary will be at 4 p.m. today at Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home in Hays. Parish vigil service will be at 7 p.m. tonight at the funeral chapel. Funeral will be at 9 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Revs. Don Zimmerman and David Metz officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 8-8:45 a.m. Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Hays Medical Center, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 26, 2001

Ricky Dean Gilmore 1959-2001

PAPILLION, Neb. - Ricky Dean Gilmore, 41, died July 23 in Modesto, Calif., as the result of a truck accident. He was born Oct. 1, 1959, in Topeka, the son of Robert R. and Sylvia Tangye Gilmore. He was a 1977 graduate of Chase High School in Chase. He married Ae Hul "Kim" Kim March 3, 1980 in Seoul, South Korea. A resident of Papillion, coming from Council Bluffs, Iowa and Great Bend, he was owner/operator of R & M Transportation Company in Papillion. Gilmore was a member of LaVista Waterview Golf Course in LaVista, Neb. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Steven Gilmore and Michael Gilmore, both of Papillion; his father of Chase; his mother of Great Bend; one brother, Robert Douglas Gilmore of Omaha, Neb.; one half-brother, Robert Shane Gilmore of Chase; three sisters, Debbie Rash of Hughson, Calif., Barbara Thoren of Hoisington and Sandra Kay Gilmore of Great Bend; and his grandfather, Thornton Sanders of Stockton. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home Chapel in Great Bend, with the Rev. David E. Carlson officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 5-9 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the state developmental center in Beatrice, Neb., in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 26, 2001

Edith Abbie Darr Milberger 1910-2001

AUBURN, Wash. - Edith Abbie Darr Milberger, 90, died July 24 at Hallmark Manor in Federal Way, Wash. She was born Sept. 1, 1910, in La Crosse, the daughter of Charles and Abbie Darr. She married Leslie L. Milberger Oct. 16, 1930. He preceded her in death. A longtime resident of Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Milberger was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Great Bend. Survivors include two sons, Leslie Roger Milberger of Sacramento, Calif. and Curt Milberger of Auburn, Wash.; two daughters, Judy Sonnenburg of Hot Springs Village, Ark. and Janet Schartz of Irvine, Calif.; two sisters, Edarree Campbell and Sharon Jones; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Douglas Milberger; two brothers, Millard Darr and Ned Darr; and one granddaughter. A private family service has been held. Burial will be at the mausoleum in Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church or donor's choice. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 26, 2001

Gary Douglas Gunn 1945-2001

ALLYN, Wash. - Gary Douglas Gunn, 54, died June 28. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at First Christian Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Memorials are suggested to the Special Olympics or local crisis center, both in care of Bryant-Christians Funeral Home
Dennis "Denny" Leo Kern 1935-2001

Dennis "Denny" Leo Kern, left the loving arms of his family at his home on Wednesday, July 25. He was born the son of Leonard M. Kern and Opal Shea-Kern on Nov. 18, 1935. He graduated from Great Bend High School in 1953. Denny was a lifelong resident of Great Bend. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge and the American Bowling Congress. He bowled for various leagues at the Walnut Bowl since the early 50's. He owned Denny's Taxi and Delivery Service from 1958-1976 and worked as a salesman thereafter. He sold and repaired Rainbow vacuum cleaners for over 30 years. He married Nancy Pennypacker June 28, 1954, in Wichita; she survives. Other survivors include four daughters and their husbands, Jody and Craig Bud; Joyce and Melvin Morris; Jeanne Mace; Jann and Jon Hogins, all of McPherson; brother Terry Kern of Great Bend; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Friends may call at the wake service at Great Bend Family Mortuary from 2-8 p.m. Friday. Rosary service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Great Bend Family Mortuary. A private family inurnment was in the Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society or to the Great Bend Cancer Center, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 26, 2001

July 27, 2001

Ronald 'Bud' Joseph Robinson Jr. 1954-2001

PLAINS - Ronald "Bud" Joseph Robinson Jr., 47, died July 24 at his residence in Plains. He was born May 13, 1954, in La Crosse, the son of Ronald and Josephine Dechant Robinson. A resident of Plains, coming from La Crosse, he was a farmer. Robinson was a member of the National Rifle Association. Survivors include his companion, Jackie Lemuz Robinson of Plains; two sons, Quentin Robinson and Shawn Robinson, both of Lamasa, Texas; two brothers, Edwin Robinson and John Robinson, both of Jacksonville, Fla.; and five sisters, Wanda Roehl of Wichita, Betty Oberhelman and Pam Ellis, both of Ness City, Rhonda Robinson of Kansas City and Nancy Pink of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City with the Rev. Sue Talbot officiating. Burial will be at St. John the Baptist Cemetery in Bazine. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the "Bud" Robinson Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 27, 2001

Madge C. Friend 1915-2001

LA CROSSE - Madge C. Friend, 86, died July 26 in Lakewood, Colo. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 27, 2001

Mable Nettie Haley 1913-2001

DELPHOS - Mable Nettie Haley, 88, died July 23 at Ottawa County Health Center in Minneapolis. She was born Feb. 3, 1913, on a farm southwest of Bohemian Hall, the daughter of Nult and Nettie Kimmerling Marler. She was raised and parented by Ern and Ethel Sidener from the age of 2. She was a graduate of Delphos High School. She married Dale Haley Feb. 3, 1934, in Clay Center. He died Feb. 11, 1980. A resident of Delphos, she was a teacher, farmer and co-owner/operator of Haley's Food Market in Delphos. Mrs. Haley was a member of United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Rebekah Lodge and Delphos Senior Citizens, all of Delphos. Survivors include two sons, Dwight D. Haley of Monahans, Texas, and Paul L. Haley of Delphos; one foster daughter, Pat Hinson of Great Bend; two brothers, Claude Marler of Simpson and Clem Marler of Delphos; five grandchildren; three foster grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and five foster great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Clyde Marler; and one half-sister, Alice Lucas. Services were Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Kelly Sipes officiating. Burial was at Delphos Cemetery in Delphos. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Shields Funeral Home in Minneapolis. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 27, 2001

July 29, 2001

Rex 'Buddy' E. Lewis 1943-2001

FARMINGTON, N.M. - Rex E. Lewis, 57, died July 17. He was born Aug. 2, 1943, the son of W.E. Lewis and Verne Temole Kite. He married Carla Jo Juenal Auou. 20. 1962. in La Crosse. Survivors include his
wife of the home; one son, Matthew Lewis of Farmington; two daughters, Stephanie Lewis and Kelly Fogo, both of Farmington; his stepmother, Theresa Lewis of Great Bend; four brothers, Leon Lewis and Ron Lewis, both of Wichita, Bubba Kite and Steve Kite, both of Great Bend; three sisters, Dorothy Niedens of Hoisington, Betty Baird of Pratt and Beverly Iliss of Hobart Okla.; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Darlene Neal. A private memorial service was held by the family.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 29, 2001

Madge C. Friend 1914-2001

LA CROSSE - Madge C. Friend, 86, died July 26 at Lakewood, Colo. She was born Nov. 23, 1914, at Bison, the daughter of Edward and Rosa Lena Kaiser Sehnert. She was a graduate of Fort Hays State University. She married Glenn A. Friend Nov. 16, 1935, in Bison. He preceded her in death on Feb. 26, 1978. A lifelong resident of Bison until moving to Lakewood, she was an elementary teacher in the Otis-Bison school district for more than 35 years before her retirement in 1980. Mrs. Friend was a member of United Methodist Church in Bison, Fort Hays State University Alumnus, Order of the Eastern Star and United Methodist Women, and she was a Sunday School teacher. Survivors include one daughter, Carol Elanie Friend of Lakewood; three brothers, Eldon Sehnert of Brownwood, Texas, Dale Sehnert of Leesburg, Va., and Marvin Sehnert of New York City, N.Y.; one sister, Eileen McChristian of La Crosse. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Kathy Bannister officiating. Burial will be at the La Crosse City Cemetery in La Crosse. Friends may call from 2-5 p.m. today, with the family receiving friends from 2-3 p.m. at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Memorials are suggested to the church or the American Cancer Society, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 29, 2001

July 30, 2001

Norma E. Fraser 1923-2001

LARNED - Norma E. Fraser, 77, died July 27 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. She was born Nov. 8, 1923, in Ensign, the daughter of Laurel and Verl Sutter Sayre. She married Robert I. Fraser April 11, 1948, in Larned. A resident of Larned, coming from Colorado, she was an apartment manager. Mrs. Fraser was a member of the Christian Church and a bowler. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Mark Fraser of Spring, Texas; three daughters, Terie Stapleton of Belpre, Cindy Smith of Longview, Wash., and Debbie Fertig of Larned; one sister, Leo Johnson of Austin, Texas; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Gilbert Sayre. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Larned Cemetery with the Rev. Bill Stapleton officiating. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time, all at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to Central Kansas Medical Center Dialysis Center or donor's choice, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 30, 2001

Maud E. Carpenter 1895-2001

LARNED - Maud E. Carpenter, 106, died July 30 at Healthcare and Living Center in Larned. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 30, 2001

July 31, 2001

Fred R. Williams 1942-2001

ELLSWORTH, Co. - Fred R. Williams, 58, died July 18 at his home in Fircrest, Wash. He was born July 26, 1942, in Little River, the son of Lester Lyle and Rosalie McCutcheon Williams. He married Susan Jensen Dec. 29, 1983, in Fircrest. A resident of Fircrest, coming from Ellsworth County, he was a retired from active service in the U. S. Air Force and an employee for the U.S. Civil Service as the manager of a flight simulator at McCord Air Force Base. Williams grew up attending Langley Methodist Church. He was a U.S. A. F. veteran of the Vietnam War. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Bradley Williams of Kent, Wash.; one stepson; Kevin Jensen of San Francisco, Calif.; one stepdaughter, Erin Campbell of Fircrest; his parents of Marquette; one brother, Robert Williams of Little River; one stepbrother, Ronald Shriner of Azel, Texas; one granddaughter; and four step-grandchildren. Inurnment will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Langley Cemetery. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, with the Rev. Larry Brock officiating. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Marquette Methodist Church in care of Parsons Funeral Home in Ellsworth. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 31, 2001
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August 1, 2001

Maud E. Rumsey Carpenter 1894-2001

LARNED - Maud E. Rumsey Carpenter, 106, died July 30 at Healthcare and Living Center in Larned. She was born Nov. 18, 1894, in Lyons, the daughter of Ira and Lulu Middlekauf Romig. She married Walter Bliss Rumsey Feb. 6, 1923. She married Ben Carpenter June 22, 1945, in Larned. He died July 28, 1972. A resident of Larned, she was a homemaker and worked at JC Penney Store and Lichesky Dry Goods, both in Larned. Mrs. Carpenter was a member of Presbyterian Church in Larned. She was the clerk of the Pawnee County Draft Board during World War II. Survivors include one daughter, Mary Lou Smith of Larned; one sister, Dorothy Hirsch of Cortez, Colo.; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Walter Rumsey and Reed Rumsey; three brothers; and five sisters. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, at the church, with the Rev. Jim Hawthorne officiating. Inurnment will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 1, 2001

Debra Rene Tatman Strecker 1959-2001

SALINA - Debra Rene Tatman Strecker, 41, died July 20 at her home in Salina. She was born Aug. 29, 1959, in Eureka, the daughter of Joseph and Dolores White Tatman. She married Don Strecker Aug. 29, 1999, in Panola County, Texas. She was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband of the home; three daughters, Melissa Tatman, Jessica Dreher and Jennifer Dreher, all of the home; one stepson, Eric Strecker of Wichita; her mother, Dolores White of Waskom, Texas; three brothers, Joseph Tatman of Waskom, Stevan Tatman of Great Bend and Michael Ruppe of Ellinwood; three sisters, Pamela Golladay of Panola, Stephanie Minucci of Grapevine, Texas, and Carmen Hunt of Conway Springs; one half-brother, Larry Reigel of Washington, N.C.; four half-sisters; Linda Johnson of Washington, Patsy Reedy of Gilbert, Ariz.; Rea Ann Stephens of Ayden, N.C.; and Deanna Fuller of WaKeeney; and one grandson. She was preceded in death by one son, Shawn Tatman; and one brother, Daniel Tatman. Funeral was July 25 at Moore-Overlease Funeral Chapel in Plainville with the Rev. Ron Fontenot officiating. Burial was at Plainville Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Debra Strecker Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 1, 2001

August 3, 2001

Lawrence Henry 1909-2001

HOISINGTON - Lawrence Henry, 92, died Aug. 2 at Hoisington Rehabilitation Center in Hoisington. He was born July 23, 1909, in Ellsworth County, the son of Alfred Herbert and Hattie Belle Burk Henry. He married Amelia Huggins Aug. 7, 1930, in Salina. A resident of Hoisington, coming from Ellsworth, he was a farmer and stockman in Carneiro Community. Henry was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Ellsworth. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Marilyn Lindsay of Hoisington; six grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Eugene Earl Henry; and three sisters. Graveside service will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Buckeye Cemetery in rural Kanopolis, with the Nancy Oehler officiating. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, all at Parsons Funeral Home in Ellsworth. Memorials are suggested to the J.H. Robbins Memorial Library, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 3, 2001

Lester Allen Christiansen 1912-2001

MACKSVILLE - Lester Allen Christiansen, 89, died Aug. 1 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born Feb. 29, 1912, in Rush County. He was a graduate of Hutchinson High School and attended one year at Hutchinson Jr. College. He married Georgia Irene Dec. 23, 1935, in Greensburg. A resident of Macksville, coming from Albert, he was a farmer and stockman. Christiansen was a member of Macksville Christian Church, and was a charter member of the American Quarter Horse Association. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Marlene Murphy of Macksville; one sister, Luella Brown of Houston, Texas; and six step-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Carey Hamer officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery in Larned. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Sunday at Minnis Chapel in Macksville. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 3, 2001

Mary Louise Thurow 1911-2001
MACKSVILLE - Mary Louise Thurow, 89, died May 27 in Harlingen, Texas. She was born Aug. 8, 1911, in Greensburg, the daughter of Grace Batman. She married Lovell Thurow in March 1928. He died in 1958. A resident of Harlingen, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Thurow was a member of Macksville Christian Church and OES, both of Mackville. Survivors include her daughter, Avis Thurow Perry of Mt. Pleasant, Texas; seven grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Barbara Lou Hurlay; two brothers; and three sisters. Memorial graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Farmington Cemetery in Macksville, with the Rev. Carey Hamer officiating. There is no visitation, cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Minnis Chapel in Macksville.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 3, 2001

August 5, 2001

Larry Locke 1944-2001

GORHAM - Larry Locke, 57, died Aug. 3 at Russell Regional Hospital at Russell. He was born July 7, 1944, in Great Bend, the son of Sigmund and Frances Boxberger Locke. He married Gayle F. Guilford July 12, 1982, in Hoisington. A resident of Russell, Ellis and Barton Counties most of his life, he was a roustabout in the oil fields of the area. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Terry Lynn Locke of Hays; his mother, Frances Huffman of Gorham; one sister, Sharon Miller of Gorham; and one grandchild. The body will be cremated with a memorial service scheduled for a later date. Funeral arrangements are in care of Pohlman’s Mortuary in Russell.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 5, 2001

Donald D. Deutsch 1939-2001

WICHITA - Donald D. Deutsch, 61, died Aug. 2. He was born Aug. 11, 1939, in Great Bend, the son of Alvin and Viola Kerbs Deutsch. He was an insurance agent for Willis of Kansas. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Survivors include his wife, Dea; his mother of Great Bend; and one sister, Judy Mitchell of Golden, Colo. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Goddard. Celebration of life service will follow at Autumn Ridge clubhouse in Wichita. Memorials are suggested to Jerry and Don Deutsch Scholarship Fund c/o Larry McCullen, 2105 25th, Great Bend 67530, or Kansas Aviation Museum, 3350 South George Washington Boulevard, Wichita 67210, both in care of Downing & Lahey Mortuary West Chapel in Wichita.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 5, 2001

Lillie B. Blake 1908-2001

ROZEL - Lillie B. Blake, 93, died Aug. 2 at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. She was born June 14, 1908, at Butler, Mo., the daughter of George L. and Sallie D. Keeton Moore. She married Ernest L. Blake in Jetmore April 30, 1930. A resident of Pawnee and Rush Counties since the age of 2, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Blake was a member of Rozel Baptist Church, was a former Sunday school teacher and youth leader, and was active in the Women’s Missionary Society. Survivors include her husband of the home; two daughters, Zola Sickles of Ames, Iowa, and Sallie Blake of Tucson, Ariz.; two sons, G. Leonard Blake of Larned and Lillard D. Blake of Santa Rosa, Calif.; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Earl Moore and Buford Moore; and two sisters, Zelma and Marjorie. Memorial will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with the Rev. John Hester officiating. Friends may call until 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time on Monday, all at the mortuary. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the mortuary.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 5, 2001

August 6, 2001

LeRoy F. Wellbrock 1930-2001

LeRoy F. Wellbrock, 71, of Great Bend, died Aug. 4 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born March 14, 1930, in Victoria, the son of Herman and Celestine Dreiling Wellbrock. He married Merline Kuhn Aug. 8, 1953, in Victoria. A resident of Great Bend, he was a retired production foreman for Petroleum Incorporated after 33 years of service and was owner/operator of B’R’S Custom Catering Service for 20 years. Wellbrock was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, lifetime and 4th Degree Knight of Knights of Columbus and member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111, all of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Lyle Wellbrock of Anthony and Mark Wellbrock of Naperville, Ill.; one daughter, Melissa Panning of Springdale, Ark.; three brothers, Jerry Wellbrock of Wichita, Donald Wellbrock and Ralph Wellbrock, both of Hays; two sisters, Doris Schmidt of Catherine and Melene Rohr of Wichita; and four granddaughters. He was preceded in death by two brothers. Vigil service will be at 7:30 tonight followed by a Knights of Columbus rosary, all at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorial will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Warren Stecklein officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery with military honors by Fort Riley Honor Guard. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family School.
Douglas Cecil Smith 1935-2001

ST. JOHN - Douglas Cecil Smith, 66, died Aug. 4 at Friendship Manor in Pratt. He was born Jan. 10, 1935, in Hutchinson, the son of Cecil E. and Martha Louise Smith. He married Gertrud Maria Smith June 30, 1956, in Badtolz, Germany. A resident of Pratt, he was a farmer and stockman. Smith was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a U.S. Army Airborn veteran from 1953-1958. Survivors include his wife of the home. He was preceded in death by one son, Sidney Douglas Smith; one brother, Stanton Smith; and one sister, Martha Geraldine Smith. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Minnis Chapel in St. John, with the Revs. Jim Dicker and John Havens officiating. Burial will be at Neelands Cemetery in rural Stafford County. Friends may call until 8 tonight, at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association or American Lung Association, both in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 6, 2001

Raney James Hottovy 2001-2001

MACKSVILLE - Raney James Hottovy, 1 day, died Aug. 3 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was born Aug. 2 in Wichita, the son of Ken J. and Kimberly Jo Hottovy. Survivors include his parents of Trousdale; four sisters, Kaylee Elizabeth Hottovy and McKinley Rose Hottovy, both of Trousdale, Candice Hottovy and Ashley Hottovy, both of Brainard, Neb.; and his grandparents, Betty and Steve Gardner of Greensburg and Dorothy Hottovy of Ulysses, Neb. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Reynold Hottovy. There will be a private family service with the Rev. David Upp. Burial will be at Prattsburg Cemetery in rural Edwards County. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Minnis Chapel in Macksville. Memorials are suggested to Wesley Medical Center, Neo-Natal Care Unit in Wichita, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 6, 2001

Angela B. Weers 1921-2001

ELLSWORTH - Angela B. Weers, 80, died Aug. 4 at Larned Healthcare Center in Larned. She was born March 20, 1921, in Odin, the daughter of Frank and Anna Penka. She married Melvin C. Weers Sept. 16, 1941, in Larned. He died in 1997. A resident of Stafford County since 1941, she was a homemaker and cook for Radium Schools in Radium. Mrs. Weers was a member of Xavier Catholic Church in Seward. Survivors include one son, Francis "Frank" H. Weers of Williamsburg; one daughter, Diane M. Krupp of Ellsworth; one sister, Cecilia Hall of Larned; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Richard M. Weers; nine brothers, Frank Penka, Lucas Penka, August Penka, John Penka, Joe Penka, Bruno Penka, Raymond Penka, Ludwig Penka and Gilbert Penka; and four sisters, Albina Kirmer, Martha Schneweis, Isabel Slattery and Sarah Hawk. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Minnis Chapel in St. John, with the Rev. Rene Guesnier officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Cemetery in Hudson. Friends may call from 3-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 6, 2001

Verla Nadine Ham Ross 1928-2001

HUNTSVILLE, Ark. - Verla Nadine Ham Ross, 73, died Aug. 4 at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. She was born May 27, 1928, in Forum, Ark., the daughter of Dutch B. and Dorothy Eva White Ham. A resident of Huntsville, she was a beautician. She was a member of the Baptist church. Survivors include two sons, Kevin Ross of Selma, Ala., and John Ross of Hillsboro, Ore.; one brother, Jimmy Ham of Mission, Texas; two sisters, Georgia Smith of Huntsville and Joyce McKnight of Wichita; and one granddaughter. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Kenneth Ham and Aaron Ham. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Brashers Funeral Home Chapel in Huntsville, with the Rev. Jimmie D. Hobb officiating. Burial will be at Marshall Cemetery in Forum, Ark. There will be no visitation. No memorials are suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 6, 2001

Josh Emerson 1975-2001

OTIS - Josh Emerson, 26, died Aug. 6 at his home in Otis. He was born April 14, 1975, in Great Bend, the son of Raymond and Karen Rasmussen Emerson. He was a graduate of Hoisington High School and Fort Hays State University. He married Jatim Piland May 20, 2000, in Hoisington. A lifelong resident of Hoisington area, he was a journeyman for Paul Wertwenburger Construction Company in Hays. Emerson was a member of First United Methodist Church in Hoisington. He was a member of the track and field teams of both FHSU and HHIS, were he also played tennis. Survivors include his wife of the home; his parents of Great Bend; two brothers, Chris Emerson of Hays and Kiel Emerson of Great Bend; and his grandparents, Harold and Jean Emerson of Wichita. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Barton County. Friends may call until 9 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Josh Emerson Memorial Fund or Kansas
Clayton C. Doty 1916-2001

PAWNEE ROCK - Clayton C. Doty, 85, died Aug. 3 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Joseph Longterm Care in Larned. He was born Feb. 28, 1916, in Hoisington, the son of Charles Franklin and Iva Mae Barry Doty. A lifelong resident of Pawnee Rock, he was a retired mechanic. Survivors include three sons, Larry Doty of La Crosse, Mike Doty of Great Bend and Carlton Doty of Pawnee Rock; one half-brother, Wilbert Doty of Great Bend; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife. Cremation has taken place. Burial will be in Adrian, Mich., at a later date. There is no visitation. No memorials are suggested. Arrangements are with Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 7, 2001

Martina Kreutzer-Windholz 1919-2001

VICTORIA - Martina Kreutzer-Windholz, 81, died Aug. 5 at Russell Regional Hospital in Russell. She was born Nov. 16, 1919, in Munjor, the daughter of Alois and Mathilda Herthel Younger. She married John Kreutzer Sept. 10, 1940, in Hyacinth. He died Dec. 18, 1962. She married Frank J. Foos of Great Bend, Rose Kreutzer of Victoria and Mary Walter of Bellville, Ill.; two brothers, Elmer Younger of Yocemento and Marvin Younger of Ellis; one sister, Mildred Windholz of Hays; 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Solomon Kreutzer; two daughters, Betty Lou Kreutzer and Shirley Braun; one sister, Albina Stocklin; and one grandson. Christian Mothers Altar Society Rosary will be at 7:30 tonight, followed by a vigil service, both at Cline's Mortuary in Hays. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the mortuary, with the Rev. Frank X. Grinko officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays. Friends may call from 6-9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Our Lady of Snow or Masses, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 7, 2001

August 8, 2001

A.F. "Louie" Gerritzen 1912-2001

CLAFLIN - A.F. "Louie" Gerritzen, 89, died Aug. 7 at Hoisington Rehabilitation Center in Hoisington. He was born Jan. 27, 1912, near Odin, the son of Frank J. and Angela A. "Nettie" Herman Gerritzen. He married Elizabeth A. Acherman Aug. 29, 1939, in Windthorst. A lifelong resident of the Claflin-Odin community area, he was owner/operator of Gerritzen Welding a substitute mail carrier, both of Claflin. Gerritzen was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and was a former mayor, both in Claflin. Survivors include his wife of the home; four daughters, Sharlene Reichard of Great Bend, Carol Davis of Dodge City, Marilyn Post of Hutchinson and Janet Weseloh of Sylvan Grove; two sisters, Martha Reeves of Great Bend and Teresa Rome of Hoisington; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Joanne Hamm; four brothers, Peter Gerritzen, William Gerritzen, Anthony Gerritzen and Joseph Gerritzen; and two sisters, Agnes Gerritzen and Clara Wheeler. Vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Revs. David Flagor and Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at Claflin Cemetery in Claflin. Friends may call until 9 p.m. tonight and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Claflin Ambulance Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 8, 2001

Julie Lynn Herres 1953-2001

MANHATTAN - Julie Lynn Herres, 48, died Aug. 6 at her residence in Manhattan. She was born Aug. 1, 1953, in Kansas City, Mo., the daughter of Dr. G. Rex and Shirley L. Barham Stone. She was a 1971 graduate of Manhattan High School and attended Kansas State University. A resident of Manhattan, coming from Hoisington, she was a homemaker. Survivors include three daughters, Sarah Herres of Manhattan, Hannah Herres of Great Bend and Addie Herres of Hoisington; her mother of Manhattan; and two brothers, Brett Stone of Manhattan and Bruce Stone of Shawnee. Funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home in Manhattan, with the Rev. R. Cam McConnell officiating. A private graveside service will follow. Friends may call from 1:30 p.m. until service time Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Riley County Humane Society or Riley County Seniors' Service Center, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 8, 2001

Larry Locke 1944-2001

GORHAM - Larry Locke, 57, died Aug. 3 at Russell Regional Hospital in Russell. He was born July 7, 1944, in Great Bend, the son of Sigmund and Frances Boxberger Locke. He married Gayle F. Guilford July 12, 1962, in Hoisington. A resident of Gorham, he was an oil field roustaout until he was medically retired. Survivors include his wife of Great Bend: one son. Terrv Lynn Locke of Havs; his mother of Gorham: one sister. Sharon Miller of Gorham: and one
Henrietta E. Lenz 1920-2001

HOLYROOD - Henrietta E. Lenz, 81, died Aug. 7 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 8, 2001

August 9, 2001

Henrietta E. Lenz 1920-2001

HOLYROOD - Henrietta E. Lenz, 81, died Aug. 7 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born May 28, 1920, in Spearville, the daughter of Asby and Nettie Tockert Peters. She married Chester D. Lenz Sr. Aug. 3, 1946, in Dodge City. A resident of Holyrood, coming from Phillipsburg, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Lenz was a member of the Catholic church and Daughters of Isabella. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Chester D. Lenz Jr. of Assaria; four daughters, Janice Weiershauser of Germany, Pamela Burns of Honolulu, Hawaii, Annie Lenz of Derby and Jane Stewart of Spokane, Wash.; three brothers, John Peters of Dodge City and Stanley Peters of Oklahoma City, Okla.; 13 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Frank Peters and Earl Peters. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Maple Grove Cemetery in Dodge City. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Holyrood Emergency Medical Service, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 9, 2001

John Lewis Brock 1921-2001

ARKANSAS CITY - John Lewis Brock, 79, died Aug. 6 at Kansas Heart Hospital in Wichita. He was born Oct. 16, 1921, in Geuda Springs, the son of Frank Dayton and Ollie Maggie Patterson Brock. He attended school in the Geuda Springs area. He married Lois Dahlia Beatty May 14, 1956, in Sedan. She died Dec. 20, 1995. A resident of Arkansas City, he was a mower for the street department and retired from the city of Arkansas City. Brock was a member of Spencer-Ralston Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1254 in Arkansas City. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include one son, John Metzen of Great Bend; two daughters, Sheryl Sheppard of Anaheim, Calif. and Joyce Berryman of Oklahoma City, Okla.; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Frank Brock Jr. and Marion Brock; one sister, Agnes Shore; and two grandchildren, Jeanne Metzen and William Metzen. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hawks Funeral Home Memorial Chapel in Arkansas City. Burial will be Geuda Springs Cemetery in Geuda Springs. Friends may call until 8 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Cowley County Council of Aging, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 9, 2001

Duane 'Jake' Liggett 1935-2001

RUSH CENTER - Duane "Jake" Liggett, 66, died Aug. 8 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 9, 2001

August 10, 2001

Duane A. 'Jake' Liggett 1934-2001

RUSH CENTER - Duane A. "Jake" Liggett, 66, died Aug. 8 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. He was born Nov. 16, 1934, in Alexander, the son of Jerry S. and Edna Mae West Liggett. He attended Rush Center Grade School and was a 1953 graduate of La Crosse High School. A lifelong resident of Rush County, he was an electrical lineman. Survivors include two brothers, John Liggett and Donald Liggett, both of Rush Center; and three sisters, Doris Withuhn and Judy McCoy, both of Hays, and Sharon Mendenhall of La Crosse. He was preceded in death by one brother, Vernon Leroy Liggett; and one sister, Loma Mae Liggett. Prayer service will be at 7 tonight at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at United Methodist Church in La Crosse, with the Rev. Kathy Bannister officiating. Burial will be at Rush Center Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-9 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Relay for Life, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 10, 2001

Phyllis A. Laing 1935-2001
LARNED - Phyllis A. Laing, 66, died Aug. 9 at her residence in Larned. She was born April 8, 1935, in Bornville, Ohio, the daughter of Ralph and Mabel Beatty Depoy. She married Larry J. Laing April 11, 1954, in Larned. A resident of Larned since 1950, she was a stock clerk for Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus in Larned. Mrs. Laing was a member of Larned Assembly of God Church. Survivors include one son, Bryan E. Laing of Larned; two sisters, Barbara Easterday of West Jefferson, Ohio, and Jenny Meyers of Bainbridge, Ohio; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Cremation was arranged with Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Services will be announce by the mortuary at a later date. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 10, 2001

Mary F. Schwertfeger 1926-2001

KINSLEY - Mary F. Schwertfeger, 75, died Aug. 8 at Edwards County Hospital in Kinsley. She was born March 28, 1926, in Hoisington, the daughter of James and Emaline Barrett. She married Leroy E. Schwertfeger Sept. 24, 1977, in Hoisington. A resident of Kinsley, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Schwertfeger was a member of St. Nicholas Catholic Church and Daughters of Isabella, both of Kinsley. Survivors include her husband of the home. Vigil service will be at 7:30 tonight at the church. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, with the Rev. Marvin Reif officiating. Burial will be at St. Nicholas Cemetery in Kinsley. Friends may call until 5 tonight at McKillip Funeral Home in Kinsley. Memorials are suggested to St. Nicholas School Endowment Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 10, 2001

Hedwig 'Hedy' Arbuckle 1923-2001

JUNCTION CITY - Hedwig "Hedy" Arbuckle, 77, died Aug. 9 at St. Francis Medical Center in Topeka. She was born Oct. 17, 1923, in Schlesien, Poland, the daughter of Frantz and Anna Augustin Buncek. She married Larry Arbuckle April 14, 1960, in Dotzheim, Germany. A resident of Junction City since 1977, coming from Germany, she was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband of the home; one daughter, Sylvia Neudeck of Germany; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Johnson Funeral Chapel in Junction City with the Rev. Russell Rose officiating. Burial will be Hoisington Cemetery in Hoisington. There will be no visitation, cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Hedwig Arbuckle Expense Fund, in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 10, 2001

August 12, 2001

Anna L. Campbell 1924-2001

CHASE - Anna L. Campbell, 77, died August 9 at Hutchinson Hospital, Hutchinson. She was born March 22, 1924 in rural Chase, the daughter of Walter and Anna Ball Feldman. She was a graduate of Chase High School. She married Leo "Pete" Campbell at Hot Springs, Ark. He died Feb. 20, 1999. a lifetime resident of Chase, she was a former secretary for Gulf Oil and Newspaper Editor for the Chase Index. Mrs. Campbell was a member of the United Methodist Church in Lyons, Peacemakers Quilt Guild of Rice County, a former Chase City Council person, and Mid K-Campers. Survivors include one son, Jim Campbell of Hutchinson; one daughter, Carol Manry of Great Bend; and two grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons with Johnnie Hardie officiating. Burial will be at Chase Springdale Cemetery in Chase. Memorials are suggested to the Peacemakers Quilt Guild of Rice County, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 12, 2001

Mark Edward Goodfellow 1960-2001

LIBERAL - Mark Edward Goodfellow, 41, died August 10 at Southwest Medical Center in Liberal. He was born Feb. 11, 1960 at Overland Park, the son of Lawrence Everett and Joan Marie McGinty Goodfellow. He married Rebecca S. Clark July 11, 1988 at Great Bend. A resident of Liberal since June 16, coming from Great Bend where he was a Sheriff's Deputy for Barton County. Goodfellow was a member of the Kansas Sheriff's Association, Kansas Peace Officers Association, National Rifle Association, and Kansas Law Enforcement Association. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. Survivors include his wife of the home; his father of Kansas City, Mo.; one brother, Craig Goodfellow of Kansas City, Mo.; three sisters, Cindy Blackman and Judy Goodfellow of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Jean Goodfellow of Tulsa, Okla. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at the Great Bend Family Mortuary with the Don Paden officiating. Cremation has taken place. Friends may call from 8 a.m. until service time at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Barton County Sheriff's Reserve in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 12, 2001

Larry E. Klein 1935-2001

HOISINGTON - Larry E. Klein, 66, died August 10 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born May 22, 1935 at Gorham, the son of Rudolph and Louise Klotz Klein. He married Helen Courange August 17, 1953 at Russell. A resident of Hoisington since 1953. comind from Russell. he was an oil field worker for Kansas
Earl R. O'Connell 1914-2001

from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the Fishing Tool in Great Bend. Klein was a member of the St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; five sons, Curtis Klein of Canadian, Tx., Mike Klein, Todd Klein and Larry Klein all of Great Bend, Robert Klein of Hoisington; two daughters, Karen Barrow of Great Bend, Tammy Cusenberg of Fort Worth, Tx.; five brothers, Richard Klein, Neal Klein, Fred Klein all of Augusta, Ga., Jerry Klein of Russell, and Melvin Kinz of Nevada, Mo.; 20 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one grandchild, Robin Klein. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with the Rev. Garry Dassow. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery in Hoisington. Friends may call from 4-9 p.m. tonight, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday and 9 a.m. until service time on Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Larry Klein Memorial Fund in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 12, 2001

SAXMAN - Margaret Louise Hardwick, 87, died Aug. 11 at Good Samaritan Center in Lyons. She was born Aug. 18, 1913, in rural Saxman, the daughter of John Hobart and Dora Martha Slentz Jones. She was a 1932 graduate of Sterling High School and attended Hutchinson Junior College. She married Ted Hardwick July 22, 1933, in Saxman. He died June 3, 1987. A lifetime resident of Rice County in the Saxman area, she was a homemaker and Saxman correspondent for the Lyons Daily News and Sterling Bulletin. Mrs. Hardwick was a member of Saxman United Presbyterian Church, where she served as an elder, Sunday school teacher and choir member, 65-year member of Atlanta Achievers Extension Homemakers Unit, Chaldean Club, Missionary Circle, all of Saxman, 4-H project leader and National Honor Society. Survivors include two daughters, Judy Sellers of Lyons and Shirley Jobe of Fort Worth, Texas; one brother, Lawrence Jones of Canoga Park, Calif.; two sisters, Kay Webb of Simpson, Ill., and Letha Bush of Casper, Wyo.; five grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Merwin Jones and Russell Jones; and one sister, Eulela Phillips. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at United Methodist Church in Lyons with the Rev. Cindy Watson officiating. Burial will be at Lyons Municipal Cemetery in Lyons. Friends may call from 2-7 p.m. Monday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to Lyons Good Samaritan Center or Rice County Community Foundation - Arena Building, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 12, 2001

August 13, 2001

Georgia Ann Schwartzkopf 1936-2001

Georgia Ann Schwartzkopf, 65, of Great Bend, died Aug. 11 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born April 1, 1936, in La Crosse, the daughter of Leonard J. and Fern F. Boese Ellis. She married Everett E. Schwartzkopf April 16, 1954, in Dodge City. He died April 24, 1992. A resident of Great Bend for 34 years, coming from Burdett, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Schwartzkopf was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and Community Theatre, both of Great Bend, Barton County Arts Council and former member of the board of directors for Argonne Rebels. Survivors include two sons, Richard Schwartzkopf of Wichita and Stanley Schwartzkopf of Great Bend; one daughter, Tracey Legge of Wichita; her fiance, Dr. Edward L. "Dusty" Jones of Great Bend; her mother, Fern F. Nairn of Great Bend; one brother, Jack Ellis of San Francisco, Calif.; and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Michele Revell; and one grandson, Brian Alan Legge. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Great Bend, with the Rev. Diana Coberly officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Great Bend Community Theatre or Barton County Arts Council, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 13, 2001

Wilbur R. Traylor 1919-2001

LARNED - Wilbur R. Traylor, 82, died Aug. 10 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born June 10, 1919, in Pawnee County, the son of Arthur and Clara Belle Lancaster Traylor. He married Harriett G. Kline June 25, 1950, in Larned. She died Oct. 31, 1998. A lifelong resident of Pawnee County, he was a grounds keeper at Larned State Hospital. Traylor was a member of United Methodist Church and life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, both of Larned, Modern Woodmen of America and Eagles Lodge, both of Great Bend. Survivors include three brothers, Loren Traylor of Spearville, Eldon Traylor of Tulsa, Okla., and Lyle Traylor. He was preceded in death by one brother, Cecil Traylor; and one sister, Fern Avary. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with the Rev. Charles Grant officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 13, 2001

Earl R. O'Connell 1914-2001

Earl R. O'Connell, 86, of Great Bend, died Aug. 12 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 13, 2001
Earline V. Demanett 1925-2001

PLAINVILLE - Earline V. Demanett, 75, died Aug. 11 at Hays Regional Medical Center in Hays. She was born Aug. 19, 1925, in rural Cloud County, the daughter of Earl and Hazel Reid Christenson. She married Wilbur Demanett Aug. 7, 1943, in Belton, Texas. A resident of Plainville, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Demanett was a member of First Lutheran Church, Lutheran Women's Missionary League and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, all of Plainville. Survivors include her husband of the home; six daughters, Carol Harris of Great Bend, Virginia Lynch of Lemon Grove, Calif., Judy Sherard of Hays, Dianne Meyers of Ellis, Debra Becker and Stacey Demanett, both of Plainville; one brother, Wayne Christenson of Sturgis, S.D.; one sister, Sharon Archer of Abilene; 15 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Marcelle Kelly and Beverly Gaitlin. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Revs. Victor Samuel and Larry McDermott officiating. Burial will be at Plainville Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight, with the family receiving friends from 7-8 p.m. at Moore-Overlease Funeral Chapel in Plainville and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 13, 2001

August 14, 2001

Earl Ronald O'Connell 1936-2001

Earl Ronald O'Connell, 86, of Great Bend, died Aug. 12 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born Oct. 18, 1914, in Great Bend, the son of William Albert and Hattie L. Neff O'Connell. He married Dorothy R. Timken June 4, 1936, in Bison. A resident of Great Bend, he was the owner/operator of the former O'Connell Motor Company and was manager of B.F. Goodrich Tire Company, both in Great Bend. O'Connell was a member of First United Methodist Church, Elks Lodge, Eagles Lodge, American Legion, Golden Belt Country Club and past volunteer fireman, all of Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Kay Durheim of Prairie Village and Janet Schremmer of Great Bend; one brother, Wilson O'Connell of Boston, Mass.; one sister, Peggy Laster of Hutchinson; four grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. He was preceded in death by one sister, Nina May O'Connell. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Bill Wolf officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend and from 9:30 a.m. until service time Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 14, 2001

Ralph E. Kuhn 1923-2001

VICTORIA - Ralph E. Kuhn, 77, died Aug. 12 at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Topeka. He was born Aug. 31, 1923, in Victoria, the son of August and Helen Dreiling Kuhn. He married Luella F. "Dolly" Wellbrock Sept. 27, 1943, in Victoria. She died Aug. 12, 1999. A lifelong resident of Victoria, he worked for Esfeldt Oil Field Construction Company, Victoria Lumber Company, Drelling Oil and Cross Manufacturing, before retiring in 1986. Kuhn was a member of St. Fidelis Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, both of Victoria. Survivors include one son, Raymond E. Kuhn of Russell; one daughter, Eileen Schmidt of Topeka; five brothers, Elmer Kuhn and Louis Kuhn, both of Hays, Frank Kuhn of Victoria, James Kuhn of Topeka and Clifford Kuhn of Oklahoma; five sisters, Leona Wellbrock of Victoria, Alice Haselhorst of Denver, Colo., Merline Wellbrock of Great Bend, Ellen Dickerson of Oklahoma and Norma Wellbrock of Hays; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Geraldine Kuhn; one brother, Albert Kuhn; and one sister, Dolorosa Berens. Vigil service will be at 7 tonight followed by a Knights of Columbus Rosary at 7:30, both at St. Fidelis Church in Victoria. Burial will be at St. Fidelis Cemetery in Victoria. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 8-8:45 a.m. Wednesday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Cathedral of the Plains Charitable Fund and Masses, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 14, 2001

August 15, 2001

Nina I. Nelson 1910-2001

LINDSBORG - Nina I. Nelson, 90, died Aug. 13 at Bethany Home in Lindsborg. She was born Dec. 5, 1910, in Garrison, the daughter of Charles and Helen S. Carlson Fritz. She married Raymond E. Nelson Feb. 12, 1933, in Oldsburg. He died April 8, 1974. A resident of Linsborg, coming from Manhattan, she was a retired employee of Kansas State University Student Union in Manhattan. Mrs. Nelson was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Lindsborg and past member of First Lutheran Church in Manhattan. Survivors include one son, Byron Nelson of Great Bend; two daughters, Ramona Hanson of Stout, Iowa, and Margene Willis of Conway, S.C.; 13 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Mildred Willingham. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Bethany Home Chapel in Lindsborg, with the Rev. Don Hawk officiating. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Maridahi Lutheran Cemetery in Oldsburg, with the Rev. Sheri Ellwood officiating. Friends may call until 9 tonight, with family receiving visits from 6-8 p.m., all at Hays-Christians Funeral Home in Lindsborg. Memorials are suggested to Bethany
Wanda E. Hampton 1911-2001

LARNED - Wanda E. Hampton, 89, died Aug. 13 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born Nov. 21, 1911, in Sanford, the daughter of Joseph L. and Sarah Senoretta "Etta" Hoover Gandolph. She married Clarence Hampton Aug. 13, 1927, in Lyons. He died in 1993. A resident of Larned, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Hampton was a member of Larned Southern Baptist Church. Survivors include one son, Daniel R. Hampton of Larned; one daughter, Delores M. Gleason of Leesburg, Va.; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, David E. Hampton. There will be no funeral, cremation has taken place. Inurnment will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery at a later date. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association, in care of Great Bend Family Mortuary and Crematory in Great Bend.

Lois Bell Smith 1919-2001

ST. JOHN - Lois Bell Smith, 82, died Aug. 12 at Leisure Homestead in St. John. She was born Jan. 28, 1919, in Stafford County, the daughter of Arthur Louis and Maude Smith. She was a 1936 graduate of St. John High School and a graduate of Venus Beauty School in Wichita. A resident of St. John, she was a statistical clerk for 35 years for Texaco Company and also worked at Edna Pitts Beauty Shop and St. John National Bank, all in St. John. She was a member of Church of Christ in St. John and later attended St. James Episcopal Church. She was past matron and life member of Henry Rohr Chapter of OES in St. John. Survivors include one sister, Peggy White of St. John. She was preceded in death by one brother, John Melvin Smith; and one sister, Clo Ellen Ahnert. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Minnis Chapel in St. John. Inurnment will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. There will be no visitation, cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Fairview Park Cemetery or Hall Museum, both of St. John, both in care of the funeral chapel.

August 16, 2001

Robert Lee Underwood 1929-2001

EL CAJON, Calif. - Robert Lee Underwood, 71, died June 24 in El Cajon. He was born July 26, 1929, in Junction City, the son of E.C. and Josephine Underwood. He married Dolly Underwood. A resident of El Cajon, he was a retired Gunnery Sgt. in the U.S. Marine Corps. Underwood was a member of Veteran of Foreign Wars and Lions Club, both of El Cajon. He was a veteran of the USMC. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Robert Lee Underwood Jr. of El Cajon; two daughters, Linda Underwood and Janice Underwood, both of Biloxi, Miss.; three brothers, Bill Underwood and J.D. Underwood, both of Council Bluffs, Iowa and Bruce Brack of Mullinville; four sisters, Sally Basham of Lincoln, Neb., Kay Bredfeldt of Bellevue, Neb., Beverly Nuss of Hays and Lynn Litson of LaCrosse; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Michael Underwood; and two sisters, Eleanor Hospodka and Barbara Underwood. Graveside service will be at 10:30 Saturday at Hoisington Cemetery with military graveside rites by VFW Post 7428 and American Legion Post 286. There will be no visitation and no memorials are suggested. Arrangements are by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington.

Teresa Rose Pollard Ricketts 1915-2001

LYONS - Teresa Rose Pollard Ricketts, 86, died Aug. 14 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. She was born Jan. 16, 1915, in Caney, the daughter of Charles and Mary Harris. She married E. B. "Sneb" Pollard June 14, 1931, in Purcell, Okla. He died Jan. 9, 1980. She married Roscoe Ricketts Nov. 3, 1981, in Lyons. He died June 17, 1984. A resident of Lyons, coming from Claflin and Norton, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Ricketts was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church, Altar Society and Silver Threads, all of Lyons; volunteered at Samaritan Center and Park Place Apartments, both of Lyons. Survivors include two daughters, Jackie Dressler of Tulsa, Okla. and Mary Schoonover of Lyons; four grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one sister, Margaret Ettinger; and one grandson, Tim Dressler. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Friday at the church. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Thomas Leland officiating. Burial will be at Lyons Municipal Cemetery. Friends may call from 2-6 p.m. Friday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons and from 6-8 p.m. Friday, at the church. Memorials are suggested to Lyons Good Samaritan Center Assisted Living, Rice County Community Foundation Building or the donor's choice, all in care of the funeral home.

Charles E. Bennett 1924-2001

WICHITA - Charles E. Bennett, 77, died Aug. 14 at his residence in Wichita. He married Wilma R. Bennett. A resident of Wichita, he was a retired typesetter for the Oakland (Calif.) Tribune. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Alvin Munz of Great Bend and Olen Munz of Luka; three daughters, Bonnie, Donna and Alayne; one brother, Richard Bennett of Folson, Calif.; and four grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Church of the Maodalen in Wichita.
Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Trinity Cemetery in Hudson. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Hospice Care of Kansas, American Diabetes Association or American Heart Association, all in care of Hillside Funeral Home "West" in Wichita. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 16, 2001

Leo T. Walter 1912-2001

SALINA - Leo T. Walter, 89, died Aug. 14. He was born Aug. 2, 1912, in Wilson, the son of David and Anna Eichman Walter. He married Elizabeth Bartunek Aug. 14, 1940, in Lincoln. She died June 9, 2000. A resident of Salina, he was a farmer and stockman. Survivors include three daughters, Shirley Walter, Elsie Wendell and Betty Rigney, all of Salina; one sister, Elma Steinle of Wilson; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wilson. Burial will be at Wilson City Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Foster Mortuary in Wilson and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 16, 2001

August 17, 2001

Wanda J. Vsetecka 1927-2001

LA CROSSE - Wanda J. Vsetecka, 73, died Aug. 15 at her home in La Crosse. She was born Oct. 29, 1927, in Portia, Ark., the daughter of Ephriam and Rubye Pearl Tyler Berry. A resident of La Crosse, coming from Larned, she was a retired nurses aid. She was a member of Church of Christ of Larned. Survivors include one son, Daniel Vsetecka of Larned; two daughters, Darlene Rowe of Otis and Donna Berry of Larned; two sisters, Margaret Broyles of Prescott and Maxine Nobbman of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; 20 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Tom J. Fuller. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned, with the Rev. Richard Martin officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, from noon to 8 p.m. Sunday and from 9 a.m. until service time Monday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or the donor's choice, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 17, 2001

Fern Lucille Schmidt 1914-2001

ST. JOHN - Fern Lucille Schmidt, 87, died Aug. 16 at Stafford District Hospital in Stafford. She was born July 29, 1914, in Claflin, the daughter of Ralph Burton Sr. and Clara Staeber Jordan. She was a 1932 graduate of St. John High School. She married Charles Edward Schmidt Jan. 12, 1944, in Seattle, Wash. He died Nov. 2, 1991. A lifelong resident of the St. John area, she was a homemaker and worked as a deputy treasurer and deputy clerk for three terms at the Stafford County Courthouse. Mrs. Schmidt was a member of Methodist Church, Henry Rohr Chapter of OES and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Post 7519, all of St. John. Survivors include two daughters, Lyda Marie Rutti and Carman Joyce Schmidt, both of St. John; one sister, Marie Powell of Omaha, Neb.; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one brother, Ralph Jordan. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Minnis Chapel in St. John, with the Rev. W. Harlan Rittgers officiating. Friends may call until 8 tonight at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to the church or American Diabetes Association, both in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 17, 2001

Dorothy L. Denton 1914-2001

OTTAWA - Dorothy L. Denton, 87, died Aug. 14 at Richmond Care Center in Richmond. She was born Aug. 3, 1914, in Elk City, the daughter of Adonijah F. and Maude E. Harrison Clingan. She married William F. Denton April 28, 1934, in Shidler, Okla. He died June 24, 1996. A resident of Ottawa for eight years, coming from Bushton, she worked as a bookkeeper at Bushton State Bank. Mrs. Denton was a member of First United Methodist Church in Ottawa and a longtime member of United Methodist Women. She was a Sunday school teacher and sponsor of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Survivors include two sons, W. Neil Denton of Danville, Ind., and Don Denton of Ottawa; one sister, Mary Williams of Phoenix, Ariz.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Lamb-Roberts-Heise Funeral Home in Ottawa, with the Rev. Cliff Burke officiating. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery in Ottawa. Friends may call from 12:30-8 p.m. Sunday, with family receiving from 7-8 p.m., all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Ottawa Library - Children's Department, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 17, 2001

August 19, 2001

Robert 'Bob' Emerson Adams 1923-2001

INDEPENDENCE - Robert 'Bob' Emerson Adams, 78, died Aug. 16 at Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Wichita. He was born May 15, 1923, at La Crosse, the son of Joyful Osro and Mary Edna Owens Adams. He married Darlene Basgall April 4, 1959, in La Crosse. A resident of Independence, comino from La Crosse, he was a retired sanitation engineer.
Adams was a member of the La Crosse Knights of Columbus Council, La Crosse Veterans of Foreign Wars, Advocacy Group of Wilson County and the Eagles Club of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Theatre with the 754th Tank Battalion. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Robert Adams Jr. and Dwayne Adams, both of Independence, and James Adams of Holyrood; one sister, Wanda Schlegel of Independence; and one granddaughter. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Owen Adams and Carl Adams. Rosary being held at 7 p.m. Monday at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at St. Michael's Catholic Church in La Crosse with the Rev. Benjamin Martin officiating. Burial will at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. on Monday, with the family receiving friends from 6-7 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Lung Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 19, 2001

James L. ’Jim’ Bilyew 1953-2001

James L. ‘Jim’ Bilyew, 48, of Great Bend died Aug. 16 at Central Kansas Medical Center St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born Jan. 11, 1953, at Great Bend, the son of C.S. and Alene Fankhauser Bilyew. He married JoAnn Wilhelm Jan. 22, 1973, at Bison. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he was a journeyman line foreman for Midwest Energy Inc. Bilyew was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, IBEW Union, Lions Club and Photography Club all of Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Kelly Jones of Hays and Kristi Bilyew of Manhattan; his mother; one brother, Steven Bilyew of Claflin; and three grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Bryant-Christians Chapel with the Rev. Tom Robson officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call from 1-9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time on Monday, all at the funeral home. Family will receive friends 6-8 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Ronald McDonald House, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 19, 2001

Megan LeAnn Doonan 1984-2001

Megan LeAnn Doonan, 16, of Great Bend, died Aug. 16 in Pawnee County as the result of a car accident. She was born Nov. 21, 1984, at Great Bend, the daughter of David L. and Becky Caruthers Doonan. She was a sophomore at Great Bend High School. A lifetime resident of Great Bend she was a employ at Carroll's Books Music and Video of Great Bend. She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and Kayettes, both of Great Bend. Survivors include her parents, of the home; two sisters, Amanda Doonan and Angela Doonan, of the home; grandparents, Claudia Doonan of Great Bend and Wayne and Shirley Caruthers of Geneseo. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Dr. Gary W. Teske officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-9 tonight at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Relay for Life or the Great Bend Humane Society, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 19, 2001

Elsie I. Funk 1917-2001

HOISINGTON - Elsie I. Funk, 84, died Aug. 18 in rural Barton County as a result of automobile accident. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 19, 2001

August 20, 2001

Helen Blanche Lowe Priess 1912-2001

STAFFORD - Helen Blanche Lowe Priess, 89, died Aug. 18 at Leisure Homestead in Stafford. She was born April 4, 1912, in Stafford, the daughter of Marion and Ellen Goble. She was a graduate of Stafford High School. She married Lewis Lowe June 9, 1934, in Topeka. He died Oct. 7, 1980. She married Leroy Priess May 29, 1988, in Stafford. He died July 6, 1996. A lifelong resident of Stafford, she was a retired nurses aide at Stafford District Hospital. Mrs. Priess was a member of First Christian Church of Stafford. Survivors include two sons, Jerome R. Lowe of Las Vegas, Nev., and Lewis H. "Corky" Lowe of Ft. Worth, Texas; and two grandsons. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford, with the Rev. Karen Ault officiating. Burial will be at Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call from 4-8 tonight at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 20, 2001

Elise Irene Funk 1917-2001

HOISINGTON - Elise Irene Funk, 84, died Aug. 18 in rural northern Barton County as a result of a automobile accident. She was born March 10, 1917, in Barton County, the daughter of Heinrich and Amalie Miller Wilheim. She was baptized April 15, 1917, and confirmed June 4, 1932. She married Emanuel Funk Nov. 29, 1936, in Milberger. He died Feb. 12, 1973. A resident of Hoisington, coming from Russell County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Funk was a member of United Emmanuel Lutheran Church, and UELC Women, both of Milberger, and Great Bend Women Aglow of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Wayne Funk of Russell; two daughters, Joetta Hendrickson of Port Angeles, Wash., and Marilyn Charles of Great Bend; six sisters. Hilda Courson of Marshfield. Mo. Martha Schneider and Viola Schneider.
Gertrude Louise Trapp 1913-2001

GENESEO - Gertrude Louise Trapp, 88, died Aug. 18 at Lyons District Hospital in Lyons. She was born March 12, 1913, in Ellsworth County, the daughter of Louis E. and Roberta Swafford Schultz. She married Charles Otto Trapp April 5, 1941, in Russell. He died Oct. 11, 1987. A resident of Geneseo since 1952, she was co-owner/operator, with her husband, of Shorty's Cafe in Geneseo. Mrs. Trapp was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Lyons, 55 Plus Club and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, both of Geneseo. Survivors include two sons, Charles L. Trapp of Derby and Louis A. Trapp of Larned; two daughters, Julia A. Waggoner of McPherson and Linnaea Budke of McCook, Neb.; two sisters, Mildred Hedrick of Ellsworth and Shirley Lindt of Pittsburg; 24 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two daughters, Charlene Hutchinson and Fairie Lea Koffman; five brothers, Emo Schultz, Everett Schultz, Bert Schultz, Milton Schultz and Walter Schultz; and one sister, Helen McKinley. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Lloyd Sprick officiating. Burial will be at Geneseo Cemetery. Friends may call until 7 tonight at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons, with the family receiving friends from 5-7 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer's Foundation, Sandstone Height Nursing Home or to the donor's choice, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 20, 2001

August 21, 2001

Thomas B. Coulter 1960-2001

LARNED - Thomas B. Coulter, 41, died Aug. 20 at his residence in Larned. He was born April 14, 1960, in Mineralwells, Texas, the son of Lewis F. and Carolyn Woodring Coulter. A resident of Larned, coming from Dodge City, he was a licensed mental health aide at Larned State Hospital. Survivors include two sons, Derrick Coulter and Devin Coulter, both of Alva, Okla.; his mother, Carolyn Hoagland of Hanston; two sisters, Diana Myers of Dodge City and Jody McInnis of Garden City; his grandparents, Ethel Woodring of Hanston and Elsie Hoagland of Jetmore. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Larned Cemetery, with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the Tom Coulter Memorial Fund, in care of Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 21, 2001

Rudolph J. Werner 1940-2001

VICTORIA - Rudolph J. Werner, 60, died Aug. 19 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. he was born Sept. 17, 1940, in Claflin, the son of John B. and Regina P. Schmidt Werner. A resident of Victoria, he was a heavy equipment operator. Werner was a member of St. Fidelis Catholic Church in Victoria. Survivors include three brothers, John Werner and Anthony Werner, both of Great Bend, and Robert Werner of Bunceton, Mo.; seven sisters, Irene Werner, Anne Klug and Frances Prosser, all of Odin, Theresa Miller and Loretta Rutherford, both of Wichita, Margaret Carey of Denville, N.J. and Mary Gilliam of Sturges, Ken. He was preceded in death by one brother, Raymond Werner. Rosary will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Holy Family Catholic Church in Odin. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Larned Cemetery, with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to United Emmanuel Lutheran Women for quilting projects, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 20, 2001

E. Edwin 'Ed' Moyers 1920-2001

HAYS - E. Edwin "Ed" Moyers, 80, died Aug. 20 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. He was born Dec. 4, 1920, in Cairo, W.V., the son of William F. and Estella Mitchell Moyers. He attended Ritchie County Schools in West Virginia. He completed two degrees in music at Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. He married Mary Louise Farley Aug. 25, 1948, in Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 21, 2001

E. Edwin Moyers 1920-2001
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 21, 2001

Frances E. 'Fran' Harbert

LARNED - Frances E. "Fran" Harbert, 75, died Aug. 20 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 21, 2001

Ilona Elizabeth Oroszy 1913-2001

LARNED - Ilona Elizabeth Oroszy, 87, died Aug. 19 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus in Larned. She was born Sept. 14, 1913, in Lorain, Ohio, the daughter of George and Mabel Elizabeth Halloway Oroszy. A lifelong resident of Larned, she was a secretary for the Pawnee County Engineer's office. She was a member of Christian Science Church in Hutchinson. Survivors include on cousin, Judy Redding of Larned. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with the Rev. Richard Martin officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the donor's choice, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 21, 2001

Maurice F. Koelsch 1918-2001

LONGVIEW, Wash - Maurice F. Koelsch, 82, died Aug. 18 at Longview Hospice Center in Longview. He was born Oct. 23, 1918, in Great Bend, the son of Emmett and Elizabeth Kern Koelsch. He was a graduate of Great Bend High School and Salt City Business College in Hutchinson. He married Marilou Lenertz in 1948. A resident of Longview, he was co-owner of Longview Mortgage Company. Koelsch was a member of St. Rose Church, Lions Club and Elks Club, all of Longview. Survivors include his wife of the home, one son, Mark Koelsch of Longview; one daughter, Susan Elliott of Victorville, Calif.; two brothers, Emmett Koelsch of Longview and Victor Koelsch of Great Bend; two sisters, Mary Lou Weiser of Great Bend and Rose Carroll of Overland Park; and six grandchildren. Services and burial were in Longview. There is no visitation and no memorials are suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 21, 2001

Lucille Mary 'Granny' Cockerham 1925-2001

OCTAVIA, Okla. - Lucille Mary "Granny" Cockerham, 76, died Aug. 20 at her home in Octavia. She was born Aug. 14, 1925, in Rose, Okla., the daughter of Elliott and Lida Brewer Hicks. She married Robert V. Cockerham Sept. 29, 1945. A resident of Octavia, coming from Larned, she was a homemaker and psychiatric aide for 19 years at Larned State Hospital in Larned. Mrs. Cockerham was a member of Octavia Baptist Church in Octavia. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Jack Cockerham of Mountainburg, Ark.; four daughters, June Beachel of Okmulgee, Okla., Jane Bishop of Hartshorne, Okla., Jeanne Singer of Denver, Colo. and Joann Charlton of Heavener, Okla.; one brother, Howard Hicks of Morrison, Okla.; one sister, Edith Jackson of Tulsa, Okla.; 14 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers; and three sisters. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Revs. Doug Maggard and Ed Rogers officiating. Burial will be at Octavia Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Octavia Cemetery Association or Octavia Volunteer Fire Department, both in care of Beasley-Wood Funeral Home in Mena, Okla. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 21, 2001

August 22, 2001

Frances E. 'Fran' Harbert 1926-2001

LARNED - Frances E. "Fran" Harbert, 75, died Aug. 20 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born March 29, 1926, in Leavenworth, the daughter of Guy J. and Ruth Lee Gresham Fulcher. She married Howard J. Harbert June 7, 1946, in Larned. He died May 17, 1987. A resident of Larned, she was a retired salesperson for Doerr Ace Hardware and was an "on air" personality for KANS Radio, "Fran at 10:07." Mrs. Harbert was a member of First Presbyterian Church, were she was a church elder, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Daughters of the American Revolution, Pawnee County Historical Society and Eastern Star, all of Larned. Survivors include three sons, Terry Lee Harbert of Topeka, David Earl Harbert of Haymarket, Va., and Guy Howard Harbert of Larned; two daughters, Cathie Ann Kornacki of Platte City, Mo., and Linda Jane Harbert of Wichita; one brother, Richard L. Fulcher of Chattanooga, Tenn.; and five grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1:00 p.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Jim Hawthorne officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday, all at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 22, 2001

Shad Lawrence Debos 1971-2001

LARNED - Shad Lawrence Debos, 29, died Aug. 20 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was born Nov. 2, 1971, in
Larned, the son of Lawrence L. and Sherry Lee Rankin Debes. He was a 1991 graduate of Larned High School. A lifelong resident of Larned, he was an employee of Rosewood Services in Great Bend. Debes was a member of First Christian Church and worked the concession stand for the Noon Lions Club, both of Larned. Survivors include his parents of the home; one sister, Amy Brewer of Larned; his grandparents, Leon and Joyce Rankin of Larned; and step-grandmother, Dorothy Debes of Great Bend. He was preceded in death by grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Debes. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with the Rev. Daniel Lundgren officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Shad Debes Memorial Fund, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 22, 2001

Wanda O. Shoemaker 1919-2001

LARNED - Wanda O. Shoemaker, 81, died Aug. 20 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus in Larned. She was born Sept. 14, 1919, in Calico Rock, Ark., the daughter of Herman and Mollie Rose Fitzhugh Reeves. She married W.H. Shoemaker Aug. 25, 1944, in Oxford, Ark. He died June 12, 2000. A lifelong resident of Larned, she was a retired nurse aid at the former Gleason Hospital and worked in the dietary department at Larned State Hospital in Larned. Mrs. Shoemaker attended First Baptist Church in Larned. Survivors include one son, Victor Shoemaker of Larned; three daughters, Robbie Luttrell of Centerton, Ark., Mary Ostrander of Topeka and Patsy Rinkie of Lawrence; two brothers, Robert Reeves of Olive Branch, Miss., and John Reeves of Eudora; and one sister, Maggie Wilson of Calico Rock, Ark. She was preceded in death by one son, Eddie Shoemaker; one brother, Carl Reeves; two sisters, Zaretta McClellan and Jo Ann Turnage; and one granddaughter, Tereca Luttrell. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with the Rev. Johnny Augmon officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to C.M.E. Church Rescue Chapel in Larned, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 22, 2001

Annie "Sue" Urish 1932-2000

WICHITA - Annie "Sue" Urish, 68, died July 2, 2000. She was born June 4, 1932, in Sommerville, Tenn., the daughter of John Dewey and Margaret Anne Morrow Gist. She married George T. Urish Aug. 6, 1954, in Tupelo, Miss. A native of Larned, Mr. Urish died Oct. 1, 1995. A resident of Wichita, she was a sign language interpreter for the Wichita School District. Survivors include one son, Ben Urish of East Lansing, Mich.; one daughter, Georgia Abbott of Topeka; one sister, Evelyn Downs of Boonville, Miss.; and one granddaughter. Graveside service will be Friday at Great Bend Cemetery in Great Bend. There will be no visitation and no memorials are suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 22, 2001

August 23, 2001

Wanda Lou Calvert 1930-2001

HAYSVILLE - Wanda Lou Calvert, 71, died Aug. 22. She was born July 7, 1930, in Great Bend, the daughter of Dorsey and Opal Fisher Brown. She married Robert C. Calvert Nov. 1, 1950, in Great Bend. He died June 27, 2001. A resident of Haysville, coming from Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Survivors include two sons, John Calvert of Haysville and Dennis Calvert of Wichita; two daughters, Nancy McGlothlin of Peck and Marjorie Leech of Great Bend; one brother, Dan Brown of Boise, Idaho; three sisters, Judie Webb of Oklahoma City, Okla., Kris Cookson of Wichita and Barbara Myer of Enid, Okla.; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Robert Lewis Calvert. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Smith Mortuary in Haysville. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 23, 2001

Adolph J. Langer 1924-2001

NESS CITY - Adolph J. Langer, 77, died Aug. 22 at Ness County Hospital in Ness City. He was born Feb. 4, 1924, in Olmitz, the son of J.T. and Mary Rabenseither Langer. A resident of Ness City, he was a farmer and stockman. Langer was a member of Sacred Heart Church in Ness City. Survivors include one brother, Edwin Langer of Ness City; and three sisters, Helen Koester of Hoisington, Ann Weilert and Evelyn Schlegel, both of Ness City. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Leonard Langer and Alvin Langer; and one sister, Marie McDonald. Parish Vigil will be at 7 tonight at the church. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Gregory LeBlanc officiating. Burial will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Ness City. Friends may call until 3 today at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City and until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday, all at the church. Memorials are suggested to Sacred heart Cemetery Fund or the donor's choice, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 23, 2001

Mollie Schultz Kaufman 1906-2001

WILSON - Mollie Schultz Kaufman, 94, died Aug. 21. She was born Aug. 23, 1906, in Marion County, the daughter of Andreas and Marie Heine Schultz. She married Frank Kaufman. He died in 1976. A resident of Wilson, she was a
homemaker and farm wife. Survivors include one son, Larry Kaufman; one sisters, Alwina Motzner; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Francis Kaufman and Gene Kaufman; and one daughter, Linda Marie. Prayer service will be at 7 tonight at Foster Mortuary in Wilson. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wilson. Burial will be at Wilson City Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight at the mortuary and from 9 a.m. until service time at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Wilson Senior Center, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 23, 2001

Marcella Kruckenberg Diepenbrock 1917-2001

BOULDER, Colo. - Marcella Kurckenberg Diepenbrock, 83, died Aug. 19. She was born Sept. 28, 1917, in Great Bend, the daughter of Louis and Mary Kruckenberg. She is a graduate of St. John's Academy in Winfield. She married Walter Diepenbrock Jan. 10, 1942, in Kingfisher, Okla. He died in February 1969. A resident of Boulder, she was a retired employee of the University of Colorado, Boulder. Mrs. Diepenbrock was a member of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, the Boulder Republican Women's Club and served on the executive committee of the Boulder County Republican Party, all in Boulder. Survivors include one son, David Diepenbrock of Arvada, Colo.; one daughter, Mary Stokes of Louisville, Ky.; and three grandchildren. Funeral will be Friday at the church. Burial will be at Mountain View Cemetery in Boulder. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the church building fund, in care of the church. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 23, 2001

Velma M. Adams 1916-2001

Velma M. Adams, 85, of Great Bend, died Aug. 22 at Wheat State Manor in Whitewater. She was born Aug. 4, 1916 in Otis, the daughter of Peter and Anna Schelegel Hartman. She married Arthur L. Adams July 6, 1941 in Otis. He died Jan. 3, 1981. A resident of Whitewater for seven years, coming from Great Bend, she was a retired registered nurse and special education paraprofessional with USD 428 in Great Bend. Mrs. Adams was a member of First United Methodist Church, American Legion Auxiliary and R.N. Social Club, all of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Jim Adams of Wichita; two daughters, Jane Crabtree of Searcy, Ark. and Patti Biddle of Wichita; one sister, Selma Scheck of Great Bend; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers; and five sisters. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home Chapel in Great Bend. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 23, 2001

August 24, 2001

James R. 'Bob' Gilmore 1924-2001

RAYTOWN, Mo. - James R. 'Bob' Gilmore, 76, died Aug. 22 at Lee's Summit Hospital in Lee's Summit, Mo. He was born Dec. 3, 1924, in Larned. He married Fannie "Fran" Louella Adams Feb. 15, 1947, in Great Bend. A resident of Raytown, coming from rural Stafford County, he was a retired carpenter and operator of Deerhorn Stables. Gilmore was a member of Carpenter's Local 61, boy scout leader of Troop 128, Top Railers Square Dance Club, Red Hots Square Dance Club, and Pleasant Hill Saddle Club, all of Raytown. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Robert Gilmore of Chilhowee, Mo., Dennis Gilmore and Don Gilmore, both of Lee's Summit; two sisters, Georgia Campbell of Plano, Texas and Connie Rube of Great Bend; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Shirley Dingwall and Barbara Engleman. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Muehleback Funeral Home in Kansas City, Mo. Friends may call from 7-8 tonight at the funeral home. There are no memorials suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 24, 2001

William Henry Rich II 1924-2001

William Henry Rich II, 77, of Great Bend, died Aug. 23 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born Aug. 1, 1924, in Pratt, the son of William Henry and Jenevieve Loyle Bradley Rich. He married Mary Grace Robinson June 6, 1947, in Pratt. A resident of Great Bend since 1948, coming from St. John, he was a farmer and shell loader for Dresser-Atlas Oil Company in Great Bend. Rich was a member of First Christian Church of Great Bend and the Mayflower Association. He was a U.S. Merchant Marines veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Robert Gilmore of Chilhowee, Mo., Dennis Gilmore and Don Gilmore, both of Lee's Summit; two sisters, Georgia Campbell of Plano, Texas and Connie Rube of Great Bend; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Shirley Dingwall and Barbara Engleman. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Muehleback Funeral Home in Kansas City, Mo. Friends may call from 7-8 tonight at the funeral home. There are no memorials suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 24, 2001
Allen F. Darnell Jr. 1920-2001

SILVER CITY, N.M. - Allen F. Darnell Jr., 81, died Aug. 21 at Willow Manor Assisted Living Center in Deming, N.M. He was born March 14, 1920, in Texarkana, Texas, the son of Allen Franklin Sr. and Lola Lee Cunningham Darnell. He married Lois Juanita Singleton Sept. 27, 1941 in Laurel, Miss. A resident of Silver City, he was a materials superintendent for Halliburton for 26 years. Darnell was a member of First Presbyterian Church, where he served as deacon, trustee and elder. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Scarlett Hardesty of Silver City; one granddaughter; and two great-grandchildren. Private family services will be held at Fort. Bayard National Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the donor's choice in care of Bright Funeral Home in Silver City. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 24, 2001

Odesia Jane Stramel 1922-2001

HAYS - Odesia Jane Stramel, 78, died Aug. 22 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. She was born Oct. 13, 1922, in Pawnee, Okla., the daughter of Arthur and Elizabeth Campbell. She married Emil Stramel June 3, 1946, in Pfeifer. He died April 10, 1998. A resident of Hays, coming from Pfeifer, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Stramel was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Hays. She was a former member of Holy Cross Catholic Church in Pfeifer and Sunflower Polka Club. Survivors include two sons, Dale Stramel and Gene Stramel, both of Hays; one daughter, Judy Schmidt of Colorado Springs, Colo.; one brother, James Campbell of Red Rock, Okla.; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Lynn D. Stramel; one brother, Andy Campbell; and one infant sister. Holy Cross Christian Mothers Rosary will be at 7 tonight with a vigil service following at 7:30 tonight, both at Cline's Mortuary in Hays. Funeral will be at 9 a.m. Saturday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Hays, with the Rev. David Metz officiating. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery in Pfeifer. Friends may call from 3-9 p.m. tonight and from 8-8:45 a.m. Saturday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Holy Cross Charities Incorporated, Immaculate Heart of Mary Building Fund or Masses, all in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 24, 2001

Richard Gerald Cox 1908-2001

Richard Gerald Cox, 92, died Aug. 22 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born Sept. 5, 1908, in Norman, Okla., the son of Orval and Vergie Mendel Cox. He married Margaret Schenk May 29, 1950, in Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend for 75 years, coming from Norman, he worked as a truck driver for Halliburton. Survivors include his wife of the home; one step daughter, Freida Collett of Del City, Okla.; one sister, Alfreeda Brummer of Houston, Texas; one half-brother, Delirene Cox of Eufaula, Okla.; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and two step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, William Cox; one daughter, Theada Croft; one sister, Vivian Cox; and two half-sisters, Roselee Bunajan and Vinita. Funeral was this morning at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home Chapel in Great Bend, with the Revs. Warren Stecklein and Fred Tuzicka officiating. Burial was at St. Ann Cemetery in Olmitz. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 24, 2001

August 26, 2001

Lois L. Brack 1925-2001

Lois L. Brack, 75, of Great Bend, died August 24 at her residence in Great Bend. She was born Nov. 4, 1925, at Barton County, the daughter of Jake and Iva Lacey Hartshorn. She married Richard R. Brack Nov. 15, 1941 in Hays. He died Mar. 21, 1983. A lifelong resident of Great Bend, she was a State supervisor for Royal Neighbors of American Fraternal Life Insurance. Co. Mrs. Brack was a member of the First Christian Church, League of Women Voters, Royal Neighbors of America, and a volunteer at the Barton Co. Historical Society all of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Richard R. Brack Jr. of Lawrence; two daughters, Lori Brack of Salina, and Mary Jane Miller of Lawrence; one sister, Vernea Mae Varah of Great Bend, and two grandsons. She was preceded in death by one sister and two brothers. Memorial service will be at 1 p.m. on Sept. 1 at the Great Bend Family Mortuary in Great Bend. Inurnment will be at a later time. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time on Sept. 1 at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Hospice or Royal Neighbors of America scholarship program for Kansas high school students in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 26, 2001

Jose H. Espinosa Sr. 1905-2001

Jose H. Espinosa Sr., 96, of Great Bend, died Aug. 24 at Integrated Health Services of Great Bend. He was born Aug. 2, 1905, at Monterrey, Nuevo Leon in Mexico, the son of Tiburcio and Francisca Espinosa Hernandez. He married Natalia Ramirez July 29, 1933, at Alice, Texas. She died July 6, 1973. A resident of Great Bend since 1943, he was the owner of Espinosa and Sons Trash Service. a construction worker and foreman and caretaker of Weller Farms. Espinosa was a
Minister and member of Jehovah's Witnesses. Survivors include seven sons, Joe Espinosa Jr. of Stafford, Tivurcio 'Butch' Espinosa, Lawrence Espinosa, Gilbert Espinosa, Robert Espinosa and Jesse Espinosa, all of Great Bend, and Oscar Espinosa of Ellinwood; two daughters, Jane Stejskal of Hutchinson and Lalita Semon of Manhattan; one brother, Julio Hernandez of Stafford; two sisters, Lucille Ojeda and Katherine McCormick both of Hutchinson; 23 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Damian Espinosa; and four sisters, Francisca Trevino, Frances Ruelas, Ruth Castor and Olivia Rodriguez. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Bryant-Christians Chapel in Great Bend with Walter Pemberton officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. tonight, and from 9 a.m. until service time on Monday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 26, 2001

Willie J. 'Biddie' Bailey 1928-2001

Willie J. 'Biddie' Bailey, 73, of Great Bend, died Aug. 25 at Central Kansas Medical Center St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 26, 2001

Ardeth D. Pittman 1916-2001

Ardeth D. Pittman, 85, of Great Bend, died Aug. 25 at Integrated Health Services in Great Bend. He was born Oct. 2, 1916, at Gorman Texas, the son of John Newton and Cannie Fuller Pittman. He married Eva Arlene Brown May 14, 1939, in Gorman. A resident of Great Bend for six years coming from Gorman he was a Superintendent for Chicago Bridge and Iron Company in Gorman. Pittman was a member of the First Baptist Church in Gorman, a fifty-year member of Masonic Lodge and past Grand Master of Masonic Lodge. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Janie Anderson; one brother, Murl Edward Pittman, six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Neal Ray Pittman; one daughter, Julia Ann Belgau and three brothers, Gerald G. Pittman, Cle Dale Pittman, and John Wayne Pittman. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the church. Burial will be at Gorman Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. tonight, and from 9 -11 a.m. Monday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend and from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Higginbottam Funeral Home in Gorman. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 26, 2001

Earlene Beth Fort 1914-2001

ST. JOHN - Earlene Beth Fort, 86, died Aug. 25 at Leisure Homestead in St. John. She was born Dec. 22, 1928, in Malta Bend, Mo., the daughter of William Austin and Pearl Irene Nowlin McCormick. She married the Rev. Glenn R. Bailey Aug. 4, 1974, in Fairview, Mo. A resident of Great Bend for seven years, coming from Ellinwood, Rolla and Kansas City, Mo., she was a homemaker. Mrs. Bailey was a member of the Methodist church. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Tim Stegner of Muldrow, Okla., Robin Stegner of Raymore, Mo., and Jeff Stegner of Kansas City, Mo.; one daughter, Janie Melling of Kansas City, Mo.; two sisters, Shirley Nelson of Tulsa, Okla., and Barbara Waldron of Chipley, Fla.; and eight grandchildren. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Newcomer Floral Hills Chapel in Kansas City, Mo. Burial will be at Floral Hill Memorial Gardens in Kansas City. Friends may call from 6-8 tonight at the chapel. There are no memorials suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 27, 2001

Charlotte Louise Kinzel 1939-2001

Charlotte Louise Kinzel, 62, of Great Bend, died Aug. 25 in Great Bend. She was born Feb. 4, 1939, in Odessa, Texas, the daughter of Howard T. and Clara Williams Lake. She married David Kinzel June 22, 1957, in Great Bend. A longtime resident of Great Bend, she worked as a claims adjuster for Crawford and Company in Great Bend and Dodge City. Mrs. Kinzel was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; three
Karen Sheldon-Norwood 1946-2001

BURLINGTON, Colo. - Services for Karen Sheldon-Norwood, 54, will be Tuesday at Love Funeral Home in Burlington. Burial will be at Ft. Lyon National Cemetery in Ft. Lyon, Colo. Friends may call from 6-8 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Christopher House, in care of First National Bank of Burlington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 27, 2001

August 28, 2001

Jean Frances Bowers 1928-2001

Jean Frances Bowers, 72, of Great Bend, went to be with her Lord Aug. 26 at her home. She was born Oct. 15, 1928, in Scott City, the daughter of Thomas Francis and Laura Bernadine Harrington Spangler. She married Valreis L. Bowers Nov. 24, 1951, in Dodge City. He died Aug. 14, 1982. A resident of Great Bend since 1952, coming from Bucklin, she worked as an optometrist's assistant for Dr. Russell McCalley's office in Great Bend. Mrs. Bowers was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Altar Society and Daughters of Isabella, all of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Kevin Lynn Bowers of Olathe; four daughters, Debra A. Brewer of Overland Park, Barbara J. Craven and Kayla S. Schremmer, both of Hoisington, and Brenda J. Zahn of Great Bend; one brother, James R. Spangler of Pueblo, Colo.; one sister, Waunita Mumma of Independence; and 12 grandchildren, Cody Schremmer, Brandon Schremmer, Michael Craven, Matthew Craven, Brian Brewer, Megan Bowers, Derek Bowers, Monica Zahn, Toni Zahn, Austin Bowers, Josh Befort and Tana Befort. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, followed by Daughters of Isabella rosary, both at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Warren Stecklein officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Barton County Special Olympics, both in care of the funeral home. "Mother, you will be greatly missed. Your family will remain as an extension of your love." Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 28, 2001

Graham Eugene Regester 1920-2001

RUSSELL - Graham Eugene Regester, 81, died Aug. 26 at Russell Regional Hospital in Russell. He was born Feb. 15, 1920, in Clay Center, the son of Myron and Jennie Cowing Regester. He married Ruth Elaine Call Sept. 16, 1960, in Russell. A resident of Russell, he worked in road construction and for the city of Russell. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Douglas Regester of Manhattan and Ronald Regester of Topeka; three daughters, Judy Weisner of St. George, Nancy Stinger and Dawn May, both of Salina; nine grandchildren; 16 step-grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one infant son and one stepson, Charles Flowers. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Russell Funeral Home in Russell, with the Rev. James Alexander officiating. Burial will be at Russell City Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Calvary Chapel, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 28, 2001

Vivian L. Bartlett 1944-2001

Vivian L. Bartlett, 57, of Great Bend, died Aug. 27 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. She was born June 15, 1944, in rural Gray County, the daughter of Walter Anthony and Lena Evelyn Sands McKenna. She married El Halcon "Hal" Bartlett Oct. 10, 1961, in Clayton, N.M. A resident of Great Bend since 1972, coming from Cimarron, she was a homemaker and retired receptionist for Doonan Truck and Equipment. Mrs. Bartlett was a member of First Church of the Nazarene, American Legion Auxiliary and lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, all in Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Shawn Dell Bartlett of Chaska, Minn.; two daughters, Stacy L. Cobb of Lenexa and Anna L. Bartlett of Great Bend; her mother of Wichita; one sister, Darlene Brown of Wichita; and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Rosalie Burnett; and one grandson, Ryan Lee Cobb. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home Chapel in Great Bend, with the Rev. Waylen Brown officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Patrick School Endowment Fund or Holy Trinity Children's Center, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 28, 2001
LARNED - Vicki J. Sharp, 52, died Aug. 27 at her home in Larned. She was born July 17, 1949, in Excelsior Springs, Mo., the daughter of Roy and Glenna Cole Shuler. She married Robert C. Sharp June 11, 1983, in Las Vegas, Nev. A lifelong resident of Larned, she worked at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus in Larned for 30 years, serving as assistant nurse manager, assisting with St. Joseph Auxiliary activities, committee member for the hospital’s 50th anniversary and becoming director of operations in 1999. Mrs. Sharp was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Altar Society, Larned Emergency Medical Service and Larned Country Club, all of Larned. Survivors include her husband of the home; five sons, Cecil Sharp of Vassar, Robert Sharp Jr. of Lindsay, Texas, Michael Ray Sharp of Carnegie, Okla., John Joel Sharp of Garden City and Carlos Taylor of Lamar, Mo.; one daughter, Connie Bradford of Lamar; one sister, Nancy Schmidt of Larned; 17 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Dennis Reed officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, all at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or Golden Belt Home Hospice, both in care of the mortuary.

ST. JOHN - James William Minnis, 68, died Aug. 27 at his home in St. John. He was born May 13, 1933, in Stafford, the son of Herman Theodore and Alberta Virginia Burton Minnis. He was a 1951 graduate of Bucklin High School and a 1954 graduate of the Dallas Institute-Grupton Jones College of Mortuary Science. He married Anna Darlene Rosenbaum Aug. 10, 1958, in Pratt. A resident of St. John since 1959, coming from Great Bend, he was former co-owner of Minnis Funeral Chapel for 36 years, before retiring in 1995. Minnis was a member of First United Methodist Church, serving as Sunday school secretary, church finance secretary and co-chairman of the New Church Building Committee, Ionic Lodge 254, AF&AM, 50-year member of St. John Lions Club and Main Street Promotion Committee, all of St. John, National Funeral Directors Association, Kansas Funeral Directors Association, Friends of Quivira, past St. John city councilman, St. John District Hospital and volunteer for St. John PRIDE and Tourism Committee. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Mark Minnis of Houston, Texas, Mitch Minnis of St. John and Jay Minnis of Stafford; one brother, Bud Minnis of Stafford; three sisters, Sarah Foster of Birmingham, Ala., Jean Dewell of Winfield and Mattie Oswalt of Kremlin, Okla.; and seven grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. W. Harlan Rittgers officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 1-6 p.m. Wednesday, all at Minnis Chapel in St. John. Memorials are suggested to Methodist Church Future Fund or South Wind Hospice, both in care of the funeral chapel.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 28, 2001

August 29, 2001

Joseph Willard Guesnier 1926-2001

Joseph Willard Guesnier, 74, of Great Bend, died Aug. 28 at his home. He was born Oct. 24, 1926, in Seward, the son of Joseph Alexander and Vina Maria Rickert Guesnier. He married Mary L. McCubbin Sept. 3, 1948, in Topeka. A lifelong resident of Great Bend, he was a truck driver for Halliburton Service Company. Guesnier was a member of the Catholic church and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111 of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Navy and Marine Corps veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Daniel Guesnier and Shawn Guesnier, both of Great Bend, and Tracy Guesnier of Pawnee Rock; three daughters, Kaleha Jones of Boise, Idaho, Renee Nelson of Grandview, Wash., and Kelly Guesnier of Washington, D.C.; three brothers, the Rev. Rene Guesnier of Seward, Matthew Joseph Guesnier of Great Bend and Patrick Guesnier of Littlefield, Texas; one sister, Norma Heinen of Shallowater, Texas; eight grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Jack Guesnier and Robert Dennis Guesnier. Funeral and inurnment will be at a later date. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Hospice, in care of Great Bend Family Mortuary and Crematory in Great Bend.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 29, 2001

Karen Kay Sheldon-Norwood 1946-2001

BURLINGTON, Colo. - Karen Kay Sheldon-Norwood, 54, died Aug. 25 at Kit Carson County Memorial Hospital in Burlington. She was born Nov. 25, 1946, in Alliance, Neb., the daughter of James and Mary Spring. She married Richard Norwood Aug. 25, 2001. A resident of Burlington, coming from Colby, she worked for Service Oil Company Travel Shoppe in Colby for 13 years. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Robert Spring of Wichita and J.D. Sheldon of Otis; two daughters, Debbie Glenn and Deandra Schlotthauer, both of Ellinwood; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Edward Paul Sheldon. Funeral was Tuesday at Love Funeral Home in Burlington, Colo. with the Rev. Aubrey Howell officiating. Burial was at Fairview Cemetery in Burlington. Memorials are suggested to St. Christopher House, in care of First National Bank in Burlington.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 29, 2001
Bertha 'Bert' Ensz Martens Bowman 1917-2001

ZOOK - Bertha "Bert" Ensz Martens Bowman, 84, died Aug. 28 at Medicalodge in Kinsley. She was born March 12, 1917, in Inman, the daughter of George and Marie Hildebrand Ensz. She married Edwin P. Martens May 27, 1941. He died July 20, 1962. She married J. Clyde Bowman Aug. 16, 1967, in Hutchinson. A resident of Zook, coming from Emporia in 1967, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Bowman was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Hutchinson and was a house-mother at the women's dorm at Emporia State University. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, James E. Martens of Hutchinson and Gerald E. Martens of Littleton, Colo.; one stepson, John C. Bowman of Hutchinson; three stepdaughters, Martha Bowman of Hutchinson; Mary Ann Schinstock of Kinsley and Judy Bowman of Kansas City; two brothers, Al Ensz and Bud Ensz, both of Hutchinson; two sisters, Esther Neufeldt and Lu Neufeld, both of Inman; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Mel Ensz; and three sisters, Kate Martens, Martha Penner and Mary Jane Ensz. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Fairlawn Burial Park in Hutchinson, with Elmer Ensz officiating. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, all at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to The Zook Club House or Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 29, 2001

August 30, 2001

Karl 'Ed' Wuller Sr. 1947-2001

Karl "Ed" Wuller Sr., 53, of Great Bend, died Aug. 28 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born Oct. 5, 1947, in Wichita, the son of Warren Exon Sr. and Madge Bernice Evans Wuller. He married Rose Clothier Oct. 7, 1977, in Great Bend. He was a resident of Great Bend for 23 years. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Karl E. Wuller Jr. of Hoisington; his mother of Augusta; one brother; two sisters; and one granddaughter. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Fryberger Mortuary Chapel in Great Bend, with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the Karl Wuller Sr. memorial fund, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 30, 2001

Erma L. Newby 1910-2001

ST. JOHN - Erma L. Newby, 91, died Aug. 28 at Stafford District Hospital in Stafford. She was born April 4, 1910, in Sterling, the daughter of Frank and Leela Harper. She was a 1929 graduate of Sterling High School. She married D.J. Newby April 15, 1933, in Sterling. He died Nov. 10, 1976. A resident of St. John since 1998, coming from Hutchinson and Sterling, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Newby was a member of United Methodist Church in Hutchinson. Survivors include one son, Dee Jay Newby of St. Charles, Ill.; one daughter, Donita Hedrick of St. John; one brother, Delbert Harper of Sterling; one sister, Twila Proffitt of Alden; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, LeRoy Harper, Verlin Harper and Virgil Harper. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Minnis Chapel in St. John, with the Rev. W. Harlan Rittgers officiating. Burial will be at Sterling Community Cemetery in Sterling. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church of St. John or Hutchinson, both in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 30, 2001

Michael L. Miller 1942-2001

WAVERLY, Tenn. - Michael L. Miller, 59, died Aug. 28 at Three Rivers Hospital in Waverly. He was born April 16, 1942, in El Dorado, the son of Cyril and Frances Muth Miller. He married Jean Felts. A resident of Waverly, he was a purchasing agent for Mac Supply. Miller was a member of the Catholic church. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Tana Fitzjarrald of Great Bend and Sherrie Miller of Waverly; his mother; three brothers, Tim Miller of Great Bend, Donnie Miller of Hutchinson and Roch Miller of Ellinwood; one sister, Monica Bowers of Great Bend; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Michelle Miller. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Humphreys County Funeral Home in Waverly, with the Rev. John Sims Baker officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Cemetery in Waverly. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until service time Friday at the funeral home. No memorials are suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 30, 2001
Neva Kathleen Hostetler 1924-2001

DODGE CITY - Neva Kathleen Hostetler, 76, died Aug. 29 at Trinity Manor Nursing Home in Dodge City. She was born Nov. 28, 1924, in Ford County, the daughter of George Carl and Lulu Creps Lenz. She was a 1942 graduate of Dodge City High School. She married Robert Gene Hostetler May 21, 1949, in Dodge City. A resident of Dodge City since 1993, coming from Great Bend and Wichita, she worked for the Great Bend Police Department and Barton County Health Department, and was owner of Hostetler Sales and Cats Fifth Avenue. Mrs. Hostetler was a member of the Church of God in Dodge City and Great Bend Church of God, where she was music director. Survivors include one son, Roger Curtis Hostetler of Guam; one daughter, Joy Kathleen Williams of Dodge City; two brothers, Chester Dale Lenz of Holyrood, and George Carl Lenz Jr. of Wichita; three sisters, Adalene Eversole, Doris Daniel and Amy Winkler, all of Dodge City. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Wayne Lenz, Earl Lenz and Virgil Lenz; two sisters, Dorothy Snodgrass and Leona Decker; and one granddaughter, Kelli Laine Williams. A memorial service is pending. Cremation has taking place. Memorials are suggested to the Neva Hostetler memorial fund, in care of Burkhart Funeral Chapel in Dodge City. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Sept. 2, 2001

Hilda R. Penka 1911-2001

LARNED - Hilda R. Penka, 89, died Aug. 31, at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born Dec. 12, 1911, in Barton County, the daughter of John and Louisa Beran Boor. She married Peter ‘Pete’ Frank Penka Oct. 25, 1933, at Odlin. He died Jan. 3, 1981. A lifetime resident of Pawnee County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Penka was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Larned, honorary member of the Sacred Heart Altar Society, and Zook Extension Homemakers Unit. Survivors include five sons, Vernon Penka of Kansas City, Larry Penka of Ingalls, Allen Penka of Dodge City and Gerald Penka of Norwood, Mass.; six daughters, Kathy Bowman and Mary Ann Tammen, both of Larned, Betty White of Excelsior Springs, Mo., Patricia Klamm of Kansas City, Joyce Sims of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Connie Mauney of Pawnee Rock; one brother, John Boor; five sisters, Alice Schneweis, Loretta Weiser, Teresa Weiser, Cecilia Gerstenkorn and Eleanor Klug; 32 grandchildren; and 42 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one grandchild, Gary Lee; four brothers; and six sisters. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Dennis Reed officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, all at the mortuary. Burial will be at Belpre Cemetery in Belpre. Memorials are suggested to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation or Pawnee County 4-H Foundation, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Sept. 2, 2001

John A. Stetler 1928-2001

HOISINGTON - John A. Stetler, 73, died Aug. 31 at Hutchinson Hospital. He was born July 13, 1928, at Hoisington, the son of Fred and Frances Kohlen Stetler. He married Alice Depperschmidt Jan. 4, 1949, at Sapulpa, Okla. A lifetime resident of Hoisington, he was a cattleman, raised and owned Thoroughbred horses and invested in the oil field. Stetler was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church in Olmitz and Kansas Livestock Association; and was a Golden Glove boxer. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Kevin L. Stetler of Hoisington; one daughter, Kay Fitzimmons of Albert; one sister, Frieda Weber of Liberty, Mo.; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, John Michael Stetler; two brothers, Charles Stetler and Roy ‘Mutt’ Stetler; and one sister, Mildred Frazier. Wake service will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday, followed by a rosary at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Ultan Murphy officiating. Burial will be at Golden Belt Cemetery in Barton County. Friends may call from 2-9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Hoisington High School Football Department or Kans for Kids, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Sept. 2, 2001

Joseph A. Harris Jr. 1924-2001

ST. JOHN - Joseph A. Harris Jr., 77, died Aug. 31 at Pratt Regional Medical Center in Pratt. He was born April 6, 1924, at Boydsville, Ohio, the son of Joseph A. Sr. and Lillian F. Boring Harris. He married Della Harris May 17, 1947, at Bridgeport, Ohio. A resident of St. John since 1971, he was a law enforcement officer. Harris was a member of Church of Christ and American Legion both in St. John. He was a U.S. Army veteran, retiring in 1969 after 22 years, including having served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Terry A. Harris of Liberal; one daughter, Renny Neale Russell of Rohnert Park, Calif.; two brothers, Charles Harris of Enola, Pa., and Richard Harris of Greenwich Springs, La.; one sister, Ella June Church of Bannock, Ohio; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Sherry Dawn Harlow. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Minnis Chapel in St. John, with the Rev. Carl Fertil officiating. Burial with full military honors will be at Fairview Park in St. John. Friends may call from 1-6 p.m. Monday at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to the church or Union Rescue Mission of Wichita both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Sept. 2, 2001
September 3, 2001

Mildred M. Peak 1909-2001

Mildred M. Peak, 92, of Great Bend, died Aug. 31 at her home. She was born July 1, 1909, in Hutchinson, the daughter of John and Susie Cummins Byrnes. She was a graduate of St. Teresa High School. She married Roy E. Peak in Hutchinson. A resident of Great Bend since 1978, coming from Larned, she worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company as an operator. Mrs. Peak was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, China Dolls and Garden Club, all of Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; one daughter, Vickie Jan Peak of Great Bend. She was preceded in death by an infant son, Robert Kent Peak; and one brother, Floyd Byrnes. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at St. Teresa Catholic Church in Hutchinson, with the Rev. Richard Stuchlik officiating. Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery in Hutchinson. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson and Sons Funeral Home in Hutchinson. Memorials are suggested to St. Teresa Catholic Church or St. Patrick Catholic Church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 3, 2001

Verne A. Freeburg 1915-2001

Verne A. Freeburg, 85, of Great Bend, died Sept. 2 at Integrated Health Services in Great Bend. He was born Sept. 16, 1915, in McPherson, the son of David E. and Agnes Sjogren Freeburg. He married Laura Mae Unruh Oct. 23, 1940, in Pawnee Rock. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Pawnee Rock, he was a retired farmer. Freeburg was a member of Bergthal Mennonite Church in Pawnee Rock. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Sandra B. Darcy of Great Bend and Patricia J. Hanken of Holyrood; two sisters, Frances McDonald of Broken Arrow, Okla., and Mildred Myers of Pasadena, Texas; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Milton Freeburg and John Freeburg. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home Chapel in Great Bend, with the Rev. Muriel T. Stackley officiating. Burial will be at Mennonite Memorial Cemetery in Pawnee Rock. Friends may call until 9 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Mennonite Central Committee, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 3, 2001

James A. Welch 1915-2001

James A. Welch, 86, of Great Bend, died Sept. 2 at his home. He was born May 12, 1915, in Kansas City, Mo., the son of James Chiplin and Sarah Myrtle Fisher Welch. He married Olga Pomrenke Sept. 24, 1947, in Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend since 1922, coming from Kansas City, he was owner/operator of Jim’s Skelly Service. Welch was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Eagles Lodge and council leader of Boy Scout Troop 177, all of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Billy Kirkland of McComb, Miss., Johnny Rogers of Indiana and Robert J. Blackwell Jr. of Larned; three daughters, LaDonna Kirkland of Madison, Miss., Rebecca Wilder of Garfield and Kathy Rogers of Pawnee Rock; one brother, Steve Blackwell of Pratt; one sister, Rebecca Bettes of Pratt; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 3, 2001

Arthur Robert Merten 1912-2001

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - Arthur Robert Merten, 89, died Sept. 2 at Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs. He was born March 9, 1912, in Barton County, the son of Frank and Matilda Booth Merten. He married Dorothy Iona Carmichael March 9, 1932, in Great Bend. A resident of Colorado Springs for six years, coming from Great Bend, he retired from Dowell Chemical Company in 1968. Merten was a member of First Christian Church in Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Darrell E. Merten of Littleton, Colo., and Robert L. Merten of Ashland, Ore.; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Roy Merten, Ralph Merten and George Merten; and two sisters, Rose Mausolf and Lillian Merten. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home Chapel in Great Bend, with the Rev. Paxton Jones officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 3, 2001
Amelia Wilhelm 1904-2001

Amelia Wilhelm, 96, of Great Bend, died Sept. 1 at Integrated Health Services in Great Bend. She was born Nov. 2, 1904, in Otis, the daughter of Conrad and Marie Brecht Krom. A lifelong resident of Barton County, she was a homemaker. Survivors include one son, Wayne Wilhelm of Seward; one daughter, Gladys Reddick of Seward; one sister, Katherine Petz of Great Bend; 11 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Doris Myers; five brothers, Henry Krom, Conrad Krom, Phillip Krom, Alex Krom and Constantine Krom; and two sisters, Mary Wittig and Freda Schremmer. Graveside service will be 3 p.m. Tuesday at Great Bend Cemetery, with the Rev. Rick Standlie officiating. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to IHS of Great Bend, in care of the Fryberger Mortuary in Great Bend. Great (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 3, 2001

Louis L. Dale 1927-2001

HUTCHINSON - The Rev. Louis L. Dale, 74, died Aug. 29 in an automobile accident near Dodge City. He was born May 5, 1927, in Amarillo, Texas, the son of William J. and Elia Shultz Dale. He graduated high school in Donora, Penn., and received degrees from University of the Ozarks in Clarksville, Ark., and McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, Ill. He married Sara Shell Sept. 16, 1952, in Clarksville. A resident of Hutchinson, he was a retired Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) pastor, having pastored churches in Highland, Concordia, Newton and Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Jon M. Dale of Overland Park; one daughter, Elizabeth D. Kahn of San Jose, Calif.; one brother, A.D. Dale of Shell Knob, Mo.; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother and one sister. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Sept. 15 at First Presbyterian Church in Hutchinson. Private family inurnment will be at Greenwood Cemetery in Newton at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the endowment fund or church of any congregation he served, all in care of Elliott Mortuary in Hutchinson. Great (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 3, 2001

September 4, 2001

Nicholas Gray Joslin 2001-2001

WICHITA - Nicholas Gray Joslin, infant, died Sept. 2. He was born to Dr. Charlie and Denise Joslin. Survivors include his parents of the home; one brother, Peter Joslin of the home; his grandparents, Gene and Mary Bess Joslin of Parsons and Tony and Rosalie Urban of Seward; and his great-grandmother, Josephine Urban of Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Seward. Memorials are suggested to Hopenet Inc., in care of DeVorss Flanagan-Hunt Mortuary in Wichita. Great (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 4, 2001

Scott Lee Mason 1949-2001

PRATT - Scott Lee Mason, 52, died Sept. 2 at his home in Pratt. He was born March 18, 1949, the son of Herb L. and Frances E. Walls Mason. He was a graduate of Pratt High School. He married Susan Hoener Sept. 4, 1976, in Pratt. A resident of Pratt, he was an oilfield worker. Mason was a member of Pratt Presbyterian Church, Albert Pike Masonic Lodge 303 and Consistory and Midian Shrine, all of Wichita. Survivors include his wife of the home; three daughters, Dee Dee Lunt of Austin, Texas, Denae Sullins of Dumas, Texas, and Shannon Mason of the home; his father of Bryan, Texas; one brother, Terry Mason of Houston, Texas; one sister, Karen Walters of Belville, Texas; and two grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Revs. Thomas D. Sutter and Donald Mutton officiating. Friends may call until 5 tonight and from 9 a.m. till noon Wednesday, all at Ayres-Calbeck Mortuary in Pratt. Memorials are suggested to Shrine's Plane of Mercy or donor's choice, both in care of the mortuary. Great (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 4, 2001

Amelia Henry 1907-2001

HOISINGTON - Amelia Henry, 93, died Sept. 2 at Hillsboro Community Medical Center in Hillsboro. She was born Sept. 10, 1907, in the Buckeye community of Ellsworth County, the daughter of Wesley and Maude Black Huggins. She married Lawrence H. Henry Aug. 7, 1930, in Salina. He died Aug. 2, 2001. A resident of Hoisington, coming from Ellsworth, she was a country school teacher at Langley School, homemaker and nurses aide at Ellsworth Good Sam. Mrs. Henry was a member of First Presbyterian Church and Presbyterian Women's Group, both of Hoisington. Survivors include one daughter, Marilyn Lindsay of Hoisington; one son, Eugene Earl Henry; two brothers; and one sister. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Parsons Funeral Home in Ellsworth, with the Rev. Don Ray officiating. Burial will be at Buckeye Cemetery in rural Kanopolis. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 8 a.m. until service time Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 4, 2001

Nellie Marie Kirby 1907-2001

LARNED - Nellie Marie Kirby, 93, died Sept. 2 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born Sept. 30, 1907, in Bennington, the daughter of Vearney Raymond and Elsie Marie Nelson Boster. She was a 1926 graduate of Larned High School. She married Frank Lonis Kirby Sept. 3, 1929, in Coldwater. He died March 9, 1981. A resident of Pawnee County since 1916, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Kirby was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Women, Ash Valley Sunflower Club and CICFCE Homemakers Unit, all of Larned. Survivors include two sons, Dean Rollin Kirby of Overland Park and James Blair Kirby of Larned: six grandchildren: two steo-grandchildren: 11 great-grandchildren: and six steo-great-
grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Darrell Wayne Boster. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Jim Hawthorne officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 4, 2001

Nicholas M. Weber 1911-2001

DUBUQUE - Nicholas M. Weber, 89, died Sept. 3 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend.

September 5, 2001

Nicholas M. 'Nick' Weber 1911-2001

Nicholas M. "Nick" Weber, 89, died Sept. 3 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born Dec. 10, 1911, in Dubuque, the son of Nicholas John and Mary Anna Dolechek Weber. He married Viola Dorothy Lang Oct. 22, 1946, in Beaver. A resident of Great Bend for 14 years, coming from Dubuque, he was a farmer, stockman and oil producer. Weber was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Dubuque, St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend, Knights of Columbus in Odin, Veterans of Foreign Wars in Hoisington and lifetime member of Topeka American Legion Post 58. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Theater of operations. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Nicholas NR Weber and Roy J. Weber, both of Dubuque; two daughters, Karen K. Weber of Great Bend and Shirley Zink of Newton; two sisters, Francis Bieberle of Great Bend and Matilda Schartz of Kansas City, Mo.; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three sisters, Edna Weber, Anna Weber and Mary Schartz. Family Rosary will be at 7 tonight at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home, followed by a Knights of Columbus Rosary. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Dubuque, with the Rev. Angel Dy officiating. Burial will be at St. Catherine Cemetery in Dubuque. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Catherine of Dubuque Heritage Association, Dubuque Catholic Cemetery Trust of Sunflower Diversified Services, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 5, 2001

Madelyn Wittig 1916-2001

WICHITA - Madelyn Wittig, 85, died Sept. 5 in Wichita. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington.

Clarification

In the obituary of Arthur Robert Merten, published Monday in the Tribune, there was no last name given for one of his sisters who had preceded him in death. Her full name is Lillian Steuri.

September 6, 2001

Fredrica Leach 1919-2001

ARLINGTON - Fredrica Leach, 82, died Sept. 4 at Hospice Residential Care Center in Hutchinson. She was born March 14, 1919, in Tonkawa, Okla., the daughter of Fred and Alma Busby Hutto. She married Robert L. Leach Nov. 5, 1941, in Winfield. He died March 8, 1993. A resident of Arlington for 28 years, coming from Albuquerque, N.M., she was a retired training supervisor for Mountain Bell Telephone Company. Mrs. Leach was a member of Rainbow Girls, serving as Grand Worthy Advisor for the state of Kansas and Order of the Eastern Star. Survivors include two sons, John Leach of Tahsis, British Columbia and Robert Leach of Arlington, one brother, William "Bill" Hutto of Belle Vista, Ark.; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Stafford Cemetery in Stafford, with the Rev. Kasey Crosby officiating. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Reno County, in care of Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 6, 2001

Clarence Herman Paden 1908-2001

HARRISON, Ark. - Clarence Herman Paden, 93, died Sept. 4 in Harrison. He was born July 1, 1908, in Olvey, Ark., the son of W.W. and Hattie Estes Paden. He was a 1929 graduate of College of the Ozarks Academy in Clarksville, Ark. He married Walsie Bryan Cook, March 7, 1932, in Harrison. She died Nov. 9, 1994. A resident of Boone County for 50 years, coming from Siloam Springs, Ark. he worked with the U.S. Engineers, Soil Conservation Service, sang in his college's quartet, Ozarks Stamps Quartet and was The Singing Troubadour for KUOA, Family Quartet and other various groups. He was commercial manager of KUOA in Siloam Springs, worked with funeral homes in Siloam Springs and was a licensed funeral director. He worked for Pet Milk Company, Allen's Canning Company, school bus driver, owner/operator of Paden's Flower and Gift Shop and Paden's Sales and Service, all in Siloam Springs. He served the city of Siloam Springs as civil defense director, fireman, fire chief and police night watchman. He served as minister of Christian Church's in Westville, Okla., Gentry, Ark., Siloam Springs, Fayetteville, Ark., Olvey, Ark., Olve Bible Church and was a supply preacher for other churches. He was retired from the State of Arkansas Revenue
Thurston was a member of Apostle Episcopal Church, Kansas State Board of Nursing, Kansas State of Maryland in Baltimore, Md. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 7, 2001

Memorials are suggested to the Maryland affiliate of the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation in care of Cremation Society Claude Parrish Radiation Therapy Institute or the church of choice, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, the continuing education program and was appointed as the first dean of the School of Nursing. Mrs. Thurston retired as professor Bend and at Marymount College in Salina. She then joined the faculty at the University of Kansas Medical Center. While at KUMC, EDS from Missouri University. A lifelong resident of the Kansas City area, she taught at the Dominican School of Nursing in Great Friends may call from 6-8 tonight at Christeson Funeral Home in Larned. Burial will be at Larned John Lutheran Cemetery in rural Susank. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Monday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church or Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, all in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Sept. 9, 2001

Hester I. Thurston 1919-2001

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Ark. - Naomi Clark Schmiedeskamp Seagle, 87, died June 7 in North Little Rock. She was born May 10, 1914, in Enterprise, Iowa, the daughter of Edgar Oral and Crissa Belle Southern Clark. She married Walter D. Seagle. He preceded her in death. A resident of North Little Rock, she was a homemaker and retired bank teller. Mrs. Seagle was a member of Spring River Presbyterian Church, Honey Bees Quartet, and Cherokee Village Community Chorus. She was the 1929 Kansas State Debate Champion and freshman queen at Phillips University. Survivors include two daughters, Judith Lynn Reed of North Little Rock and Elizabeth Eloise Foster of Blackwell, Okla.; and three grandsons. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Sept. 15 at Hoisington Cemetery in Hoisington. There is no visitation and no memorials are suggested. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Sept. 6, 2001

Madelyn Wittig 1916-2001

WICHITA - Madelyn Wittig, 85, died Sept. 5 at Sandpiper Bay Health and Retirement Center in Wichita. She was born June 5, 1916, in La Crosse, the daughter of Earl Franklin and Eilc Ruth Miller Harmon. She married Samuel Wittig April 12, 1936, in Great Bend. He died May 3, 1979, A resident of Wichita for two years, coming from Great Bend, Hoisington, Susank, Alexander and La Crosse, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Wittig was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church in Hoisington. Survivors include one son, Edward Eugene Wittig, Sr. of Honolulu, Hawaii; two daughters, Irma Jean Van Scyoc of Wichita and Evelyn Marie Wittig of Honolulu, Hawaii; two brothers, Wayne Harmon of Canon City, Colo. and Dan Harmon of Wichita; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Franklin James Wittig; one stillborn daughter; two brothers, LeRoy Harmon and Harley Harmon; and one sister, Irene Jones. Prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home, with the Rev. Garry Dassow officiating. Burial will be at St. John Lutheran Cemetery in rural Susank. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to church elevator fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Sept. 6, 2001

September 7, 2001

Karen R. M. Atsaides

CATONSVILLE, Md. - Karen R. M. Atsaides, died Sept. 5. Survivors include two daughters, Amy L. Atsaides and Stacey M. Atsaides, both of Catonsville; her parents, Robert and Alice McDonald of Great Bend; and one sister, Linda VanderValde of Emporia. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Catonsville Presbyterian Church in Catonsville. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the Maryland affiliate of the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation in care of Cremation Society of Maryland in Baltimore, Md. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Sept. 7, 2001

September 9, 2001

Virginia Evelle Johnson 1920-2001

LARNED - Virginia Evelle Johnson, 80, died Sept. 5 at Littleton Manor Nursing Home in Littleton, Colo. She was born Dec. 10, 1920, the daughter of Lyman and Augusta Fitzgerald Kinsel. She was a graduate of Ness City High School and attended Fort Hays State College. She married William 'Bill' Johnson on Dec. 31, 1939, at Hays. He died July 17, 1992. A longtime resident of Larned, she was a retired secretary for Farm Bureau Insurance. Mrs. Johnson was a member of First Christian Church, Christian Women Fellowship, Daughters of the American Revolution, LI-AR-MU and Gay Twenties, all of Larned. Survivors include one son, Bill F. Johnson of Littleton; one daughter, Vickie Peterson of Littleton; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with the Rev. Dan Lundyger officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Monday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church or Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, all in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Sept. 9, 2001

Hester I. Thurston 1919-2001

OVERLAND PARK - Hester I. Thurston, 82, died Sept. 7. She was born Feb. 5, 1919, at Alexander, the daughter of George and Mary Miller. She received a bachelor of science in nursing from the University of Kansas, a MPS from Colorado University and an EDS from Missouri University. A lifelong resident of the Kansas City area, she taught at the Dominican School of Nursing in Great Bend and at Marymount College in Salina. She then joined the faculty at the University of Kansas Medical Center. While at KUMC, she established a nursing exchange program with the University of the Philippines, taught in the graduate program, was director of the continuing education program and was appointed as the first dean of the School of Nursing. Mrs. Thurston retired as professor emeritus in 1989. Mrs. Thurston was a member of Apostle Eishcooc Church. Kansas State Board of Nurses. Kansas State
William H. 'Bill' Wade 1945-2001

ELLIS - William H. "Bill" Wade, 56, died Sept. 6 in Ellis due to a grain elevator accident. He was born Aug. 13, 1945, in Great Bend, the son of George A. and Elizabeth Frey Wade. He was a graduate of Hays High School. He married Sandra A. Newton May 22, 1973, in Hays. A resident of Ellis since 1975, coming from Hays, he was a grain elevator operator at Golden Belt Co-op in Ellis. Wade was a member of Christ Lutheran Church, church choir, Christmas and Easter community choir, past council member of the church and the Ellis Recreation Commission, coach of Little League baseball teams, and announced at wrestling matches and football games, all in Ellis. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Vietnam War. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Aaron Wade of San Antonio, Calif., and Bill Zielinski of Everett, Wash.; two daughters, Jessica Price of Ellis and Michelle Artesburn of Union Lake, Mich.; his mother of Ellis; three brothers, Ron Wade of La Fayette, La., Don Wade of Dodge City and Gordon Wade of Topeka; one sister, Cindy Siemers of Topeka; and five grandchildren. Prayer service will be at 7 p.m. tonight at the church. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Lyle M. Knuth officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Friends may call from 2-4:30 p.m. today at Wasinger Funeral Chapel in Ellis, from 6-8 p.m. today at the church, and from 9 a.m. until service time Monday at the church. The family will receive friends at 6 p.m. tonight at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or to donor's choice, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Sept. 9, 2001

Gary N. Mead 1940-2001

HUTCHINSON - Gary N. Mead, 60, died Sept. 7 at Hutchinson Hospital. He was born Sept. 9, 1940, in Cedar Vale, the son of Elmer O. and Aldine L. Randel Mead. He was a graduate of Pawnee Rock High School. He married Deanna Minor June 26, 1964, in Miami, Okla. A resident of Hutchinson since 1985, coming from Austin, Colo., he was self-employed, owning various businesses. Mead was a member of Pawnee Rock Christian Church. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Shane Mead of Topeka; one daughter, Misti Kroeker of Inman; his mother of Great Bend; two brothers, Bob Mead of Pawnee Rock and Bill Mead of Herndon, Va.; and two grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Johnson and Sons Memorial Chapel in Hutchinson with the Rev. Bob Dalke officiating. Cremation has taken place. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home. The family will receive friends prior to the service. Memorials are suggested to the Cancer Council of Reno County or American Heart Association, both in care of the funeral chapel. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.funeralchoice.com. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Sept. 9, 2001

Faith Alexandria Chambers 2001-2001

Faith Alexandria Chambers, infant, of Great Bend, died Sept. 7 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born Sept. 7, the daughter of Dustin B. and Stephanie L. Cheney Chambers. Survivors include her parents of the home; two half-brothers, Trenton Brown and Noah Brown, both of the home; one stepbrother, Lane Chambers of Ottawa; two stepsisters, Chelsea Chambers and Riley Chambers of Ottawa; grandparents, Phyllis Mann of Ottawa, Robert and Janie Cheney of Great Bend and step-grandfather, Charles Mann of Phoenix, Ariz.; great-grandparents, Charlotte Chambers of Baldwin, Norman Chambers of Woodward, Okla., Fern Master of Garnett, Lucy Alice Cheney of Houston, Texas, and Leon and Lois Spence of Chanute. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Great Bend Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Bryant-Christians Funeral Home of Great Bend is in charge of funeral arrangements.

September 10, 2001

Naomi Clark Schmiedeskamp Seagle 1914-2001

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Ark. - Naomi Clark Schmiedeskamp Seagle, 87, died June 7 in North Little Rock. She was born May 10, 1914, in Enterprise, Iowa, the daughter of Edgar Oral and Crissa Belle Southern Clark. She married Walter D. Seagle. He preceded her in death. A resident of North Little Rock, she was a homemaker and retired bank teller. Mrs. Seagle was a member of Spring River Presbyterian Church, Honey Bees Quartet, and Cherokee Village Community Chorus. She was the 1929 Kansas State Debate Champion and freshman queen at Phillips University. Survivors include two daughters, Judith Lynn Reed of North Little Rock and Elizabeth Eloise Foster of Littleton, Colo.; one stepdaughter, Jean Seagle of Memphis, Tenn.; one sister, Gwendolyn Cline of Blackwell, Okla.; and three grandsons. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hoisington Cemetery in Hoisington. There is no visitation and no memorials are suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 10, 2001

Anna Harriett Brinson 1913-2001

HOISINGTON - Anna Harriett Brinson, 88, died Sept. 8 at Hoisington Rehabilitation Center in Hoisington. She was born April 7, 1913, in Lakin, the daughter of Thomas and Nancy Louise Bell Baugh. She married W. Delmer Brinson July 25, 1932, in Great Bend. He died Oct. 19, 1975. A longtime resident of Barton County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Brinson was a member of Community Christian Church. Clara Barton Rebekah Lodge and Silver and Gold Club. all of Great Bend. and South Homestead
Extension Homemakers Unit. Survivors include one son, Loren G. Brinson of Hoisington; one daughter, Nancy D. Farmer of Hoisington; 10 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; seven step-great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Lou Ann Fitzpatrick; and two brothers, J. Blackburn Baugh and Clyde Baugh. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with the Revs. Jack Sweany and Don Paden officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Barton County. Friends may call until 9 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, Great Bend Humane Society or the donor's choice, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 10, 2001

James Richard Hertel

TOPEKA - James Richard Hertel, 67, died Aug. 23 at his home in Topeka. Graveside memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Saint Anthony Catholic Cemetery in Jetmore, with the Rev. Henry Hildebrandt officiating. There is no visitation and no memorials are suggested. Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 10, 2001

John D. Boyd 1955-2001

John D. Boyd, 46, of Great Bend, died Sept. 8 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 10, 2001

John J. Dickerson 1914-2001

LYONS - John J. Dickerson, 86, died Sept. 9 at Shawnee Regional Hospital in Shawnee, Okla. He was born Dec. 2, 1914, in Oswego, the son of John H. and Minnie Pearl Grey Dickerson. He married Marjorie L. Janssen Nov. 1, 1936, in Lyons. She died March 28, 1992. A resident of Lyons from 1935 to 1998 before moving to Oklahoma, he was a retired oil field driller. Dickerson was a member of United Methodist Church and Masonic Lodge, both of Lyons, and Carpenters Union of Wichita. Survivors include one daughter, Judy Moody of Shawnee, five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Jerry Dickerson; one infant daughter, Redith Dickerson; three brothers and one sister. Graveside service will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Lyons Municipal Cemetery, with the Rev. Cindy Watson officiating. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the church or American Cancer Society, both in care of Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 10, 2001

Leonard Folkerts 1923-2001

OVIEDO, Fla. - Leonard Folkerts, 78, died Sept. 6 in Oviedo. He was born June 3, 1923, near Albert. He was baptized and confirmed at Peace Lutheran Church near Albert. He attended Stony Seven School and Otis Rural High School. He graduated from Fort Hays State Teachers College. He attended Capital University and Lutheran Theological Seminary in Columbus, Ohio. He was ordained June 14, 1953, at the church, by the Rev. Otto Zeilinger. He married Betty Manahan Sept. 19, 1942, in La Crosse. A resident of Oviedo, coming from Kansas, he was a pastor for numerous churches in the Central District of the American Lutheran Church. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Brig. Gen. John Folkerts, USAF, of Moody Air Force Base in Georgia, and Col. Jerald Folkerts, USAF, of Portugal; two daughters, Adene Folkerts of Manhattan and Jean Towns of Washington, D.C.; 14 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 10, 2001

September 11, 2001

Kenneth Ray Hale 1932-2001

LINDSAY, Okla. - Kenneth Ray Hale, 68, died Sept. 9 at his home in Lindsay as a result of cancer. He was born Oct. 2, 1932, in Seminole, Okla., the son of John V. and Bertha Maples Hale. He married Nina Merten in 1952, in Huntsville, Ark. A resident of Lindsay, he was owner/operator of Lindsay Two-Way Consolidated Inc. and a partner in TriCom Tower Leasing. Hale was a member of United Methodist Church in Lindsay. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Ronne Hale of Addison, Texas, and Jeffery Hale of Choctaw, Okla.; two daughters, Rebecca Hale of Bolingbrook, Ill., and Brenda Postlethwaite of Lindsay; two brothers, Preston Hale of Bakersfield, Calif., and Johnny Leon Hale of Lindsay; one sister, Loretta Cooke of St. Jo, Texas; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Willie V. Hale; and one sister, Clarice West Roe. Funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. George Lupton officiating. Burial will be at Green Hill Cemetery in Lindsay. There is no visitation. Memorials can be viewed on B.G. Boydston Funeral Home of Lindsay's web site, www.boydstonfuneralhome.com. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 11, 2001

Elmira Bennett 1913-2001

HUTCHINSON - Elmira Bennett, 87, died Sept. 10 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born Sept. 17, 1913, in Iola, the daughter of George and Lucy Walters Woolery. She was a 1931 graduate of Wichita North High School. She married Jerald Hazen "Bill" Bennett July 9, 1937, in Wichita. He died March 28, 2001. A resident of Hutchinson, coming from Tahlequah, Okla., Hoisington and Lyons, she was retired from Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus, Intensive Care Unit in Great Bend. Mrs. Bennett was a member of Order of Eastern Star in Valley Center. Survivors include two daughters. Ila Rae Hicoinos of Wichita and
LaVerne D. "Bud" Olander 1913-2001

LITTLE RIVER - LaVerne D. "Bud" Olander, 87, died Sept. 10 at Sandstone Heights Nursing Home in Little River. He was born Oct. 21, 1913, in Little River, the son of John E. and Sadie Olson Olander. He was a 1932 graduate of Little River High School. He married Nadine Marshall Aug. 15, 1945, in Hutchinson. A lifelong resident of Little River, he was a farmer and cattleman. Olander was a member of United Methodist Church, Fry Chapel, United Methodist Men, Lions Club, former school board member of USD 444, former Rockville Township trustee, all of Little River, served on Rice County ASCS committee and member of Farm Management Association. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Randall Olander of Little River; two daughters, Judith White of Little River and Jane Ann McNeil of New Willington, Penn.; one sister, Marie Sisk of Great Bend; and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Clarence Olander, Clifford Olander and Carl Olander; and three sisters, Rena Harder, Vila Olander and Mabel Johnson. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Bill Wolf officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. There is no visitation, cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Kidney Foundation of Kansas, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 12, 2001

September 14, 2001

Duane Frank Spreier 1949-2001

JETMORE - Duane Frank Spreier, 52, died Sept. 13 at his home in Jetmore. He was born Feb. 8, 1949, in Great Bend, the son of Frank and Mildred Berger Spreier. He married Karen Reeves Jan. 26, 1969, in Great Bend. A resident of Jetmore, coming from Rozel and Great Bend, he worked as a heavy equipment operator for the county and farmer. Spreier was a member of United Methodist Church in Jetmore and Kansas Horse Council. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Shawn Spreier of Larned; one daughter, Sherry Grover of Jetmore; his parents of Jetmore; one sister, Diane Spreier of Larned; and two grandchildren. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to the church or Rose Memorial Scholarship Fund, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 12, 2001

William Woodroe 'Woody' Wilhite 1918-2001

PAWNEE ROCK - William Woodroe "Woody" Wilhite, 83, died Sept. 13 at Halsey Hall, Fort Dodge. He was born May 24, 1918, in Caney, Okla., the son of Ed and Alice Sewell Wilhite. He married Mary Louise Hill Oct. 3, 1943, in Pawnee Rock. A resident of rural Pawnee Rock since 1941, he was a retired farmer and trucker. Wilhite was a member of The Christian Church in Pawnee Rock. He was a U.S. Army-Air Corps veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, John A. Wilhite of Larned and Jack L. Wilhite of Amarillo, Texas; two brothers, R.P. "Jim" Wilhite of Ardmore, Okla., and B.L. "Leon" Wilhite of Paris, Texas; one sister, Othell Anderson of Atoka, Okla.; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Burial will be at Pawnee Rock Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned, with the family receiving from 6-8 p.m. Sunday. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 14, 2001

Mildred L. Hanshew 1915-2001

LARNED - Mildred L. Hanshew, 85, died Sept. 13 at Larned Health Care and Living Center in Larned. She was born Sept. 29, 1915, in Pawnee County, the daughter of William Highland and Annie Heney Fairchild. She married Elmer Leon Schreiber Jan. 31, 1937, in Pawnee County. He died June 25, 1951. She married D.W. "Bill" Hanshew March 14, 1954, in Haven. He died Aug. 29, 1979. A resident of Pawnee County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Hanshew was a member of First Christian Church and Happy Harmony Club, both of Larned. Survivors include one son, Phil Schreiber of Larned; two stepsons, Dudley Hanshew of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Loren Dean Hanshew of St. Louis, Mo.; one brother, Harry Fairchild of Larned; one sister, Lois Dick of Lanchester, Ohio; 11 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Eldon Schreiber; two
brothers, James Fairchild and William F. Fairchild; and three sisters, Alice Aggson, Marietta Vratil and Ethel Dugger. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Daniel Lundgren officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to Larned Emergency Medical Service, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 14, 2001

Clyde C.E. Rouser Jr. 1936-2001

MOUNT HOPE - Clyde C.E. Rouser Jr., 64, died Sept. 12 in Wichita. He was born Oct. 19, 1936, in Mount Hope, the son of Clyde E. Sr. and Marjorie M. Reimers Rouser. He married JoAnn Cibolski Nov. 28, 1959, in Wichita. A resident of Mount Hope, he was retired from Boeing Aircraft Company and a farmer. Rouser was a member of Masonic Lodge 238 and Mount Hope Planning Commission. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Mark Allen Rouser of Andale; one daughter, Diana Lynn Eash of Hutchinson; one brother, Duane C. Rouser of Great Bend; two sisters, Dorothy Fiskin of Hutchinson and June Davis of Salina; and five grandchildren. Funeral will be at 9 a.m. Saturday at Federated Church in Mount Hope, with the Rev. Daniel Ensz officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery. Friends may call at the church until 9 tonight at Wulf-Ast Mortuary in Mount Hope. Memorials are suggested to the church or Mount Hope Ambulance Fund, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 14, 2001

Cara Marie Unruh 1960-2001

Cara Marie Unruh, 40, of Great Bend, died Sept. 13 in Barton County, as a result of a car accident. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 14, 2001

Gene C. Scheufler 1927-2001

ELLINWOOD - Gene C. Scheufler, 74, died Sept. 14 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Kimple Inc. Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 14, 2001

September 16, 2001

Gene Clifford Scheufler 1927-2001

ELLINWOOD - Gene Clifford Scheufler, 74, died Sept. 14 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was born January 10, 1927 in rural Ellinwood, the son of Clifford and Opal Seward Scheufler. He married Carol I. Schmidt May 8, 1953 in Ellinwood. A lifetime resident of Ellinwood, he was a retired farmer and stockman. Scheufler was a member of Barton County Farm Bureau. Survivors include his wife of the home. He was preceded in death by one brother, Max Scheufler. Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Kimple Funeral Home with the Rev. John Durham officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call until 6 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to noon on Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Ellinwood United Methodist Church, Area Health Care Foundation or Donor’s Choice all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Sept. 16, 2001

Cara Marie Unruh 1960-2001

Cara Marie Unruh, 40, of Great Bend died September 13 in Barton County as a result of a car accident. She was born Dec. 3, 1960 at Great Bend, the daughter of Albert L. ‘Buck’ Sr. and Marcia young Copeland Unruh. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, she was a office employee of Central Kansas Medical Center St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Church Choir, Hanna Circle, and taught Sunday school for Re-Trainable Adults, all of Great Bend. Survivors include her parents of Great Bend; one brother, Albert L. Unruh Jr. of Osawatomie; one half-brother, Randolph Leigh Copeland MD of Gallup, N.M.; and one half-sister, Pamela Ann Munoz of Klamath Falls, Org. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Bryant-Christians Chapel in Great Bend with the Rev. Jana Baxter officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today at the funeral home. The family will receive from 4-6 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Sept. 16, 2001

Merele Tuttle Gales 1919-2001

BELPRE - Merle Tuttle Gales, 81, died Sept. 14. She was born Oct. 12, 1919 the daughter of James and Lydia Tuttle. She was a 1938 graduate of Belpre High School. She married Roger P. Gales Nov. 14, 1939. A resident of Buffalo, Okla. since 1995 coming from Belpre. Survivors include one son, Gary Roger Gales of Wichita; two daughter, Mary Ann Eveland of Wichita and Debra Sue Wadde of Buffalo; 12 grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren, and two step-great grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Bernard’s Church in Belpre with the Rev. Dennis L. Reed officiating. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. on Tuesday and Minnis Chapel in Macksville. Memorials are suggested to the church or the American Cancer Society both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Sept. 16, 2001

Betty L. Veatch 1923-2001

ST. JOHN - Betty L. Veatch, 78, died Sept. 14 at Central Kansas Medical Center St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born July 30, 1923 at Watford City, N.D., the daughter of John A. and Olive A Alex. She married Quentin S. Veatch Dec. 25, 1948 in St.
John, he died Nov. 2, 1983. A resident of St. John she was a homemaker, Director of Sunflower Senior Center, Certified Medical Aide at Hearthstone Nursing Home, Clerk of Skogmos Department Store, had a daycare center at her home, and worked for Stafford County Abstract Office. Mrs. Veatch was a member of First United Methodist Church, Martha Rebekah Lodge, past president of Womens Auxiliary and Progressive Mothers Club all of St. John. Survivors include two sons, Donald Q. Veatch of Wheatland, Calif., and Dennis Lee Veatch, of Dodge City; three sisters, Evelyn Marrone of New Port Md., Florence Jore of Watford City, N.D., and Fern Tweden of Dickinson N.D.; four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Valerus Alex and one sister, Virginia Thorvelson. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Minnis Chapel in St. John with the Rev. W. Harlan Rittgers officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Sunflower Senior Citizens. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Sept. 16, 2001

Hugh S. Miles 1914-2001

Hugh S. Miles, 86, of Great Bend, died Sept. 14 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. He was born Nov. 30, 1914 at Carlye, Ill., the son of Hugh Starrett and Nona Shaffer Miles. He married Arlene L. Brack May 27, 1950, in Great Bend. She died March 9, 2001. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he was a retired owner/operator of Evers TV and Appliance store. Evers was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Great Bend Rotary Club, American Legion, Golden Belt Country Club and Masonic Lodge. He was a Navy veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Robert Hugh Miles of Guymon, Okla.; two daughters, Jeanne Miles Shaheen of Farmington, N.M., and Janis Miles Cross of Great Falls, Mont.; and eight grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. Burial will be at great Bend Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to noon Monday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home, and 1 p.m. until service time at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Golden Belt Hospice both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Sept. 17, 2001

September 17, 2001

Kenneth L. Evers 1927-2001

Kenneth L. Evers, 73, of Great Bend, died Sept. 15 at Integrated Health Services of Great Bend. He was born Oct. 6, 1927, in Heizer, the son of William Clair and Caroline Anna Rankin Evers. He married Mary L. Brack May 27, 1950, in Great Bend. She died March 9, 2001. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he was a retired owner/operator of Evers TV and Appliance store. Evers was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111, both of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Survivors include two daughters, Sharnon Pivonka of Great Bend and Margaret Darkis of Wichita; one sister, Lee Helen Cain of Tulsa; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two infant twin sisters. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home Chapel in Great Bend, with the Rev. Dr. Gary W. Teske officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to American Red Cross for New York, N.Y., and Washington D.C. disaster victims, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Sept. 17, 2001

Bernice F. Rabe 1911-2001

JETMORE - Bernice F. Rabe, 90, died Sept. 14 at Hodgeman County Long Term Care Center in Jetmore. She was born April 11, 1911, in Hodgeman County, the daughter of V.M. and Iva Mae Rice Simmons. She married John H. Rabe June 6, 1934, in Newkirk, Okla. He died May 30, 1980. A resident of Jetmore, she was a school teacher at Pleasant Hill District 58 and Jetmore Grade School. She also worked at Hodgeman County Treasurer Office and Farmers’ State Bank for 23 years. Mrs. Rabe was a member of United Presbyterian Church, Senior Center, Sunday school superintendent and Sunday school teacher, all of Jetmore. Survivors include one son, Jack Rabe of Jetmore; one daughter, Janis Carder of Aurora, Colo.; one brother, Harry Simmons of Alvord, Texas; two sisters, Gladys Moore and Oleta Wallace, both of Meade, Okla.; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, James “Jim” R. Rabe; two brothers, Levi Simmons and Vernon Simmons; and four sisters, Dorothy Simmons, Harriett Simmons, Vivian Simmons and Verna Mae Simmons. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Jo Clipson officiating. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Beckwith Mortuary Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to the church or Hodgeman County Long Term Care Center, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Sept. 17, 2001

Samuel D. 'Duane' Anderson Kitch 1931-2001

LARNED - Samuel "Sam" D. "Duane" Anderson Kitch, 69, died Sept. 14 in Ft. Dodge. He was born Oct. 28, 1931, in Rozel, the son of Harry Evander and Lena Huddleston Kitch. He married Lila Mae Skelton March 14, 1954, in Roswell, N.M. She died March 3, 1997. A former resident of Pawnee County and Kinsley, he was a mechanic. Kitch was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Korean War, receiving the Korean Service Medal, Bronze Medal with three stars, United States Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. Survivors include one son, Lee A. Armour of Burnet, Texas; one daughter, Rita Ann Neilson of Coldwater; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Glayd V. Kitch and Harold J. Kitch. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home Chapel in Great Bend, with the Rev. Dr. Gary W. Teske officiating. Burial will be at Browns Grove Cemetery in Burdett. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Kansas Soldier's Home or Disabled American Veterans, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Sept. 17, 2001
September 18, 2001

Kenneth L. Evers 1927-2001

Kenneth L. Evers, 73, of Great Bend, died Sept. 15 at Integrated Health Services of Great Bend. He was born Oct. 6, 1927, in Heizer, the son of William Clair and Caroline Anna Rankin Evers. He married Mary L. Brack May 27, 1950, in Great Bend. She died March 9, 2001. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he was a retired owner/operator of Evers TV and Appliance store. Evers was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111, both of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Survivors include two daughters, Sharon Pivonka of Great Bend and Margaret Darkis of Wichita; one sister, Lee Helen Cain of Tulsa; and five grandchildren, Jeremy Pivonka, Aaron Pivonka, Jamie Brack, Jordan Darkis and Megan Darkis. He was preceded in death by two infant twin sisters. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home Chapel in Great Bend, with the Rev. Dr. Gary W. Teske officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to American Red Cross for New York, N.Y., and Washington D.C. disaster victims, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 18, 2001

Fred Long 1919-2001

LARNED - Fred Long, 82, died Sept. 15 at his home in Larned. He was born Aug. 16, 1919, in Chattachuck, Okla., the son of Jacob and Lydia Kraft Long. He married Vera G. Jaehde Sept. 24, 1938, in WaKeeney. A resident of Larned since 1962, he was a retired insurance salesman and co-op manager. Long was a member of Christian Church and past member of American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American L.U.T.C., all of Larned. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, James A. Long of Larned, Steven C. Long of Denver, Colo., and David M. Long of Wichita; two daughters, Julie Ann Matchett of Lawrence and Nancy Jean Eckert of Butte, Mont.; three sisters, Alvana Elrod of Medford, Ore., Mary Goodyear of Russell and Lillian Skinner of Irving, Texas; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by one son, Paul A. Long; three brothers, Victor Long, Carl Long and Jake Long; and one sister, Hilda Long. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned, with the Rev. Dan Lundgren officiating. A private family burial will take place at a later time. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 18, 2001

September 19, 2001

Flossie Unruh Butts 1906-2001

LARNED - Flossie Unruh Butts, 94, died May 10 in Coronado, Calif. She was born Nov. 8, 1906, in Pawnee County, the daughter of August and Mathilda Schultz Unruh. A lifetime resident of Pawnee County, moving to California in 1997, she was a salesperson and secretary. Mrs. Butts was a member of United Methodist Church and Bible study group, both of Larned. Survivors include two daughters, Neda Wenger of Coronado and Carol Barstow of Oceanside, Calif.; two sisters, Elva Jantz of Heston and Navin Fraser of Augusta, Ga.; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Linda Barstow Homer. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Pawnee Rock Cemetery in Pawnee Rock, with the Rev. Dr. Thomas Warner officiating. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 19, 2001

Joseph P. McGee 1923-2001

Joseph P. McGee, 78, of Great Bend, died Sept. 18 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was born May 3, 1923, in Independence, the son of Bill Ray and Bertha Mitchell McGee. He married Geneva M. Schmidt Aug. 28, 1942, in Wichita. A resident of Great Bend, moving from Chase and Belpre, he was a retired elevator manager in Belpre. McGee was a member of United Methodist Church in Belpre, Masonic Lodge in Chase, life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, both of Larned, Sunflower Shrine Club of Great Bend, ISIS Shrine and Consistory, both of Salina. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Karen Gilkey of Belpre; two brothers, Bud McGee of Independence and Bob McGee of Cherryvale; three sisters, Bonnie Leatherman and Doris Scharzt, both of Derby and Betty Neal of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two grandsons; and two great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with the Rev. Bill Stapleton officiating. Burial will be at Neola Cemetery in Neola. Friends may call until 8 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or American Lung Association, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 19, 2001

Robert L. Roberts 1930-2001

DALLAS, Ore. - Robert L. Roberts, 71, died Sept. 15, from a cancer related illness. He was born Sept. 12, 1930, in Hutchinson. He graduated in 1949 from Burrtton High School in Burton. He married Glenora Morris March 28, 1955, in Tucumcari, N.M. A resident of Dallas, coming from Burrton, he worked for Skelly and Getty Oil Companies and retired from Texaco Oil Company as a district gauger in 1991. Roberts was a member of the Presbyterian churches in Stafford and Chase and the American Legion. He was a U.S. Marine Corps. veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Larry Roberts of Dallas and Dale Roberts of Jefferson, Ore.; one daughter, Vicki Brisler of Salem, Ore.; one sister, Helen Montgomery of Kirkland, Wash.; six grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. Memorial service will be today at City View Funeral Home in Salem. Burial will be at
City View Cemetery in Salem. Memorials are suggested to First Baptist Church in Kirkland, Wash. or Presbyterian Church in Chase, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 19, 2001

George W. Brunts 1914-2001

CLAFLIN - George W. Brunts, 87, died Sept. 18 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Ellinwood Long Term Care in Ellinwood. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 19, 2001

Karen Ruth McDonald Atsaides 1952-2001

Baltimore, Md. - Karen Ruth McDonald Atsaides, 49, died Sept. 5 at Mercy Hospital in Baltimore. She was born May 26, 1952, in Great Bend, the daughter of Robert and Alice McDonald. She graduated in 1970 from Great Bend High School. She married James Atsaides in 1976. She received a bachelor's and master's degree from the University of Kansas and was employed by the public schools in Olathe and Lansing. In 1994 Karen enrolled in the Traditional Acupuncture Institute in Columbia, Maryland. Three years later she graduated with a Master's Degree in Acupuncture. She was nationally board certified and practiced at the Holistic Healing Center of Catonsville Md. Karen was an active member of the Catonsville Presbyterian Church and a charter member of the Catonsville Concert Series committee. Music was always an important part of her life. She was an accomplished pianist, flautist and vocalist. Karen served as a board member of the YMCA of Central Maryland. Survivors include two daughters, Amy Lynn Atsaides and Stacey Marie Atsaides, both of Catonsville, Md.; her parents of Great Bend; and one sister, Linda VanderVelde of Emporia. Funeral has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 200 E. Joppa Rd., Suite 403, Towson, Md 21286 or donor's choice. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 19, 2001

September 20, 2001

George W. “Juddie” Brunts 1914-2001

CLAFLIN - George W. “Juddie” Brunts, 87, died Sept. 18 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Ellinwood Long Term Care in Ellinwood. He was born Aug. 25, 1914, in Cheyenne, Wyo. A long time resident of Claflin, coming from Osawatomie, he worked as a yard clerk and cashier with Missouri Pacific Railroad for 40 years before retiring in 1975. Brunts was a member of United Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge AF and AM 424, Veterans of Foreign War Ralph B. Praeger Post 8668, all of Claflin, American Legion Post 200 of Holrood and an honorary lifetime member of Claflin Golf Course, where he was the golf instructor from 1962-1966. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Richard E. Brunts of Great Bend and George W. Brunts Jr. of Kansas City, Mo.; two daughters, Janice J. Brunts of Arlington, Mass. and Susan J. Smith of Sandy Hook, Conn.; one brother, Bill Brunts of Cameron, Calif.; and three granddaughters. He was preceded in death by one infant daughter, Gloria Lynn Brunts; two brothers, Jack Brunts and Robert Brunts; and two sisters, orenie Mc Clellan and June Barnett. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Janet Myers officiating. Burial will be at Claflin Cemetery with graveside rites by the masonic lodge and VFW post. Friends may call until 8 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, with family receiving from 6-8 p.m. Friday, all at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington and from 9:30 a.m. until service time Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the golf course or Claflin Ambulance Fund, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 20, 2001

Robert B. Weber 1925-2001

Robert B. Weber, 76, of Great Bend, died Sept. 19 at Integrated Health Services of Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 20, 2001

September 23, 2001

Susanna Caroline Schloctermeier 1910-2001

Ellinwood - Susanna Caroline Schloctermeier, 91, died Sept. 21, at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. She was born March 3, 1910, in Odin, the daughter of John and Clara Debes. She married Pete F. Schloctermeier Oct. 18, 1933, in Ellinwood. He died March 14, 1994. A longtime resident of Ellinwood, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Schloctermeier was a member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Ellinwood, and the Stafford County Historical Society. Survivors include two sons, Edward J. Schloctermeier and Paul G. Schloctermeier, both of Ellinwood; one daughter, Clara Lee Schloctermeier of Kinsley; two sisters, Minnie Felke of Kansas City, Mo., and Helen Johns of Denver, Colo., four grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister, Altar Society Rosary will be at 3 p.m. today with a Vigil service at 7 p.m., both at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. David Flagor officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1-7 p.m. today, at the Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to the St. Joseph School Endowment Fund, or Walk for Life of Barton County, both in care of the funeral home.
Holly Kae Shryock 1965-2001

UDALL Holly Kae Shryock, 35, died Sept. 21, as a result of a car accident. She was born Dec. 10, 1965, in Dumus Texas, the daughter of Harvey Raymond Sr. and Shirley Bowen Bonner. She attended Larned school district. A resident of Udall, coming from Larned and Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Survivors include two daughters, Candace Shryock and Breeona Shryock, both of the home; her parents, Shirley and Robert Nelson of Udall, and Raymond Bonner Sr. of Dumas; two brothers, Ray Bonner Jr. of Wichita, and Norman Bonner of Udall; two sisters, Kim Saenz of Wichita and Sherrie Brough of Garden City; and her grandparents, Howard and Allie Mae Bowen of Sunray, Texas. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, at First Baptist Church in Udall. Burial will be at Valley Cemetery, northwest of Udall. Memorials are suggested to Cowley County Humane Society, in care of Miles Funeral Home.

September 24, 2001

Glenn H. Lakin 1917-2001

McPHERSON - Glenn H. Lakin, 84, died Sept. 22 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was born March 25, 1917, in rural Meade, the son of David Williamson and Merta Edith Plilar Lakin. He was a 1935 graduate of Preston High School in Preston and completed a course in diesel mechanics. He married Marie Long Sept. 25, 1938. She died Sept. 27, 1981. He married Ena Lucille Stewart Uhrig June 12, 1982. A resident of McPherson since 1982, coming from Pawnee Rock, he was a machine mechanic, retiring from M & F Plumbing in Great Bend and Larned. Lakin was a member of First Baptist Church in McPherson and Fidelis Class. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Donald Lakin of Chahalis, Wash., and Dean Lakin of Pawnee Rock; one daughter, Glenda Nuebel of Dunkerton, Iowa; two stepsons, Dwayne Uhrig of Republic, Mo., and Verlyn Uhrig of Hesston; four stepdaughters, Phyllis Scherich of Wilmore, Myrla Walkley of Wichita, Janis Willard of McPherson and Brenda Wilson of Adrian, Mo.; two brothers, Everett Lakin of Salina and James Lakin of Pleasant Hill, Mo.; 26 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Merle Lakin. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Les Cantrell officiating. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Pleasant Valley (Geist) Cemetery in Preston. Friends may call from 3-8 p.m. today, with family receiving from 6-8 p.m., all at Glidden-Ediger Funeral Home in McPherson. Memorials are suggested to the church or donor's choice, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 24, 2001

Mary E. Fuller 1908-2001

STAFFORD - Mary E. Fuller, 92, died Sept. 22 at Stafford District Hospital in Stafford. She was born Nov. 7, 1908, in Stafford, the daughter of Albert and Gladys Silver Byer. She was a 1926 graduate of Stafford High School and attended Emporia Teachers College. She married Clem O. Fuller March 15, 1930, in Stafford. He died June 26, 1962. A lifelong resident of Stafford, she was a homemaker and grade school teacher for Leesburg and Union Schools in Stafford County. Mrs. Fuller was a member of First United Methodist Church, and past member of Liberty Club, North Star Club, United Methodist Women, Harmony Club and sewing leader for Wheat Valley 4-H Club, all of Stafford. Survivors include two daughters, Gloria Gorham of Winslow, Ariz., and Carolyn Minor of Stafford; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers; three sisters; and one grandchild. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford, with the Rev. Kasey Crosby officiating. Burial will be at Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 24, 2001

Esther M. Popp 1911-2001

HOISINGTON - Esther M. Popp, 90, died Sept. 22 in Wichita. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 24, 2001

September 25, 2001

Doreen A. Crooks 1926-2001

Doreen A. Crooks, 75, of Great Bend, died Sept. 24 at her residence. She was born Feb. 19, 1926, in Great Bend, the daughter of
Lana Long Walton  1942-2001

MESA, Ariz. - Lana Long Walton, 59, died Sept. 21 at her home in Mesa. She was born in Great Bend, the daughter of Frederick and Margorie Christiansen Long. She was a graduate of Ellinwood High School and attended secretarial school in Hutchinson. A resident of Mesa, coming from Great Bend, she worked at the MARC Center for adults in Mesa. She was a member of Immanuel United Church of Christ in Ellinwood. Survivors include one son, James Tillery of Great Bend; two daughters, Gene Robinson and Kayla Tillery, both of Mesa; her mother of Ellinwood; one brother, Dennis Long of Hutchinson; and three grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with the Rev. Tony Horsley officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Pawnee Heights School Enhancement Fund or Kansas State University Center of Basic Cancer Research, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 25, 2001

Leo James Landry  1915-2001

LA CROSSE - Leo James Landry, 86, died Sept. 23 at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. He was born Feb. 2, 1915, in New Rochelle, N.Y., the son of Leo F. and Rose G. Mullins Landry. He attended schools in New Rochelle, and was a graduate of New York Military Academy. He attended Fordham University and Syracuse College. He married Berniece Weigand March 30, 1943, in Wichita. A resident of La Crosse since 1946, he was a retired farmer and partner in the L and W Motor and Implement Company in La Crosse. Landry was a member of United Methodist Church in La Crosse. Survivors include his wife of the home. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Carolyn Rose Landry; and two sisters, Virginia R. Sanford and Dorothy G. Titus. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call until 1 p.m. until service time Wednesday, all at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, Hospice Care of Kansas or donor's choice, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 25, 2001

Esther M. Popp  1911-2001

HOISINGTON - Esther M. Popp, 90, died Sept. 23 in Wichita. She was born April 1, 1911, in rural Milberger, the daughter of Reinhardt and Anna Nuss Steinert. She married Herman T. Popp Oct. 1, 1936, in Hoisington. He died Feb. 8, 1993. A lifelong resident of the Hoisington area, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Popp was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Burdett, American Hereford Association, Kansas Polled Hereford Association and former 4-H community leader. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Greg Umberger of Rozel; one daughter, Gayle Cornwell of St. John; one sister, Rosalyn Bruntzel of Ulysses; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Dave Umberger and Cody Umberger. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with the Rev. Tony Horsley officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Pawnee Heights School Enhancement Fund or Kansas State University Center of Basic Cancer Research, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 25, 2001

Dean A. Umberger  1921-2001

LARNED - Dean A. Umberger, 80, died Sept. 23 at Fort Dodge. He was born July 19, 1921, in Rozel, the son of Adlai and Rosetta Wormwood Umberger. He married Eleanor Brannan Oct. 29, 1944, in Rozel. A lifelong resident of Rozel, he was a farmer and cattleman. Umberger was a member of United Methodist Church in Burdett, American Hereford Association, Kansas Polled Hereford Association and former 4-H community leader. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Greg Umberger of Rozel; one daughter, Gayle Cornwell of St. John; one sister, Rosalyn Bruntzel of Ulysses; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Dave Umberger and Cody Umberger. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with the Rev. Tony Horsley officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Pawnee Heights School Enhancement Fund or Kansas State University Center of Basic Cancer Research, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 25, 2001
ODIN - Joseph R. Wondra, 84, died Sept. 25 at Hoisington Rehabilitation Center in Hoisington. He was born March 17, 1917, in Barton County, the son of Frank and Maria Zorn Wondra. A resident of Odin, he was a retired farmer. Wondra was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus and past member of Holy Name Society, all in Odin. Survivors include one brother, Fred Wondra of Hoisington. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Bill Wondra, Hubert Wondra, Frank Wondra Jr. and one infant brother; and one sister, Mary Jenisch. Family rosary will be at 7 p.m. Thursday followed by a Knights of Columbus rosary, all at the funeral home. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at Holy Family Cemetery in Odin. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Claflin Ambulance Service, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 26, 2001

September 28, 2001

Dr. Joseph "Doug" Kirkman 1942-2001

HAYS - Dr. Joseph "Doug" Kirkman, 59, died Sept. 26 at his home in Hays. He was born Feb. 17, 1942, in Great Bend, the son of K.W. "Pete" and Dolores Schartz Kirkman. He was a 1960 graduate of Great Bend High School. He graduated from Fort Hays State University and was a 1972 graduate of UMKC School of Dentistry. He married Mari Griffin Dec. 29, 1989, in Phoenix, Ariz. A resident of Hays, he was a dentist. Kirkman was a member of St. Joseph's Church, Knights of Columbus, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, all of Hays, American Dental Association, Kansas Dental Association and Golden Belt Dental Society. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Kristopher Kirkman of Denver, Colo.; two daughters, Kelly Parker of Dallas, Texas, and Kathy McDonald of Kansas City; his mother of Great Bend; one brother, Donald Kirkman of Great Bend; one sister, Jill Eliason of Kansas City; and three grandchildren. Parish vigil will be at 7 tonight, followed by K of C rosary, both at Brock's North Hill Chapel in Hays. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church in Hays, with the Rev. Mike Scully officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Hays, with graveside military honors by Hays VFW and American Legion. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Saturday, all at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to ALS Association, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 28, 2001

Silas Quentin Patterson 1998-2001

HAMMONDS PLAINS, Nova Scotia, Canada - Silas Quentin Patterson, 3, died Aug. 22 of cancer. He was born June 20, 1998, in Wichita, the son of Jerald and Lorri Patterson. Survivors include his parents of the home; one sister, Marleese Patterson of the home; his grandparents, Carroll Kreutzer of Great Bend, Elwyn Hammerschmidt of Hoisington, and Bob and Sue Patterson of Ponca City, Okla.; and his great-grandmother, Mildred Patterson of El Dorado. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at First Christian Church in El Dorado. There is no visitation and no memorials are suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 28, 2001

Ruby Pearl Barnhart 1906-2001

Ruby Barnhart, 95, of Great Bend, died Sept. 27 at Integrated Heath Services in Great Bend. She was born July 29, 1906, in Great Bend. She married Arthur O. Barnhart. He died in December 1971. A resident of Great Bend, coming from California, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Barnhart was a member of the Baptist church. Survivors include several nieces and nephews including Violet Seder of Great Bend. Interment will be at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, Calif. There will be no visitation and no memorials are suggested. Funeral arrangements are by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 28, 2001

Dorothy Ellen Murphy Ochs 1917-2001

HOISINGTON - Dorothy Ellen Murphy Ochs, 84, died Sept. 27 in Columbia, Mo. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 28, 2001

Charlotte Elizabeth Schlagle 1912-2001

HOISINGTON - Charlotte Elizabeth Schlagle, 89, died Sept. 27 in Olathe. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 28, 2001

September 30, 2001

Charlotte E. Schlagle 1912-2001

HOISINGTON - Charlotte E. Schlagle, 89, died Sept. 27, at Royal Terrace Nursing Home in Olathe. She was born June 5, 1912, at Olmitz, the daughter of Moritz and Augusta Kreistine Reimer. She married Conrad OCarl Schlagle, March 31, 1938 in Hoisington, he died Oct. 26, 1975. A lifelong resident of Hoisington, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Schlagle was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church, AARP and LWML Ladies Group both in Hoisington. Survivors include one daughter, Wilma Steinle of Mesa Ariz.; one sister, Irene Snyder; four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother,
Maurice Reimer, and four sisters, Theresa Keenan, Lena Lindsay, Augusta Mantz, and Susie Hudson. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Golden Belt Memorial Park Cemetery in Barton County with the Rev. Garry Dassow officiating. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. The family will receive friends at 10:30 a.m. on Monday at the funeral home then process to the cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, September 30, 2001

Dorothy Ellen Murphy Ochs 1917-2001

HOISINGTON - Dorothy Ellen Murphy Ochs, 84, died Sept. 27, at Boone Hospital Center in Columbia, Mo. She was born Feb. 18, 1917, at Hoisington, the daughter of Thomas E. and Frances Marjorie Wildgen Murphy. She was a graduate of Halstead Nursing School. She married Martin Ochs Aug. 3, 1940, at Wichita, he died Oct. 10, 1984. A lifelong resident of Hoisington, she was a registered nurse at the Hoisington Lutheran Hospital and the Homestead Villa in Hoisington. Mrs. Ochs was a member of St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church and Altar Society in Hoisington. Survivors include one son, Michael Ochs of Brighton, Colo.; four daughters, Kathleen McKittrick of Larned, Judy Pauil of Columbia, Mo., Joan Esparza of Brighton, and Susan Lear of Hiawatha; two sisters, Loretta Youkunin of Torrence, Calif., and Rosemary Garrison of Diamondhead, Miss., and nine grandchildren. She was preceded in death by an infant son, David Peter Ochs and one sister, Patricia Nuss. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. tonight followed by an Altar Society Rosary. Funeral will be at 9 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. John Catholic Cemetery in Hoisington. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, September 30, 2001

Maude Metcalfe 1902-2001

STAFFORD - Maude Metcalfe, 99, died Sept. 27 at her residence in Stafford. She was born June 28, 1902 at Ft. Cobb, Okla., the daughter of Robert D. and Tahlulah H. Nance Sparks. She married Shelby L. Metcalfe, Jan. 4, 1924, in Anadarko, Okla. He died April 19, 1982. A resident of Stafford coming from Sylvia, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Metcalfe was a member of various bridge clubs and homemaker's clubs, E.H.U. of Sylvia and the O.E.S. in Oklahoma. Survivors include one daughter, Lou Ferguson of Preston; nine grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Sylvia Cemetery with the Rev. Guy Elliott officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to noon at Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Memorials are suggested to the Southwind Hospice of Pratt in care of the Chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, September 30, 2001
Esther M. Dirks  1911-2001

LA CROSSE - Esther M. Dirks, 89, died Sept. 28 at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. She was born Oct. 24, 1911, in Rush County, the daughter of Louis and Caroline Wagner Misegadis. She married Carl Dirks Dec. 23, 1932. He died in 1960. A resident of La Crosse for 20 years, coming from LeMars, Iowa, she worked as a nursing home administrator in Scott County and for Good Samaritan Nursing Homes in Dodge City, Leoti and LeMars. Mrs. Dirks was a member of First Lutheran Church in La Crosse, Kansas Silver Haired Legislature, Business and Professional Women, and Rush County Nursing Home Advisory Board. Survivors include two sons, Daryl Dirks of Wichita and Norvin Dirks of Littleton, Colo.; one brother, Dean Misegadis of Rush Center; three sisters, Edna Dirks of Dodge City, Henrietta Dirks of Scott City and Evelyn Rush of Rush Center; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one infant daughter; three brothers, Elmer Misegadis, Raymond Misegadis and Carl Misegadis; and two sisters, Leona Dirks and Christina Million. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Maurice Schaus officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Christ the King Cemetery in Dodge City. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse, with family receiving friends from 6-7:30 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the church or Rush County Nursing Home, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 1, 2001

Rose Fay Lee  1907-2001

HOISINGTON - Rose Fay Lee, 93, died Sept. 30 at her residence in Hoisington. She was born Dec. 19, 1907, in Henrietta, Texas, the daughter of Parks Marshall and Rose Lee Kuehn Patterson. She married Robert Edward Lee Nov. 12, 1929, in Houston, Texas. He died Aug. 24, 1957. A resident of Hoisington since 1938, coming from Geneseo, she was a retired nurses’ aide. Mrs. Lee was a member of First Christian Church, Heritage Club and Royal Neighbors of America, all of Hoisington. Survivors include one sister, Ruby Mae Lindsay of Henrietta. She was preceded in death by four brothers, J.T. Patterson, Charles D. Patterson, Jack R. Patterson and George M. Patterson. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Paula Bell officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 7-9 tonight and from 9-11 a.m. Tuesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington and from 12:30 p.m. until service time Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 1, 2001

Joe A. Saenz  1921-2001

Joe A. Saenz, 80, of Great Bend, died Sept. 29 at his residence. He was born April 10, 1921, in Las Cruces, N.M., the son of Rito and Elena Arias Saenz. He married Kathryn Godinez Sept. 8, 1947, in Lamar, Colo. A resident of Great Bend since 1961, coming from Lamar, he was a carpenter for C.V. Cale Construction in Great Bend. Saenz was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and American Legion Post 180, both of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; four sons, Rito P. Saenz of Topeka, Michael Joe Saenz and Christopher Saenz, both of Great Bend and Manuel Palacio of Kansas City, Mo.; three daughters, Julia L. Saenz-Self of Lawrence, Ramona Webb of Wichita and Monica S. Ortega of La Crosse; one sister, Olivia Godinez of Phoenix, Ariz.; 14 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Edward Lloyd Saenz; and one sister, Christina Betencourt. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Jun Mangulabnan officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery with military graveside rites by American Legion Argonne Post 180. Friends may call from 3-9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 1, 2001

Carol Jean Stitt  1955-2001

LAS CRUCES, N.M. - Carol Jean Stitt, 46, died Sept. 27 at Memorial Medical Center in Las Cruces. She was born July 5, 1955, in Laredo, the daughter of Robert C. and Geneva J. Phillips Pivonka. A longtime resident of Las Cruces, she was a registered nurse, oncology and surgical unit director and interim chief nursing officer at Memorial Medical Center. She was past president and board member of Southern New Mexico Cancer Support Services and served as Girl Scout Troop 343 leader. Survivors include two daughters, Katherine Stitt and Kristin Stitt, both of Las Cruces; her parents of Larned; one brother, John R. Pivonka of Manassas, Va.; and two sisters, Jill Yeager and Laurie Cooper, both of Larned. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with the Rev. Charles Grant officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Memorial Medical Center Foundation or the Stitt Children’s Fund, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 1, 2001

Lou Ella H. Besthorn Bellew  1906-2001

PRATT - Lou Ella H. Besthorn Bellew, 94, died Sept. 29 at Friendship Manor in Pratt. She was born Oct. 2, 1906, in Holyrood, the daughter of William and Marie Dittmer Binger. She married Chris Besthorn. He died in 1947. She married Howard Bellew. He died in 1967. A longtime resident of Pratt, she was a retired clerk for Pratt board of education. Mrs. Bellew was a member of Our Savior
Lutheran Church, Business and Professional Women, Pilot Club, Rotary, and Elks Lodge, all of Pratt. Survivors include one son, Jerry Besthorn of Edgewood, N.M.; and two grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Pauls United Church of Christ Cemetery in Holyrood, with the Rev. Michael Schotte officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, at Larrison Mortuary in Pratt. Memorials are suggested to Kansas State University Medical Center Cancer Research, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 1, 2001

**Fred H. Barker 1926-2001**

LARNED - Fred H. Barker, 75, died Sept. 29 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. He was born Aug. 29, 1926, in Davies County, Mo., the son of Clarence E. and Eva Hart Barker. He married Norma L. Turpen Aug. 25, 1945, in Santa Anna, Calif. A lifelong resident of Larned, he was a retired farmer and sexton for the Larned Cemetery. Barker was a member of Christian Church and past Veterans of Foreign Wars post commander and life member, both of Larned, and American Legion Post of Pawnee Rock. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Robert J. Barker and Duane Barker, both of Larned; one daughter, Diana Lynn Selfridge of Hanston; one sister, Leona Brannam Rice of Larned; 13 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, William Barker and Clarence Barker; and two sisters, Dorothy Huntzinger and Nancy Base. Memorial service will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with the Revs. Dan Lundgren and Mitch Reece officiating. Cremation was arranged, inurnment will be at the Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday and from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association or American Lung Association, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 1, 2001

**October 2, 2001**

**Patricia E. Mundorf 1946-2001**

STERLING - Patricia E. Mundorf, 55, died Sept. 30 at her home in Sterling. She was born Aug. 2, 1946, in Pennsylvania, the daughter of Paul A. and Cecilia Ratchko Pepcock. She married William H. Mundorf Sept. 21, 1984, in Chesterland, Ohio. A resident of Sterling, coming from Phoenix, Ariz., she was a homemaker. Mrs. Mundorf was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church in Lyons. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, James Lightner of Pennsylvania; two daughters, Patty Ann Huffman and Angie Elsberry, both of Pennsylvania; one sister, Kathy Simmon of Phoenix; and five grandchildren. Rosary will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Thomas Leland officiating. Inurnment will be at a later date. There will be no visitation and no memorials are suggested. Funeral arrangements are by Great Bend Family Mortuary and Crematory in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 2, 2001

**Robert C. Jimison 1913-2001**

STAFFORD - Robert C. Jimison, 88, died Sept. 30 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was born April 20, 1913, in Stafford, the son of William and Pearl Main Jimison. He married Mabel V. Chiles May 8, 1938, in Stafford. She died Aug. 3, 1991. A longtime resident of Stafford, before moving to Inman in 1994, he was a farmer, carpenter and operated Jim's Sundries in Stafford. Jimison was a member of First Baptist Church in Stafford. Survivors include one son, Conrad Jimison of Arkansas City; one daughter, Patricia Hostetler of Inman; three brothers, Lysle Jimison of Winfield, Howard Jimison of Lorraine and Russell Jimison of Wichita; four sisters, Dorthora Sanford, Lorraine Ripley and Marjorie Tribue, all of Wichita and Wanda Gere of Garden City; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Horace Jimison. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford, with Jerry Kaiser officiating. Burial will be at Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call from 9-11 a.m. Wednesday, at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 2, 2001

**Dorothy J. Burgardt 1926-2001**

TIMKIN - Dorothy J. Burgardt, 75, died Sept. 30 at Lakepoint Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in El Dorado. She was born Feb. 28, 1926, in Rush County, the daughter of Otto J. and Rose "Frank" Serpan. She married Leonard J. Burgardt Dec. 17, 1942, in Loretta. A lifelong resident of Rush County, she was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Harlan Burgardt of Carbondale, Colo., and Lennie Burgardt of Wichita; one daughter, Judy Thompson of Hobbs, N.M.; one sister, Viola Jennings of Amarillo, Texas; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Howard Burgardt; three brothers, Marvin Serpan, Ivan Serpan and Gene Serpan; and one sister, Evelyn Klimke. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Michael’s Catholic Church in La Crosse, with the Rev. Uinta Murphy officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or Hays Humane Society, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 2, 2001

**Darrel G. Mounkes 1914-2001**

Darrel G. Mounkes, 87, of Great Bend, died Oct. 2 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 2, 2001

**October 3, 2001**
LARNED - Lorene F. DeCoudres, 75, died Oct. 1 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus in Larned. She was born Sept. 30, 1926, in Milford, Mo., the daughter of Donald Madison and Carrie Edna Doyl Thompson. She married Carl P. DeCoudres Feb. 14, 1946, in Fort Scott. A resident of Larned since 1951, she was a homemaker. Mrs. DeCoudres was a member of Church of the Nazarene in Larned. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Charles Wayne DeCoudres of Kansas City, Mo., and Rick Eugene DeCoudres of Larned; four daughters, Carol F. Hall of Elsworth, Dian Bartlett of Louisville, Ill., Terrie Smith of Larned and Mary Jane Bridges of Garden City; one brother, Frank Thompson; two sisters, Ruby DeCoudres of Fort Scott and Bernice Thompson of Hot Springs, Ark.; 16 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Carl DeCoudres and Lercy DeCoudres; one daughter, Edna Marie DeCoudres; three brothers; one sister; and one grandson, Mickey Lee Bridges. Funeral will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned, with the Rev. Rick Clark officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Larned Emergency Medical Service, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 3, 2001

Steven R. 'Bubba' Bender 1961-2001

EL RENO, Okla. - Steven R. "Bubba" Bender, 39, died Sept. 30 as a result of an automobile accident in El Reno. He was born July 14, 1961, in Great Bend, the son of Edward A. and Mary L. Bender. He was a graduate of Great Bend High School and attended Barton County Community College and Sterling College. He married Deanna Smith Dec. 23, 1989, in Great Bend. A resident of El Reno since 1993, coming from Great Bend, he worked in the oil fields for B.J. Services for 14 years. Bender was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church in El Reno. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Joshua Bender of the home; two daughters, Brittany Bender and Christina Bender, both of the home; his mother, of Great Bend; and one sister, Cynthia Vratil of Houston, Texas. Funeral will be at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Dr. G. Allen Schneider officiating. Burial will be at El Reno Cemetery. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Steven Bender Memorial Fund, in care of Canadian State Bank in El Reno. Wilson Funeral Home of El Reno is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 3, 2001

Herman B. Stieben

ROWELETTE, Texas - Herman B. Stieben died Oct. 2 at Rowelette Nursing Home in Rowelette. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 3, 2001

Darrel G. Mounkes 1914-2001

Darrel G. Mounkes, 87, of Great Bend, died Oct. 2 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born March 31, 1914, in Lyon County, the son of Walter and Mary Sattler Mounkes. He earned his bachelor's degree from Kansas State University and a master's degree from Colorado State University. He married Margorie E. Moreland Jan. 5, 1943, in California. She died May 23, 1973. He married Norma G. Gutierrez Dec. 27, 1977, in Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend for 24 years, coming from Herington, he was a retired teacher and principal. Mounkes was a member of the Methodist church and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Major Jay Mounkes of Travis Air Force Base, Calif.; one daughter, Sallee J. Dixon of Stillwater, Okla.; one stepson, Larry R. Marquez of Aptos, Calif.; one stepdaughter, Gloria Schambler of Hays; one brother, Clarence Mounkes of Emporia; three sisters, Eleanor Greene of Las Vegas, Nev., Frances Thompson of Cottonwood Falls and Darlene K. Bloom of Winston-Salem, N.C.; five grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; and seven step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, John Mounkes, J. Owen Mounkes and Floyd P. Mounkes. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. Shannon Tiller officiating. Burial will be at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Bushong Cemetery in Bushong, with full military honors. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or American Diabetes Foundation, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 3, 2001

Elsie Margaret Bird 1910-2001

LARNED - Elsie Margaret Bird, 91, died Oct. 1 at Harris Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas. She was born July 27, 1910, in Ellinwood, the daughter of Adam and Margaret Janssen Galliart. She married Lee Edgar Bird Nov. 4, 1930. He died June 28, 1931. She married Harold T. Rice April 25, 1943. He died Oct. 6, 1961. She married George Bird July 8, 1962. He died Nov. 15, 1981. A longtime resident of Pawnee County, she was a former Pawnee County treasurer. Mrs. Bird was a member of United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women and Order of the Eastern Star, all of Larned. Survivors include one son, Duane Rice of Aptos, Calif.; one daughter, Margaret Gray of Fort Worth; two stepsons, Ronald Bird of Garland and Gerald Bird of Blacksburg, Va.; one stepdaughter, Marjorie Barnes of Larned; one brother, Leo Galliart of Lee's Summit, Mo.; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two stepdaughters, Marilyn Schwytz and Kathleen Woodard; one sister, Edna Unruh; and two brothers, Fred Galliart and Glenn Galliart. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with the Rev. Charles Grant officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery in Larned. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Larned Emergency Medical Service, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 3, 2001
Lydia Belle Groves  1908-2001

LARNED - Lydia Belle Groves, 92, died Oct. 1 in Larned. She was born Dec. 22, 1908, in Esbon, the daughter of Arthur Alfonso and Mary Ann Moyer Dillon. She married J.D. Groves Dec. 14, 1938, in Beloit. He died Dec. 14, 1994. A resident of Larned, she was a teacher, serving in 21 schools throughout Kansas in her 52-year career. Mrs. Groves was a member of Harmony United Methodist Church, Martha Circle, American Legion Auxiliary and Garden Club, all of Mankato, and Kansas Teacher Association. Survivors include one daughter, Daunele Prescott of Larned; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Melby Mortuary Chapel in Mankato, with the Rev. Sarah Hickson de Salazar officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery in Mankato. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the church, Jewell County Hospital, both of Mankato, or Larned Health Care Center, all in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 3, 2001

October 4, 2001

Irene Dannebohm  1911-2001

ELLINWOOD - Irene Dannebohm, 89, died Oct. 3 at Leisure Homestead in Stafford. She was born Dec. 10, 1911, in Alden, the daughter of Claude and Louise Reiser Parker. She was a 1928 graduate of Alden High School. She married Stanley Dannebohm Nov. 6, 1929, in Alden. He died Nov. 20, 1993. A lifelong resident of Barton County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Dannebohm was a member of First Baptist Church in rural Ellinwood. Survivors include four sons, Donald Dannebohm, Robert Dannebohm, Gary Dannebohm and Larry Dannebohm, all of Ellinwood; one daughter, Marilyn Meyer of Garden City; 12 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. David Wester officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to the church or Ellinwood Ambulance Fund, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 4, 2001

Henry Alvin 'Al' Karst  1914-2001

HUTCHINSON - Henry Alvin 'Al' Karst, 86, died Oct. 1 at St. Mary's Manor in Blue Springs, Mo. He was born Oct. 21, 1914, in Galatia, the son of George H. and Maria Schenkel Karst. He married Elma Bisterfeldt Oct. 4, 1936, in Milberger. She died Nov. 1, 1982. He married Shirly Imel in November, 1983 in Hutchinson. She died in Nov. 11, 1989. A resident of Hutchinson, he worked as a meat cutter for Dillons Food Stores and as a custodian for the public schools, all in Hutchinson. Karst was a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and Moose Lodge, both in Hutchinson. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include one son, Ronald L. Karst of Blue Springs; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers; and seven sisters. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Johnson and Sons Funeral Home Memorial Chapel in Hutchinson, with the Rev. Thomas Mendenhall officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Fairview Cemetery in Galatia. Friends may call until 9 tonight at the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 4, 2001

Shirley McCaskey

Shirley McCaskey, 78, of Great Bend, died Oct. 3 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 4, 2001

Robert 'Ray' Fercking

HOISINGTON - Robert "Ray" Fercking died Oct. 3 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Fryberger Mortuary in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 4, 2001

October 5, 2001

Terry Steven Hoss  1946-2001

RUSSELL - Terry Steven Hoss, 55, died Oct. 3 at Russell Regional Hospital in Russell. He was born April 1, 1946, in Goodland, the son of John and Erma Anderson Hoss. He married Betty J. Witt in 1973 in Lincoln. A resident of Russell, coming from Bunker Hill, he was a truck driver and operated his own trucking business. Hoss was a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6240. He was a U.S. Marine Corp. veteran of the Vietnam War. Survivors include two sons, Shawn Hoss of Hays and Cody Hoss of Russell; one daughter, Terri Jane Hoss of Hays; his father of Russell; one brother, Roger Hoss of Russell; one sister, Judy Novotny of Holyrood; and two grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Pohlmian's Mortuary Memorial Chapel in Russell, with the Rev. Earl Haggard officiating. Burial will be at Bunker Hill Cemetery in Russell. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Russell Regional Hospital, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 5, 2001
**Rexford E. Newell**  1926-2001

STAFFORD - Rexford E. Newell, 75, died Oct. 3 at Leisure Homestead in St. John. He was born Aug. 22, 1926, in Stafford, the son of Harry and Viola Dunn Newell. He married Audra Kasselman Sept. 20, 1950. A lifelong resident of Stafford, he was a driller in the oilfield and was retired from Zenith Co-op. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Ben Newell of Sylvia; one daughter, Lynette Long of DeKalb, Miss.; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Don Newell and Richard Newell. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at First Baptist Church in Stafford, with the Rev. Guy Elliott officiating. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association or Chelsea Dick Fund, both in care of Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 5, 2001

**Raymond Owen Tomkins**  1925-2001

SANTA ANA, Calif. - Raymond Owen Tomkins, 76, died Oct. 2. He was born April 3, 1925, in Stafford County, the son of Lawrence and Gladys Miles Tompkins. He was a 1942 graduate of Antrim High School and a 1947 graduate of Kansas State University. He married Margaret Jane Russell Jan. 6, 1946, in St. John. She died May 16, 2001. A resident of Santa Ana, coming from Great Bend, he worked at Soil Conservation Service from 1947 to 1951 in Great Bend and as a land use technician for Orange County in California. Tompkins was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and received a purple heart while participating in the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium. Survivors include three daughters, Sydney Perry of Indiannahwa, Okla., Susan Hart of Orange, Calif. and Sheryl Tompkins of Culver City, Calif.; one brother, Kenneth Tompkins of Great Bend; and three granddaughters. He was preceded in death by one brother, Tommy Tomkins. Funeral will be Monday at Waverly Church in Santa Ana. Burial will be at Fairhaven Memorial Park in Santa Ana. There is no visitation and no memorials are suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 5, 2001

**Sister Kathleen Korf**  1922-2001

WICHITA - Sister Kathleen Korf, ASC, 79, died Sept. 26. She was born May 20, 1922, in Hoisington, the daughter of William and Mary Thompson Korf. She was a graduate of St. Mary School of Nursing in Enid, Okla. A resident of Wichita, she was a nun of the Catholic church. Survivors include one brother, Robert Korf of Buffalo City, Ariz. She was preceded in death by three brothers, William Korf, James Korf and Henry Korf; and four sisters, Theresa Birzer, Mary Demel, Adelia Spanier and Elizabeth Newkirk. Funeral will be Monday at Adorers of the Blood of Christ Catholic Church in Wichita. Memorials are suggested to the retirement of Sisters, ASC in Wichita. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 5, 2001

**Shirley Jean McCaskey**  1922-2001

Shirley Jean McCaskey, 78, of Great Bend, died Oct. 3 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born Dec. 27, 1922, in Sullivan, Mo., the daughter of John Leonard and Addie Josephine Collins Reed. A lifelong resident of Great Bend, she was a courier for ASAP Express. She was a member of Eastside Southern Baptist Church and Veteran of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, both of Great Bend. Survivors include two sisters, Joyce Folsom of Great Bend and JoAnn Gable of Denver, Colo. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Elmer Reed, Walter Reed, and Jesse Reed, and one sister Alma Brewer. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bryan-Christians Funeral Home Chapel in Great Bend, with the Rev. Julius C. Ellis officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight, with family receiving friends from 7-9 this evening and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 5, 2001

**Madge Wilma Slade**  1906-2001

ST. JOHN - Madge Wilma Slade, 95, died Oct. 4 at Leisure Homestead in Stafford. She was born May 10, 1906, in St. John, the daughter of W.A. and Lula M. Adams McCandless. She was a graduate of Southwestern College. She married John "Fenton" Slade Aug. 3, 1930, in St. John. He died Aug. 26, 1968. A lifelong resident of St. John, she was a history teacher for Antrim High School and fourth grade teacher for the Great Bend School District. Mrs. Slade was a member of Antrim Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Delta Kappa Gamma and different E.H.U. clubs. Survivors include two sons, John Slade of Irving, Texas and Robert Slade of Bedford, Texas; one daughter, Lita Mae Christie of Stafford; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers; three sisters; and two grandchildren. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford, with the Rev. W. Harlan Rittgers officiating. Burial will be at Stafford Cemetery. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 5, 2001

**Herman B. "Blackie" Stieben**  1914-2001

ROWLETTE, Texas - Herman B. "Blackie" Stieben, 87, died Oct. 2 at Rowlette Nursing Home in Rowlette. He was born May 22, 1914, in Bazine, the son of John B. and Elizabeth Bender Stieben. He married Ada H. Brening Sept. 21, 1940, in Ellinwood. A resident of Rowlette, coming from La Crosse and Spring Valley, Calif., he was retired from the U.S. Navy. Stieben was a member of United Methodist Church in La Crosse, life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, life member of American Legion and 32nd Degree Mason. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. Survivors include his wife of the home; and one son, Jon Stieben of Rowlette. He was preceded in death by one brother, Rubin "Shorty" Stieben; and one sister, Martha Stieben. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight with family receiving friends until 5 tonight. All at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association or Chelsea Dick Fund, both in care of Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 5, 2001
Robert "Ray" Fercking  1934-2001

Robert "Ray" Fercking, 66, of Great Bend, died Oct. 3 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was born Nov. 8, 1934, in Ness County, the son of Nicholas Henry and Lillie Viola Eitel Fercking. He married Luella Cline June 3, 1954, at Sacred Heart Church in Ness City. A resident of Barton County since 1968, he was a sales/business owner. Fercking was a past member of Elks Club and St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, both in Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Robert "Ray" Fercking, Robert "Ray" Fercking, and Robert "Ray" Fercking; two daughters, Sydney Perry of Indiahoma, Okla., and Mary Jane Morgan of Great Bend. He was preceded in death by one brother, Tommy Tompkins. Funeral will be Monday at Waverly Church in Santa Ana. Burial will be at Fairhaven Memorial Park in Santa Ana. There is no visitation and no memorials are suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 5, 2001

Valarie Ann Nethercutt Donaruma  1965-2001

JONES, Okla. - Valarie Ann Nethercutt Donaruma, 36, died Oct. 3. She was born Aug. 15, 1965, in Oklahoma City, Okla., the daughter of Lannie and Virginia Ann Burton Nethercutt. She married Joseph Anthony Donaruma. She was a 1984 graduate of Great Bend High School. She was a resident of Jones. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Justin Bozeman, Nicholas Donaruma and Anthony Donaruma, all of Jones; two daughters, Tasha Bozeman and Brittini Donaruma; her parents, Roy and Virginia Bozeman and Lannie and Anita Nethercutt; her grandparents, Martha Burton, Lloyd and Joyce Brents, and Ruth Brents; one daughter, Jolinda Sloan of McCracken; one brother, Tommy Tompkins. Funeral will be Monday at Waverly Church in Santa Ana. Burial will be at Fairhaven Memorial Park in Santa Ana. There is no visitation and no memorials are suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 5, 2001

October 7, 2001

Thayne G. Cooley  1919-2001

BISON - Thayne G. Colley, 82, died Sept. 18 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was born June 8, 1919 at Biron, the son of Elmer Manford and Harriet Fairbank Cooley. He attend La Crosse High School, and Chillicothe Business College in Chillicothe, Mo. He married LeRee Elva Hall. A resident of Biron, he was Co-Owner of a Grain/Hardware Business. Mr. Cooley was a member of United Methodist Church in Biron, Veterans of Foreign Wars 3147, American Legion 0033, and Masonic Lodge. He was a Veteran of World War II serving in Europe. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Bonnie Jo Cooley Schultz; two sisters, Celene Hester, and Elva Cunningham. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Dean Cooley and Floyd Cooley. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. on Friday at the church with the Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. There will be no visitation. Memorial services are suggested to the Biron EMT Rescue Squad in care of Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 7, 2001

Raymond Owen Tompkins  1925-2001

SANTA ANA, Calif. - Raymond Owen Tompkins, 76, died Oct. 2. He was born April 3, 1925, in Stafford County, the son of Lawrence and Gladyis Miles Tompkins. He was a 1942 graduate of Antrim High School and a 1947 graduate of Kansas State University. He married Margaret Jane Russell Jan. 6, 1946, in St. John. She died May 16, 2001. A resident of Santa Ana, coming from Great Bend, he worked at Soil Conservation Service from 1947 to 1951 in Great Bend and as a land use technician for Orange County in California. Tompkins was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and received a purple heart while participating in the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium. Survivors include three daughters, Sydney Perry of Indiana, Okla., Susan Hart of Orange, Calif. and Sheryl Tompkins of Culver City, Calif.; one brother, Kenneth Tompkins of Great Bend; and three granddaughters. He was preceded in death by one brother, Tommy Tompkins. Funeral will be Monday at Waverly Church in Santa Ana. Burial will be at Fairhaven Memorial Park in Santa Ana. There is no visitation and no memorials are suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 5, 2001
October 8, 2001

Kenneth L. DeWerff 1928-2001

ELLINWOOD - Kenneth L. DeWerff, 73, died Oct. 6. He was born May 10, 1928, in Ellinwood, the son of Chester L. and Clara Scheufler DeWerff. He married Bessie Davis Kasselman June 7, 1954, in Ellinwood. A lifelong resident of Ellinwood, he was a stockman and farmer. DeWerff was a member of First Baptist Church in Ellinwood and American Quarterhorse Association. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Steven Whynn DeWerff of Derby and Jeffrey Wayne DeWerff of Ellinwood; two daughters, Linda Lee Borror of Calhan, Colo., and Jane Kathleen Thier of Ellinwood; two brothers, Vernon DeWerff of Ellinwood and Neil DeWerff of Hays; two sisters, Edith Meyer of Alva, Okla., and Virginia Smith of Phoenix, Ariz.; and 11 grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. David Wesner officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to Fellowship of Christian Cowboys in Colorado Springs, Colo., in care of the funeral home.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 8, 2001

Bennie Will Sargent 1916-2001

Bennie Will Sargent, 85, of Great Bend, died Oct. 6 at Integrated Health Services of Great Bend. He was born April 30, 1916, in Leoti, the son of George and Flora Ridge Sargent. He married Margaret Savoy April 17, 1938, in Lyons. She died March 2, 1982. He married Irene Josephine Ashe Lloyd April 22, 1982, in Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend since 1925, coming from Leoti, he was a heavy equipment operator for Jomax Construction Company, retiring in 1978. Sargent was a member of the Methodist church, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and Eagles Lodge, all of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one stepdaughter, Elizabeth Kipp of Great Bend; one brother, Ray H. Sargent of Great Bend; two step-grandchildren; and 10 step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, James H. Sargent and Harry L. Sargent. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home Chapel in Great Bend, with the Rev. Dick Ogle officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John, with full military honors. Friends may call until 9 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Fund, in care of the funeral home.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 8, 2001

Susan P. Long 1935-2001

CARMEL, Calif. - Susan P. Long, 66, died Oct. 2 at her residence in Carmel. She was born Feb. 14, 1935, in Topeka, the daughter of Paul and Lillian Taylor Long. She was a resident of Carmel. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Great Bend Cemetery, with the Rev. Diana Coberly officiating. There is no visitation and no memorials are suggested. Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend is in charge of arrangements.

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Elsie B. Beggs

Elsie B. Beggs, 86, of Great Bend, died Oct. 7 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend.

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Elsie Bradshaw Beggs 1915-2001

Elsie Bradshaw Beggs, 86, of Great Bend, died Oct. 7 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born May 14, 1915, in Stanberry, Mo., the daughter of William C. and Mary E. Gound Bradshaw. She was a graduate of Fairbury High School in Fairbury, Neb., She married Philip H. Beggs July 2, 1939, in Morrowville. He died Aug. 6, 1981. A resident of Great Bend since 1969, coming from Hays, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Beggs was a member of First United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Stephens Ministries, Ladies Hospital Auxiliary and Fanshier-Beggs Circle, all of Great Bend, and Daughters of the American Revolution of Hays and Great Bend. Survivors include three daughters, Judith Pierson of Denver, Colo., Mary Ritterhouse of San Antonio, Texas, and Phyllis Bieker of Hays; one brother, Robert Bradshaw of Oxnard, Calif.; one sister, Frances Carlson of Columbus, Neb.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Lester Bradshaw; and two sisters, Corine Bradshaw and Hazel Leonard. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Revs. Dick Near and Jana Baxter officiating. Burial will be at Washington Cemetery in Washington. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend and from 9:30 a.m. until service time Wednesday at the church. Family will receive friends from 7-9 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home.

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Firma Boor 1938-2001

LITTLETON, Colo. - Firma Boor, 63, died Oct. 3 in Littleton. She was born Feb. 19, 1938, in Hays, the daughter of Gregory F. and Pauline Graf Pfannenstiel. She married Jerome F. Boor Nov. 21, 1959, in Hays. He died April 25, 1999. A resident of Littleton, she was a nurse. Mrs. Boor was a member of Beta Sigma Phi, Bible study group and quilting club. Survivors include two sons, Michael Boor and John Boor; one daughter, Michele Walker; one brother, Grea Pfannenstiel; one sister, Rosiette Gross; and two
granddaughters. Funeral was Monday at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Englewood, Colo. Inurnment will be at Odion. Memorials are suggested to National Kidney Foundation or American Cancer Society, both in care of Chapel Hill Mortuary in Littleton. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 9, 2001

Terry Lynn Coker 1938-2001

LINDSBORO - Terry Lynn Coker, 63, died Oct. 7 at Lindsborg Community Hospital. He was born Sept. 30, 1938, in Ness City, the son of Fred Lawrence and Emma Irene Ferking Coker. A resident of Lindsborg, coming from Canton, he was a retired truck driver. Coker was a U.S. Navy veteran. Survivors include one son, Lawrence Lyle "Larry" Coker of Canton; two daughters, Terri Lee and Linda Coker; and two grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, William Coker, LaVern Coker and Tom Coker; and three sisters, Freida Coker, Henrietta Wilkinson and Emma Wolth. Gravesite service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Ness City Cemetery in Ness City, with the Rev. Jeff Waugh officiating. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at Stockham Family Funeral Home in McPherson, with family receiving from 6-8 p.m. Cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 9, 2001

Educator manages to build an effective school system

Edgar J. 'Eddie' Basgall 1929-2001

HAYS - Edgar J. "Eddie" Basgall, 72, died Oct. 8 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. He was born Aug. 22, 1929, in Loretto, the son of Joseph and Hildegard VonFeldt Basgall. He married Lillian Roth Sept. 14, 1950, in Pfeifer. A resident of Hays, he was a professional musician, arranger and composer; a music tour promoter; owner/operator of Danceland Enterprises; and was a retired music store manager. Basgall was a member of St. Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus Council 1325 and fourth-degree bishop of Cunningham Assembly, all of Hays. He was a member of the Bob Hope Radio Show Orchestra and a featured musician with the Bobby Mills Orchestra in the 1950s. He formed and directed the Eddie Basgall Band, the Danceland Band and the Jolly Dutchmen, as well as having worked with many bands, including Tiny Hill, the Six Fat Dutchmen and the "Woopee John" Orchestra. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Stan Basgall of Hays, Neil Basgall of Omaha, Neb., and Chad Basgall of Rose Hill; one daughter, Christine Basgall of Omaha; one brother, Marvin Basgall of Great Bend; two sisters, Vera Bellendir and Arbutus "Boots" Maltby, both of Great Bend; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Delbert Basgall. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, followed by a third and fourth degree Knights of Columbus Rosary at 7:30 p.m., all at Cline's Mortuary in Hays. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Don Zimmerman officiating. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery in Pfeifer. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. Thursday and from 8-9:45 a.m. Friday, both at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Holy Cross Charities Inc. or for Masses, all in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 9, 2001

Glen Carvin McDermed 1937-2001

CAREFREE, Ariz. - Glen Carvin McDermed, 63, died at home Feb. 3, 2001. He was born Dec. 19, 1937, in Lyons, the son of and Carvin N. McDermed Wilma Lenora Kent. Glen lived in Phoenix, Ariz., from 1959 to 1973 and retired to Carefree, Ariz., in 1993. After graduation from the University of Kansas, he became an engineer for the state of Arizona. The bulk of his career was with IBM; he then moved to an analyst position with Gartner Group. He was an active board member of the Canyon State Naturist. He is survived by his brother, Lyle Kent of Corsicana, Texas, and his five children, Scott Allen of Bend, Ore., Monte Lee of Chapel Hill, N.C., Diane Marie of Apex, N.C., Courtney Bryn of Spokane, Wash., and Elliott Kent of Kansas City; and four grandchildren. He will be remembered as a loving father and grandfather. His interests included camping and woodworking. Burial and memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Geneseo Community Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 9, 2001

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Harold Lee Kilgore 1924-2001

ELLINWOOD - Harold Lee Kilgore, 77, died Oct. 9 at his home in Ellinwood. He was born May 6, 1924, in Niotaze, the son of David Matthew and Alice Pentzer Kilgore. He married Barbara Smith Oct. 6, 1953, in Rolla, N.D. A resident of Ellinwood since 1959, he was the retired owner of Kilgore Painting and Sandblasting in Ellinwood. Kilgore was a member of Cheyenne Bottoms Sportsman Club were he was past president. He was a U.S. Army Corp of Engineers veteran of World War II in the Pacific Theater. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Dave Kilgore and Harold Kilgore, both of Ellinwood and Bruce Kilgore of Chase; two daughters, Tammi Krom and Gina Krom, both of Ellinwood; two brothers, Howard Kilgore of Chase and Granul Kilgore of Wayaside; two sisters, Emma Lou Defenbaugh of Independence and Margie Green of Post Rock, Idaho; 13 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood, with the Rev. Rick Standley officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Cheyenne Bottoms Sportsman's Club or Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 10, 2001

John McLinden Jr. 1921-2001

COLBY - John McLinden Jr., 79, died Oct. 6 at his home in Colby. He was born Oct. 21, 1921, in Chase County. He married Patricia D. McLinden. She died Mar 24. 1993. A resident of Colby for more than 50 years. he was a retired grain elevator
Darrell D. Atteberry 1930-2001

LARNED - Darrell D. Atteberry, 71, died Oct. 10 at his home in Larned. He was born June 4, 1930, in Pawnee County, the son of Guy M. and Grace Amanda Birks Atteberry. He married Daisy A. Brazda July 1, 1955, in Burdett. A lifelong resident of Pawnee County, he was formerly the executive director of Pawnee County office of the American Soil Conservation Service, and after retirement, a realtor and land appraiser with Clock Real Estate, all of Larned. Atteberry was a member of First United Methodist Church, volunteer fireman, and member and past master of Larned Masonic Lodge 167 AF and AM, all of Larned, Golden Sheaf Chapter 226 OES of Great Bend, past president of KASCOE, and served on numerous city, county and state committees. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. Survivors include one daughter, Gail D. Moeder of Great Bend; one brother, Virgil "Bud" McLinden of Marion; one sister, Lucile McLinden of Denver; and two step-grandchildren. Vigil and rosary will be at 7 tonight at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby, with the Rev. Galen Long officiating. Burial will be at Beulah Cemetery in Colby. Friends may call until 9 tonight at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to the church or American Cancer Society, both in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 10, 2001

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Firma Mae Boor 1938-2001

LITTLETON, Colo. - Firma Mae Boor, 63, died Oct. 3 in Littleton. She was born Feb. 19, 1938, at Hays, the daughter of Gregory and Pauline Graf Pfannenstiel. She married Jerome Boor. He died April 25, 1999. A resident of Littleton, coming from Hays, she was a registered nurse, working at St. Anthony's Hospital in Hays for many years. Mrs. Boor was a member of St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Englewood, Colo. Survivors include two sons, Michael Boor of Chula Vista, Calif., and John Boor of Killeen, Texas; one daughter, Michele Walker of Englewood; one brother, Greg Pfannenstiel of Hays; one sister, Rosiette Gross of Holbrook, Neb.; and two grandchildren. The funeral was Oct. 8 in Englewood. Interment will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Odin Cemetery. Hays Memorial Chapel Inc. of Hays is in charge of local arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 11, 2001

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Dorothy M. Smith 1916-2001

HOLYROOD - Dorothy M. Smith, 85, died Oct. 8 at her residence in Holyrood. She was born Sept. 18, 1916, in Holyrood, the daughter of John and Anna Ehler Siemsen. She married Melbourne "Bud" Smith in 1944. A long time resident of Holyrood, she was an office clerk for J.C. Penney. She was a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ and American Legion Auxiliary, both in Holyrood. Survivors include one son, Robert John Gibbs of the home; one daughter, Christie Lorraine Gibbs of the home; his mother of Cheyenne Wells, Colo.; one brother, Sidney Gibbs of Cheyenne Wells; four sisters, Peggy Hoffman and Elizabeth Ross, both of Cheyenne Wells, Connie Brown of Twelve Mile, Ind., and Tonda Mauzy of St. Joseph, Mo. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore, with military graveside rites. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9-11 a.m. Thursday, all at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to Gibbs Children Educational Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 10, 2001

Stephen J. Gibbs 1949-2001

JETMORE - Stephen J. Gibbs, 52, died Oct. 8 at Hodgeman County Health Center in Jetmore. He was born April 23, 1949, in Dodge City, the son of Joe and Billie Burnham Gibbs. A long time resident of Jetmore, he was a welder and truck driver. Gibbs was a member of United Methodist Church and American Legion, both of Jetmore. Survivors include one son, Robert John Gibbs of the home; one daughter, Christie Lorraine Gibbs of the home; his mother of Cheyenne Wells, Colo.; one brother, Sidney Gibbs of Cheyenne Wells; four sisters, Peggy Hoffman and Elizabeth Ross, both of Cheyenne Wells, Connie Brown of Twelve Mile, Ind., and Tonda Mauzy of St. Joseph, Mo. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore, with military graveside rites. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9-11 a.m. Thursday, all at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to Gibbs Children Educational Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 10, 2001
Hedwig 'Hedy' Stegman 1930-2001

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tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association or ALS Foundation, both in care of the church, with the Rev. Ted Skalsky officiating. Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery in Dodge City. Friends may call until 7 tonight at Swaim Funeral Home in Dodge City. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Harlan Kaden officiating. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Pohlmans Mortuary in Russell and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Disabled American Veterans or Multiple Sclerosis Society, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 12, 2001

Robert Wayne Mai     1946-2001

RUSSELL - Robert Wayne Mai, 55, died Oct. 9 at his home in Russell. He was born Sept. 11, 1946, in Russell, the son of Edward and Edna Deines Mai. He married Margaret Bender Sept. 7, 1968, in Russell. A resident of Russell, coming from Yuma, Ariz., he worked for the Yuma Proving Grounds in Yuma. Mai was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Russell. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War and was given a medical discharge because of chemical agent exposure. Survivors include two sons, Jason Mai and Justin Mai, both of Yuma; one daughter, Jodi Mai of Yuma; his mother of Russell; one brother, Gerald Mai of Russell; and two sisters, Linda Dunekack of Pittsburg and Marilyn Haffner of Shattuck, Okla. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Harlan Kaden officiating. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Pohlmans Mortuary in Russell and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Disabled American Veterans or Multiple Sclerosis Society, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 12, 2001

Howard David Jimison     1919-2001

LORRAINE - Howard David Jimison, 82, died Oct. 11 at Ellsworth Medical Center in Ellsworth. He was born Sept. 30, 1919, in Stafford, the son of William and Minnie Pearl Main Jimison. He was a 1938 graduate of Stafford High School. He married Verda M. Staley Sept. 19, 1942, in Byers. A resident of Lorraine since 1950, he worked for 31 years at the Lorraine Grain Company and 11 years for the city of Lorraine. Jimison was a member of Saddle Club of Lorraine. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Larry Jimison of Great Bend, Kyle Jimison of Bushton and James Jimison of New Era, Mich.; two daughters, Cheryl Urbanek of Colby and Cathy Preston of Oakley; two brothers, Lysle Jimison of Winfield and Russell Jimison of Wichita; four sisters, Dorotha Sanford, Lorraine Ripley and Marjorie Tribue, all of Wichita, and Wanda Gere of Garden City; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Michael David Jimison; two brothers, Horace Jimison and Robert Jimison; and two grandchildren, Casey Jimison and Temple Jimison. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Burial will be at Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to Leukemia Society or donor's choice, both in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 12, 2001

Jamie Kloxin Shryock     1961-2001

Jamie Kloxin Shryock, 40, of Great Bend, died Oct. 10 at her residence. She was born March 9, 1961, in Arkansas City, the daughter of Frederick Alfred and Barbara Pierce Kloxin. She married C.J. Shryock March 24, 2001, in Great Bend. A resident of Garden City for one month, coming from Great Bend, where she spent most of her life, she was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Ryan Shryock of the home; one daughter, Jonni Anne Shryock of the home; and three sisters, Kim Stein and Kelly Beck, both of Great Bend, and Amy Penicost of Springfield, Mo. She was preceded in death by one brother, Troy Kloxin. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Great Bend Cemetery, with the Rev. Dick Ogle officiating. Cremation has taken place, there will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Jamie Shryock Children's Fund, in care of Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 12, 2001

Bernadine L. Overly     1915-2001

SAN ANTONIO, Texas - Bernadine L. Overly, 86, died Oct. 10 in San Antonio. She was born June 12, 1915, in Claflin, the daughter of Walter and Charlotte German Frederick. She married Russell T. Overly. He preceded her in death. A former resident of Ellinwood for more than 50 years, she was a homemaker. Survivors include two daughters, Lucille Shonyo of San Antonio, Texas, and Charlotte Green of Burton; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Walter Overly. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Great Bend, with the Rev. Jack Matrow officiating. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, in care of Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 12, 2001

Buford A. Crook     1912-2001

DODGE CITY - Buford A. Crook, 89, died Oct. 11 at Western Plains Medical Complex in Dodge City. He was born Aug. 16, 1912, in Westline, Mo., the son of Wayne and Myrtle Grey Crook. He married Rose M. Snider June 19, 1936, in Dodge City. She died April 28, 1987. A resident of Dodge City, coming from Rozel, he was owner/operator of a service station. Crook was a member of Sacred Heart Cathedral Church in Dodge City. Survivors include one son, Buford A. Crook Jr. of Wichita; one daughter, Pat Armstrong of Dodge City; one brother, Robert Crook of Wichita; five grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Vigil service will be at 7 tonight at Swaim Funeral Home in Dodge City. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Ted Skalsky officiating. Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery in Dodge City. Friends may call until 7 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association or ALS Foundation, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 12, 2001

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Hedwig 'Hedy' Stegman 1930-2001
BELPRE - Hedwig “Hedy” Stegman, 71, died Oct. 12 at her residence in Belpre. She was born Jan. 1, 1930, at Ness City, the daughter of William and Barbara Braun Deiser. She married Elmer A. Stegman Feb. 12, 1955, at Ness City. A longtime resident of Belpre, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Stegman was a member of St. Bernard Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Belpre. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Mike Stegman of Newton and George Stegman of Larned; three daughters, Mary Ann Perez and Janet Stegman, both of Belpre, and Sheila Stegman of Newton; one brother, Alvan Deiser of La Crosse; three sisters, Ida Dixon of Hartford, Ala., Barbara McDonald of Brownell and Lee Kinney of Moline, Ill.; and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Mary Stegman; two brothers, William “Bill” Deiser and Eugene Deiser; and two sisters, Hilda Deiser and Mary Deiser. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Dennis Reed officiating. Burial will be at Belpre Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Monday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or for Masses, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Oct. 14, 2001

Priscilla Ann Orth 1947-2001

PEABODY - Priscilla Ann Orth, 54, died Oct. 11 at St. Lukes Hospital in Marion. She was born Feb. 2, 1947, at Great Lakes Naval Station in Great Lakes, Ill., the daughter of Harold P. and Helen L. Downey Orth. She attended Dodge City Senior High, St. Mary's of the Plains, Dodge City Community College, Fort Hays State and Wichita State University. Survivors include three brothers, her twin, Dennis M. Orth of Fort Worth, Texas, Harold L. Orth of Great Bend and Stan Orth of Austin, Texas. Memorial service was Oct. 13 at St. Patricks Catholic Church in Great Bend. Watson Funeral Home of Wichita was in charge of funeral arrangements. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Oct. 14, 2001

Mildred Marie McMillin Poe 1931-2001

CHENEY - Mildred Marie McMillin Poe, 70, died Oct. 12 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. She was born June 18, 1931, in Great Bend, the daughter of Horace Frank and Florence Pearl Marsh McMillin. She married Robert A. Poe June 10, 1951, in Great Bend. He died June 27, 2001. A resident of Cheney, she was a housewife. Mrs. Poe was a member of First Assembly of God Church in Cheney. Survivors include one son, Terry Poe of Burwell, Neb.; two daughters, Linda Poe of Garden Plain and Roberta Allene Morgan of Cheney; three brothers, Joe McMillin of Dilia, Frank McMillin of Cedar Park, Texas, and Danny McMillin of Hays; three sisters, Judy Sheare of Almena, Connie Strong of Coppell, Texas, and Patty Tomblinson of Versailles, Mo.; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Monday at the church with the Revs. Howard Ray and Eugene Nicholson officiating. Burial will be at Pioneer Cemetery in Cheney. Friends may call from 1-5 p.m. today and from 9-11 a.m. on Monday at Lanterman Funeral Home of Cheney. Memorials are suggested to the church or Hospice Inc., both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Oct. 14, 2001

Edith B. Galliart 1918-2001

Edith B. Galliart, 82, of Great Bend died Oct. 12 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. She was born Nov. 14, 1918, at Great Bend, the daughter of Henry and Leah Miller Krome. She married William Carl Galliart Nov. 26, 1955, at Great Bend. He died April 1, 1987. A resident of Galatia most of her life, she was retired from Fuller Brush, working on the shipping line. Mrs. Galliart was a member of Eastside Baptist Church in Great Bend. Survivors include two sons, Joe Messensmith and Gary Lee Galliart, both of Great Bend; one brother, Clifford Krome; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Theresa Ritchie. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Julius C. Ellis officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-9 today at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Oct. 14, 2001

Vinita McGinty Davis Ehrlich 1920-2001

Vinita McGinty Davis Ehrlich, 80, of Great Bend died Oct. 13 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born Dec. 31, 1920, at Seward, the daughter of Charles C. and Ethel Tucker McGinty. She married Claudius Davis March 2, 1935. He died May 1939. She married Benjamin Ehrlich on Feb. 10, 1955, in Ellinwood. A resident of Great Bend since 1938, coming from Larned, she was a retired operator for Southwestern Bell. Mrs. Ehrlich was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, both of Great Bend, and a lifetime member of Telephone Pioneers of America. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Vincent Davis of Great Bend and Benjamin Ehrlich Jr. of Lenexa; one daughter, Carolyn Spanier of Morton, Ill.; two step-sons, Douglas Ehrlich of Houston, Texas, and Bruce Ehrlich of Galatia; 13 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Wayne McGinty, and one sister, Nellie Pratt. Prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Byant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Dr. Gary W. Teske officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 5-9 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday and from 9-11 a.m. Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Oct. 14, 2001

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Carol Jim Gullett 1921-2001

MACKSVILLE - Carol Jim Gullett, 80, died Oct. 13 at Western Plains Medical Center in Dodge City. He was born July 17, 1921, in Pawhuska, Okla., the son of James William and Belle Forest Gullett. He graduated from Pawhuska Indian School in Oklahoma. He
married Patsy Jean Gullett. A resident of Macksville, he worked as a measurement technician for Northern Natural Gas Company, oil pumper for Santa Fe Pipe and Supply, and as a carpenter. Gullett was a member of Macksville Christian Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars in St. John. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, James William Gullett of San Antonio, Texas; three daughters, Mary L. Klee of Shasta Lake, Calif.; Sharon M. Torkelson of Bel Air, Saskatchewan, Canada, and Jane L. McInty of Derby; one brother, Loyd Gullett of Wynona, Okla.; one sister, Ellena Grimes of Dover; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Betty Ann Gullett; one brother, Harold Gullett; and one sister, Delva Ogen. Funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Revs. Carey Haner and Scott Moyer officiating. Burial will be at Farmington Cemetery in Macksville. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Minnis Chapel in Macksville. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 16, 2001

Leland Edward Terry 1938-2001

GOODLAND - Leland Edward Terry, 63, died Oct. 13 at his home in Goodland. He was born Aug. 27, 1938, in Hagar, Neb., the son of John Sr. and Bernetta Wall Terry. He was a 1957 graduate of Goodland High School and attended Northwest Kansas Regional Vocational Technical School. He married Linda Thompson Dec. 15, 1972, in Goodland. A longtime resident of Goodland, he worked as a draftsman. Terry was a member of First Christian Church in Goodland, American Legion in Colby, Elks Lodge 1528, Lions Club and Veterans of Foreign Wars < Lowell Coleman Post 1133. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Leland Terry Jr. of Great Bend and Brett Terry of Kansas City; four daughters, Lucille Nasworthy of Whitehouse, Fla., Kathy Schott of Springdale, Ark., Stacy Colby of Goodland and Susan Probis of St. Francis; five brothers, Emerson Cecil Terry of Aurora, Colo., John Terry Jr. of Atwood, Bill Terry of Great Bend, Derald Dean Terry of Goodland and Dwayne Meires of Scott City; and 10 grandchildren. Funeral was at 11:30 a.m. today at the church, with the Rev. Loren Strait officiating. Burial will be at Goodland Cemetery with military honors by Fort Riley Honor Guard, 1-34 AR and VFW Post 1133. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Koons Funeral Home in Goodland. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 16, 2001

Hildred Robl 1908-2001

ELLINWOOD - Hildred Robl, 93, died June 11 in Las Vegas, Nev. She was born Jan. 22, 1908, north of Ellinwood, the daughter of Mike and Anna Schlochtermeier Robl. She was a 1926 graduate of Ellinwood High School and was a graduate of Hutchinson Business College. She was a resident of Las Vegas for 33 years, coming from Ellinwood, Hutchinson and Wichita. She was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Las Vegas. Survivors include one brother, the Rev. Eugene Robl of Las Vegas; and one sister, Magdalen Robl of Las Vegas. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Mat Robl and Bernard Robl; and three sisters, Laura Hammelke, Elizabeth Davis and Anita Schartz. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, north of Ellinwood, with the Rev. Eugene Robl officiating. Inurnment will be at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery, north of Ellinwood. There is no visitation, cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Mike Robl Family Seminarian Fund, in care of Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 16, 2001

Helen L. Boyd 1898-2001

ZOOK - Helen L. Boyd, 103, died Oct. 13 at Moran Manor in Moran. She was born March 13, 1898, in Adams County, Ill., the daughter of Elisha and Dora Marshall Hendrix. She was a 1918 graduate of Belpre High School. She married Arthur Ray Meredith in 1919. He died in 1926. She married Earl Boyd. He died in 1956. A resident of Iola, coming from Larned, Lallarpe and Belpre, north of Ellinwood, she worked at Larned State Hospital in Larned. Mrs. Boyd was a member of the Methodist church and LaHarpe Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. Survivors include one daughter, Norma Lee Anderson of Iola; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Hurless Meredith; three sisters, Mary Johnson, Irene Hager and Elvessie Hopkins; and two great-grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Zook, with the Rev. Charles Grant officiating. Friends may call from 9-10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. No memorials are suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 16, 2001

Elva G. Brinson 1921-2001

CLAFLIN - Elva G. Brinson, 80, died Oct. 14 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born Sept. 15, 1921, in Claffin, the daughter of John D. and Mary J. Markel Riemann. She was a graduate of Claffin High School, Sterling College and Fort Hays State University. She married W. Lendon Brinson Sept. 19, 1941, in Beaver. He died Dec. 9, 1997. A lifelong resident of the rural Claflin area, she was a retired elementary school teacher in rural Barton and Rice counties, Alden and Hoisington. Mrs. Brinson was a member of Church of the Nazarene, Sunday School teacher, church board member and treasurer, American Legion Auxiliary, all of Hoisington, Barton County Retired Teachers Association, AAUW, Barton County Farm Bureau and Cleveland 4-H leader. Survivors include two daughters, Dorothy Brinson of Claffin and Elaine Brinson of Kansas City; two brothers, Floyd Riemann of Ellsworth and Vernon Riemann of Claffin; two grandchildren; one step-grandchild; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one son, Darrell Brinson; and one brother, Harold Riemann. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with the Revs. Don Fisher and Johnnie Spellman officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery in Hoisington. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, Claffin Ambulance Fund or the donor's choice, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 16, 2001

Dorothy Main 1912-2001

WICHITA - Dorothy Main, 89, died Oct. 14 at Sandcoyer Bav Healthcare Center in Wichita. She was born April 25, 1912, in
Stafford, the daughter of John and Stella Taylor Fee. She married Delbert W. Main Sept. 3, 1937, in Stafford. He died April 22, 1996. A resident of Wichita since 1990, coming from Stafford and Sublette, she was a teacher and homemaker. Mrs. Main was a member of Central Church of Christ in Wichita. Survivors include one daughter, Linda Hooten of Wichita; and one sister, Christine McCrory of Sterling; and three granddaughters. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Rick Cline officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Stafford Cemetery in Stafford. Friends may call from 1-6 p.m. Wednesday at Minnis McCrory of Sterling; and three granddaughters. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Rick Cline officiating. Burial will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Walker-Merrick Funeral Home in Clarinda, with the Rev. Jeff Dowell officiating.

Marilyn Kay Kalpin

TUCSON, Ariz. - Marilyn Kay Kalpin, 64, died Oct. 14 at St. Mary's Hospital in Tucson. She was born March 9, 1937, in Ellsworth, the daughter of Chester Ray and Atha Darlene Schmidt Bland. She married Willard L. Norton Oct. 6, 1957, in Lucas. He died Aug. 12, 1981. She married Barry Kalpin Feb. 14, 1987, in Great Bend. A resident of Tucson, coming from Great Bend and Lucas, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Kalpin was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Eastern Star, Pilot Club, Chamber of Commerce and past president of League of Women Voters, all of Great Bend, served on board of directors of KADRA and was involved in Campfire Girls and Boys. Survivors include her husband of the home; two daughters, Krista Norton Gates of Denver, Colo., and Marissa Norton Currier of Scottsdale, Ariz.; two stepsons, Michael Kalpin of Mansfield, Texas, and Steven Kalpin of Albuquerque, N.M.; one stepdaughter, Cindy Kalpin Frenchers of Kansas City; her mother of Salina; three brothers, Ronnie Bland of Lucas, Gary Bland of San Diego, Calif., and Richard Bland of Tucson; one sister, Norma Jean Naegele of Lucas; and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Janelle Bland. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Jana Baxter officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. at Gypsum Hill Cemetery in Salina. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. Thursday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home.

Joe Heinz 1926-2001

KINSLEY - Joe Heinz, 75, died Oct. 13 from injuries sustained in a farming accident at the family farm west of Kinsley. He was born April 17, 1926, in Edwards County, the son of Peter John and Catherine Ann Weikert Heinz. He married Bette N. Sette Feb. 28, 1945, in Kinsley. A lifelong resident of Edwards County, he was a farmer and stockman. Heinz was a member of St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Kinsley. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving with the 32nd Division in the South Pacific. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Stephen Heinz of Shawnee and Peter J. Heinz of Offerle; one daughter, Valerie Kasselman of Salina; two brothers, Milton Heinz of Dodge City and Elmer Heinz of Seal Beach, Calif.; and six grandchildren. Vigil service will be at 7 tonight at the church. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Marvin W. Reif officiating. Burial will be at St. Nicholas Cemetery in Kinsley, with full military graveside rites by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7349 in Kinsley. There is no public visitation. Memorials are suggested to St. Nicholas School Endowment Fund, Tired Iron Club, North Edwards County Cemetery District or All Veterans Memorial in Kinsley, all in care of Burkhart Funeral Chapel in Dodge City.

August J. Collins Jr. 1928-2001

August J. Collins Jr., 73, died Oct. 15 in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 16, 2001

October 17, 2001

Clarice M. Cotton 1917-2001

LARNED - Clarice M. Cotton, 84, died Oct. 16 at Larned Health Care and Living Center in Larned. She was born Jan. 13, 1917, in Sedgwick County, the daughter of Charles and Roberta Laughlin Young. She married Lester C. Cotton Feb. 14, 1934. He died April 6, 1984. A resident of Larned since 1936, coming from Sedgwick County, she was a secretary for her husband's welding business. Mrs. Cotton was a member of First Baptist Church and Larned Belles, both of Larned. Survivors include two sons, Joseph Cotton of Wichita and Bill Cotton of Hollywood, Fla.; five grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Larned Cemetery with the Rev. John Hester officiating. Friends may call until 8 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday, all at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 17, 2001

Howard Watts 1922-2001

CLARINDA, Iowa - Howard Watts, 78, died Oct. 15 at Westridge Care Center in Clarinda. He was born Oct. 22, 1922, in Topeka, the son of Cloid and Donna Kemper Watts. He was a graduate of Perry High School in Perry. He married Lucille Barrett Nov. 28, 1941, in Topeka. A resident of Clarinda, coming from Kansas, he was a fiberglass worker in a boat factory. Watts was a U.S. Army Air Corp. veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Jerry Watts of Rose Hill; two daughters, Barb Livengood of Clarinda and Pat Jenkins of Overland Park; two brothers, Carl Watts of California and Jack Watts of Colorado; one half-brother, Danny Watts of Texas; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Bill Watts. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Walker-Merrick Funeral Home in Clarinda, with the Rev. Jeff Dowell officiating. Burial will be at Bradsville Cemetery. Friends may call from 7-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to
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Lillian; her mother, Lillian; one sister, Elizabeth; and three grandsons. Memorial service will be from 2-4 p.m. Nov. 3 at Carl

Correction

In reference to the obituary for Marilyn Kay Kalpin that was published in the Tuesday Tribune, there is an additional memorial that is suggested. Memorials are suggested to the Marilyn Kay Kalpin Memorial Fund, in care of Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend.

Bennie Schmidt 1915-2001
PLAINVILLE - Bennie Schmidt, 86, died Oct. 16 at Plainville Rural Hospital in Plainville. He was born Sept. 2, 1915, in Catherine, the son of Raymond A. and Dorothy Leikam Schmidt. He married Ann Schmidt Sept. 13, 1938, in Seven. A resident of Plainville since 1955, coming from Norton, he was a self-employed tank truck driver in the oil fields for 12 years and worked for B and J Tank Service for 18 years, as well as being a farmer in Ellis and Norton County. Schmidt was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, both of Plainville, former charter member of Swing N Wheels Square Dance Club and past vice-president of Kansas State Square Dance Association. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Robert Schmidt of Salina; three daughters, Janice Benedick of Plainville, Linette Mills of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Marla Doubra of Moberly, Mo.; two brothers, Willard Schmidt of New Castle, Okla., and Marcellus Schmidt of Englewood, Colo.; three sisters, Mary Esther Munk of Quinter, Frances Parker of Hays and Lillian Bennett of Augusta, Ga.; 13 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and seven step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Bernard W. Schmidt; one daughter, Raye Ann Smock; four brothers, Clarence Schmidt, Elmer Schmidt, Alfred Schmidt and Dan Schmidt; and two sisters, Martina Maska and Annabelle Leitz. A Sacred Heart Ladies Guild and Daughters of Isabella Rosary will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday followed by a vigil service at 7 p.m. and a Knights of Columbus Rosary at 7:30 p.m., all at the church. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Joseph S. Popelka officiating. Burial will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Plainville. Friends may call from 6-9 p.m. Thursday at Clinton’s Mortuary of Hays, from 4-8 p.m. Friday and 9-10 a.m. Saturday, at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, Sacred Heart School or Masses, all in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 17, 2001

October 18, 2001

Donald Biegler 1930-2001

TOPEKA - Donald Biegler, 70, died Oct. 17 at his home in Topeka. He was born Dec. 18, 1930, in Larned, the son of Henry and Olivia M. Heydt Biegler. He was a 1946 graduate of Larned High School. He married Carole E. Barker June 19, 1954, in Great Bend. She died Feb. 14, 1991. A resident of Topeka, coming from Salina and Horton, he worked as a retail manager for Duckwall Department and Dime Stores in Syracuse and Horton, retiring in 1987. He then worked as a department manager for Wal-Mart in Salina for nine years, retiring in 1995. Biegler was a member of Horton United Methodist Church. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in Korea. Survivors include one son, Scott Biegler of Assaria; one daughter, Brenda Volz of Topeka; two brothers, Bill Biegler of Salina and Buck Biegler of Panama City, Fla.; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Jean Biegler of Salina for nine years, retiring in 1995. Biegler was a member of Horton United Methodist Church. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in Korea. Survivors include one son, Scott Biegler of Assaria; one daughter, Brenda Volz of Topeka; two brothers, Bill Biegler of Salina and Buck Biegler of Panama City, Fla.; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Jean Biegler of Salina; one brother, Paul Keenan and Russell Bub Keen of Salina; a brother, Jerry L. Keenan of Ada, Okla.; Don George Keenan of St. John and Mark A. Keenan of Longwood, Fla.; two daughters, Mary L. Elliott of Lewisville, Texas, and Anne Steinbacher of Great Bend; five brothers, Robert Keenan, Larry Keenan, Patrick Keenan and Dennis Keenan, all of Great Bend, and Terry Keenan of Ness City; three sisters, Mary Louise Dale of Great Bend, June Klepper of Ellinwood and Gloria Ball of Seattle, Wash.; two stepbrothers, Donald Folkerts of Concordia and David Folkerts of Great Bend; two stepsisters, Glennon Rose Row of Kansas City and Georgie Ann Bauer of Pawnee Rock; 16 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sons, Lane F. Keenan and Ray M. Keenan; one daughter, Debra J. Keenan; two brothers, Paul Keenan and Russell Bub Keenan; one sister, Sylvia Chadd Lanoe; and one stepsister, Evelyn Mazierkowitz. Viola

Ruth Elaine Randolph 1917-2001

Ruth Elaine Randolph, 84, of Great Bend, died Oct. 16 at Integrated Heath Services in Great Bend. She was born Oct. 12, 1917, in Larned, Neb., the daughter of Milan and Elsie Foster Spillman. She married Ernest Randolph July 31, 1937, in Oberlin. He died Sept. 17, 1991. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Ness City and Allison, she was a restaurant worker and homemaker. Survivors include one son, Dale Randolph of Great Bend; one daughter, Deloma Foley of Elk City, Okla.; nine grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Dorothy Lewis. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home Chapel in Hoxie, with Benny Rosell officiating. Burial will be at Hoxie Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Multiple Sclerosis Society, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 18, 2001

Ora F. Keenan 1919-2001

Ora F. Keenan, 82, of Great Bend, died Oct. 17 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 18, 2001

October 19, 2001

Ora Francis Keenan 1919-2001

Ora Francis Keenan, 82, of Great Bend, died Oct. 17 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born Aug. 11, 1919, in Seward, the son of Patrick L. and Mary Hall Keenan. He married Marieda Gleason June 7, 1941, in Kinsley. Ora F. Keenan, 82, of Great Bend, died Oct. 17 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 18, 2001

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service will be at 7:30 tonight, followed by a Knights of Columbus Rosary, both at Bryant-Christsians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Revs. Warren Stecklein and Rene Guesnier officiating. Burial will be at St. Francis Xavier Cemetery in Seward, with full military honors. Friends may call until 9 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Great Bend American Legion Baseball Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 19, 2001

Madeleine Mae Hickel 1930-2001

ANCHORAGE, Alaska - Madeleine Mae Hickel, 70, died Oct. 14 at her home in Anchorage, after a lengthy illness. She was born Dec. 21, 1930, in Emporia, the daughter of Hoyt and Jeannette Hamilton. She was a 1948 graduate of Claflin High School. She married Vernon W. Hickel in January 1949. A resident of Anchorage since 1948, coming from Claflin, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Hickel was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Church, Catholic Daughters and Catholics United for the Faith, all of Anchorange. Survivors include her husband of the home; seven sons, James Hickel of Corpus Christi, Texas, Paul Hickel of Alpharetta, Ga., Peter Hickel, Vernon E. Hickel, Donald Hickel and Raymond Hickel, all of Anchorage, and Daniel Hickel of Mesa, Ariz.; eight daughters, Judith Helzer, Roberta Zipay, Marilyn Walker and Jeannette Hickel, all of Anchorage, Kathy Headlough and Mary McMillian, both of Salina; Karen Burger of Soldotna, Alaska, and Victoria Elliott of Queen Creek, Ariz.; 53 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Thomas Anthony Hickel; and one daughter, Theresa Ann Hickel Milazzo. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Holy Family Cathedral in Anchorage, with the Archbishop Roger Schwietz and Archbishop Emeritus Francis T. Hurley officiating. Burial will be at Angelus Memorial Park in Anchorage. Friends may call from 4-7:30 tonight at Evergreen Memorial Chapel in Anchorage. Memorials are suggested to Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Building Fund, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 19, 2001

Charles Nolan Gorham 1945-2001

VALLEY CENTER - Charles Nolan Gorham, 56, died Oct. 18 in Wichita. He was born Feb. 15, 1945, in Bremerton, Wash., the son of Charles Irvin and Margaret Hanstine Gorham. He married Verla Rae Warnken June 6, 1966, in Great Bend. A resident of Valley Center, he worked as an automotive parts salesman. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Kim Gorham of Santa Monica, Calif.; his mother of Newton; and one brother, Gary Gorham of Cape Girardeau, Mo. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Valley Center Assembly of God Church, with the Rev. Bobby Massey officiating. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Baker Funeral Home in Valley Center. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 19, 2001

Edward 'Eddie' Betz 1914-2001

EL DORADO - Edward "Eddie" Betz, 87, died Oct. 17 at Via Christi St. Francis Regional Medical Center in Wichita. He was born April 3, 1914, in Bison, the son of Jake and Anna Betz. He married Leona Ruggles Feb. 11, 1950, in Great Bend. She died Nov. 26, 1993. A resident of El Dorado since 1978, coming from Ness County, he was a retired farmer and cattlemann. Betz was a member of American Legion Capt. Edgar Dale Post 81 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Fred Priestly Post 1174, both of El Dorado. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include two brothers, Merle Betz of Liberal and Donnie Betz of Jetmore; and three sisters, Marchtella Stegman of Loveland, Colo., Marcheta Hogsett of Ness City and Marjorie Thomas of Denver, Colo. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Harold Betz, Jake Betz Jr., Clifford Betz and Howard Betz. Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Great Bend Cemetery in Great Bend. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Ness County Bank Building Incorporated of Ness City or Hospice Incorporated of Wichita, both in care of Kirby-Morris Funeral Home in El Dorado. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 18, 2001

Marlene Joan Urban 1934-2001

TYNDALL, S.D. - Marlene Joan Urban, 67, died Oct. 10 at Tyndall Good Samaritan Center in Tyndall. She was born June 27, 1934, in Bison, the daughter of Leo and Veronica Stramel Urban. A resident of Tyndall, coming from Great Bend, Norton, Moline, Ill., and Springfield, S.D., she was a retired Dominican Sister, working as a student teacher and nurses aid. She also worked as a clerk for Duckwalls in Norton, Thriftown Discount Store and K-Mart Corporation, both of Moline. Survivors include her mother of Norton; two brothers, Eugene Urban of Albert and Larry Urban of Norton; and one sister, Eileen Jaeger of Tyndall. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Marvin Urban and Vernon Urban; and one sister, Clarice Urban. Family memorial will be at a later date. Cremation has taken place. There is no visitation and no memorials are suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 19, 2001

October 21, 2001

DeVerila L. 'Dee' Putnam 1929-2001

HAVEN - DeVerila L. "Dee" Putnam, 72, died Oct. 18 at Hospice Residential Care Center in Hutchinson. She was born June 29, 1929, at Sterling, the daughter of Ralph E. and Eva L. Liggett Dickerson. A resident of Haven for 31 years coming from Avant, Okla., she worked for RCEC at Farris School for 10 years, RCEC-EMH Class at Elskea School, she was store manager for Haven Little Store, and was a certified dietary manager for 11 years at Haven Training Center, Haviland Rehabilitation Center and Medicine Lodge Training Center. She worked with the American Red Cross Senior Work Experience Program as an aid at the Haven Public Library. She was a member of the Haven Baptist Church, the Haven Woman's Club and The Flying Needle Club of Mount Hope; she was secretary for the Wichita district of National Dietary Managers Association. Survivors include seven sons, Michael Wyer of Hutchinson, Garry Wyer and Robert Wyer, both of Haven, Kenneth Wyer and Ralph David Wyer, both of Buhler, Glenn Wyer of Wichita and Mark Putnam of Pretty Prairie: one dauhter, Patricia A. Gould of Haven: two brothers. R.M. Dickinson
Dolores A. Herrman 1928-2001

LA CROSSE - Dolores A. Herrman, 73, died Oct. 19 at Hays. She was born July 25, 1928, in Pfeifer, the daughter of Martin and Pauline Leiker Degenhardt. She married Wilbert A. Herrman June 23, 1947, in Liebenthal. He died April 10, 1993. A resident of Liebenthal since 1947, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Herrman was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and St. Ann's Altar Society, both of Liebenthal. Survivors include one son, Darryl Herrman of La Crosse; two daughters, Janett Rogers of Liebenthal, and Kathy Tomlinson of McCracken; two brothers, the Rev. Gervase Degenhardt of Pittsburg, Pa., and Martin Degenhardt of Gauter, Miss.; five sisters, Viola Sack, Esther Burgardt, Verna Schumacher, all of Hays, Joyce Pfeifer of Liebenthal and Veronica Ditto of Everman, Texas; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Prayer service will be at 7 tonight at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse, followed at 7:30 p.m. by a St. Ann's Altar Society Rosary. Funeral will be at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Liebenthal. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church or Liebenthal Heritage Association or Masses for Dolores, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Oct. 21, 2001

Nancy Rose Herrman 1947-2001

Nancy Rose Herrman, 54, of Great Bend died Oct. 18 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born May 8, 1947, at Garden City, Mich., the daughter of Elmer and Phyllis Barck Arquette. She married James Herrman Oct. 26, 1977, in Glendale, Ariz. A resident of Great Bend since 1996, coming from Nanjemoy, Md., she was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband of the home; her parents of Garden City, Mich.; one brother, Elmer Arquette Jr. of Dearburn, Mich.; two sisters, Debbie Arquette and Lori Neal, both of Garden City, Mich. Funeral will be at Cadillac Memorial West Cemetery in Westland, Mich. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Oct. 21, 2001

Emmett 'Johnny' Kasselman 1917-2001

PAWNEE ROCK - Emmett "Johnny" Kasselman, 84, died Oct. 19 at Larned Health Care and Living Center in Larned. He was April 26, 1917, in Stafford County, the son of Henry and Sophia Dahm Kasselman. He married Norma Argyle June 5, 1937, in Ellinwood. A resident of Pawnee Rock since 1946, he was a retired farmer and stockman. Kasselman was a member of Pawnee Rock Methodist Church and Eagles Lodge in Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Keith Kasselman of Pawnee Rock, Willard Kasselman of Olsburg and Elmer Kasselman of Larned; one daughter, Edna Dutton of Yuma, Ariz.; one sister, Leona Keeler of Ellinwood; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Orville Kasselman and Melvin Kasselman; and one sister, Margaret Korth. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with the Rev. Bill Wolf officiating. Burial will be at Pawnee Rock Cemetery in Pawnee Rock. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Monday and from 9 a.m. until noon Tuesday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Oct. 21, 2001

Landon Tate Unruh 1989-2001

Landon Tate Unruh, 12, of Great Bend, died Oct. 19 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend, as the result of an accident. He was born June 24, 1989, in Wichita, the son of Rick and Tamela Langhover Unruh. A resident of Great Bend for nine years, coming from Wichita, he was a seventh-grade student at Great Bend Middle School. Unruh was a member of Assembly of God Church, Great Bend Middle School Football Team, Golden Belt Track Team, Great Bend Mariners and Seventh-grade Great Bend Panthers, all of Great Bend, the Wichita Cardinals and the McPherson Astros. Survivors include his parents of the home; two brothers, Dake Unruh and Darian Unruh, both of the home; his grandparents, Loren and Gayle Unruh of Great Bend, Duane and Pamela Langhover of Valley Center; his great-grandmothers, Eldine Shaw of Valley Center and Gladys Weathers of Great Bend. He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Connie Yeubanks Unruh. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Revs. J.P. McCamey and Joseph Voss. Burial will be at Great Bend. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, and from 9 a.m. until noon Tuesday, all at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the Landon Unruh Athletic Scholarship Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Oct. 21, 2001

October 22, 2001

Eldon J. 'Butch' Polzin 1940-2000

EMPORIA - Eldon J. "Butch" Polzin, 61, died Oct. 21, at Colmery-O'Neil Veterans Administration Hospital in Topeka. He was born May 18, 1940, in Hoisington, the son of Matt and Irene Reif Polzin. A long time resident of of Emporia, coming from Beaver, he was employed by IBP in Emporia. Polzin was a member of the Catholic church. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include three sons, Freddie Polzin of Topeka, Terry Polzin of Olathe and David Polzin of Fort Worth, Texas; his father of Hoisington; two brothers, Ron Polzin and Bill Polzin, both of Hoisington; one sister, Maxine Olivier of Danville: his companion, Darlene Huffard of
Irene Catherine Bieker 1924-2001

HAYS - Irene Catherine Bieker, 76, died Oct. 20 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. She was born Nov. 11, 1924, on a farm southwest of Hays, the daughter of Clements and Pauline Stubert Fisher. She married John P. Bieker Feb. 26, 1946, in Ellis. A resident of Hays, she worked as a clerk for the Jack and Jill Shop and was a waitress and former Travenol employee. Mrs. Bieker was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Veterans Foreign Wars Auxiliary and former member of Sunflower Polka Club, all of Hays. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Kenneth Lee Bieker of Ozwakie and Duane Francis Bieker of Hays; two daughters, Kathleen Ann Schmidt of Wichita and Paula Jean Johnson of Meriden; five brothers, Alfred Fisher of Palco, Wilfred Fisher and Clarence Fisher, both of Hays, Edwin Fisher of Ellis and Robert Fisher of Marysville; two sisters, Esther Bieker of Ellis and Helen Pfeifer of Hays; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. A VFW Auxiliary service will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday, followed by a parish vigil service at 6:30 p.m., both at Hays Memorial Chapel in Hays. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Revs. Don Zimmerman and David Metz officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery in Ellis. Friends may call from 2-4 p.m. and from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday and from 9-9:45 a.m., all at the memorial chapel. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the memorial chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 22, 2001

Charles Jay Parker 1956-2001

STAFFORD - Charles Jay Parker, 45, died Oct. 20 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born March 18, 1956, in Stafford, the son of William H. and Doris McKinney Parker. He was a graduate of Macksville High School and attended Dodge City Community College. He married Ginny Hendershot July 28, 1979, in Wakeeny. A resident of Stafford for 10 years, he worked as a certified crop specialist for Zenith Co-op for 10 years and was a salesman for Moss Sales and Service in Salina. Parker was a member of Pleasant Hill Church of the Nazarene in Sylvia, eight year member of Promise Keepers and six year member of Stafford USD 349 Board of Education. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Adam C. Parker of McPherson and Andrew C. Parker of the home; two daughters, Libby M. Parker and Sarah B. Parker, both of the home; his mother of Stafford; and three brothers, Bob Parker of Tulsa, Okla., Jerry Parker of Indianapolis, Ind. and David Parker of New Braunfels, Texas. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. John Miller officiating. Burial will be at Hopewell Cemetery in Hopewell. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the Parker Children Education Fund, established by Moss Sales and Service, in care of Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 22, 2001

Catarino Rubio 1923-2001

HOISINGTON - Catarino Rubio, 78, died Oct. 20 at his residence in Hoisington. He was born April 30, 1923, in Alamagordo, N.M., the son of Willie and Emelia Maciel Rubio. He married Mary L. Arguello Sept. 11, 1944, in Raton, N.M. A resident of Hoisington, coming from Pueblo, Colo., he worked for both Union Pacific Railroad and Santa Fe Railroad and retired from Hoisington Cheese Plant. Rubio was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Martin Rubio of Hoisington and Johnny Rubio of Rushville, Pa.; seven daughters, Josephine Merchant of Seaside, Calif., Frances Hoch, Kathy Noblitt and Bernice Baker, all of Hoisington, Irene Gallentine of Long Beach, Miss., Ramona Hoch of Hoisington and Juanita Heinrich of Great Bend; two sisters, Alberta Berunda of Long Beach, Calif. and Jessie Delgado of Denver, Colo.; 31 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Willie Rubio; four brothers; three sisters; and three grandchildren. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery in Hoisington. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 22, 2001

Dori Ann Mead 1964-2001

PAWNEE ROCK - Dori Ann Mead, 36, died Oct. 21 at Select Specialty Hospital in Topeka. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 22, 2001

Paul J. Stecklein 1917-2001

Paul J. Stecklein, 84, of Great Bend, died Oct. 21 at Integrated Health Services of Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 22, 2001

Paul E. Healy 1923-2001

McCRACKEN - Paul E. Healy, 78, died Oct. 21 at Veterans Administration Medical Center in Wichita. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 22, 2001

October 23, 2001
Dori Ann Mead 1964-2001

PAWNEE ROCK - Dori Ann Mead, 36, died Oct. 21 at Select Specialty Hospital in Topeka. She was born Nov. 9, 1964, in Honolulu, Hawaii, the daughter of Thomas Sr. and Karen Nakamio Rodrigues. She married Terry A. Mead May 13, 1993, in Honolulu. A resident of Great Bend and Pawnee Rock since 1995, coming from Honolulu, she worked at Great Bend Industries. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Richard L. I. Mead of the home; two daughters, Doreena P. Rodrigues of Honolulu and Trixsi K. Rodrigues of Larned; her father of Kona, Hawaii; her mother of Honolulu; and three brothers, Thomas Rodrigues Jr. and Terrance Rodrigues, both of Honolulu, and Dominic Rodrigues of Newark, N.J. She was preceded in death by one brother, Donovan Rodrigues. Memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home Chapel in Great Bend, with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. There will be no visitation, cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Dori Ann Mead's Children's Education Fund or Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice of Great Bend, both in care of the funeral home.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 23, 2001

Paul J. Stecklein 1917-2001

Paul J. Stecklein, 84, of Great Bend, died Oct. 21 at Integrated Health Services of Great Bend. He was born Feb. 4, 1917, in Munjor, the son of John and Mary Wasinger Stecklein. He married Wilma Harwell May 18, 1965, in Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend since 1945, coming from Munjor, he worked as an electrical contractor and owner of Paul's Electric in Great Bend. Stecklein was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; and two brothers, Clarence Stecklein of Hays and Nicholas Stecklein of Munjor. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Victor Stecklein, Richard Stecklein and Ralph Stecklein; and two sisters, Regina Brungardt and Frances Orr. Vigil service will be at 7 tonight at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Francis Catholic Church in Munjor. Burial will be at St. Francis Cemetery in Munjor. Friends may call until 9 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to ElderCare, in care of the funeral home.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 23, 2001

Benjamin Scheuerman 1901-2001

OTIS - Benjamin Scheuerman, 100, died Oct. 22 at Integrated Health Services of Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 23, 2001

Alvina M. Keil 1914-2001

RUSSELL - Alvina M. Keil, 87, died Oct. 22 at Salina Regional Health Center, Santa Fe Campus in Salina. She was born Aug. 10, 1914, in Barton County, near Milberger, the daughter of Philip and Sophia Herdt Miller. She married Ruebin Keil in 1933. He died in 1977. A resident of the Russell area most of her life, she was a homemaker and worked at Russell's Inn, in the kitchen making salads. Mrs. Keil was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Russell. Survivors include two sons, Eugene Keil of Great Bend and Gary Keil of Salina; two daughters, Arlena Nickelson of Gothenburg, Neb., and Maryann Keil of Russell; two brothers, Emanuel Miller of Hoisington and Melvin Miller of Hutchinson; one sister, Lenora Music of Hutchinson; 13 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three sons, Jerry Keil, and infants Lester Keil and Glenn Keil; three brothers, Herman Miller, Earl Miller and Marvin Miller; and one grandson, Ivan Bridges. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Henry Hartman officiating. Burial will be at St. John Lutheran Cemetery in Russell. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Pohlman's Mortuary in Russell and from 9:30 a.m. until service time Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or American Heart Association, both in care of the mortuary.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 23, 2001

Berenita Ross 1916-2001

ELLINWOOD - Berenita Ross, 84, died Oct. 22 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Kimple Inc. Funeral Home in Ellinwood.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 23, 2001

Addendum

In addition to the survivors of Catarino Rubio, whose obituary was published in Monday's edition of the Great Bend Tribune, is sister Antonia Medina of Denver, Colo.

October 24, 2001

Berenita M. Ross 1916-2001

ELLINWOOD - Berenita M. Ross, 84, died Oct. 22 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Kimple Inc. Funeral Home in Ellinwood.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 23, 2001

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October 24, 2001

Berenita M. Ross 1916-2001

ELLINWOOD - Berenita M. Ross, 84, died Oct. 22 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born Dec. 11, 1916, in Collyer, the daughter of Henry and Bertha Carpenter Power. She married Francis Ross Oct. 2, 1944, in Collyer. A longtime resident of Ellinwood, she was a retired teacher, working at St. Joseph Catholic School for 24 years. Mrs. Ross was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Altar Society and Daughters of Isabella, all of Ellinwood. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Francis Ross and Terry Ross, both of Wichita and Kurt Ross of Evergreen, Colo.; one sister,
Ellen Ehler  1934-2001

HOLYROOD - Ellen Ehler, 67, died Oct. 22 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born March 12, 1934, in Ellsworth, the daughter of Theodore and Thelma Hays Wilkens. She married Harold Ehler Feb. 14, 1954, in Lorraine. A lifelong resident of Ellsworth County, she was a homemaker, former secretary at USD 328 and worked at Craftworld in Ellsworth. Mrs. Ehler was a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Holroyd. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Russell Ehler of Holyrood; two daughters, Cynthia Waugh of Arkansas City and Kimberly Howard of Hutchinson; one brother, Glen Wilkens of Overland Park; and five grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Mary Lou Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. Paul's United Church of Christ Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Parsons Funeral Home in Ellsworth. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 24, 2001

John C. Woelk Jr.  1920-2001

RUSSELL - John C. Woelk Jr., 81, died Oct. 19 at Hospice Austin's Christopher House in Austin, Texas. He was born July 21, 1920, in rural Russell, the son of John C. and Katherine Meier Woelk. He graduated from Russell High School in 1938 and attended Fort Hays State University. He is a 1948 graduate of Washburn University Law School. He married Mary Wooster May 29, 1943, in Hays. A longtime resident of Russell, he was a lawyer. Woelk served as Russell County Attorney, Kansas state senator, chairman of the Kansas State Board of Social Welfare, member of Kansas Corporation Commission and local school board. He was a U.S. Marine Corps. veteran of World War II, serving as a pilot in the Pacific Theater of operations. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Chris Woelk of Lexington, Mo. and Bill Woelk of Wichita; two daughters, Cynthia Woelk and Sarah Woelk, both of Austin, Texas; and five grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at First Congregation Church in Russell at a later date. There is no visitation at this time. Memorials are suggested to Russell Habitat for Humanity or the church. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 24, 2001

Omar Lennen  1928-2001

CARROLLTON, Texas - Omar Lennen, 72, died Oct. 15. He was born Nov. 16, 1928, in Muskogee, Okla. He attended Great Bend schools, graduating in 1946. He married Shirley Lennen in 1985. A resident of Carrollton, he worked for Boeing Airplane Company in Wichita, The Burford Company International in Dallas, Texas, and from 1981 until his death was president and owner of Packaging Machinery Turnkey Systems. Lennen was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving in the Philippines from 1946 to 1948 as a See Bee. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Monica Lennen; one sister, Louise Rutherford; five grandchildren and one great-grandson. Memorial service will be at noon Saturday at Lebanon Baptist Church in Frisco, Texas. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 24, 2001

Carolyn Sue 'Butch' Beasley  1941-2001

PALISADES, Colo. - Carolyn Sue "Butch" Beasley, 60, died Oct. 22 at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, Mo. She was born Oct. 5, 1941, in Seminole, Okla., the daughter of Hugh L. and Ella Mae Irvin Cook. She attended schools in Hays and Logan and graduated from Fort Hays State University. She married Robert W. Beasley in July 1960. A resident of Palisades, she worked in accounting, the medical field and as a medical transcriptionist. Mrs. Beasley was a member of the First Baptist Church and Order of the Eastern Star, both in Hays. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Jeffrey Paul Beasley of Palisades; her mother of Hays; one brother, Jerry Cook of Arlington, Texas; and two sisters, Patricia Rundles of Franklin, Neb. and Judy Channell of Hays. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home in Hays, with the Rev. Gary Simon and Bob Cook officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Allen Cemetery in Hays. Friends may call from 4-6 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 24, 2001

Ben F. Scheuerman  1901-2001

OTIS - Ben F. Scheuerman, 100, died Oct. 22 at Integrated Health Services of Great Bend. He was born Sept. 11, 1901 in Otis, the son of J.C. and Mary Stieben Scheuerman. He married Dena Hergert Nov. 30, 1924, in Otis. She died Sept. 9, 1996. A longtime resident of Otis, he was a banker at Bazine State Bank from 1944 to 1962 and was president of Otis State Bank from 1962 until his retirement in 1971. Scheuerman was a member of United Methodist Church and Lions Club, both of Otis. Survivors include two sons, Gail Scheuerman and Paul Scheuerman, both of Otis; one daughter, Orva Jean Wolfe of Bucklin; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Claude Scheuerman; and two sisters, Mathilda Schlegel and Alta Scheuerman. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Kathy Bannister officiating. Burial will be at Methodist Cemetery in Otis. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington and from 9:30 until service time Thursday, at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 24, 2001

Paul E. Healy  1923-2001
Russell - Agnes Dietz, 94, died Oct. 24 at Russell Regional Hospital in Russell. She was born Aug. 18, 1907, in Lecii, the daughter of George Henry and Marie Magdelena Mai Gideon. She attended school in the Milberger area. She married Ernest R. Dietz Sept. 29, 1935. He died Sept. 10, 1982. A longtime resident of the Russell area, she was a homemaker, a cook at Simpson Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 25, 2001

LARNED - Geneva P. "Ginny" Hullett, 67, died Oct. 24 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus in Larned. She was born Nov. 19, 1933, in Pulaski, Va., the daughter of William G. and Sarah May Quesenberry Phillips. She married Kenneth W. Hullett Sept. 15, 1972 in Ft. Belvior, Va. A resident of Larned since 1977, coming from Ft. Belvior, she was a homemaker and babysitter. Mrs. Hullett was a member of the Nazarene Church in Great Bend. Survivors include two sons, Bill Drewmond and George Lloyd, both of Great Bend; one daughter, Irene Sargent of Great Bend; two stepdaughters, Elsie Bell of Iola and Florence Rosenberger of Hastings, Mich.; 11 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and 22 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Ira Lee Lloyd; one daughter, Gladys Ashe; one brother, Elmer Niedens; and three sisters, Mollie Niedens, Pamla Niedens and Olinda Niedens. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. at Fryberger Mortuary in Great Bend, with the Rev. Mark Pennington officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 25, 2001

Lillie M. "Grandma Lloyd" Nagunst 1896-2001

Lillie M. "Grandma Lloyd" Nagunst, 105, of Great Bend, died Oct. 23 at Integrated Health Services of Great Bend. She was born May 1, 1896, in Russell, the daughter of George J. and Mary K. Krug Niedens. She married Ed Ashe, Ira Clark Lloyd and Otto Nagunst. They all preceded her in death. A longtime resident of Barton County, she was a homemaker and babysitter. Mrs. Nagunst was a member of the Nazarene Church in Great Bend. Survivors include two sons, Bill Drewmond and George Lloyd, both of Great Bend; one daughter, Irene Sargent of Great Bend; two stepdaughters, Elsie Bell of Iola and Florence Rosenberger of Hastings, Mich.; 11 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and 22 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Ira Lee Lloyd; one daughter, Gladys Ashe; one brother, Elmer Niedens; and three sisters, Mollie Niedens, Pamla Niedens and Olinda Niedens. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. at Fryberger Mortuary in Great Bend, with the Rev. Mark Pennington officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 25, 2001

Verna M. Batchman 1912-2001

Verna M. Batchman, 89, of Great Bend, died Oct. 24 at Integrated Health Services of Great Bend. She was born July 2, 1912, in Barton County, the daughter of Walter and Agnes Hurt Pedigo. She married August Faber in 1932. He died in 1947. She married Chester Batchman May 28, 1951, in Great Bend. He died Dec. 11, 1995. A lifelong resident of Great Bend, she worked at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. Mrs. Batchman was a member of First United Methodist Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, both in Great Bend. Survivors include two brothers, Duane Pedigo of Great Bend and Wilbur Pedigo of Iuka; one sister, Marian Brough of Great Bend; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two daughters, Betty Jacobs and Loretta Morrison; two brothers, Alvin Pedigo and Howard Pedigo; and one sister, Vera Brown. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Revs. Ron Day and Ken Beckner officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 25, 2001

Agnes Dietz 1907-2001

Russell - Agnes Dietz, 94, died Oct. 24 at Russell Regional Hospital in Russell. She was born Aug. 18, 1907, in Lecii, the daughter of George Henry and Marie Magdelena Mai Gideon. She attended school in the Milberger area. She married Ernest R. Dietz Sept. 29, 1935. He died Sept. 10, 1982. A longtime resident of the Russell area, she was a homemaker, a cook at Simpson School and Ala Fern Nursino Home and was a custodian at Home State Bank in Russell. Mrs. Dietz was a member of St. John
MANHATTAN - Velda M. Deutsch, 61, died Oct. 22 at her home in Manhattan. She was born April 13, 1940, in Hoisington, the daughter of Otto H. and Alvina Diederich Deutsch. She was a 1958 graduate of Hoisington High School. She graduated from Brown Mackie School of Business in Salina. A resident of Manhattan, coming from Great Bend and Hoisington, she worked in the Office of Economic Analysis at Kansas State University as a secretary and administrative assistant. She attended the Lutheran church. Survivors include one brother, Duane Deutsch of Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 26, 2001

Cody Kent Gatton 1983-2001

MACKSVILLE - Cody Kent Gatton, 18, died Oct. 24 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born Jan. 5, 1983, in Ralston, Okla., the son of Danny Kent and Mary Margaret Gatton. He was a 2001 graduate of St. John High School. A resident of Stafford, he was a student industrial equipment mechanic with John Deere Company. Gatton was a member of First Baptist Church of St. John and National Rifle Association. Survivors include his parents of Stafford; two sisters, Casey Michelle Gatton and Emily Jean Gatton, both of Stafford; his grandparents, Vigil and Vinita Gatton of Stafford and Bill and Margaret Symms of St. John; and his great-grandmothers, Edna Fox of St. John and Faye Gatton of Ellinwood. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. David A. Ford officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Cemetery in Hudson. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Minnis Chapel in St. John. Memorials are suggested to American Red Cross, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 26, 2001

John R. Kelty Sr. 1923-2001

LARNED - John R. Kelty Sr., 78, died Oct. 24 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus in Larned. He was born Oct. 18, 1923, in Ralston, Okla., the son of C.W. and Margaret Price Kelty. He married Virginia Grace Cook March 6, 1943. She died Sept. 15, 1986. He married Margaret Ward. A resident of Larned since 1998, coming from Jetmore, he was a retired mechanic and truck driver. He was a member of the Christian church. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, John R. Kelty Jr. of Larned; one brother, Jack Kelty of Stillwater, Okla.; two sisters, Wanda Autin of Tulsa, Okla. and Dorothy Tillman of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; 15 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Fairmont Cemetery in Jetmore, with the Rev. Jo Clipson officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and from noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, all at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 26, 2001

Mary Sue Link Gillen Ackerman 1927-2001

ELLINWOOD - Mary Sue Link Gillen Ackerman, 73, died Oct. 24 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Kimple Inc. Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 25, 2001

October 26, 2001

Mary Sue Link Gillen Ackerman 1927-2001

ELLINWOOD - Mary Sue Link Gillen Ackerman, 73, died Oct. 24 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. She was born Nov. 30, 1927, in Lyons, the daughter of Paul and Marie Deustch Link. She was a graduate of Chase High School in Chase. She married Phillip Gillen Aug. 29, 1945, in Anaheim, Calif. He died Jan. 4, 1980. She married Thomas Ackerman July 7, 1982, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. He died May 15, 1996. A lifelong resident of Barton and Rice Counties, she was retired from Farmer's State Bank in Great Bend and a homemaker. Mrs. Ackerman was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Altar Society and Eucharistic minister, all of Ellinwood. Survivors include two sons, Don Gillen of Schauburg, Ill. and David Gillen of Wichita; three brothers, James Link of Longview, Wash., John Link of Vancouver, Wash. and Amie Link of Chehalis, Wash.; four sisters, Marilyn Muth of Vernal, Utah, JoAnn Taylor of Hobbs, N.M., Carolyn Schoenhofer of Lyons and Kathleen Link of Great Bend; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Maurice Link. Altar Society Rosary will be at 3 p.m. today at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Vigil service will be at 7 tonight at the church. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Revs. David Flager and Jack Maes officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call until 8 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Ellinwood Ambulance Fund or St. Joseph's School Endowment Fund, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 26, 2001

Velda M. Deutsch 1940-2001

MANHATTAN - Velda M. Deutsch, 61, died Oct. 22 at her home in Manhattan. She was born April 13, 1940, in Hoisington, the daughter of Otto H. and Alvina Diederich Deutsch. She was a 1958 graduate of Hoisington High School. She graduated from Brown Mackie School of Business in Salina. A resident of Manhattan, coming from Great Bend and Hoisington, she worked in the Office of Economic Analysis at Kansas State University as a secretary and administrative assistant. She attended the Lutheran church. Survivors include one brother, Duane Deutsch of Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with the Rev. Garry Dassow officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington City Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home in Manhattan and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday at the funeral home in Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to KSU Department of Economics, in care of the funeral home in Manhattan. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 26, 2001
Marquette Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. today at Parsons Funeral Home in Ellsworth, and from 1-2 p.m. Monday at Gabel Highland Chapel in Lawrence. Memorials are suggested to the church, Immanuel Lutheran Childhood Center, Topeka United Methodist Church in Marquette, and AA of Ellsworth. Survivors include one son, Wayne Emerson Schultz of rural Stafford, coming from Brownsville, Texas, he worked as a terminal manager of oil transportation for Champlain and Citgo companies. Roush was a member of Stafford County Country Club, where he was on the board of directors for the golf course, American Legion of Stafford and Moose Lodge of Hutchinson. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include one son, Mike Roush of Stafford; one daughter, Sandi Koster of St. John; one brother, Frank Roush of Stafford; two sisters, Lois Guthrie of Midland, Texas, and Lucille Keller of Arlington; and one grandson. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Stafford Cemetery with the Rev. Guy Elliott officiating. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Tuesday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or Stafford County Country Club, both in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Oct. 29, 2001

Wayne H. Rader 1935-2001

LAWRENCE - Wayne H. Rader, 66, died Oct. 26 at his residence in Lawrence. He was born Jan. 11, 1935 in Hutchinson, the son of I.J. and Ann Tohm Rader. He was a 1953 graduate of Ellinwood High School and a 1962 graduate of The University of Kansas. He married Jean E. Schermerhorn May 9, 1961 in Lakeland, Fla. a resident of Lawrence since 1999 coming from Topeka. He worked at the United States Department of Agriculture and the Internal Revenue Service. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son John Rader of Topeka; and one sister Evelyn Roth of Ellinwood. Funeral will be at 10 a.m., Monday at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lawrence. Entombment will be in Mount Hope Mausoleum in Topeka. Friends may call from 7-9 p.m. today at Penwell-Gabel Highland Chapel in Lawrence. Memorials are suggested to the church, Immanuel Lutheran Childhood Center, Topeka Association for retarded citizens, Sheltered Living Inc., Hope Lutheran Church, or Hospice Care in Douglas County all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Oct. 28, 2001

October 29, 2001

Melvin Roush 1930-2001

STAFFORD - Melvin Roush, 71, died Oct. 27 at Stafford District Hospital in Stafford. He was born May 25, 1930, in Preston, the son of Enos and Gladys Aves Roush. He married S. Irene Trammell June 29, 1953, in Wichita. She died May 9, 1999. A resident of Stafford, coming from Brownsville, Texas, he worked as a terminal manager of oil transportation for Champlain and Citgo companies. Roush was a member of Stafford County Country Club, where he was on the board of directors for the golf course, American Legion of Stafford and Moose Lodge of Hutchinson. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include one son, Mike Roush of Stafford; one daughter, Sandi Koster of St. John; one brother, Frank Roush of Stafford; two sisters, Lois Guthrie of Midland, Texas, and Lucille Keller of Arlington; and one grandson. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Stafford Cemetery with the Rev. Guy Elliott officiating. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Tuesday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or Stafford County Country Club, both in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Oct. 29, 2001

Jacqueline "Jacque" Ann Copeland 1939-2001

HUTCHINSON - Jacqueline "Jacque" Ann Copeland, 61, died Oct. 28 at Mount Hope Nursing Center in Mount Hope. She was born Nov. 29, 1939, in Clinton, Okla., the daughter of Silbert and Ella Bruner Lannman. She was a 1958 graduate of Capron High School in Capron, Okla., and received her bachelor's degree from Northwest State University in Alva, Okla. She married John Copeland Nov. 17, 1974, in Colorado Springs, Colo. A resident of Hutchinson for eight years, coming from Capron, she was coordinator of supported employment for Horizon's. Mrs. Copeland was a member of First Church of God in Hutchinson. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Robert O. Coffey II of Taylorsville, Utah, and Brian C. Coffey of Hinesville, Ga.; her mother of South Hutchinson; one brother, Kim B. Lannman of Fort Collins, Colo.; three sisters, Charlotte Teichmann of Great Bend, Janet Lannman and Gael Irvine, both of Palmer, Alaska; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Kevin J. Coffey; and one grandchild. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Elliott Mortuary Chapel in Hutchinson, with the Revs. John J. Carney and Kim Lannman officiating. Church and burial service will be Wednesday at Union Center Cemetery in rural Alva. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or Life Community Church of Fort Collins, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Oct. 29, 2001

October 28, 2001

Lawrence H. Koster 1917-2001

CAWKER CITY - Lawrence H. Koster, 84, died Oct. 24. He was born Aug. 23, 1917, south of Cawker City. He married Rosemary Koster. A resident of Cawker City, he was a farmer and carpenter. Koster was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Cawker City. Survivors include his wife of the home; four sons, Earl Koster of Longmont, Colo.; Art Koster of Winona, Larry Koster of Great Bend and Brian Koster of Jewett; two sisters, Leona Gasper of Tipton and Margaret Harvey of Lincoln, Neb.; and nine grandchildren. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at the church. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church. Burial will be at Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Cawker City. Friends may call at Waconda Funeral Home in Cawker City. Memorials are suggested to the church or Kansas Lung Association, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Oct. 26, 2001

Ernest Carl Schultz 1914-2001

BROOKVILLE - Ernest Carl Schultz, 87, died Oct. 25 at Riverview Estates in Marquette. He was born April 25, 1914 in Ellsworth County, the son of Carl Frank Frederick and Elva O. Fry Schultz. He married Luise Marie Siemsen June 10, 1936 at Geneseo. She died May 9, 1995. A lifetime resident of Ellsworth county, he was a retired farmer and rancher. Schultz was a member of United Methodist Church in Marquette, and AA of Ellsworth. Survivors include one son, Wayne Emerson Schultz of rural Marquette; one daughter, Erna Carleen Erin Stevens of Falls Church, Va.; one sister, Elva Louise "Dolly" Bettenbrock of Ellsworth; six grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandson. He was preceded in death by one son John Schultz, and one brother Lyman Schultz. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Larry Brock officiating. Burial will be at Marquette Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. today at Parsons Funeral Home in Ellsworth, and from 1-2 p.m. Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or AA of Ellsworth both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Oct. 28, 2001

October 28, 2001
RUSSELL - Kellis Counts, 92, died Oct. 29 at Russell Regional Hospital in Russell. He was born March 24, 1909, in Peru, the son of Fred M. and Sophia Ellen Peeler Counts. He married Sylvia Josephine Weese Sept. 17, 1929, in Russell. She died June 14, 1986. A resident of Russell, coming from Fairport and southeast Kansas, he worked as an oil field pumper for T.C. Johnson Estate for 60 years, as well as owning and operating Fairport Well Service for a few years. Counts was a member of First Christian Church in Russell. Survivors include one son, Marion Counts of Russell; one daughter, Vinita Finnesy of Goodland; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Rosary service will be at 7 tonight at the church. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Friends Chapel Church in Coyle, Okla., with the Rev. Merl Kinser officiating. Burial will be at Oak Grove Cemetery in Coyle. Friends may call from 3-5 p.m. today at Strode Funeral Home in Norman. Memorials are suggested to the church or the cemetery, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 30, 2001

September 30, 2001

Sylvia Orth Turnis 1937-2001

WICHITA - Sylvia Orth Turnis, 64, died Oct. 28. She was born May 3, 1937, the daughter of John and Helen Carr Orth. She married Mark Turnis. A resident of Wichita, she was a sacristan of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Wichita. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Mo Turnis of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and one grandchild. Rosary service will be at 7 tonight at the church. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Paul Catholic Church Cemetery in Worthington, Iowa. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church or American Red Cross, both in care of Downing and Lahey Mortuary and Crematory in Wichita. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 30, 2001

Eva Felton Engel 1906-2001

LA CROSSE - Eva Felton Engel, 95, died Oct. 28 at Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse. She was born May 10, 1906, in Great Bend, the daughter of Albert and Maude Hurt Korn. She married Samuel Felton Oct. 20, 1923, in Great Bend. He died in 1943. A resident of La Crosse, she worked as a nurse's aid before retirement. Mrs. Engel was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Salina. Survivors include one son, Jim Felton of Loveland, Colo.; one daughter, Alyce Allen of Bison; one sister, Hazel Lindenmeyer of Salina; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Randall Korn; and three sisters, Virgie Hargrave, Margaret Wooster and Velma Waite. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Roselawn Memorial Park in Salina, with the Rev. Thomas P. Reid officiating. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Rush County Nursing Home, in care of Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 30, 2001

Kellis Counts 1909-2001

RUSSELL - Kellis Counts, 92, died Oct. 29 at Russell Regional Hospital in Russell. He was born March 24, 1909, in Peru, the son of Fred M. and Sophia Ellen Peeler Counts. He married Sylvia Josephine Weese Sept. 17, 1929, in Russell. She died June 14, 1986. A resident of Russell, coming from Fairport and southeast Kansas, he worked as an oil field pumper for T.C. Johnson Estate for 60 years, as well as owning and operating Fairport Well Service for a few years. Counts was a member of First Christian Church in Russell. Survivors include one son, Marion Counts of Russell; one daughter, Vinita Finnesy of Goodland; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Rosary service will be at 7 tonight at the church. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Friends Chapel Church in Coyle, Okla., with the Rev. Merl Kinser officiating. Burial will be at Oak Grove Cemetery in Coyle. Friends may call from 3-5 p.m. today at Strode Funeral Home in Norman. Memorials are suggested to the church or the cemetery, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 30, 2001
grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sons, Merle Counts and Kellis Counts Jr.; two brothers, Elba Counts and Frank Counts; five sisters, Lottie Mills, Loretta Newman, Lucille Warner, Vida Schmidt and Rosie Brady; and one granddaughter, Stephanie Seirer. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Pohlman's Mortuary Memorial Chapel in Russell with the Revs. Louie Encinias and Harlan Kaden officiating. Burial will be at Russell Cemetery in Russell. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Russell Regional Hospital, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 30, 2001

Frances M. Debes  1916-2001

STAFFORD COUNTY - Frances M. Debes, 84, died Oct. 28 at Ellinwood District Hospital in Ellinwood. She was born Nov. 26, 1916, in Stafford County, the daughter of Thomas J. and Theresa Monger Keeley. She married William N. "Bill" Debes June 1, 1938, in Great Bend. He died Feb. 21, 1986. A lifelong resident of Stafford County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Debes was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Altar Society and life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111 Auxiliary, all of Great Bend, and longtime member of Lincoln EHU in Stafford County. Survivors include two sons, William E. Debes of Hutchinson and Herman L. Debes of Great Bend; one daughter, Caroline F. Moeder of Rose Hill; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Loren Thomas Debes; and one sister, Irene Sparkman. Altar Society Rosary will be at 4 p.m. Thursday and Scriptural Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, both at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Revs. Warren Stocklein and Rene Guesnier officiating. Burial will be at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Stafford. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family School Endowment Fund or Radium Ranger Senior Citizen Center, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 30, 2001

Pauline Williams  1911-2001

Pauline Williams, 90, of Great Bend, died Oct. 14 at Integrated Health Service of Great Bend. She was born Feb. 22, 1911. She was a resident of Great Bend. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star and an officer in the White Shrine of Jerusalem. Survivors include several cousins. Burial was at Great Bend Cemetery with Fryberger Mortuary taking care of the funeral arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 30, 2001

Orlando Steinert  1921-2001

Orlando Steinert, 80, of Great Bend, died Oct. 29 at Integrated Health Services of Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 30, 2001

Ida May Slaymaker  1902-2001

Ida May Slaymaker, 99, of Great Bend, died Oct. 29 at Integrated Health Services of Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 30, 2001

October 31, 2001

Ida May Slaymaker  1902-2001

Ida May Slaymaker, 99, of Great Bend, died Oct. 29 at Integrated Health Services of Great Bend. She was born Jan. 14, 1902, in Admire, the daughter of Jay and Nellie Bair Jarvis. She married Lawrence A. Slaymaker Sept. 23, 1922, in Admire. He died March 27, 1977. A resident of Great Bend since January 2000, coming from El Dorado, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Slaymaker was a member of First Christian Church in Potwin. Survivors include two sons, L.J. Slaymaker of Grove, Okla. and Marvin Slaymaker of Pampa, Texas; two daughters, Helen L. Morgan of Great Bend and Joyce Austin of Afton, Okla.; 14 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Ray Jarvis, Curtis Jarvis and Clive Jarvis. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Rick McNary officiating. Graveside service will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Prairie Lawn Cemetery in Peabody. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend and from 10 a.m. until service time Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 31, 2001

Alma K. Throckmorton  1904-2001

GARNETT - Alma K. Throckmorton, 96, died Oct. 30 at Anderson County Long Term Care in Garnett. She was born Dec. 14, 1904, in Amiot, the daughter of John and Minnie Gilliland Riser. She married Warren Throckmorton Nov. 26, 1942. He died June 28, 1985. A resident of Garnett, coming from Hisington, she was an elementary school teacher. Mrs. Throckmorton was a member of United Methodist Church and International Chapter P.E.O. Sisterhood, both of Garnett, UNA Chapter 119 and Eastern Star, both of Hoisington, Alpha Gamma Kansas Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and past member of National Association of Retired and Veteran Railway Employees, Incorporated. Unit 142. Survivors include several cousins. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Farris-Feuerborn Memorial Chapel in Garnett, with the Rev. Gary Benjamin officiating. Burial will be at Garnett Cemetery in Garnett. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the Throckmorton-Riser Foundation, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 31, 2001
November 1, 2001

Agnes Staudinger 1911-2001

WILSON - Agnes Staudinger, 90, died Oct. 30. She was born Jan. 24, 1911, in Russell County, the daughter of Frank J. Sr and Barbara Vopat Zeman. She married Anton Staudinger. He died in July 1971. A resident of Wilson, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Staudinger was a member of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church and Daughter of Isabela, both of Wilson. Survivors include two sons, Ray Staudinger of Wilson and Leonard Staudinger of Haysington; two daughters, Clara Stithem of Salina and Roselle Williams of Vancouver, Wash.; one brother, Frank Zeman Jr of Salina; six sisters, Anna Staudinger of Great Bend, Barbara Hlaus and Alice Homeier, both of Wilson, Mary Gerritzen of Little River, Sister Mary Leo Zeman of Grand Island, Neb. and Josephine Hinnenkamp of Salina; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and five step-grandchildren. Vigil service followed by a Daughters of Isabela Rosary at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Foster Mortuary in Wilson. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church. Burial will be at the church cemetery in Wilson. Friends may call from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church or Wilson Nursing Center in Wilson, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 1, 2001

Wynema Williamson

Wynema Williamson, 67, of Great Bend, died Oct. 31 at her home. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Fryberger Mortuary in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 1, 2001

Marjorie A. Cauthen 1927-2001

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - Marjorie A. Cauthen, 73, died Oct. 28 in Albuquerque. She was born Oct. 31, 1927, in Great Bend, the daughter of James Harvey and Laida Helen Lewis McCarty. She married Robert B. Cauthen in Truth or Consequences, N.M. He died in 1977. A longtime resident of Albuquerque, coming from Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Survivors include one son, Robert Bruce of Spring Branch, Texas; three daughters, Suzanne "Suzie" Gaffney and Constance "Connie" Kelly, both of Albuquerque and Marilyn Cauthen of Lafayette, La.; three sisters, Helen Gleason, Jean O'Rourke and Roberta Witte; and nine grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two grandsons, Joseph and Michael. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at French Mortuary in Albuquerque. Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Park in Albuquerque. Friends may call from 4-7 p.m. Friday, at the mortuary. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 1, 2001

Carter Michael Haney 2001-2001

LARNED - Carter Michael Haney, 6 days old, died Oct. 30 at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Mo. He was born Oct. 24 in Great Bend, the son of Michael and Carrie Stude Haney. Survivors include his parents of Larned; one sister, Micaelyn LeeAnn Haney; his grandparents, Larry and Marilyn Stude and Randy and Betty Haney, all of Larned; and his great-grandparents, Melburn and Joyce Stude of Garfield and Dave and Marilyn Warkentine of Larned. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at First Christian Church in Larned, with the Rev. Charles Grant, Ken Walker and Dan Lundgren officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, all at Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Memorials are suggested to Ronald McDonald House or the donor's choice, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 1, 2001

November 2, 2001

Eva Dorothy Kastning 1914-2001

ST. JOHN - Eva Dorothy Kastning, 86, died Oct. 31 at Leisure Homestead in St. John. She was born Nov. 26, 1914, in Thornfield, Mo., the daughter of George Anderson and Gracie Kastning. She married Marvin I. Kastning Sept. 20, 1936, in Powersite, Mo. He preceded her in death. A resident of St. John, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Kastning was a member of First Missionary Baptist Church in St. John. Survivors include two sons, George Kastning of St. John and Leonard Kastning of El Paso, Texas; two daughters, Virginia Myers of Ponca City, Okla., and Velda Young of St. John; one brother, Alvie Johnson of Ava, Mo.; two sisters, Lucy Parker of Macksville and Mildred Turner of Ellis; 10 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one brother, Willie Johnson; and two sisters, Ruth Goodnight and Theresa Turner. Graveside inurnment service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John, with the Rev. A.J. Owens officiating. Cremation has taken place and there is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Leisure Homestead in St. John, in care of Minnis Chapel in St. John. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 2, 2001

Mary Louise Bell 1908-2001
WAKEENEY - Mary Louise Bell, 93, died Nov. 1 at Trego Lemke Memorial Hospital Long Term Care Unit in WaKeene. She was born Oct. 6, 1908, in Hamilton, the daughter of Harve George and Clara Short Manis. She married Forrest Bell Oct. 16, 1928, in Hamilton. He died in 1981. A resident of WaKeene since 1971, coming from Claflin, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Bell was a member of United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women, both of WaKeene. Survivors include one daughter, Lila Ann Dietz of WaKeene; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Georgia Manis and Irma White. Graveside service will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at WaKeene City Cemetery, with the Rev. Tod Anthony officiating. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the Senior Companion Program, in care of Schmitt Funeral Home in WaKeene. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 2, 2001

Robert Miran 'Bob' Carter 1925-2001

ULYSSES - Robert Miran "Bob" Carter, 76, died Oct. 31 at St. Catherine Hospital in Garden City. He was born May 23, 1925, in Clark County, the son of Robert S. and Valta Klotz Carter. He married Billie Margueritte Elliot May 23, 1947, in Ulysses. A resident of Ulysses, he was a heavy equipment operator on mainline pipeline construction projects throughout the United States. Carter was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Robert Bruce Carter of Ulysses and Lonnie Carter of Great Bend; three daughters, Gayla June Mills of Moriarty, N.M., Francis Ann Smith of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Stacy Lynn Taylor of Eldorado Springs, Mo.; one brother, John Carter of Kendall; three sisters, Nancy Boyd of Genoa, Colo., Wanda Ruth Tibe Dahquist of Bartlesville, Okla., and Ruby Campbell of Manter; 15 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Glenn Ross, Edward Ross and Raymond Ross; one sister, Gladys McClurg; and two great-grandsons, Ross Kraft and Cooper Krug. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Russell King officiating. Burial will be at Ness City Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Alzheimer's Association, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 2, 2001

Rosie B. Young 1913-2001

Rosie B. Young, 87, of Great Bend, died Nov. 1 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. She was born Dec. 10, 1913, in Phillips County, near Logan, to Charles and Arzena Hixenbaugh Ross. She married Gaston Young May 21, 1930, in Logan. He died July 19, 1986. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Ness City, she was a nurses' aide for the geriatrics unit of Ness County Hospital. Mrs. Young was a member of First Baptist Church and Rebekah Lodge, both of Ness City. Survivors include three daughters, Phyllis McCulley of Great Bend; Margaret Krug of Hoisington and Joyce Kraft of Lakewood, Colo.; one sister, Ruby Johnson of Platte City, Mo.; 11 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Glenn Ross, Edward Ross and Raymond Ross; one sister, Gladys McClurg; and two great-grandsons, Ross Kraft and Cooper Krug. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Russell King officiating. Burial will be at Ness City Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Alzheimer's Association, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 2, 2001

Garland "Nick" Nichols 1936-2001

Garland "Nick" Nichols, 64, of Great Bend, died Nov. 2 at his residence. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 2, 2001

Robert 'Bobby' Everett Dean 1979-2001

Robert "Bobby" Everett Dean, 22, of Great Bend, died Nov. 1 in Great Bend. He was born Oct. 8, 1979, in Phoenix, Ariz., the son of Gilbert J. Dean and Janell Marie Wendt. He attended Barton County Academy, graduating in 2001. A long time resident of Great Bend, he was a cook for Kentucky Fried Chicken in Great Bend. Dean attended Assembly of God Church in Great Bend. Survivors include his father of Clarksville, Ark.; his mother and stepfather, Janell and Dennis Michael of Brownell; two brothers, Jeffrey Dean of Brownell and Scott Dean of Ridgeville, S.C.; one stepsister, Amber Michael of Minnesota; and his grandparents, Bruce E. Sr. and Oletha Wendt of Great Bend. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Great Bend Family Mortuary and Crematory in Great Bend, with the Rev. Larry Serringer officiating. Cremation will follow the service. Inurnment will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery at a later date. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Bobby Dean Memorial Fund, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 2, 2001

Wynema D. Williamson 1934-2001

Wynema D. Williamson, 67, of Great Bend, died Oct. 31 at her home. She was born Sept. 14, 1934, in Pittsburg, Okla., the daughter of Alvin W. and Grace Nalley Gardner. She married T. Leonard Williamson Dec. 27, 1954, in McAlester, Okla. A resident of Great Bend for 46 years, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Williamson was a member of First Southern Baptist Church in Great Bend where she was a Sunday school teacher. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Terry Lynn Williamson of Great Bend; one brother, Raymond Nalley of Pauls Valley, Okla.; three grandchildren, Ashlea Schouboe, Abby Williamson and Jacob Williamson; and five step-grandchildren, Michelle Babcock, C.J. Roth, Justin Schultis, Bryce Schouboe and Anna Schouboe. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Sheila Kay Schouboe. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Fryberger Mortuary Chapel in Great Bend, with the Rev. Dr. Doyle Smith officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9-9:30 a.m. Saturday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church or donor's church. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 2, 2001
Phillip L. Froetschner  1951-2001

LARNED - Phillip L. Froetschner, 50, died Oct. 31 at his home in Larned. He was born July 23, 1951, in Larned, the son of Everett Glenn and Georganna Bacon Froetschner. He married Vicki Hawk June 16, 1973, in Larned. A lifelong resident of Larned, he was the manager for A.A. Doerr Mercantile in Larned. Froetschner was a member of Larned Chamber of Commerce, Sunflower Diversified Services in Great Bend and past 4-H member. He was a retired veteran of the Kansas National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve. Survivors include two sons, Jerod Froetschner of Northampton, Penn., and Lynn Froetschner of San Diego, Calif.; one daughter, Lea Ann Froetschner of Larned; his children's mother, Vicki of Great Bend; his mother of Larned; and one sister, Verlayne Warner of Olathe. He was preceded in death by one brother, Morris Froetschner; and one sister, Mary Kay Babb. A resident of Great Bend for three years, coming from Scott City, he worked as a feed yard employee. Thompson was a member of Southern Baptist Church in Scott City. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Tisha Thompson and Tasha Thompson, both of Scott City; two stepsons, Damian Palmberg of Lindsborg and Jonas Grubb of Great Bend; one stepdaughter, Lyndsay Grubb of Ellinwood; his mother of Mountain Park, Okla.; and two brothers, Gary Thompson of Fort Collins, Colo., and Kenneth Thompson of Grand Junction, Colo. Memorials service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the church. Cremation has taken place and there is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the Ricky Thompson Memorial Fund, in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoxingston. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 2, 2001

Dee M. DeMoss Scranton  1928-2001

DENISON, Texas - Dee M. DeMoss Scranton, 73, died Oct. 30 at his home in Denison. He was born Aug. 9, 1928, in Great Bend, the son of Charles O. and Hazel Ballard Scranton. He attended schools in Great Bend and graduated from Missouri Military School. He attended the University of Kansas. He married Bonnie Mapsle Ebel Dec. 28, 1983, in Tow, Texas. A resident of Denison, he worked in sales of manufactured homes for Kit Manufacturing in McPherson, Chief Industries in Russell and Liberty Homes in Hutchinson. He had also been a realtor with Century 21 in Denison. Scranton was a member of First Christian Church, where he served as deacon, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Lions Club, all of Denison, United Way and Meals on Wheels, both of Grayson County, Texas, and Greater Texoma Association of Realtors. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Michael DeMoss Scranton of Houston, Texas; one daughter, Shelley Scranton Trost of Overland Park; one stepson, J. Wade Ebel of Fort Worth; one stepdaughter, Audrey D. Ebel of Denison; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Shauna Scranton; and one brother, Charles O. Scranton Jr. Memorial service was today at the church, with the Revs. Todd Boddy and Ron Pingelton officiating. Burial is under the direction of Johnson-Moore Homes in Hutchinson. He had also been a realtor with Century 21 in Denison. Scranton was a member of First Christian Church, where he served as deacon, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Lions Club, all of Denison, United Way and Meals on Wheels, both of Grayson County, Texas, and Greater Texoma Association of Realtors. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Michael DeMoss Scranton of Houston, Texas; one daughter, Shelley Scranton Trost of Overland Park; one stepson, J. Wade Ebel of Fort Worth; one stepdaughter, Audrey D. Ebel of Denison; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Shauna Scranton; and one brother, Charles O. Scranton Jr. Memorial service was today at the church, with the Revs. Todd Boddy and Ron Pingelton officiating. Burial is under the direction of Johnson-Moore Funeral Home in Denison. Memorials are suggested to the church or Lions Club, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 2, 2001

Victor A. Vsetecka  1932-2001

VICTOR A. VSETECKA 1932-2001

Victor A. Vsetecka, 69, of Great Bend, died Nov. 1 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born Oct. 16, 1932, in Ash Valley, the son of Emil F. and Amelia M. Zaboj Vsetecka. He married Delores Ann Tuzicka Oct. 14, 1954, in Loretto. A resident of Great Bend for 30 years, he was a retired U.S. Air Force Master Sergeant, serving for 20 years. He worked as an electrician for Vic's Electric in Great Bend. Vsetecka was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Eagles and American Legion, all of Great Bend, and the Air Force Sergeant's Association. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, John E. Vsetecka of Great Bend; four brothers, Joseph Vsetecka of Wakeeny, William Vsetecka of Hutchinson, B.F. Vsetecka of Scott City and Leonard Vsetecka of Brunswick, Ga.; and one sister, Helen Suchy of Great Bend. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Emil Vsetecka and Edward Vsetecka. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Faith Community Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. Fred Kirkpatrick officiating. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Faith Community Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. Fred Kirkpatrick officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 2-9 p.m. until service time Saturday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Disabled American Veterans or American Cancer Society, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 2, 2001

November 4, 2001

Raymond J. Smith

LEXINGTON, KY - Raymond J. Smith, 94, died Oct. 17. He studied Architecture for 2 years at Kansas State University. He married Anita Crimm Smith. She preceded him death. A resident of Lexington, coming from Great Bend, he was a retired vice president of C.O. Mammel Food Stores in Great Bend. Smith was a member of the United Methodist Church, and the Petroleum Club. Smith was on the Great Bend Cemetery Board, and on the boards of the Y.M.C.A., United Methodist Church and Boy Scouts. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, serving in the South Pacific. Survivors include two sons, James D. Smith of Lexington, and Michael R. Smith of Bozeman, Mont.; one daughter, Patricia A. Sermon of Danville, Calif.; 13 grandchildren; and 12
Garland Nick Nichols 1936-2001

Garland Nick Nichols, 64, of Great Bend, died Nov. 2 at his residence in Great Bend. He was born Dec. 12, 1936, in Akron, Ohio, the son of Harley and Angela Krash Nichols. He married Janice Nickel Aug. 4, 1973 at Long Beach, Calif. A resident of Great Bend for five years coming from Long Beach, he was retired from the McDonnell-Douglas Aircraft working in Production Control. Nichols was a member of the St. Rose Catholic Church in Great Bend, and a U.S. Army Veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Mark Nichols of Great Bend; one brother, Earl Nichols of Arkon; one sister, Barbara Solo also of Arkon. He was preceded in death by one sister, Virginia Nichols. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. tonight at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Holy Name Catholic Church in Bushton with the Rev. Steven Scheier. Burial will be at Holy Name Cemetery in Bushton. Visitations are from 1 until 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Sunflower Early Education in Great Bend or Kansans for Life, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 4, 2001

November 5, 2001

Cletus 'Dick' Depperschmidt 1936-2001

LA CROSSE - Cletus "Dick" Depperschmidt, 65, died Nov. 3 at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. He was born June 20, 1936, in Park, the son of Alphonse and Tillie Kuhn Depperschmidt. He married Mary Schumacher Nov. 9, 1957, in Grainfield. A resident of La Crosse for 35 years, coming from Downs, he worked as a mill supervisor in the furniture industry. Depperschmidt was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in La Crosse, Veteran of Foreign Wars and volunteered for the fire department, all of La Crosse. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, David Depperschmidt of Wichita and Patrick Depperschmidt of La Crosse; two daughters, Tammy Randa of Beloit and Cindy La Mastres of Dallas, Texas; his mother of Colby; four brothers, Gerald Depperschmidt of Hill City, Marvin Depperschmidt of Salina, Kenneth Depperschmidt of Smith Center and Lester Depperschmidt of Derby; three sisters, Kathleen Woesiple and Marilyn Heble, both of Colby, and Linda Waddell of Stockton; and nine grandchildren. Prayer service and rosary will be at 7 tonight at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Benjamin Martin officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to La Crosse Fire Department, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 5, 2001

Sarah Suchy 1925-2001

Sarah Suchy, 76, of Great Bend, died Nov. 4 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus in Larned. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 5, 2001

November 6, 2001

Sarah M. 'Sue' Suchy 1925-2001

Sarah M. 'Sue' Suchy, 76, of Great Bend, died Nov. 4 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus in Larned. She was born June 17, 1925, in Great Bend, the daughter of George Sr. and Frances Koelsch Whitsel. She married Joseph Suchy in Great Bend. He died April 27, 1983. A lifelong resident of Great Bend, she worked as a hand polisher for the Fuller Brush Company. Mrs. Suchy was a member of the Lutheran faith. Survivors include one son, Roger D. Suchy of Great Bend; two daughters, Connie Belt of Great Bend and Linda Raney of Grand Prairie, Texas; four sisters, Jody Young of Albany, Ore., Norma Smith of Hoisington, Jeanie Gregory and Lillian Clausen, both of Great Bend; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Memorial Service will be at 10 a.m. on Nov. 7, at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Lexington. Memorials are suggested to the Hope Center in care of Milward Funeral Directors in Lexington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 5, 2001

Albert V. Schneweis 1904-2001

DODGE CITY - Albert V. Schneweis, 97, died Nov. 5 at Manor of the Plains in Dodge City. He was born April 8, 1904, in Odin, the son of Frank and Karoline Fonscher Schneweis. He married Katherine Boor May 17, 1927, in Odin. She died March 2, 1978. A resident of Dodge City since 1927, coming from Odin, he was a farmer and stockman. Schneweis was a member of Sacred Heart Cathedral Church and Knights of Columbus Council 2955, both of Dodge City. He was the former treasurer for Richland Township. Survivors include five sons, Vernon Schneweis, Robert Schneweis, Kenneth Schneweis and Michael Schneweis, all of Dodge City and David Schneweis of Lawrence; three daughters, Kathleen Minton of Montrose, Colo., Donna Dick and Karla Durrant, both of Dodge City; three sisters, Eleanor Prosser and Sister Henrietta Schneweis, both of Great Bend and Helen Schneweis of Clifton; 35 grandchildren; 50 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; and 11 step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Gerald Duane Schneweis; three daughters, JoAnn Cline, Elaine Marie Schneweis and Carrol Ann Schneweis and three grandchildren, Tyler Seidl, Shelley Ann Schneweis and Chris Minton. Vigil service followed by a Knights of Columbus Rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, both at Burkhardt Funeral Chapel in Dodge City. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church. with the Bishop Ronald M. Gilmore and the Revs. Colin Boor. Ted A. Skalskiv and Ted Stockklein
Sarah Merten 'Sally' Bowman  1936-2001

DENTON, Texas - Sarah Merten 'Sally' Bowman, 65, died Oct. 30 at Denton Nursing Center in Denton. She was born April 1, 1936, in Great Bend, the daughter of Lloyd and Margaret Deklyn Merten. She was a 1958 graduate of Fort Hays State University. She married Larry Bowman Jan. 25, 1958, in Great Bend. A resident of Denton, she was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Curtis Alan Bowman of Philadelphia, Pa.; one brother, Robert Merten of Lakewood, Colo.; four sisters, Mary Anne Mull of Great Bend, Rachel Miller of Eufaula, Okla., Martha Merten of Greensboro, N.C., and Rebecca Midica of Los Angeles, Ca. Services were Saturday at Mulkey-Mason Funeral Home Chapel in Denton. Burial was at Roselawn Memorial Park in Denton. No memorials are suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 7, 2001

Georgia A. Weber  1907-2001

WILSON - Georgia A. Weber, 94, died Nov. 5 at Presbyterian Manor in Topeka. She was born April 20, 1907, in Rozel, the daughter of Steve and Josephine Hoch Maixner. She married Frank J. Weber June 8, 1940. He preceded her in death. A lifetime resident of the Dubuque/Wilson area, she worked as a clerk for Schermerhorn's Dry Goods and Zeman's Drug Store, both of Wilson. Mrs. Weber was a member of First Presbyterian Church and Order of the Eastern Star, both of Wilson. Survivors include one son, Dr. Wallace Weber of Dubuque; one daughter, Cheryl Weber of Topeka; three sisters, Anna Anschutz of Wilson, Laverne McConnell of Bristol, Conn., and Lillain Bonnewell of Chino Valley, Ariz.; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Alice Veveka. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Foster Mortuary Chapel in Wilson, with the Rev. Elaine Lord officiating. Burial will be at Wilson City Cemetery. Friends may call from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and from 8 a.m. until service time Friday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Land Institute of Salina, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 7, 2001

Marion Trickey  1924-2001

Marion Trickey, 77, of Great Bend, died Nov. 7 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Fryberger Mortuary in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 7, 2001

Connor Michael Aylward  2001-2001

HOISINGTON - Connor Michael Aylward, 1 day, died Nov. 6 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born Nov. 6 in Great Bend, the son of Mike and Jeri Loesch Aylward. Survivors include his parents of Hoisington; his grandparents, Mike and Jan Aylward of Hoisington, Jerry and Brenda Loesch and Rick and Karen Fischer, all of Great Bend; and his great-grandparents, Lewis Loesch of Raymond, Eleanor Aylward and Velma McMillin, both of Hoisington. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. John Church Cemetery in Hoisington, with the Rev. David Flagor officiating. Friends may call from 9-10:30 a.m. Friday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to the Connor Michael Aylward Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 8, 2001

Marion Louise Trickey  1924-2001

Marion Louise Trickey, 77, of Great Bend, died Nov. 7 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born Oct. 4, 1924, in Minden, Neb., the daughter of Eugene Raymond and Vera Maude Brown Lesher. She was a college graduate. A resident of Great Bend since 1992, coming from Denver, Colo., she worked as an opinion poll surveyor. She was a member of Assembly of God Church in Denver and Crossroads Foursquare Gospel Church in Hoisington. Survivors include one son, Rev. Daniel R. Trickey of Great Bend; one sister, Laurel Hagen of Hot Springs, S.D.; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by two sons, Marcus R. Trickey and Glenn E. Trickey. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Fryberger Mortuary Chapel in Great Bend, with the Rev. Trickey officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Friday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Wycliffe Missions or Foursquare Missions, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 8, 2001

Leon Roy Burris  1912-2001

ARKANSAS CITY - Leon Roy Burris, 89, died Nov. 8 at South Central Kansas Regional Medical Center in Arkansas City. He was born May 29, 1912, in Great Bend, the son of Emory B. and Katie E. Brocher Burris. He was a graduate of Great Bend High School. He married Anna Eula Ockerby July 1, 1937, in Claflin. She died Feb. 13, 2000. A resident of Arkansas City after he retired, coming from Wichita and Great Bend, he worked for Walnut Creek Milling Company and Home Appliance Store, both in Great Bend and the Coleman Company in Wichita. Burris was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Great Bend and American Legion. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Survivors include one brother, Glenn Burris of Arkansas City; one
sister, Doris Amrein of Great Bend; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one stepson, Alvin Daniels. Memorial service will be in Great Bend at a later date. There is no visitation, cremation has taken place. There are no memorials suggested. Hawks Funeral Home of Arkansas City is handling the arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 8, 2001

John W. Adams 1946-2001

John W. Adams, 55, of Great Bend, died Nov. 7 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 8, 2001

Clayton C. Steiner 1925-2001

Clayton C. Steiner, 76, of Great Bend, died Nov. 7 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 8, 2001

Edward Carl Schmidt 1916-2001

CHASE - Edward Carl Schmidt, 85, died Nov. 7 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Kimple Inc. Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 8, 2001

Ruth Carey Richards 1920-2001

LA CROSSE - Ruth Carey Richards, 81, died Nov. 6 at Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse. She was born Oct. 18, 1920, in New York City, N.Y., one of 10 children born to John and Winifred Mary Lynch Carey. She married Ray S. Richards Aug. 28, 1953, in New York City. He died June 26, 1976. Mrs. Richards lived in Phoenix, Ariz. for more than 40 years and was a yoga instructor at Phoenix College. She then moved to Great Bend, where she lived for 2 1/2 years before recently moving to La Crosse. Mrs. Richards was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Great Bend, SPAM Writer's Guild and Walkabout Arizona. Mrs. Richards was a published author of three books. Survivors include one daughter, Carol Barta of La Crosse; two grandsons, Brian Barta and Jerome Barta, both of La Crosse; and one granddaughter, Caitlin Kendrick of Greeley, Colo. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Great Bend, with Father Warren Stecklein officiating. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Thursday, with family receiving visitors from 6-7 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice in Great Bend, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 8, 2001

November 9, 2001

Edward Carl Schmidt 1916-2001

CHASE - Edward Carl Schmidt, 85, died Nov. 7 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was born June 12, 1916, in Garfield, the son of Frederick and Lena Brenn Schmidt. He married Shirley Evelyn Sutton July 6, 1938, in Great Bend. A longtime resident of Chase, he worked as an independent oil pumper, retiring in 1998. Schmidt was a member of Community Presbyterian Church, where he served as elder and trustee, Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star, all of Chase. He was a retired volunteer fireman of the Chase Fire Department and was grand marshall of Chase Day Parade in 2000. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Curtis Schmidt of Great Bend and Douglas Schmidt of Holcomb; four daughters, Martha Kassin of Branson, Mo., Margaret Snyder of Watertown, S.D., Debby Steffan and Denice Sledd, both of Chase; 19 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Alvin Schmidt, Fredrick Schmidt, Russell Schmidt and Elmer Schmidt. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at the church, with the Revs. Arlene Patrick and Jesse Patrick officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, from 1-9 p.m. Sunday and from 9 a.m. until service time Monday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or First Responders of Chase, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 9, 2001

John W. Adams 1946-2001

John W. Adams, 55, of Great Bend, died Nov. 7 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was born May 4, 1946, in Hoisington, the son of Lester B. and Darlene McCormick Adams. He married Shelby Jones July 16, 1993, in Great Bend. A life long resident of Barton County, he was a self employed mechanic and truck driver. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, John L. Adams of Windsor, Calif.; five stepsons, Sean Thornley of Santa Rosa, Calif., Tyson Jacobs and Aaron Jacobs, both of Great Bend, Kenneth Davis of Andale and Daniel Davis of Ames, Iowa; his mother of Hoisington; two brothers, Larry Adams of Belpre and Jim Adams of Hoisington; and four grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home Chapel in Great Bend, with the Rev. Gerald Martin officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery in Hoisington. Friends may call until 9 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, from 1-9 p.m. Sunday and from 9 a.m. until service time Monday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Ronald McDonald House or American Cancer Society, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 9, 2001

Clayton C. Steiner 1925-2001
November 11, 2001

Clayton C. Steiner, 76, of Great Bend, died Nov. 7 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born June 20, 1925, in Ellsworth, the son of Joseph E. and Doris Bisterfeld Steiner. He married Barbara J. Foote June 1, 1948, in Ellsworth. A resident of Great Bend since 1953, coming from Ellsworth, he was a retired engineer, having worked at the Arthur Mullergren Plant. Steiner was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus and Veterans of Foreign Wars, all of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Army Air Corp. veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Jim Steiner of Great Bend and Dan Steiner of Stilwell; two daughters, Susan Steiner of Great Bend and Laurie Cooke of Junction City; one brother, Everitt Steiner of Hendersonville, N.C.; one sister, Joyce Brown of Citrus Heights, Calif.; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Delorn Steiner and Franklin Steiner; and one sister, Ethel Zahradnik. Vigil service followed by Knights of Columbus Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Warren Stocklein officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery with full military honors. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and Monday and from 1-9 p.m. Sunday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Sunflower Diversified Services or Holy Family School, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 9, 2001

November 12, 2001

Royce L. Kaiser 1928-2001

CLAFLIN - Royce L. Kaiser, 73, died Nov. 10 at his residence in Claflin. He was born April 15, 1928, in rural Ellinwood, the son of Walter A. and Anna M. Heinz Kaiser. He married Pauline M. Adams June 2, 1948, in Plainville. A lifelong resident of Claflin, he worked as a heavy equipment operator for DS&W Well Service for 17 years, was a former foreman at Marlette Homes in Great Bend, and was owner/operator of Kaiser Trash Service in Claflin for the past 29 years. He also worked for Logan Township. Kaiser was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Claflin and Knights of Columbus in Odin. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Curtis Kaiser of Claflin; six daughters, Coletta Gisick Debes and Cindy Wheeler, both of Claflin, Connie Hatten of Ellinwood, Christine Morrison of Arkansas City, Clara Oborny of Rush Center and Camille Straub of Salina; three brothers, Melvin Kaiser and Jerry Kaiser, both of Great Bend, and Jack Kaiser of Preston; two sisters, Carmen Kaiser of Ellsworth and Mary Lou Kaiser Erlich of Colorado Springs, Colo.; 27 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Jereica Ann Straub and Jayden Craig Straub. Vigil service followed by Knights of Columbus rosary will be at 5:30 tonight at the church. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. David Fligor officiating. Burial will be at Claflin Cemetery in Claflin, with military graveside rites by Ralph B. Praeger Post 8668. Friends may call until 1 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, from 5-9 p.m. today at the church and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or Claflin

Valeria M. Estes 1913-2001

ST. JOHN - Valeria M. Estes, 88, died Nov. 9 at Leisure Homestead in Stafford. She was born Oct. 1, 1913, in St. John, the daughter of William and Hette Fry. She married Howard Sigar. He died July 14, 1943. She married Orvin Lloyd Estes, April 14, 1947. He died Jan. 14, 2000. A resident of Stafford, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Estes was a member of the First Southern Baptist Church in Garden City. Survivors include one son, Donald Sagar of Garden City; one stepson, Lloyd Estes of St. John; four grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by five brothers and two sisters. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Minnis Chapel in St. John with the Rev. Randy Caddell officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. today at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Nov. 11, 2001

Mary Ann Vonfeldt-Wieghous 1950-2001

BROKEN ARROW, Okla. - Mary Ann Vonfeldt-Wieghous, 51, died Nov. 7 at her home in Broken Arrow. She was born Oct. 23, 1950, in Great Bend, the daughter of Robert and Mary Lacy Vonfeldt. Survivors include one son, John Wieghous; one daughter, Ranea Wieghous; one brother, Neil Vonfeldt of Great Bend; four sisters, Nancy Zrubek of Hutchinson, Caroline Devine, Gayle Vonfeldt and Brenda Vonfeldt, all of Great Bend; and one grandson. A memorial service was held at Floral Haven Funeral Home Memorial Gardens in Broken Arrow. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 9, 2001

Ivan L. Burton 1927-2001

OLATHE, Colo. - Ivan L. Burton, 74, died Nov. 8 at his home in Olathe. He was born July 29, 1927, in Hoisington, the son of Walter G. And Myrtle Bradshaw Burton. He married Shirley Jean Riggs, July 11, 1947. He died Jan. 14, 2000. A resident of Stafford, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Estes was a member of the First Southern Baptist Church in Garden City. Survivors include one son, Donald Sagar of Garden City; one stepson, Lloyd Estes of St. John; four grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by five brothers and two sisters. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Minnis Chapel in St. John with the Rev. Randy Caddell officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. today at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Nov. 11, 2001

November 9, 2001

Valeria M. Estes 1913-2001

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November 12, 2001

Royce L. Kaiser 1928-2001

CLAFLIN - Royce L. Kaiser, 73, died Nov. 10 at his residence in Claflin. He was born April 15, 1928, in rural Ellinwood, the son of Walter A. and Anna M. Heinz Kaiser. He married Pauline M. Adams June 2, 1948, in Plainville. A lifelong resident of Claflin, he worked as a heavy equipment operator for DS&W Well Service for 17 years, was a former foreman at Marlette Homes in Great Bend, and was owner/operator of Kaiser Trash Service of Claflin for the past 29 years. He also worked for Logan Township. Kaiser was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Claflin and Knights of Columbus in Odin. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Curtis Kaiser of Claflin; six daughters, Coletta Gisick Debes and Cindy Wheeler, both of Claflin, Connie Hatten of Ellinwood, Christine Morrison of Arkansas City, Clara Oborny of Rush Center and Camille Straub of Salina; three brothers, Melvin Kaiser and Jerry Kaiser, both of Great Bend, and Jack Kaiser of Preston; two sisters, Carmen Kaiser of Ellsworth and Mary Lou Kaiser Erlich of Colorado Springs, Colo.; 27 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Jereica Ann Straub and Jayden Craig Straub. Vigil service followed by Knights of Columbus rosary will be at 5:30 tonight at the church. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. David Fligor officiating. Burial will be at Claflin Cemetery in Claflin, with military graveside rites by Ralph B. Praeger Post 8668. Friends may call until 3 today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, from 5-9 p.m. today at the church and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or Claflin
Harry E. 'Bud' Hudnall Jr. 1928-2001

RUSSELL - Harry E. "Bud" Hudnall Jr., 73, died Nov. 10 at his home in Russell. He was born Aug. 31, 1928, in Fairport, the son of Harry Elmer and Laura Miller Hudnall. He was a 1946 graduate of Paradise High School. He married Frances Ortiz in 1950, in Honolulu, Hawaii. He married Dolores Krause Bisterfeld Oct. 24, 1980, in Russell. She died March 15, 1997. A resident of Russell, coming from California, he served for 20 years in the U.S. Navy before retiring in 1967. Hudnall was a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion Post, both in Russell. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Survivors include two sons, Gary Hudnall of California and John Hudnall of San Leandro, Calif.; two daughters, Lola Hudnall of Hayward, Calif., and Gina Abercrombie of Livermore, Calif.; one brother, Harold Hudnall of Great Bend; three sisters, Dorothy Wilson of Lincoln, Neb., Karen Jakub of Derby and Connie Steinle of Denver, Colo.; and three grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Pohlmans Mortuary Memorial Chapel in Russell, with the Rev. Henry Hartman officiating. Burial will be at Fairport Cemetery in Fairport. There is no visitation, cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Russell Public Library, in care of the mortuary.

Clarence J. Bunzel Jr. 1925-2001

HOISINGTON - Clarence J. Bunzel Jr., 76, died Nov. 10 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born April 17, 1925, in Denlow, Mo., the son of Clarence Jr. and Della Upshaw Bunzel. He married Nona Gregg Aug. 18, 1946, in Great Bend. She died July 17, 1990. A resident of Hoisington for eight years, coming from Great Bend, he retired in 1991 as a maintenance supervisor for Great Bend Housing Authority and had previously worked for 35 years as a salesman. Bunzel was a member of Central Baptist Church in Great Bend and Hoisington Kiwanis Club. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps. veteran of World War II. Survivors include one daughter, Pamela Marsh of Great Bend; one sister, Hazel Hathaway of Norwalk, Calif.; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Stephen C. Bunzel; and three brothers, Blake Bunzel, Chester Bunzel and Gerald Bunzel. Funeral will be at 2 today at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home Chapel in Great Bend, with the Rev. Dick Ogle officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call until service time today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, in care of the funeral home.

Fern H. Carr 1916-2001

LARNED - Fern H. Carr, 85, died Oct. 27 at Willow Wind in Prescott, Ariz. She was born Jan. 4, 1916, in Seward, the daughter of C. Emil and Julia Conner Dralle. She married Earl W. Carr Jr. Oct. 15, 1932, in Larned. He died Jan. 29, 1976. A resident of Prescott, coming from Larned, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Carr was a member of First Christian Church and Faith Circle, both of Larned. Survivors include one son, Rex Carr of Dallas, Texas; one daughter, Jeanette Moore of Prescott, Ariz.; two sisters, Pauline Omlar of Great Bend and Elva Wiles of Hutchinson; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Louise Dralle and Virginia Smith; and one granddaughter, Melanie Carr. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Larned Cemetery, with the Rev. Dan Lundgren officiating. Friends may call until 8 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday, all at Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association, in care of the mortuary.

Bessie Boyle 1913-2001

DODGE CITY - Bessie Boyle, 88, died Nov. 6 at Halsey Hall in Dodge City. She was born July 26, 1913, in Dodge City, the daughter of Fred L. and Anna M. Fisher Cummins. She married Don Boyle June 18, 1950, in Dodge City. A resident of Dodge City, coming from San Diego, Calif., she was a homemaker. Mrs. Boyle was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Dodge City. Survivors include her husband of the home; one daughter, Janice Tunnell of Roswell, N.M.; one sister, Margie Watkins of Great Bend; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by seven brothers and sisters. Funeral was Friday at the church, with the Rev. David Clipson officiating. Memorials are suggested to the donor's choice, in care of Swaim Funeral Home in Dodge City.

Elmer A. Berens 1925-2001

VICTORIA - Elmer A. Berens, 76, died Nov. 13 at his home in Victoria. He was born Jan. 16, 1925, in Vincent, the son of Ulrich H. and Elizabeth VonLintel Berens. He was a 1943 graduate of Schoenchen High School in Schoenchen. He married Dolorosa Kuhn
La Crosse - Wilfred Francis Jacobs, 67, died Nov. 7 at Hays Medical Center, St. Anthony Campus in Hays. He was born May 12, 1934, in Cordia, the son of Adam Jr. and Augustina Wassinger Jacobs. A lifelong resident of Rush County, he worked as an agricultural laborer before his retirement. Jacobs was a U.S. Army veteran, serving for 20 years. Survivors include two brothers, Virgil Jacobs of La Crosse and Anthony Jacobs of Godfrey, Ill.; and one sister, Sharon Swann of Oklahoma City, Okla. He was preceded in death by five brothers, Leroy Jacobs, Donald Jacobs, Darald Jacobs, Charles Jacobs and Larry Jacobs. Graveside services were Nov. 8 at La Crosse City Cemetery, with the Rev. Benjamin Martin officiating. Memorials are suggested to St. Michael's Catholic Church in La Crosse, in care of Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 15, 2001

Donald D. Princ 1933-2001

Wilson - Donald D. Princ, 68, died Nov. 12 at his home in Wilson. He was born April 8, 1933, in Wilson, the son of Frank Sr. and Emma Keller Princ. He married Shirley Kuck April 10, 1953, in Wilson. A lifelong resident of Wilson, he was a carpenter, farmer and stockman. Princ was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Wilson. Survivors include his wife of the home; three daughters, Tracy Nail of Vinita, Okla., Terri Parks of Ellsworth and Torey Nondorf of Wilson; one brother, Frank Princ of Wilson; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Trent Princ. Funeral will be at 2 today at Foster Mortuary Chapel in Wilson, with Dr. Dennis Kepka officiating. Burial will be at Wilson City Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Wilson Senior Center, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 15, 2001

William Thomas 'Tom' Edwards 1926-2001

Bison - William Thomas 'Tom' Edwards, 75, died Nov. 13 at his home near Bison. He was born Sept. 13, 1926, near Bison, the son of Everett Sr. and Frances Bitter Edwards. He married Velma L. Myers Nov. 4, 1949, in La Crosse. He was a lifelong resident of Bison. Edwards was a member of First Assembly of God Church in Great Bend. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Cherree Edwards of Arvada, Colo., and Darla Withuhn of Ness City; four brothers, Everett Edwards Jr., Elbert Edwards and Zane Edwards, all of Bison, and Forrest Edwards of Russcaville, Ind.; five sisters, Ladine Peterson of Pawnee Rock, Hazel Stump of Larned, Holly Brack of Spearman, Texas, Ruth Ann Krug of La Crosse and Minetta Smith of Pawnee Rock; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Bob Edwards; and one sister, Lois Edwards. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City. Burial will be at La Crosse Cemetery. There is no visitation and no memorials are suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 15, 2001

Sarah Kaiser 1899-2001

Otis - Sarah Kaiser, 102, died Nov. 13 at Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Lyons. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 14, 2001

November 15, 2001

Sarah Kaiser 1899-2001

Otis - Sarah Kaiser, 102, died Nov. 13 at Good Samaritan Center in Lyons. She was born Feb. 12, 1899, in Bison, the daughter of John J. and Elizabeth Schriner Scheuerman. She married John H. Kaiser May 8, 1918, in Otis. He died Feb. 21, 1976. A lifelong resident of Otis, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Kaiser was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Ladies Church Circle, church choir and organist, all of Otis. Survivors include two daughters, Jinhetta Rolfs of Lyons and Leona Kraus of Monument, Colo.; two sisters, Esther Brack and Sophie Parsons, both of Andover; nine grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Ronald R. Kaiser; seven brothers, Henry Scheuerman, Adam Scheuerman, Johnnie Scheuerman, Pete Scheuerman, Herman Scheuerman, Jack Scheuerman and Elmer Scheuerman; and three sisters, Katie Repp, Elizabeth Hartman and Marie Meier. Prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 14, 2001

Wilfred Francis Jacobs 1934-2001

La Crosse - Wilfred Francis Jacobs, 67, died Nov. 7 at Hays Medical Center, St. Anthony Campus in Hays. He was born May 12, 1904, in Cordia, the son of Adam Jr. and Augustina Wassinger Jacobs. A lifelong resident of Rush County, he worked as an agricultural laborer before his retirement. Jacobs was a U.S. Army veteran, serving for 20 years. Survivors include two brothers, Virgil Jacobs of La Crosse and Anthony Jacobs of Godfrey, Ill.; and one sister, Sharon Swann of Oklahoma City, Okla. He was preceded in death by five brothers, Leroy Jacobs, Donald Jacobs, Darald Jacobs, Charles Jacobs and Larry Jacobs. Graveside services were Nov. 8 at La Crosse City Cemetery, with the Rev. Benjamin Martin officiating. Memorials are suggested to St. Michael's Catholic Church in La Crosse, in care of Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 15, 2001

LA CROSSE - Wilfred Francis Jacobs, 67, died Nov. 7 at Hays Medical Center, St. Anthony Campus in Hays. He was born May 12, 1904, in Cordia, the son of Adam Jr. and Augustina Wassinger Jacobs. A lifelong resident of Rush County, he worked as an agricultural laborer before his retirement. Jacobs was a U.S. Army veteran, serving for 20 years. Survivors include two brothers, Virgil Jacobs of La Crosse and Anthony Jacobs of Godfrey, Ill.; and one sister, Sharon Swann of Oklahoma City, Okla. He was preceded in death by five brothers, Leroy Jacobs, Donald Jacobs, Darald Jacobs, Charles Jacobs and Larry Jacobs. Graveside services were Nov. 8 at La Crosse City Cemetery, with the Rev. Benjamin Martin officiating. Memorials are suggested to St. Michael's Catholic Church in La Crosse, in care of Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 15, 2001
Louis 'Lee' Smith 1922-2001

LARNED - Louis "Lee" Smith, 79, died Nov. 13 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was born March 28, 1922, in Larned, the son of Spencer G. and Nellie Johnson Smith. He married Helen E. Hinderliter June 4, 1944, in Emporium, Penn. A lifelong resident of Larned, he was a retired electrical contractor and plant engineer for Cross Manufacturing in Lewis. Smith was a member of First United Methodist Church in Larned. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Spencer L. Smith of Topeka; three daughters, Donna Patton, Jo Ann Dickerson and Marsha Harris, all of Wichita; one brother, Dean S. Smith of New Carrollton, Md.; one sister, Ruth Gore of Ingram, Texas; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned, with the Rev. Charles Grant officiating. Cremation has taken place. Inurnment will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Kansas State University Cancer Research Fund, in care the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 15, 2001

Mary B. Kober 1920-2001

KINSLEY - Mary B. Kober, 80, died Nov. 11 at Independence Manor Care Center, Independence, Mo. She was born Dec. 25, 1920, in Missouri, the daughter of Miley Hawkins and Nettie Belle Kinsey Williams. She married Leonard Kober June 19, 1946. A long time resident of Kinsley, she was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Jim Singleton of Lake Tapawingo, Mo., and Vernon Kober of Topeka; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Charles Ray Arnrich and Robert Lee Kober; and seven brothers and sisters. Family gathering will be at 1 p.m. Nov. 24 at Lake Tapawingo Clubhouse in Lake Tapawingo. There is no visitation, cremation has taken place. There are no memorials suggested. Burkhart Funeral Chapel in Dodge City is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 15, 2001

Monsignor Quintin J. Malone 1914-2001

WICHITA - Monsignor Quintin J. Malone, 87, died Nov. 14 in Wichita. He was born in 1914. He was a graduate of Chase High School and Benedictine College. He graduated from seminary in 1938 in St. Louis and was ordained that same year. A resident of Wichita, he was a retired priest. Survivors include four nephews, Kenneth Malone of Lyons, Steve Thomas of Hutchinson, John Thomas of San Antonio, Texas, and Terry Thomas of Monument, Colo.; four nieces, Patricia Peebler of Houston, Texas, Elizabeth Woolley of Bakersfield, Calif., Marcia Malone-Tedder and Marie Harville, both of Wichita. He was preceded in death by one brother, Raphael L. Malone; and one sister, Rita K. Thomas. Vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Wichita. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Cemetery in Chase. No visitation is listed. Memorials are suggested to Newman University Scholarship Fund or Priest Retirement Fund, both in care of Culbertson-Smith Mortuary in Wichita. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 15, 2001

November 16, 2001

Betty Jane Dougherty 1934-2001

RUSSELL - Betty Jane Dougherty, 67, died Nov. 14 at Russell Regional Hospital in Russell. She was born May 13, 1934, in Barton County, the daughter of Christ and Esther Steinley Hilgenberg. She was a graduate of Dorrance High School in Dorrance. She married William A. Dougherty May 30, 1954, in Russell. He died Feb. 19, 1999. A resident of Russell, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Dougherty was a member of Dubuque Lutheran Church in Dubuque. Survivors include one son, Mitchel Dougherty of Russell; two daughters, Vicki Dougherty and Joetta Powell, both of Russell; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one half-brother, John Weimer. There are no services or visitation, cremation has taken place. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery in Pratt. Memorials are suggested to Sacred Heart School Technology Fund, in care of Ayres-Calbeck Mortuary in Pratt. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 16, 2001

Bob D. Vanek 1936-2001

SYLVAN GROVE - Bob D. Vanek, 65, died Nov. 13. He was born Jan. 11, 1936, in Lincoln County. A resident of Sylvan Grove, he was a farmer and stockman. Survivors include his wife, Vanita, of the home; two daughters, Tina Smith of Coffeyville and Dara Vanek of Parker, Colo.; one brother, Kay Vanek of Holyrood; one sister, Janice Wilson of LaJunta, Colo.; and one grandchild. Funeral was today at 10 a.m. at Foster Mortuary Chapel in Wilson. Burial with military graveside honors will be at Wilson City Cemetery in Wilson. Memorials are suggested to Holy Name Catholic School in Coffeyville or Wilson/Dorrance American Legion.

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both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 16, 2001

Ruth Blanche Siefers 1919-2001

ELLINWOOD - Ruth Blanche Siefers, 82, died Nov. 16 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Kimple Inc. Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 16, 2001

November 18, 2001

George R. Irvine 1912-2001

STAFFORD - George R. Irvine, 89, died Nov. 16 at Stafford District Hospital in Stafford. He was born May 14, 1912, in Stafford, the son of Alfred and Ollie Newell Irvine. He was 1929 graduate of Stafford High School and attended Kansas State University majoring in agricultural engineering. He married Verla Lovell in 1935. She died in 1975. He married Marjorie Allen in 1976. She died in 1996. A lifelong resident of Stafford, he was a farmer, cattleman and land appraiser. Irvine was a member of United Methodist Church in Stafford, charter member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity at KSU, KSU Foundation President's Club, Stafford County Wheat Growers Association, trustee of the church, Republican Precinct chairman, past member of the board of education for Eureka Country School, and chairman of Stafford Independent Co-op. Survivors include two daughters, Janis Corbin of Houston, Texas, and Joleen Hill of Manhattan; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Wilma Irvine and Leota Douglass. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Kasey Crosby officiating. Burial will be at Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call from 4-6 p.m. today at Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Memorials are suggested to the George R. Irvine Agricultural Scholarship or to the church, both in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune Nov. 18, 2001

Ruth Blanche Siefers 1919-2001

ELLINWOOD - Ruth Blanche Siefers, 82, died Nov. 16 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born Jan. 8, 1919, in Great Bend, the daughter of Bertram Clarence and Julia Ann Koontz Hull. She married John J. Siefers April 19, 1938, at Great Bend. He died Nov. 10, 1988. A lifelong resident of Barton County, she was a retired clerk for Gaylors Variety store, retired secretary at St. Joseph Parish in Ellinwood and editor of Rock Hound Scoop. Mrs. Siefers was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Ellinwood. Survivors include two sons, Larry Siefers and Terry Siefers, both of Ellinwood; one daughter, Beth Ann Olson of Topeka; one granddaughter, Hazel Mae Risley of Wichita; 14 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. Altar Society rosary will be at 3 p.m. today followed by a vigil service, both at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. David Flagor officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1-8 today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the St. Joseph School Endowment Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune Nov. 18, 2001

Carlis B. Walter 1907-2001

Carlis B. Walter, 94, of Great Bend died Nov. 15 at his home in Great Bend. He was born July 3, 1907, in Seward County, the son of Joseph Andrew and Lucy Bishop Lacy Walter. He married Ruby Luther Dec. 21, 1933, in Great Bend. She died Aug. 28, 2000. A resident of Great Bend for 61 years, he was driller in the oil industry before his retirement. Walter was a past member of the Hudson Methodist Church in Hudson. Survivors include two sons, Loren S. Walter of San Antonio, Texas, and Gary S. Walter of Holt, Mo.; two daughters, Janet M. Albrecht of Farmington, N.M., and Alma J. Walter of Great Bend; one sister, Fern Satterfield of Filmore, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two daughters, Bernice A. Stilts and Carla J. McGlynn; four brothers, Clifton Walter, the Rev. Gerald Walter, Joe Walter and Bruce Walter; four sisters, Vivian La Orange, Lorene Lett, Velma Walter and La Von Gates; and three grandchildren. Funeral will be at 11 am Monday at Fryberger Mortuary Chapel in Great Bend with the Rev. Doyle Smith officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. today at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Humane Society, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune Nov. 18, 2001

Viola Margaret Dillon 1912-2001

HOISINGTON - Viola Margaret Dillon, 89, died Nov. 17, at Hoisington Rehabilitation Center in Hoisington. She was born Oct. 12, 1912, at Flush, the daughter of John Joseph and Magdalene Mary Hammersmith Unterberger. She married Elvin H. Dillon March 17, 1944, at Camp Polk, La. He died May 16, 1967. A resident of Hoisington since 1978, coming from Manhattan, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Dillon was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and Altar Society, both in Hoisington. Survivors include two sons, Roger Dillon of Hoisington and John Dillon of Basalt, Colo.; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Leo Unterberger; and three sisters, Loetta Eckert, Sister M. Victoria Unterberger and Genevieve Unterberger. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Valley View Memorial Gardens in Manhattan. There is no visitation, cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Clara Barton Foundation, in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune Nov. 18, 2001

Theodore L. Henry 1925-2001
Kenneth M. Saffer, 70, of Great Bend died Nov. 16 in Barton County. Funeral arrangements and survivors will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune Nov. 18, 2001

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Janice Lynn Millard 1953-2001

Janice Lynn Millard, 48, of Great Bend, died Nov. 17 at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City. She was born Jan. 8, 1953, in Hoisington, the daughter of Jack V. and Betty A. Stehwein Millard. A 17-year resident of Great Bend, coming from Hoisington, she worked at Sunflower Diversified Services in Great Bend. She was a member of First Church of God in Great Bend. She was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Kenneth Martin Saffer II of Kansas City, Mo.; four stepsons, Chico Henry of Bartlesville, Okla.; and three sisters, Susan Craven of Great Bend, Norma Adamavich of Milwaukee, Wis., and Tracy Luttrell of Hoisington. She was preceded in death by one infant brother, Richard Millard; and one sister, Mari Gay Cook. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Dick Ogle officiating. Inurnment will be at Hoisington Cemetery in Hoisington. Friends may call from 9:30 a.m. until service time Friday at the church. Memorial cards are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune Nov. 19, 2001

Kenneth M. Saffer 1931-2001

Kenneth M. Saffer, 70, of Great Bend, died Nov. 17 in Barton County. He was born Oct. 8, 1931, in Brownville, Neb., the son of Mr. and Mrs. LaMark Conita Jasper Saffer. He married Anna Louise Wood Dec. 26, 1979, in Miami, Okla. A lifelong area resident, he worked as a pipe cleaner for Great Plains Pipeline Company. Saffer was a member of First Bible Baptist Church in Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Kenneth Martin Saffer II of Kansas City, Mo.; four stepsons, Chico Henry of Hutchinson, Michael Payton and Bill Henry, both of Dewey, Okla., and Mark Allen Payton of Bartlesville, Okla.; six daughters, LaWana Metcalfe, Elizabeth Saffer and Wanda Saffer, all of Emporia, Brenda Saffer of Hutchinson, Amanda Parker of Wichita and Shirley Atchison; three brothers, Ed Saffer of Emporia, Doyle Saffer of Americus and Truman Saffer of Denver, Colo.; two sisters, Shirley Francis of Emporia and Barbara Dains of Strong City; 19 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister and three grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home Chapel in Great Bend, with the Rev. Robert Morris officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call from 2-9 p.m. Tuesday, with family receiving friends from 6-9 p.m., and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorial cards are suggested to the family, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune Nov. 19, 2001

Charles E. Allen 1969-2001

Charles Allen, 32, of Great Bend died Nov. 16 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. Funeral arrangements and survivors will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune Nov. 18, 2001

Fairy L. Brown 1932-2001

SALINA - Fairy L. Brown, 69, died Nov. 15 at Salina. She was born Sept. 3, 1932, at Bunker Hill. She married Ronald Brown Sr. A resident of Salina, she was a homemaker, worked at the telephone company in Junction City and at the Bear House Cafe in Bunker Hill. Mrs. Brown was a past Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star in Bunker Hill. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Mark Goodheart of Bison and Dr. Timothy L. Goodheart of Olathe; two stepsons, Ronald Lee Brown Jr. and Rodney D. Brown, both of Salina; two stepdaughters, Penny J. Hughes of McLouth and Becky L. Tappendick of Norfolk, Va.; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Candis Marie Phillips. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Ryan Mortuary in Salina with the Rev. Ullan Murphy officiating. Burial will be at Gypsum Hill Cemetery in Salina. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the mortuary. Memorial cards are suggested to Bunker Hill Museum, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune Nov. 18, 2001
Charles E. Allen, 32, of Great Bend, died Nov. 17 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born Feb. 21, 1969, in Dermott, Ark., the son of Joe and Annie B. Flower Matthews. A resident of Great Bend since 1991, coming from Montrose, Ark., he was a supervisor at Great Bend Manufacturing. Allen attended First Assembly of God Church in Great Bend. Survivors include four sons, Charles E. Grayson and Stephen Johnson, both of Great Bend, Marcus Allen and Christopher Allen, both of Pawnee Rock; three daughters, Laquishia L. Grayson, Lakeisha S. Allen and Marisha R. Allen, all of Great Bend; his mother, Annie B. Pitts of Montrose; his companion, Deborah A. Grayson of Great Bend; six brothers, Herman Pitts of Great Bend, Joe Matthews of Montrose, Donnie McComb and Howell Pitts, both of California, Graylin James and LeRoy James, both of Hutchinson; and seven sisters, Joyce McComb, Brenda McComb, Felicia Matthews, Cynthia Matthews, Rose McComb and Phyllis McComb, all of Montrose, and Shirley McComb of Pine Bluff, Ark. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Brian Norvell officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend.

Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the family, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 19, 2001

Erma Maxine Lucille Norland Allen 1923-2001

HOISINGTON - Erma Maxine Lucille Norland Allen, 78, died Nov. 18 at Hoisington Rehabilitation Center in Hoisington. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 19, 2001

November 20, 2001

Alyce A. Shara 1916-2001

SALINA - Alyce A. Shara, 85, died Nov. 18. She was born Aug. 27, 1916, in Munden. She married Leonard Shara. He died May 27, 1985. A resident of Salina, she worked as a grocery store clerk in Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Cal Shara of Great Bend; one daughter, Kayleen Plowman of Salina; one sister, Elsie Stransky of Belleville; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 4 today at Ryan Mortuary in Salina. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Great Bend Cemetery in Great Bend. There is no visitation, cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 20, 2001

Erma Maxine Lucille Norland Allen 1923-2001

HOISINGTON - Erma Maxine Lucille Norland Allen, 78, died Nov. 18 at Hoisington Rehabilitation Center. She was born Feb. 6, 1923, in McPherson, the daughter of Elmer and Lillian Aelmore Norland. She married Jack Allen Feb. 6, 1943, in McPherson. He died Dec. 29, 2000. A resident of Hoisington, coming from Great Bend, McPherson and Galva, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Allen was a member of First Christian Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, both of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, James Emery Allen of Pittsburg; one daughter, Janice L. Allen of Hoisington; one sister, Violet Lundquist of McPherson; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by five brothers; and two sisters. Funeral will be at New Gottland Cemetery in McPherson. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington and from 9:30 a.m. until service time Wednesday at the church in McPherson. Memorials are suggested to the church in Great Bend, New Gottland Cemetery Fund in McPherson or Interfaith Volunteer Caregiver in Great Bend, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 20, 2001

Lavinia Lucille Skinner 1923-2001

Lavinia Lucille Skinner, 78, of Great Bend, died Nov. 19 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born Jan. 19, 1923, in Sedalia, Mo., the daughter of Leonard G. and Maggie Turpin Lowery. She married Roy E. Skinner June 2, 1952, in Oklomoge, Okla. A resident of Great Bend for nine years, coming from Lake Elsinore, Calif., she was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, John L. Skinner of Humbolt, Texas, Roy L. Skinner of Lyons and Corwin L. Skinner of Great Bend; one daughter, Debra L. Baregar of Hemet, Calif.; one sister, Emily Tanquary of Enumclaw, Wash.; 17 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Carla K. Rude. There is no listed funeral time or visitation time and no memorials are suggested. Funeral arrangements are by Fryberger Mortuary in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 20, 2001

Bernice 'Ruth' Luckert 1931-2001

PERRY, Okla. - Bernice "Ruth" Luckert, 69, died Nov. 19 at her residence in Perry. She was born Dec. 4, 1931, in Great Bend, the daughter of Robert and Iva Clawson Brown. She married Ernest Roy Luckert Oct. 19, 1952, in Great Bend. A resident of Perry, coming from Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Luckert was a member of First Christian Church of Perry and Cherokee Strip Quilters Guild. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Vernon Luckert of Ottawa and Galen Luckert of League City, Texas; three daughters, Kathy Embers of Winfield, Margaret Bolay of Perry and Jeannine Howell of McLoud, Okla.; one brother, Charles Robert Brown of Great Bend; two sisters, Mary Frances Hutchings of Scott City and Barbara Jane Wooten of Fort Worth, Texas; and 11 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Kenneth Martin Brown; and two sisters, Vera Grace Wilson and Anna Lou Fenstermacher. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Diane Stein officiating. Burial will be at Grace Hill Cemetery in Perry. No visitation is listed. Memorials are suggested to First Christian Church Building Fund Quilters Guild. Earl Allen, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 19, 2001
November 21, 2001

Margaret V. Knorr 1913-2001

CLAFLIN - Margaret V. Knorr, 88, died Nov. 20 at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas in Dallas, Texas. She was born Oct. 28, 1913, in Ellinwood, the daughter of Mathias and Agnes Shafer Heyne. She married Harry Walter Knorr May 12, 1936, in Ellinwood. He died Dec. 27, 1990. A resident of Dallas for 1 1/2 years, coming from Claflin, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Knorr was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Daughters of Isabella and Altar Society, all of Claflin. Survivors include one daughter, Sue Smith of Dallas; four sisters, Barbara Apel of Great Bend, Clara Whitney of Irving, Texas, Monica Robl of Ellinwood and Alfrida Miller of Kinsley; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Ferdinand Heyne, Phillip Heyne and Phillip Heyne; and two sisters, Rosa Kramp and Caroline Heyne. Vigil service will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Revs. David Flagor and James J. Roth officiating. Burial will be at Claflin Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 21, 2001

Rose J. Moos 1904-2001

ELLINWOOD - Rose J. Moos, 97, died Nov. 20 at the long-term care unit at Ellinwood District Hospital. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Kimple Inc. Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 20, 2001

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Charlene R. Smith 1944-2001

LARNED - Charlene R. Smith, 57, died Nov. 20 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born Feb. 13, 1944, in Woodward, Okla., the daughter of Charles and Naomi Teeters Stewart. She married Terry D. Smith June 24, 1962, in Larned. A resident of Larned since 1955, she was a homemaker and genealogy researcher. Mrs. Smith was a member of First Southern Baptist Church in Larned. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Troy Smith and Trent Smith, both of Larned, and Tad Smith of Shawnee; one daughter, Doris Tebow of Quinter; one brother, David Stewart of Larned; two sisters, Linda Childers of Harveyville and Shirley Shaw of Fort Worth, Texas; and seven grandchildren. She was preceded in death by twin infant brothers, Wesley Stewart and Lesley Stewart. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Revs. Brad Richardson and Roy Savage officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to First Southern Baptist Building Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 21, 2001

Eulalia S. Mendez 1935-2001

SALINA - Eulalia S. Mendez, 66, died Nov. 19 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born Feb. 12, 1935, in San Antonio, Texas, the daughter of Ferancio and Louisa Alejandro Salazar. She married Richard V. Mendez Feb. 11, 1952, in San Antonio. He died Aug. 14, 2000. A resident of Salina for the past two years, coming from Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Survivors include one son, Gilbert Mendez of Great Bend; four daughters, Diana Collins of Great Bend, Sylvia Bodilla of San Antonio, Mary Mendez and Irene Duke, both of Salina; two brothers, Ferancio Salazar Jr. of Mason City, Iowa, and Gilbert Salazar of San Antonio; two sisters, Lupe Martinez and Nancy Polos, both of San Antonio; 13 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter. Rosary service will be at 8 p.m. Friday at Great Bend Family Mortuary and Crematory in Great Bend. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Great Bend, with the Rev. Angel Dy officiating. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. Friday and from 8-9:30 a.m. Saturday, all at the mortuary. There are no memorials suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 21, 2001
Roy L. Byers 1926-2001

HOISINGTON - Roy L. Byers, 75, died Nov. 20 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born July 26, 1926, in Great Bend, the son of Earl J. and Florence Curry Byers. He married Gladys Steiner June 4, 1955, in Hoisington. A lifelong resident of Barton County, he worked as an electrical distribution superintendent for the city of Hoisington for 32 years. Byers was a member of the Protestant faith, Veterans of Foreign Wars 7428 and American Legion 286, all of Hoisington, Elks Lodge and Eagles Lodge, both of Great Bend, National Rifle Association, Ducks Unlimited and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. He was a veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, David A. Byers of Hoisington and Daniel J. Byers of Newton; two daughters, Deborah Fallis and Denise Wheeler, both of Wichita; one brother, Wendell W. Byers of Great Bend; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one infant daughter, Sharon Dale Byers; his twin brother, Ray Byers; and one sister, Arline Thompson. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery with military graveside services. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Kansas Wildlife and Parks/Cheyenne Bottoms or American Lung Association, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 22, 2001

Geraldine Faye Staats 1923-2001

SYLVIA - Geraldine Faye Staats, 78, died Nov. 20 at Midland Hospice in Topeka. She was born Sept. 24, 1923, in Morton County, the daughter of Walter and Inez Mangels Stone. She was a graduate of Sylvia High School and Sid's Cosmetology School in Hutchinson. She married Wesley Staats May 2, 1942, in Hutchinson. He died April 19, 1990. A resident of Topeka, coming from Sylvia, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Staats was a member of Order of the Eastern Star of Sylvia, where she was a past worthy matron. Survivors include one son, Roger E. Staats of Bedford, Texas; one brother, Lloyd A. Stone of Emporia; one sister, Maxine P. Ashford of Wichita; four grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Delores F. Perkins. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Burial will be at Sylvia Cemetery. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to Midland Hospice or American Cancer Society, both in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 22, 2001

Tillie Kleweno Martin 1916-2001

NESS CITY - Tillie Kleweno Martin, 85, died Nov. 21 at Ness City Long Term Care in Ness City. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 23, 2001

November 23, 2001

Bertha Belle Kelley 1926-2001

NESS CITY - Bertha Belle Kelley, 75, of Great Bend, died Nov. 20 at her home. She was born Nov. 18, 1926, in Kansas City, Mo., the daughter of Claude Ernest and Addie Southard Hardin. She married George W. Kelley Oct. 14, 1953, in Hutchinson. He died May 5, 1973. A resident of Great Bend for seven years, coming from Independence, Mo., she worked as a payroll clerk for the Kansas Highway Commission. Mrs. Kelley was a member of First Baptist Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and American Legion Auxiliary, all of Hutchinson, and American Business Women's Association, Salt City chapter. Survivors include one brother, Ernest T. Hardin of Kansas City; and one sister, Vivian Claudin Kirpwin of Kansas City. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Howard V. Hardin and Thomas E. Hardin; one stepbrother, Charles Shelp; and two sisters, Thelma Martin and Irene McGaffey. There is no funeral, cremation has taken place. Inurnment will be at Eastside Cemetery in Hutchinson at a later date. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Salvation Army, in care of Great Bend Family Mortuary and Crematory. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 23, 2001

Tillie Kleweno Martin 1916-2001

Bertha Belle Kelley 1926-2001

Thomas Herrman 1949-2001

Thomas Herrman, 52, of Great Bend, died Nov. 22 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov.
**Glen Schuetz** 1917-2001

Glen Schuetz, 84, of Great Bend, died Nov. 22 at Ellinwood Long Term Care Unit in Ellinwood. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Nov. 23, 2001

**November 25, 2001**

**Thomas Herrman** 1949-2001

Thomas Herrman, 52, of Great Bend died Nov. 22 in Barton County. He was born Oct. 31, 1949 at Great Bend, the son of Wendelin Sr. and Dorothy Herl Herrman. He married Janice L. Corigan Oct. 29, 1971 in Great Bend. A lifelong resident of Great Bend, he was a insulator at Superior Essex in Hoisington. Herrman was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend. He was a U.S. Airforce Staff Sgt. veteran of the Vietnam War. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Chris Herrman of the home; one daughter, Monica Ravenstein of Great Bend; four brothers, Hilbert Herrman and Leo LeRoy Herrman both of Great Bend, Linus Herrman of Norton, and Wendelin Herrman Jr., of Harrisburg, Pa.; four sisters, Leona Yarmer of St. Helens, Ore., Leota Sittngdown and Theresa Schartz both of Ellinwood, and Rosaline Herren of Great Bend; and one granddaughter. He was preceded in death by one sister, Marie Schartz. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church in Great Bend, with the Rev. Angel Dy officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today, and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Refuge in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Nov. 25, 2001

**Elsie Louise Robinson** 1921-2001

ST. JOHN - Elsie Louise Robinson, 80, died Nov. 22 at Pratt Regional Medical Center in Pratt. She was born July 29, 1921 at Hays, the daughter of Fred W. and Elswe W. Riggs. She was a Hays High graduate, attended three years at Fort Hays College, and was a a 1943 graduate of the University of Illinois. She married Alexander Jacob Robinson July 29, 1942 in Hays. A resident of Protection for 10 years, coming from St. John, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Robinson was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ in St. John, and Sigma Alpha Iota musical sorority. Survivors include her husband of the home; four sons, David Jon Robinson of St. John, Charles Aaron Robinson of Great Bend, Paul Stuart Robinson of Charlevoix, Pa., and Stephen Nathanial Robinson of Wichita; three daughters, Madelyn Kay Bales of Berryville, Ark., Alicia Ann Kosko of Gardner, and Marietta Jean Schroeder of Hutchinson; two sisters, Mildred Etlinger of Conn., Thelma Sloan of Overbrook, one brother, Donald Riggs of Hays; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one brother, Robert Riggs, and one sister Ruth Mohit. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Minnis Chapel in St. John, with the Rev. Alexander J. Robinson and David J. Robinson officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at the chapel in St. John. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Nov. 25, 2001

**Magdalena M. Espinosa** 1912-2001

LYONS - Magdalena M. Espinosa, 89, died Nov. 22 at Sandstone Heights Nursing Home in Little River. She was born May 29, 1912 at Parral Chihuahua, Mexico, the daughter of Jesus and Teresa Pastrano Navarro. She married Antonio Mosqueda in 1939. He died June 24, 1945. She married Jesus Santoyo June 10, 1973. He died June 10, 1980. A resident of Lyons since 1939, she was a retired Nurse, having worked at Sterling Hospital and Lyons District Hospital. Mrs. Espinosa was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church and St. Paul Altar Society, both of Lyons. Survivors include two sons, Manuel Navarro and Robert Mosqueda both of Lyons; two daughters, Ida Wilson and Rachel Gonzales both of Lyons; 15 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. Parish Rosary will be at 7 p.m. tonight at the church. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Thomas Leland officiating. Burial will be at Lyons Municipal Cemetery. Friends may call from 2-6 p.m. today at Sillin Funeral Home and from 6-8 p.m. tonight at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Kidney Foundation in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Nov. 25, 2001

**Verne Lee Rogg** 1940-2001

Verne Lee Rogg, beloved husband and father, was born Oct.1, 1940. His death occurred Nov. 22, 2001 at Russell Regional Hospital in Russell. Verne graduated from Russell High School, attended Fort Hays State University and Wichita State University. He worked for Belles and Associates Construction Co. in Wichita for a number of years. With his family, in 1983, he moved back to Russell to take over the family farm. On Oct. 8, 1961 at Russell, he was united in marriage to Sandra Peck and to this union was born Pamela and Scott Rogg. He was a board member of the Bunker Hill Lions Club and Rural Water District #3, a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge #177 AF and AM, Russell Shrine Club, Shrine and Consistory of Salina, a former Agco board member and formerly, Kansas National Guard. He is survived and will be greatly missed by his wife, Sandra; his children Pamela Reston of Va., and Scott of Russell; his brothers, Alan of St. Louis, Mo., Bradley of Wichita; In-Laws, Ralph and Hester Peck of Bunker Hill, Curtis and Mary Peck of Wichita, Dr. Roger and Norma Peck of Great Bend, Lauree and Ron Johnson of Ellis; his nieces and nephews; also a number of other relatives and a host of friends. He was preceded in death by an infant son, Eric and his parents Everette and Jean Crissman Rogg. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Trinity United Methodist Church in Russell. A private interment will be held at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the Bunker Hill Lions Club Building Fund. Russell Shrine Traveling Fund. or Trinity United Methodist Church all in care of Great Bend Famly Mortuarr
Cleo Velma Buller  1916-2001

LARNED - Cleo Velma Buller, 85, died Nov. 24 at Central Kansas Medical Center St. Joseph Campus in Larned. She was born July 16, 1916, at Larned, the daughter of Clarence E. and Nellie Mae Unruh Smith. She was a graduate of Bethal College in North Newton. She married Ralph P. Buller, Aug. 7, 1940 at Pawnee Rock. A resident of Larned since 1943, coming from Lehigh, she was a schoolteacher, homemaker, and worked with the Ladies Mission Workers in Pawnee Rock. Mrs. Buller was a member of the Berghal Mennonite Church in Pawnee Rock. Survivors include eight sons, Delbert Buller, and Thomas Buller both of Kansas City, Mo., Joel Buller of Fort Mohave, Ariz., Stanley Buller of Denver, Colo., Daniel Buller of Albuquerque, N.M., Timothy Buller of Colorado Springs, Colo., Gordan Buller of Wichita, and William Buller of Austin, Texas; two daughters, Norma McGinnies of Council Grove, and Karen Simonsen of Victor, Mont.; three brothers, Vernon Smith and Homer Smith of Toocooa, Ga., Martin Smith of Poteau, Okla., two sisters, Eloise Smith of Wheatridge, Colo., and Velda Vogt of Derby; 22 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by an infant son, and one brother, Allen Smith. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church, with Muriel T. Stackley officiating. Burial will be at Berghal Mennonite Cemetery in Pawnee Rock. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Beckwith Mortuary in Larned, and until service time Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Mission Workers of Berghal Mennonite Church in care of the mortuary.

Glen Andrew Schuetz  1917-2001

Glen Andrew Schuetz, 84, of Great Bend, died Nov. 22 at Ellinwood District Hospital in Ellinwood. He was born July 6, 1917 at Bazine, the son of Andrew Frederick and Fay Ruth Crotinger Schuetz. He attended Kansas State University and was a member of the Sigma NU Fraternity. He played on the KSU Varsity Basketball team, and played for the Webb Clothiers Semi-Pro Basketball Team. He married Dorothy Newell on June 26, 1938 at Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend since 1918, coming from Bazine, he owned and operated Schuetz Hardware and Appliance and Schuetz Real Estate and Construction. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Great Bend, American Legion Post #180, Life member of both DAV and BPO Elks Lodge #1127, Shrine and Masonic Lodge, Grand Lodge A.F. and A.M. of Kansas Lodge #15, Kansas York Rite membership chapter 36 Mt. Nebo, Comody #14 St. Omer, Isis Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. of Salina, Rotary International, the Great Bend and Kansas Board of Realtors, the Golden Belt Country Club and the BCCC Booster Club. He was on the original High Rise Board, who were responsible for purchasing the property and ultimately the project's completion. He developed five housing additions in Great Bend; Meadowlark, Gunn, Crescent Park, Hacienda and Edge Park additions. He built over 800 houses in Great Bend and organized the "Save Our City Group" which resulted in flood protection for Great Bend. In 1968 he became president of the Great Bend Board of Realtors, and in 1970, the National Association of Real Estate Boards honored him with a lifetime membership because he organized and implemented the first Great Bend multi-list. He was also a U.S. Army Air Force Signal Corp veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son Perry N. Schuetz, M.D. of Great Bend; one daughter, Sally J. Jensen of Great Bend; three sisters, Margaret Kottwitz of Great Bend, Shirley Snider of Mankato, and LuAnn Millard of Prairie Village; four grandchildren, Jennifer Jensen Graves of Hood River, Ore., Amy Schuetz and Justin Jensen both of Great Bend, and John Schuetz of Enid, Okla.; one great-granddaughter, Morgan Graves of Hood River. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m., Thursday at the church with the Rev. Hal Staats and Pastor Jeff Goss officiating. Private family Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, the family will greet friends from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, all at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church or the Glen A. Schuetz Athletic Scholarship Fund at Barton County Community College both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Nov. 25, 2001

November 26, 2001

Charles Dean Foster  1919-2001

NATOMA - Charles Dean Foster, 82, died Nov. 23 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. He was born Sept. 22, 1919, in Caney, the son of Charles Glenn and Alpha Ora McClure Foster. He was a graduate of Russell High School. He married Anita Foster Feb. 13, 1946, in Russell. A resident of Natoma, coming from Russell, he operated a Standard service station, worked for the past 40 years as an employee of Pohlmans Mortuary in Natoma and at Pohlmans Home Furnishing Company until its closure in 1966. Foster was a member of Peace Lutheran Church, American Legion and Lions Club, all in Natoma, and life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars in Russell. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Theater. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Charles "Chuck" Foster of Des Moines, Iowa, and Larry Foster of Wilson; three daughters, Karen Blank of Smith Center, Sharon "Susie" Clark of Natoma and Carol Gotsche of Garden City; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by one son, Roger Foster; and one brother, Dale Foster. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. L.J. McDermott officiating. Burial will be at Natoma Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight at the mortuary and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Lutheran Hour and American Diabetes Association, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Nov. 26, 2001

Avis A. Scheuerman  1912-2001

KENSINGTON - Avis A. Scheuerman, 88, died Nov. 25 at Smith County Memorial Hospital in Smith Center. She was born Dec. 18, 1912, in rural Smith County, the daughter of August and Georgia Belle Courton Fiene. She married Chester Scheuerman. He preceded her in death. A resident of Kensington since 1992, coming from La Crosse, she was a homemaker and farm wife. Mrs. Scheuerman was a member of First St. John Lutheran Church, where she was a Sunday School teacher and Church Ladies Guild, all of Kensington. Survivors include one brother, Ivan "Swede" Fiene of Kensington. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church. with the Rev. Dave Hutson officiating. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may meet
the family at the graveside service. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at Simmons Mortuary in Kensington and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 26, 2001

Mary C. Bortz 1901-2001

LA CROSSE - Mary C. Bortz, 100, died Nov. 25 at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 26, 2001

November 27, 2001

Mary Christina Bortz 1901-2001

RUSH CENTER - Mary Christina Bortz, 100, died Nov. 25 at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. She was born Nov. 18, 1901, in Great Bend, the daughter of Christian and Karen Marie Hansen Johnson. She married Charles L. Bortz Feb. 16, 1921, in Great Bend. He died Jan. 21, 1981. A resident of Rush Center since 1921, coming from Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Bortz was a member of United Methodist Church in Rush Center and La Crosse, United Methodist Women, Timken Coterie Club, Gay Gingham Unit and Grandma's Quilting Club. Survivors include two daughters, Eldora Conard of Timken and Marilyn Maresch of Great Bend; eight grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and 16 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Olaf Johnson, Herman Johnson, Victor Johnson, Gilbert Johnson and Alex Johnson. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Long Term Care Unit in La Crosse, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 27, 2001

Evan Oliver 'Pat' Hitch 1916-2001

ELLIS - Evan Oliver "Pat" Hitch, 85, died Nov. 23 at Ellis Good Samaritan Center in Ellis. He was born Sept. 9, 1916, in Sweetwater, Tenn. He attended Pittsburgh State College. He married Laura Louise Scovell Nov. 13, 1935. She preceded him in death. A resident of Ellis, coming from Burrotn and Wichita, he worked for 50 years at Farley Machine Works as foreman of shops in Burrotn and Sterling, Colo. He retired as general manager of the company. Hitch was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Survivors include two sons, Jim R. Hitch of Mountain Home, Ark. and Evan Mack Hitch of Tucson, Ariz.; two daughters, Sheila Rae Eckman of Auburn, Ala. and Marola Vira Whiting of Rapid City, S.D.; his step-mother, Mary Hitch of Wichita; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and seven step-great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at a late date. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Ellis Good Samaritan Center, in care of Fryberger Mortuary in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 27, 2001

Kenneth Neil Hoover 1923-2001

STAFFORD - Kenneth Neil Hoover, 78, died Nov. 21 at Golden Plains Care Center in Hutchinson. He was born Oct. 25, 1923, in Stafford, the son of Earl L. and Zella May Hoover. A life long resident of Stafford, he worked for Carey Hardware and the City of Stafford. Survivors include two brothers, Earl L. Hoover of Wichita and Joe S. Hoover of Kansas City; and one sister, Annabelle M. Wertz of Wichita. He was preceded in death by one brother, Bennett Hoover. Inurnment of ashes will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Stafford Cemetery. There is no visitation, cremation has taken place. There are no memorials suggested. Minnis Chapel in Stafford is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 27, 2001

Edwina Mae Faulkner 1920-2001

ST. JOHN - Edwina Mae Faulkner, 81, died Nov. 25 at Integrated Health Services of Wichita. She was born Sept. 4, 1920, the daughter of William A. and Bessie Rich. She married James Washington Faulkner Jr. He preceded her in death. A resident of Wichita, coming from Valley Center, Lawrence, Topeka and St. John, she was a homemaker. Survivors include one son, Roger LeRoy Faulkner of St. John; and one daughter, Linda Mae Faulkner of Great Bend. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Dwight Rich, Gene Rich, Jay Rich and Roger Rich; and one sister, Viola Hunt. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Minnis Chapel in St. John, with the Rev. David Ford officiating. Burial will be at Farmington Cemetery in Macksville. Friends may call from 5-8 p.m. today, at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to the donor's choice, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 27, 2001

Allene Georgia Knop 1913-2001

Allene Georgia Knop, 88, of Great Bend, died Nov. 27 at Cherry Village in Great Bend after a long illness. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Kimple Inc. Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 27, 2001

Joe Stanley Snodgrass 1954-2001

DODGE CITY - Joe Stanley Snodgrass, 47, died Nov. 26 at Western Plains Medical Complex in Dodge City. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 27, 2001
November 28, 2001

Charles "Chuck" Edward Powell 1957-2001

HUTCHINSON - Charles "Chuck" Edward Powell, 44, died Nov. 25 at his home in Hutchinson. He was born Oct. 3, 1957, in Stafford, the son of Clifford Leon and Virginia May Sutherland Powell. He was a 1978 graduate of Stafford High School and a 1980 graduate of Dodge City Vocational College. A resident of Hutchinson since July, coming from Stafford, he worked as an automobile mechanic in Stafford and as a custodian for Petro Truck Stop in South Hutchinson. Powell attended Church of the Nazarene and Friends Church, both in Stafford. Survivors include his mother of Stafford; two brothers, Jerry Leon Powell and James Ray Powell, both of Topeka; and three sisters, Edit Ann Lance of Davenport, Iowa, Mary Ellen Moore of Great Bend and Nancy Jean Anton of Plains. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Pleasant Hill Church of the Nazarene in Sylvia, with John Miller, Don Lance and June Worden officiating. Cremation has taken place. Inurnment of the ashes will be done at a later date. There is visitation and no memorials are suggested. Minnis Chapel in Stafford is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 28, 2001

Allene Georgia Knop 1913-2001

Allene Georgia Knop, 88, of Great Bend, died Nov. 27 at Cherry Village in Great Bend. She was born June 25, 1913, in Wichita, the daughter of Fred Martin and Emma Grace Oglesbee Bailey. She married Clinton J. Knop Aug. 11, 1935. He died Jan. 4, 1987. A long time resident of Barton County and a seasonal resident of Rockport, Texas, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Knop was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Ellinwood. Survivors include one son, Dale Knop of Ellinwood; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Gene Clinton. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Andy Keltner officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend City Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to St. John's Lutheran Church in Ellinwood or Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 28, 2001

Joe Stanley Snodgrass 1954-2001

DODGE CITY - Joe Stanley Snodgrass, 47, died Nov. 26 at Western Plains Medical Complex in Dodge City. He was born April 16, 1954, in Larned, the son of Paul E. and Romona J. Lewis Snodgrass. A resident of Dodge City since 1977, coming from Rozel, he was a truck driver for Irsik and Doll in Cimarron. Snodgrass is a member of United Methodist Church in Rozel. Survivors include his mother of Garfield; three brothers, James Snodgrass and Jerry Snodgrass, both of Rozel and John Snodgrass of Garfield; three sisters, Deborah Mangen of Cedar Vale, Diana Pfiefer of Hays and Donna Pivonka of Larned. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned, with the Revs. Tony Horsley and Ken Walker officiating. Burial will be at Garfield Cemetery in Garfield. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 28, 2001

Montie E. Turnbull 1909-2001

PLAINVILLE - Montie E. Turnbull, 92, died Nov. 27 at Cherry Village in Great Bend. She was born Nov. 7, 1909, in Charity, Mo., the daughter of William and Effie Maude Atteberry. She married Irvin F. Turnbull Feb. 19, 1927, in Greensburg. He died May 11, 1996. A resident of Plainville, coming from Stockton, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Turnbull was a member of First United Methodist Church and Extension Homemakers Unit, both of Stockton. Survivors include four sons, Jack Turnbull of Plainville, Jim Turnbull of Hooisnton, Dick Turnbull of Salina and Ron Turnbull of Midland, Texas; four daughters, Marguerette Hulse and Patricia Toelkes, both of Minden, La., Karrol Kirk of Hutchinson and Linda Normandin of Damar; one sister, Myrtle Clinesmith of McPherson; 27 grandchildren; 61 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons; two daughters; three brothers; one sister; and two grandsons. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Tim Ault-Duell and Betty Bachman officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Vernon Cemetery, north of Webster. Friends may call from 3-8 p.m. today, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, both at Smith-Moore-Overlease Funeral Home in Stockton and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or E.H.U., both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 28, 2001

Gayle F. Locke 1954-2001

Gayle F. Locke, 46, of Great Bend, died Nov. 27 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 28, 2001

Glen Andrew Schuetz 1917-2001

Glen Andrew Schuetz, 84, of Great Bend, died Nov. 22 at Ellinwood District Hospital in Ellinwood. He was born July 6, 1917, in Bazine, the son of Andrew Frederick and Fay Ruth Crottinger Schuetz. He attended Kansas State University. He married Dorothy Newell June 26, 1938, in Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend since 1918, coming from Bazine, he owned and operated Schuetz Hardware and Appliance and Schuetz Real Estate and Construction, all in Great Bend. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church. American Legion Post 180. Life member of both DAV and BPO Elks Lodge 1127 all in Great Bend. Shrine and Masonic
Laurine Margaret Murphy Lenard 1923-2001

LARNED - Laurine Margaret Murphy Lenard, 78, died Nov. 27 in Town and Country, Mo. She was born Jan. 17, 1923, near Ash Valley, the daughter of Solomon and Karoline Schwartz Wittig. She married John D. Murphy. He preceded her in death. A longtime resident of Larned, she was a homemaker. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Larned. Survivors include three sons, Dr. Gary Murphy of Tacoma, Wash., John Murphy of Great Bend and Greg Murphy of Olathe; three daughters, Janice Roth of Inverness, Fla., Jeanne Reynolds of Town and Country and Joni Turner of Larned; one brother, Richard Wittrock of Sedalia, Mo.; two sisters, Neta Salyer of Clearwater, Fla. and Lola Jennison of Dinuba, Calif.; 16 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Ida Bisterfeld. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Charles Grant officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 29, 2001

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Rita Marie Bethel 1938-2001

Rita Marie Bethel, 63, of Great Bend, died Nov. 28 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus in Larned. She was born Oct. 7, 1938, in Odin, the daughter of Lawrence and Mary M. Lewis Debes. She married Wylie Bethel Feb. 23, 1963, in Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend for 43 years, coming from Bushton, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Bethel was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and Senior Center volunteer, both of Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Raymond Bethel and Randal Bethel, both of Great Bend and Ronald Bethel of Newago, Mich.; two daughters, Ruby Alloway and Robin Bethel, both of Great Bend; four brothers, Lawrence Debes of Larned, Kevin Debes of Pierce City, Mo., Justin Debes and Jim Debes, both of Great Bend; two sisters, Margaret Rose Campbell of Great Bend and Germaine Carey of Monet, Mo.; her stepmother, Dorothy Debes of Great Bend; and nine grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Jerome Debes and Mike Debes. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Angel Dy officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Great Bend Senior Center or the High Rise, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 29, 2001

Gayle F. Locke 1954-2001

Gayle F. Locke, 46, of Great Bend, died Nov. 27 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born Dec. 31, 1954, in Hoisington, the daughter of Theodore R. Jr. and Josephine D. May Guilford. She married Larry D. Locke July 12, 1982, in Hoisington. He died Aug. 3, 2001. A longtime resident of Barton County, she worked at Rush County Nursing Home as a certified nurse's aid until she retired due to her health. Mrs. Locke was a member of First Baptist Church in Hoisington. Survivors include one step-son, Terry Locke of Hays; her father of Great Bend; and two sisters, Margaret Kottwitz of Great Bend, Shirley Snider of Mankato, and LuAnn Millard of Prairie Village; four grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m., Thursday at the church, with the Revs. Hal Staats and Jeff Goss officiating. Private family burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church or the Glen A. Schuetz Athletic Scholarship Fund at Barton County Community College, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 29, 2001

Jensen of Great Bend; three sisters, Margaret Kottwitz of Great Bend, Shirley Snider of Mankato, and LuAnn Millard of Prairie Village; four grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m., Thursday at the church, with the Revs. Hal Staats and Jeff Goss officiating. Private family burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church or the Glen A. Schuetz Athletic Scholarship Fund at Barton County Community College, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 28, 2001

John T. Kachelman 1907-2001

ST. JOHN - John T. Kachelman, 94, died Nov. 27 at Pratt Regional Medical Center in Pratt. He was born Feb. 20, 1907, in St. John, the son of Roscoe H. and Mollie Smitsdon and the adopted son of S. J. and Alice May Kachelman. He married Kathleen B. Schroder March 31, 1927, in St. John. She died Sept. 5, 1947. He married Margaret J. Stafford July 25, 1949, in St. John. A lifelong resident of St. John, he was a farmer and stockman. Kachelman was a member of Antrim United Methodist Church, past president of Kansas State Rifle Association, board member of St. John National Bank, life member of National Rifle Association and past president of Stafford Gun Club. Survivors include his wife of the home; four daughters, Helen G. Milburn of Orlando, Fla., Alice J. Fox of Great Bend, Sandra L. Clark of St. John and Sierra S. Postier of Pratt; 15 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Robin K. Scott; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Minnis Chapel in St. John. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call until 8 tonight at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to the church or Pratt Regional Medical Center, both in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 29, 2001
Randall Alan Jordan  1957-2001

CHICAGO, Ill. - Randall Alan Jordan, 44, died Nov. 28 in Chicago. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 29, 2001
Lawrence 'Larry' Jerome Sisson 1938-2001

Lawrence "Larry" Jerome Sisson, 63, died Nov. 30 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born Aug. 18, 1938, in Hutchinson, the son of Walter J. and Muriel L. Itel Sisson. He was a 1956 graduate of Great Bend High School and attended Kansas University. He married Linda Lou Becker Oct. 4, 1958, in Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend for most his life, he was president and co-owner of LWH Rental and Development Inc. and vice-president and co-owner of Becker Tire and Treading Inc., both of Great Bend. Sisson was a member and deacon at First Christian Church in Great Bend. He was past president of Kansas Tire Dealers Association and was on the board of directors of National Tire Dealers Association. On Feb. 17, he received the Mid-America Tire Dealers Association Industry Service Award for "unselfish dedication and meritorious service for the tire industry." Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Scott J. and Dawn M. Sisson of Great Bend; one daughter, Debra L. Sisson and Curtis Hunter of Hoisington; four sisters, Janell Bowman of Great Bend, Jeanette Tammen of Timken, Shirley Burbenn of EIdorado and Johannah Sisson of LaGuna Beach, Calif.; one son-in-law, Bryan and Angie Schenk of Great Bend; and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Pam K. Schenk; three brothers, Walter "Bud" Sisson, William F. Sisson and John Sisson; one sister, Lois W. Seago; and one grandson, Aaron J. Sisson. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to First Christian Church Building Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Dec. 2, 2001

Dorothy L. Black 1927-2001

RUSSELL - Dorothy L. Black, 74, died Nov. 28 at Metroplex Hospital in Killeen, Texas. She was born April 12, 1927, at Madison, the daughter of James Luther and Eva Cornelia Thompson Rhyne. She was a graduate of Gorham High School. She married Tom W. Black Sept. 3, 1946, at Russell. He died July 5, 1979. A resident of Russell, coming from Hays, she was employed at Travonel in Hays and by the Hays school district for several years. Mrs. Black was a member of American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliaries, both of Russell. Survivors include four sons, Jim Black and Tom Black, both of Bakersfield, Calif., Robert Black of Stillwater, Okla., and Monty Black of Lenexa; one daughter, Lori Hodges of Killeen; one brother, Ralph "Red" Rhyne of Augusta; one sister, Doris Dean of Greenland, Ark.; 12 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Francis "Punk" Rhyne; and one sister, Nita Bedwell. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Pohlman's Memorial Chapel in Russell with the Rev. Glen Tombaugh officiating. Burial will be at Russell City Cemetery in Russell. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. to service time Wednesday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Diabetes Association or American Heart Association, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Dec. 2, 2001

Jaiden Rhae Randall 2001-2001

Jaiden Rhae Randall, infant daughter of Mark W. and Kimberly J. Randall, died Nov. 29 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. Survivors include her parents of Great Bend; two brothers, Jackson Randall and Jensen Randall, both of the home; grandparents, John and Carol Harris of Great Bend and Elaine Randall of Wakeeny; and great-grandmother, Marie Randall of Shawnee. A private family service was held Saturday with the Rev. Shawn Winters officiating. Burial was at Great Bend Cemetery. No memorials are suggested. Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend was in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Dec. 2, 2001


GENESEO - James P. "Jim" Nelson Jr., 76, died Nov. 29 at Veterans Administration Medical Center in Wichita. He was born Nov. 25, 1925, at Barnsdall, Okla., the son of James P. and Donna Marie Pollock Nelson. He was a graduate of University of Kansas with a masters degree in journalism. He married Beatrice Rowe July 1, 1957, at Miami, Okla. A resident of Genesee, coming from Holyrood, he was a retired newspaper editor for the Wichita Eagle, Beacon, El Paso Times, Lubbock Avalanche Journal and Topeka Capital Journal. Nelson was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; five sons, James P. "Jay" Nelson III of Augusta, Edward Nelson of Moundridge, Mark Nelson and Burr Nelson, both of Genesee, and Nathan Nelson of Salina; two daughters, Anna Marie Nelson of Plano, Texas, and Roseann Nelson of Salina; one brother, Clarence "Bud" Nelson of Chase; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Sitlin Funeral Home in Lyons, with John Summers officiating. Burial will be at Bushtion Cemetery in Bushtion. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time on Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Basic Center for Cancer Research at Kansas State University.
Richard 'Dick' Duncan 1927-2001

SYLVIA - Richard "Dick" Duncan, 74, died Nov. 30 at Hutchinson Hospital. He was born Nov. 28, 1927, in Stafford County, the son of S.N. "Sam" and Lucille Haggett Duncan. He was a graduate of Sylvia High School. He married Maxine Bruer Sept. 26, 1973, at Sylvia. A longtime resident of Sylvia, he was a oilfield pumper and had worked as a power plant operator for KSIR in Hutchinson. Duncan was a member of First United Methodist Church of Sylvia and the Masonic Lodge. Survivors include his wife of the home; two step-daughters, Kathy Brugey of Sylvia and Theresa Kraus of Scandia; four step-grandchildren; and one step-great-grandson. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Minnis Chapel in Sylvia Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. today at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to the church or Leisure Homestead of Stafford, both in care of the funeral chapel.

December 3, 2001

Helen Pauline Hesher 1910-2001

PAWNEE ROCK - Helen Pauline Hesher, 91, died Nov. 30 at Integrated Health Services of Great Bend. She was born July 26, 1910, in Morland, the daughter of Peter and Katherin Klaus Brungardt. She married Rollo Martin Hesher April 22, 1941, in Winfield. He died Nov. 22, 1946. A resident of Pawnee Rock since 1961, she was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in St. Peter. Survivors include two daughters; one sister; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother; and two sisters. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned, with the Rev. Warren Stecklein officiating. Burial will be at Gypsum Cemetery in Gypsum. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Fund, in care of the funeral home.

Marieda V. Keenan 1919-2001

Marieda V. Keenan, 82, died Dec. 1 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born Oct. 3, 1919, in Larned, the daughter of George N. and NeOma Woodward Gleason. She married Ora Francis Keenan June 7, 1941, in Kinsley. He died Oct. 17, 2001. A resident of Great Bend for 26 years, coming from Seward, she worked as a medical secretary. Mrs. Keenan was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, St. Patrick Altar Society and St. Francis Xavier Altar Society. Survivors include three sons, Jerry L. Keenan of Ada, Okla., Don George Keenan of St. John and Mark A. Keenan of Longwood, Fla.; two daughters, Mary L. Elliott of Lewisville, Texas, and Anne Steinbacher of Great Bend; one sister, LaVerne Green of St. John; 16 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Lane F. Keenan and Ray M. Keenan; one daughter, Debra J. Keenan; and one brother, Berle Gleason. Altar Society rosary will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Revs. Warren Stecklein and Rene Guernier officiating. Burial will be at St. Francis Xavier Cemetery in Seward. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Francis Xavier Altar Society, in care of the funeral home.

Katherine Florence Bailey Evans 1914-2001

LEWIS - Katherine Florence Bailey Evans, 87, died Dec. 1 at Leisure Homestead in Stafford. She was born Feb. 7, 1914, in Webb City, Mo., the daughter of Frank and Blanche Isabel Lawson Bailey. She was a graduate of Wilmar High School in Wilmar. She married Lawrence Henry "Billy" Evans July 8, 1933, in Wilmar. He died in 1988. A longtime resident of Lewis, she was a homemaker. Mrs Evans was a member of Christ Church and Farm Bureau, both of Lewis. Survivors include one daughter, Wilma Louise Lighthouse of Vienna, Va.; one brother, Frank Bailey of Lewis; one sister, Mickey Neumann of Garden City; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Minnis Chapel in St. John, with the Rev. Keith Schrum officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, at the funeral chapel. The casket will remain closed at the funeral. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, in care of the funeral chapel.

Marjorie A. Alger Cromwell 1945-2001

BURLETON, Colo. - Marjorie A. Alger Cromwell, 55, died Nov. 27 at Hospice of Metro Denver - City Park in Denver, Colo. She was born Dec. 4, 1945, in Chanute, the daughter of Warren and Margaret Krueger Alger. She was a 1962 graduate of Chanute High School and a 1967 graduate of Pittsburg State College. She married Larry Cromwell June 10, 1967, in Chanute. A resident of Burlington for 25 years, coming from Great Bend, she was an elementary school teacher. Mrs. Cromwell was a member of First Christian Church in Burlington. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons. Jon Cromwell of Kanorado and Jared Cromwell of Fort Collins. Colo.: and two brothers. Howard Alger and Kenneth
Alger, both of Chanute. She was preceded in death by one brother, Melvin Alger. Funeral was Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Paul Barker officiating. Burial was at Kanorado Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Koons Funeral Home in Goodland. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 3, 2001

Richard L. Rhan 1930-2001

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. - Richard L. Rhan, 71, died Nov. 28 at Life Care Center in New Market, Va. He was born Oct. 24, 1930, in White Oaks, Md., the son of Theodore and Ola Delta Fitzgerald Rhan. He married Katherine Rhan. She preceded him in death. A resident of Virginia Beach, he was a retired corrections officer. Rhan was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Survivors include one son, Rick Rhan of Great Bend; his mother of New Market; one brother, Robert Rhan of New Market; one sister, Joyce Schofield of Canada; two grandchildren; and one great-grandson. There is no funeral or visitation. His body has been donated to Virginia State Anatomical Program in Richmond, Va. Arrangements were handled by Theis Funeral Chapel in New Market. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 3, 2001

Sid L. McGough 1927-2001

WICHITA - Sid L. McGough, 74, died Dec. 1 in Wichita. He was born in 1927, the son of Sid C. and Fanell McGough. A resident of Wichita, coming from Great Bend, he was a retired oil industry executive. Survivors include his wife, Jean, of the home; two sons, Larry McGough of Canyon Lake, Texas, and Ron McGough of Duncan, Okla.; one brother, Harley McGough of Plainville; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Resthaven Mortuary in Wichita. There is no visitation listed. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 3, 2001

Ruth Thach Marcotte 1929-2001

MULLINVILLE - Ruth Thach Marcotte, 72, died Dec. 1 at Hilltop House in Bucklin. She was born Jan. 24, 1929, the daughter of James R. and Ethel Selby Thach. She was a 1947 graduate of Mullinville High School and attended Wichita State University. A resident of Bucklin, coming from Greensburg, Wichita and Great Bend, she managed the Gables Cafe in Mullinville from 1962 to 1968 and owned Ruth's Style Shop in Great Bend from 1968 to 1983. She was a member of United Methodist Church in Mullinville, past president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Kansas and Star of Hope Chapter 193 of Order of the Eastern Star in Greensburg. Survivors include one son, Rick Sherer of Mullinville; one daughter, Linda Rhodes of Derby; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Ray Thach. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Morita Truman officiating. Cremation has taken place, there is no visitation. Inurnment will be at Hillcrest Cemetery in Mullinville. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Mullinville State Bank and Fleener Funeral Home in Greensburg. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 3, 2001

Laura A. Huffman 1932-2001

Laura A. Huffman, 69, of Great Bend, died Dec. 1 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born July 12, 1932, in North Carolina, the daughter of Lloyd Clayton and Mary Jane Phillips. She married Francis Huffman June 18, 1984, in Great Bend. A lifelong resident of Barton County, she worked as a cook and waitress before retiring. Mrs. Huffman was a member of First Bible Baptist Church in Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Charles H. Kepford of Wichita; four daughters, Debbie S. Kepford of Ellinwood, Rita K. Rowe of Hudson, Karen D. Kepford of Laredo and Laura L. Collins of Oceanside, Calif.; one sister, Ruth Pinkleton of Dallas, N.C.; and 11 grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Fryberger Mortuary Chapel in Great Bend, with the Rev. Robert Morris officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, with the family receiving from 5-7 p.m., all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Laura A. Huffman Memorial fund, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 3, 2001

December 5, 2001

Constance 'Connie' A. Walker 1935-2001

LA CROSSE - Constance "Connie" A. Walker, 66, died Dec. 4 at her home in La Crosse. She was born March 27, 1935, in Cripple Creek, Colo. the daughter of William F. and Nellie Mcgee Conrad. A resident of La Crosse, she worked as a secretary clerk for Dillon's. Survivors include one son, William D. Walker of La Crosse; one daughter, Jacqueline Stroud-Hull of Wichita; her mother; one sister, Sally Creamer of Sherman, Texas; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Kathy Marie Stroud; and one brother, Robert L. Conrad. Memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Thursday at Janousek Funeral Home Chapel in La Crosse, with the Rev. Anthony Dominguez officiating. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 5, 2001
Sybil Arlene Thomason 1923-2001

LAKEWOOD, Colo. - Sybil Arlene Thomason, 78, died Nov. 30 at her residence in Lakewood. She was born Feb. 13, 1923, in St. John, the daughter of Leslie and Helen G. Tucker Hahn. A resident of Lakewood, coming from Great Bend and Wichita, she was a homemaker. Survivors include one son, Norman Thomason of Wichita; six brothers, Robert Hahn of Fairhaven, Mass., James Hahn, Leonard Hahn and John Hahn, all of Denver, Colo., Phil Hahn of Steamboat Springs, Colo. and Stanley Hahn of Valparaiso, Ind.; two sisters, Wanda Houghton of Brush, Colo. and Ruth Johnson of Aurora, Colo.; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Resthaven Mortuary Chapel in Wichita. Friends may call from 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday at the mortuary. There are no memorials suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 5, 2001

Thomas Fletcher Stevenson 1910-2001

LEWISTON, Colo. - Thomas Fletcher Stevenson, 91, died Nov. 28 at Royal Plaza Retirement Center in Lewiston. He was born Jan. 24, 1910, in Itasca, Texas, the son of Thomas W. and Leslie Caldwell Stevenson. He graduated from Frost High School in Frost, Texas. He married Mildred Elizabeth Goodman Dec. 25, 1942. A resident of Lewiston, coming from Great Bend, he worked as a manager for F.W. Woolworth Co. Stevenson was a member of the United Methodist church, 50 year member of American Legion, 65 year member of Kiwanis International, SCORE, Masons and Methodist Men. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, John Stevenson of Rockledge, Fla.; one daughter, Susan Mann of Lewiston; Mary Hill Stevenson Warren of Frost and Louise Stevenson Bain of Mexia, Texas; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Funeral has taken place. Memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church in Hays, in care of the church. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 5, 2001

December 6, 2001

Roger L. Steinert 1947-2001

DORRANCE - Roger L. Steinert, 54, died Dec. 5 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born June 25, 1947, the son of Alex F. and Rosa Templing Steinert. He married Doris Webster in 1987 in Great Bend. A resident of Dorrance, coming from Russell, Great Bend and Wilson, he was a welder. Survivors include his wife of the home; and one brother, Al Steinert of Wilson. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Foster Mortuary Chapel in Wilson. Burial will be at Dorrance City Cemetery. Friends may call from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and from 8 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at the mortuary. There are no memorials suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 6, 2001

Joan D. Keener 1933-2001

Joan D. Keener, 68, of Great Bend, died Dec. 5 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 6, 2001

December 7, 2001

Joan D. Keener 1933-2001

Joan D. Keener, 68, of Great Bend, died Dec. 5 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born Dec. 3, 1933, at Ransom, the daughter of Harry W. and Mildred Wisehart Elliott. She married Bill Keener May 27, 1951, in Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend since 1992, coming from Mullinville, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Keener was a member of King United Methodist Church in Great Bend and Order of Eastern Star of Rush Center, and was a library volunteer in Mullinville and Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Adam Keener of Indianapolis, Ind.; two daughters, Debbie Winn of Wichita and Peggy Post of Westmoreland; her mother of Great Bend; one brother, Robert Elliott of Great Bend; one sister, Lois Hickel of Lawrence; and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one infant brother, Darold Duane Elliott. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Bill Wolf officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to service time Saturday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 7, 2001

Lidwina Werth 1915-2001

Lidwina Werth, 86, of Great Bend, died Dec. 2 at Cherry Village Benevolence in Great Bend. She was born July 22, 1915, in Liebenthal, the daughter of Peter and Barbara Herman Hepp. She married Ferdinand Werth May 4, 1936, in Liebenthal. He died in 1987. A lifelong resident of Barton and Rush counties. she was a homemaker. Mrs. Werth was a
Robert M. Hawkins 1919-2001

MANHATTAN - Robert M. Hawkins, 82, died Dec. 3 at Mercy Health Center in Manhattan. He was born April 11, 1919, in Sterling, the son of Seth H. Sr. and Georgia Viola Waters Hawkins. He was a 1937 graduate of Sterling High School and attended Sterling College. He married Anna M. Geist Jan. 5, 1948, in Great Bend. A resident of Manhattan, coming from Lyons, he worked for railroads, feed mills, salt plants and in the oil fields for several years and was in the maintenance and custodian department of Lyons Manufacturing Plant in Lyons for more than 27 years. He retired in 1983 and later worked as a custodian for USD 405 in Lyons from 1983 until his retirement in 1991. Hawkins was a member of American Legion Post 129 in Lyons. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, serving as a radar technician.

Survivors include his wife of the home; four daughters, Sherry L. Sheridan of Rensselaer, N.Y., Georgia M. Mulanax of Manhattan, Bessie A. Day of Wamego and Susie E. Burt of Great Bend; two brothers, Seth H. Hawkins Jr. of Holliday, Fla., and Frank R. Hawkins of Wichita; two sisters, Betty Lawson of Sterling and Anne McCamant of Hutchinson; 15 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Graveside services with full military honors will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Valley View Memorial Gardens in Manhattan with the Rev. Wilbur Buckley officiating. The family will receive friends from 7-8 tonight at Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home in Manhattan. Friends and family are invited to meet at the funeral home at 2:30 p.m. Saturday to form a procession to the cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Homecare & Hospice of Manhattan, the American Diabetes Association or Rice County Council on Aging, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 7, 2001

Georgia M. Kogler 1910-2001

SALINA - Georgia M. Houska Kogler, 91, died Dec. 8. She was born Feb. 22, 1910, in Clafflin. She married Elmer C. Jordan. He died in 1946. She then married Kenneth Kogler. He died in 1988. A resident of Salina, coming from Gypsum, she was a retired owner and operator of Kogler Cafe and Service Station in Gypsum. Survivors include two sons, Robert A. Jordan Sr. and Cliff Jordan, both of Great Bend; one daughter, Lois Nichols of Salina; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Mae Ecton; and one grandson, Randall Alan Jordan. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Clafflin Cemetery in Clafflin. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Ryan Mortuary in Salina. Family will receive friends from 6-7 tonight at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Georgia Kogler Family Memorial, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 7, 2001

December 9, 2001

Mae Suedekum 1910-2001

Mae Suedekum, 91, of Great Bend died Dec. 7 at her residence in Great Bend. She was born Feb. 10, 1910 at Pulaski County, Ky., the daughter of Caleb and Anna Howsen Marcum. She married Harve Suedekum March 4, 1932 at Kingman. He died Nov. 30, 1985. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Thornton, Colo., she was a homemaker. Mrs. Suedekum was a member of Central Baptist Church in Great Bend. Survivors include two sons, Melvin Suedekum of Tempe, Ariz., and Alvin Suedekum of Gillette, Wyo.; one daughter, Lois Nichols of Salina; 11 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one brother, Theron Marcum; and one sister, Mabel Cinquangrana. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Dr. Gordan E. Rhodes officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today, and from 9 a.m. until service time on Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Dec. 9, 2001

Mabel Huseman 1908-2001

ELLSWORTH - Mabel Huseman, 93, died Dec. 7 at Wilson Nursing Center in Wilson. She was born Aug. 17, 1908 at Frankfort, the daughter of Oliver and Ethel Turley Newsome. She married Herman Huseman at Kanopolis. A resident of Ellsworth since 1912, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Huseman was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Ellsworth, AARP and Presbyterian Women. Survivors include one daughter, Ramona Durbin of Great Bend; 12 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Carl Huseman and Casper Huseman; and one daughter, Daisy Conyers. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Parsons Funeral Home in Ellsworth, with the Rev. Mark Kayser officiating. Burial will be at Ellsworth Cemetery in Ellsworth. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. today, and 8 a.m. until service time on Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the nursing center or the church both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Dec. 9, 2001
Helen Joan Fuqua 1930-2001

SEWARD - Helen Joan Fuqua, 71, died Dec. 6 at Via Christi St. Francis Regional Medical Center in Wichita. She was born Oct. 21, 1930 at Radium, the daughter of William L. and Elsie Fern Smith. She was a 1948 graduate of St. John High School. She married Harold Robert Fuqua Oct. 2, 1948 at Radium. A resident Seward, she was a homemaker, a retired Wal-Mart employee in Great Bend, and an assistant postal worker in Seward. Mrs. Fuqua was a member of First United Methodist Church in St. John, and a Republican Committee Woman. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Robert L. Fuqua of Dayton, Md.; two daughters, Joan Dewey of Seward, and Denise R. Schwartz of Great Bend; one brother, William Smith of McKinney, Texas; two sisters, Carolyn Ives of St. John and Marjorie Smith of Seward; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Florence Keenan. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Minnis Chapel in St. John, with the Rev. Wade Russell officiating. Burial will be at Eden Valley Cemetery in Seward. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. today at the chapel in St. John. Memorials are suggested to Seward City Park in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Dec. 9, 2001

Curtis Martinie 1936-2001

MANHATTAN - Curtis Martinie, 65, died Dec. 5 at Breckenridge, Colo. He was born June 19, 1936 at Lyons, the son of Earl and Edith Miller Martinie. He was a 1954 graduate of Lyons High School. He married Ann Palmer on June 1, 1956 at Lyons. A resident of Manhattan, coming from Lyons, he was a farmer, landscaper and carpenter. Martinie was a member of First United Methodist Church, a Board of Trustee member, and Methodist Men, all of Manhattan, past president of the Lyons Chamber of Commerce in Lyons, and a member of the Sons of Sonlight Quartet. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Doug Martinie and Brian Martinie both of Manhattan; two daughters, Brenda Friess of Great Bend, and Debra Martinie of Wichita; one brother, Sam Martinie of Shawnee Mission; four sisters, Genevieve Davis of Wichita, Arleen Lentz of Hutchinson, Rosleen Deam of Sacramento, Calif., and Mary Lou Palmer of Independence; and four grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the United Methodist Church in Lyons, with the Revs. Jim Reed and Cindy Watson officiating. Burial will be at Lyons Municipal Cemetery. Friends may call from 5-7 p.m. tonight at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association or the First United Methodist Church in Manhattan. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Dec. 9, 2001

Vincent Paul Nielson 1935-2001

MACKSVILLE - Vincent Paul Nielson, 66, died Dec. 7 at Southwind Hospice in Pratt. He was born Aug. 29, 1935 at Spearville, the son of Hans Sr. and Mary Francis Nielson. A resident of rural Macksville since 1979, he was a hay farmer, stockman and trucker. Nielson was a member of the Catholic Church in Jetmore. Survivors include three brothers, Louis Nielson of Wichita, Robert Nielson and Hans Nielson Jr. of Jetmore; one sister, Annie Marie Boren of Canton, Texas. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Josh Nielson and John Nielson. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore, with the Rev. Henry F. Hilderbrandt officiating. Friends may call from 4-7 p.m. Monday at Minnis Chapel in Macksville. Memorials are suggested to Southwind Hospice in Pratt. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Dec. 9, 2001

Margaret "Ruthie" Duncan 1920-2001

Margaret "Ruthie" Duncan, 81, of Great Bend died Dec. 8 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center St. Francis Campus in Wichita. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Dec. 9, 2001

December 10, 2001

Janet Kaye Beckwith 1954-2001

LARNED - Janet Kaye Beckwith, 47, died Dec. 7 at her residence in Larned. She was born Nov. 19, 1954, in Pineville, La., the daughter of Jerry W. and Lois R. Scott Creel. She married Kim M. Beckwith Aug. 17, 1974, in Larned. A resident of Larned since 1970, coming from Sawyer, she was a homemaker and newspaper inserter for the Tiller and Toiler. Mrs. Beckwith was a member of Grace Lutheran Church and Modern Homemakers FCE, both of Larned. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Aaron Michael Beckwith of Larned; one daughter, Jennifer Beckwith of Vernal, Utah; and her parents of Duncan, Okla.; two brothers, Jeffery Creel of Elk City, Okla., and Gregory Creel of Sheridan, Wyo.; and one sister, Pamela Sue Cannon of Vernal, Utah. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Missionary Chapel in Larned, with the Rev. John Drosendahl officiating. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday, all at the mortuary. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Larned Lady Indians Basketball Program, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Dec. 10, 2001

Margaret ‘Ruthe’ Duncan 1920-2001
Margaret "Ruthe" Duncan, 81, of Great Bend, died Dec. 8 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born Aug. 18, 1920, in Liberal, the daughter of William Edward and Mabelle Nora Cole Robbins. She married Vaughn A Duncan Dec. 27, 1948, in Garfield. A resident of Great Bend since 1968, coming from Pratt, she was a retired school teacher, having taught in La Crosse, Garfield, Pratt and Great Bend. Mrs. Duncan was a member of Trinity Methodist Church, Cosmopolitan Study Club, Barton County Teachers Association and Barton County Historical Society, all of Great Bend, KNEA, Kansas Retired Teachers Association and former treasurer of Garfield American Legion Auxiliary Post 300. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Von Stewart Duncan of Hudson, Stephen Ray Duncan of Great Bend and David Brent Duncan of Wichita; three sisters, Helen Winifred Baier of Seward, Alice Lucille "Lucy" Templar of Leoti and Wilma Lenore "Billie" Beck of Mahomet, Ill.; and eight grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Raymond Cole Robbins; one sister, Marian Frances Robbins; and one grandson, Brandon Nash Duncan. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Jana Baxter officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery in Larned. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home and from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday, at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 10, 2001

Alvina M. Cole 1928-2001

McCRACKEN - Alvina M. Cole, 73, died Dec. 8 at Hays Medical Center, St. Anthony's Campus in Hays. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 10, 2001

Carlena E. Joiner 1919-2001

ELLINWOOD - Carlena E. Joiner, 82, died Dec. 9 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Kimple Inc. Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 10, 2001

Lessie Blair 1901-2001

ELLINWOOD - Lessie Blair, 100, died Dec. 9 in Ellinwood. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 10, 2001

December 11, 2001

Alvina Marie Cole 1928-2001

McCRACKEN - Alvina Marie Cole, 73, died Dec. 8 at Hays Medical Center, St. Anthony's Campus in Hays. She was born June 13, 1928, in Ness County, the daughter of Frank and Clara Marak McCormick. She married Doyle F. Foster Aug. 21, 1950, in La Crosse. He died Jan. 15, 1979. She married William D. Cole July 30, 1991, in McCracken. A near lifelong resident of McCracken, she worked as a bookkeeper for Western Light Company and for Farmers Co-op in McCracken and La Crosse. Mrs. Cole was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in McCracken. Survivors include her husband of the home; four sons, Robert Foster of McCracken, Kenneth Foster of Las Vegas, Nev., Francis "Frank" Foster of Florissant, Colo. and Frederick Foster of Reggio Colbaria, Italy; one stepson, James Cole of Long Island; four stepdaughters, Colette Traxler of Bazine, Susan Lilly of Mentor, Patricia Bruntz of Valley Center and Mary Cole of Overland Park; one brother, Sylvester "Bet² McCormick of McCracken; one granddaughter; and 10 step-grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Benjamin Martin officiating. Friends may call from 5:30 until service time Thursday at the church. The body has been donated to the University of Kansas Anatomical Department. Memorials are suggested to McCracken Library or St. Mary's Heritage Fund, both in care of Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 11, 2001

Lessie Whala Blair 1901-2001

Lessie Whala Blair, 100, of Great Bend, died Dec. 9 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born Oct. 12, 1901, in Myrtis, La., the daughter of John B. and Lilla L. Ray Bolt. She married William M. Whala July 27, 1921, in Hayworth, Okla. He died Dec. 22, 1954. She married A.H. Blair June 5, 1958, in Oklahoma City, Okla. He died Jan. 22, 1981. A resident of Great Bend for the last two years, coming from Oklahoma City, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Blair was a member of First Southern Baptist Church in Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Jesse Therston Whala of Denver, Colo.; three stepsons, C.M. Blair of Houston, Texas, Vance Blair of Oklahoma City and Robert Blair of Midwest City, Okla.; two daughters, Naomi Janell Williams of Oklahoma City and Wilda Merten of Great Bend; two step-daughters, Raynelle Bristow of Edmond, Okla. and Joann Ozment of Midwest City; one brother, Luther M. Bolt of Miami, Okla.; one sister, Johnnie M. Block of Fort Smith, Ark.; seven grandchildren; 14 step-grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; many step-great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Ruth Oleene Reiser; two stepsons, Lavoy Blair and Ronald Blair; and five sisters. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Dr. Doyle Smith officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Memorial Park Cemetery in Oklahoma City. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday and from 9
Carlena Elizabeth Joiner  1919-2001

ELLINWOOD - Carlena Elizabeth Joiner, 82, died Dec. 9 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. She was born May 28, 1919, in Crossville, Ill. the daughter of William Franklin and Ina Stanley Robinson York. She married Andrew Jackson Joiner Aug. 19, 1952, in Ardmore, Okla. He died Sept. 11, 1986. A resident of Ellinwood since 1963, coming from Crossville, she was a retired secretary and agent, working for Chrysler Credit Corp. and Goebel Furniture Company, both in Evansville, Ind., National Bank of Carmi, Ill. and Jensen Associates, Incorporated in Ellinwood. Mrs. Joiner was a member of Eastern Star Chapter 487 and American Legion Auxiliary, both of Ellinwood. Survivors include one daughter, Vickie Andre of Phoenix, Ariz.; one stepson, Jack Joiner of Great Bend; and two stepdaughters, Belva Fortner of Florida and Maxine Andre of Texas; and three grandchildren. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Kimple Inc. Funeral Home in Ellinwood, with the Rev. Larry Young officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call until 8 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Area Health Care Foundation, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 11, 2001

Christine Schmidt  1905-2001

RUSSELL - Christine Schmidt, 96, died Dec. 9 at Russell Regional Hospital in Russell. She was born Aug. 30, 1905, in Lawe, Russia, the daughter of Conrad and Katherine Fuchs Grasmick. She married Frederick F. Schmidt Dec. 5, 1926, in Russell. He died Dec. 3, 1972. A resident of Russell since 1979, coming from a farm near Russell, Rocky Ford, Colo. and Ordway, Colo., she was a homemaker. Mrs. Schmidt was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Elizabeth Circle, Church Quilting Group and grey lady at Russell Hospital for 27 years, all in Russell. Survivors include four sons, Paul Schmidt of Andale, Harold Schmidt of Sherwood, Ore., Fred Schmidt of Ft. Collins, Colo. and Sam Schmidt of Russell; one brother, Jack Grasmick of Cannon City, Colo.; one sister, Louise Plake of San Rafael, Calif.; 13 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three sons, John Schmidt, Richard Schmidt and James Schmidt; and four brothers, Bill Grasmick, Conrad Grasmick, Veldon Grasmick and Sam Grasmick. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Revs. Harlan Kaden and Henry Hartman officiating. Burial will be at St. John Lutheran Cemetery in Russell. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at Pohlman¹s Mortuary in Russell and from 9:30 a.m. until service time Friday, at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church and to the Scholarship Fund, Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, Ill., both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 11, 2001

December 12, 2001

Berneda Leatherman Magie  1931-2001

ST. JOHN - Berneda Leatherman Magie, 70, died Dec. 8 at Integrated Health Services, Blanco Vista in San Antonio, Texas. She was born July 22, 1931, in St. John, the daughter of Chester and Pansy Leatherman. A resident of San Antonio, coming from St. John, she worked as a licensed practical nurse at ASCS in St. John and Great Bend. She was a member of Assembly of God Church in Fort Collins, Colo., and Veterans of Foreign War Auxiliary. Survivors include two sons, Larry Bohall of St. Joseph, Mo., and Tim Bohall of San Antonio; one daughter, Pam Caylor of Las Vegas, Nev.; five sisters, Donna Faye Smith and Connie Mawhirter, both of St. John, Betty Barker of Pratt, Bernice Shrum of Hutchinson and Joyce Rowley of Dodge City; and 10 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Danny Lee Bohall; and one sister, Darlene Bowden. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church in St. John, with the Revs. Harlan Rittgers and Larry Bohall officiating. Burial will be at Rose Valley Cemetery in rural Stafford County. Friends may call from 8 a.m. until service time Thursday at the Methodist church. Memorials are suggested to Parkinson's Disease Research, in care of Minnis Chapel in St. John. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 12, 2001

December 13, 2001

Alice M. Berglund  1918-2001

LARNED - Alice M. Berglund, 83, died Dec. 12 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus in Larned. She was born March 1, 1918, in Pawnee County, the daughter of John E. and Emma J. Strader Meeker. She married Leonard H. Berglund. He died Aug. 16, 1978. A lifelong resident of Larned, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Berglund was a member of United Methodist Church in Larned. Survivors include four sisters, Florence Barton of Claremore, Okla., Clara Porter of Lafayette, Calif., Betty Balke of Rockford, Ill., and Dorothy Merritt of Marysville, Calif. She was preceded in death by one son, LeRoy Berglund; one daughter, Connie Quimby; one brother, Frank Meeker; and four sisters, Margaret Delp, Mary Bell Springer, Mildred Todd and Neva Keller. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with the Rev. Charles Grant officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, at all the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Larned Emergency Medical Service, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 13, 2001
GORHAM - Douglas A. Yost, 51, died Dec. 11 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. He was born Jan. 29, 1950, in Russell, the son of Alois J. "Lum" and Florence Jacobs Yost. He was a 1968 graduate of Gorham Rural High School in Gorham and a 1970 graduate of Salina Vo-Tech School in Salina. A resident of Gorham, coming from Fairport, he worked as an auto mechanic and worked in the oil fields. Yost was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus and 30 year member of Gorham Fire Department, all of Gorham. Survivors include his parents of the home; three brothers, Richard Yost of Hays, Jack Yost of Russell and Chuck Yost of Gorham; and one sister, Marcia Blundon of Russell. Vigil service followed by a Knights of Columbus rosary will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Cline's Mortuary in Victoria. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Charles L. Steier and Sister Mary Jo Thummel officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery in Gorham. Friends may call from 3-9 p.m. Friday and from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Saturday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 13, 2001

Lillian M. Draney, 68, of Great Bend has died at her home. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 13, 2001

December 14, 2001

Lillian Anna Draney, 68, of Great Bend, died Dec. 11 at her home. She was born Dec. 1, 1933, in Rush County, the daughter of Christian and Bertha Kuhn Randa. She married Marion Ohnmacht. He died in November 1957. She married William Edwin Draney July 30, 1960, in La Crosse. She was a homemaker and operated Red Barn Mini Storage. Mrs. Draney was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend. Survivors include three sons, Francis Ohnmacht and Steve Ohnmacht, both of Great Bend, and Bill Draney of Olathe; one stepson, Terry Draney of Joplin, Mo.; and six grandchildren. Memorial service at 3 p.m. Sunday and a vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, both at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Jun Mangulabnan officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. Saturday and from 8 a.m. until service time Monday, all at the funeral home. Memorial service is suggested to Holy Family School Endowment Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 14, 2001

Vera Jane Frick, 83, died Dec. 12 at Andover Health Care Center in Andover. She was born Nov. 12, 1918, in Centerview, the daughter of Clarence Eugene and Sarah Ellen Shrauner Block. She was a 1940 graduate of Fort Hays University. She married Seth Frick June 7, 1941, in Dodge City. She died Sept. 13, 1979. A resident of Andover, coming from Bazins, she was a school teacher for 32 years and a farm wife. Mrs. Frick was a member of Seventh Day Adventist Church in Bazins. Survivors include two sisters, Wynona Livengood of San Jose, Calif., and LaVona Priest of Kinsley. She was preceded in death by one sister, Vivian Livengood. Memorial service will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Ed Jumper officiating. There is no visitation listed. Memorial service is suggested to Hays Seventh Day Adventist Church or the donor’s choice, both in care of Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 14, 2001

Ethel Louella Brooks, 89, died Dec. 7 in Noble, Okla. She was born May 22, 1912, in Barton County, the daughter of Edward J. and Maggie Miller Schultz. She was a 1940 graduate of Fort Hays University. She married Seth Frick June 7, 1941, in Dodge City. She died Sept. 13, 1979. A resident of Andover, coming from Bazins, she was a school teacher for 32 years and a farm wife. Mrs. Frick was a member of Seventh Day Adventist Church in Bazins. Survivors include two sisters, Wynona Livengood of San Jose, Calif., and LaVona Priest of Kinsley. She was preceded in death by one sister, Vivian Livengood. Memorial service will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Ed Jumper officiating. There is no visitation listed. Memorial service is suggested to Hays Seventh Day Adventist Church or the donor’s choice, both in care of Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 14, 2001

J. Edgar Hallman, 74, died Dec. 12 at the Forum in Overland Park. He was born Aug. 29, 1927, in Hudson, the son of Hugo and Hattie Hallman. He attended Hutchinson Community College, University of New Mexico and Pittsburg State University, receiving a bachelor's and master's degree in industrial arts. He married Ernestene Hallman in 1959. A resident of Overland Park, coming from Hudson. Memorial service is at a

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MEDICINE LODGE - Frank Bogner, 91, died Dec. 13 at Wichita. He was born Sept. 1, 1910 at Mount Hope, the son of John and Rosalía Grassel Bogner. He married Lucy Thimmesch Oct. 2, 1940 at Liebenthal. She died Sept. 9, 1994. A resident of Medicine Lodge for 40 years coming from Sharon, he was owner, and operator for Sharon Supply. Bogner was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Sharon, Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Medicine Lodge, and Knights of Columbus of Sharon. Survivors include three sons, John Bogner of Odin, Linus Bogner of Medicine Lodge, and Bill Bogner of Kiowa; one daughter, Mary Ann Baird of Alameda, Calif.; four brothers, John Bogner of Colwich, Andrew Bogner of Wichita, Leo Bogner of Parsons, and Matthew Bogner of Haven; one sister, Veronica Wetta of Mount Hope; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister. Vigil service will be at 2 p.m. today at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Medicine Lodge. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, with the Rev. John Strasser officiating. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery in Medicine Lodge. Memorials are suggested to the Holy Rosary Catholic Church or St. Boniface Catholic Church both in care of the funeral home. Larrison-Forsyth Funeral Home in Medicine Lodge are in charge of the funeral arrangements. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Dec. 14, 2001

December 16, 2001

Marian Stroope 1924-2001

LOS ALAMOS, N.M. - Marian Stroope, 77, died Dec. 14. She was born May 31, 1924 in Ft. Collins, Colo., the daughter of James and Kathryn Shaw. She married Henry "Hank" Stroope July 31, 1948. He preceded her in death. A resident of Los Alamos, N.M., she worked with the Los Alamos Medical Center Auxiliary. Survivors include; one son, Dean Stroope; two daughters, Carol Relyea and Gail Lance all of Los Alamos; one brother Kay Shaw of Roan Mountain, Tenn.; one sister, Carol Frazer of Great Bend; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Graveside service will be 10 a.m. Monday at the National Cemetery in Santa Fe, N.M. A memorial service will follow at 1:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Los Alamos with the Rev. Barbara Henderson performing the service. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society in care of McGee Memorial Chapel Mortuary in Santa Fe, N.M. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Dec. 16, 2001

Albert Hickerson 1921-2001

Albert Hickerson, 80, of Great Bend died Dec. 14 at Hoisington Rehabilitation Center in Hoisington. He was born Aug. 2, 1921 at Marion County, the son of Albert and Eva Hickerson. He married Virginia Mac Leedy Feb. 28, 1943 in Wichita. She died Sept. 10, 2000. A resident of Great Bend for two and half years coming from Weslaco, Texas and Dodge City, he was a Lt. Col. in the Army National Guard retiring in 1971, and a assistant manager for the High Plains Journal in Dodge City retiring in 1985. Hickerson was a member of Community Christian Church in Great Bend. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include one son, Galen Hickerson of Phillipsburg, Mo.; two daughters, Gwenna Harms of Great Bend, and Gina German of Mayfield; and six grandchildren. he was preceded in death by four sisters. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend, with Leon Weece and Wilbur Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Dec. 16, 2001

Bessie M. Johnson 1910-2001

WICHITA - Bessie M. Johnson, 91, died Dec. 13 at Meadowlark Adult Care Home in Wichita. She was born Feb. 25, 1910 at Greencastle, Mo., the daughter of Joseph Franklin and Clara Ellen Snyder Graham. She married Cecil Johnson May, 6, 1931 at Larned. He died July 16, 1996. A resident of Wichita coming from La Crosse, she was homemaker. Mrs. Johnson attended the United Methodist Church in La Crosse, and was a member of the First Christian Church. Survivors include two daughters, JoAnn Mathews of Wichita, and Ida Mae "Mazie" Long of Leawood; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Charles Graham; three half-brothers, Gail Herrell, Ernest Herrell, and Mack Herrell; and two sisters, Ina and Edith. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the United Methodist Church in La Crosse, with the Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery in La Crosse. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer’s Association or donor’s choice both in care of Janousek Funeral
Martin Paul Munz 1918-2001

HUDSON - Martin Paul Munz, 83, of Hudson, died Dec. 13 at the Pratt Regional Living Center. He was born Nov. 1, 1918 in Hudson, the son of Julius and Christine Herb Munz. A lifelong resident of Hudson, he graduated from Hudson High School, served in the Army during World War II and worked as a mechanic, machinist, and welder at the local repair shop. He was an active member of Trinity United Church of Christ in Hudson, served on the city council, Men's Community Club, Senior Citizens, and had been the Northeast Stafford County Fire Chief. On Dec. 24, 1954 he married Myrl Eddingfield at Great Bend. She survives. He is also survived by sons Michael James Munz of Topeka, Patrick Thomas Munz and Mark Kahabka both of Wichita. One brother Carl Munz and his wife Ruby of Wichita; two sisters Mina Munz of Wichita; and Rosa Ramsey and husband Dorwin of Lindsburg; one sister-in-law Wilma Bennett of Wichita; seven nephews; and nine nieces. He was preceded in death by three brothers, William Munz, Fred Munz, and Robert Munz; two sisters, Dora Watkins and Irene Orchard; and one nephew Stanley Watkins. Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Southwind Hospice in Pratt. Great Bend Family Mortuary and Crematory is in charge of the arrangements.

Mary K. Redetzke 1917-2001

CLAFLIN - Mary K. Redetzke, 84, died Dec. 14 at Hoisington Rehabilitation Center in Hoisington. She was born April 30, 1917 in Barton County, the daughter of Frank and Anna Hoffman Tinkel. A resident of Barton County, she was retired from the USD 354 Claflin school lunch program. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Altar Society, and Daughters of Isabella all of Claflin. Survivors include; one brother, Albert Tinkel of Claflin; three sisters, Elizabeth Zorn of Claflin, Ann Urban of Hoisington, and Bernice Zorn of Smith Center. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Tony Tinkel and Frank Tinkel Jr.; and one sister, Regina Birzer. A vigil service was held on Saturday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. today at the church with the Rev. David Flagor officiating. Burial will be at Claflin Cemetery in Claflin. Friends can call from 10 a.m. until service time today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Daughters of Isabella both in care of the funeral home.

James Richard 'Dick' Murphy 1928-2001

James Richard "Dick" Murphy, 73 of Great Bend, died Dec. 14 at Central Kansas Medical Center St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home.

Clara Lucille Sweetman 1922-2001

Clara Lucille Sweetman, 78, of Great Bend died Dec. 14 at Central Kansas Medical Center St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born Dec. 21, 1922 at Liebenthal, the daughter of Adam and Mary Gaube Kreutzer. She married T.D. Sweetman in 1959 at Great Bend. He died in January of 1985. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Liebenthal, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Sweetman was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Bungalow F.C.E., and was a founding member of the Concorde Group all of Great Bend. Survivors include; one son, Gary Dino of Great Bend; one daughter, Tammy Scheuerman of Great Bend; three brothers, John Kreutzer of Wichita, George Kreutzer of Midland, Texas, and Joe Kreutzer of Lenexa; two sisters, Melvina Francis of Great Bend, and Geneva Sweetman of Wichita; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Donna J. Kern; two brothers, James Kreutzer and Tony Kreutzer; two sisters, Mary McMullen and Frances Denning. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Monday at the church. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the church. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from 4-9 p.m. today, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday all at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorial services are suggested to the Great Bend Humane Society in care of the funeral home.

Edna Mary Schartz 1905-2001

GREAT BEND - Edna Mary Schartz, 96, of Topeka died Dec. 15 at Midland Hospice Center in Topeka. She was born March 3, 1905 at Seward, the daughter of Matthew Franklin and Gertrude Keenan Rickert. She married Tony N. Schartz Sept. 7, 1927 in Seward. He died April 9, 1969. A resident of Topeka coming from Great Bend and Ellinwood, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Schartz was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, St. Rose Altar Society and the League of Women's Voters all of Great Bend. She served as democratic precinct committee woman, and served as a clerk in the House of Representatives during the Legislative sessions from 1957-1967. Survivors include two sons; Wade Schartz and Thon Schartz both of Great Bend; two daughters, Toni Wellshear of Topeka, and Lael Finch of Overland Park; 16 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Gary Schartz; one daughter, Zita Schartz; four brothers, John Rickert, Walter Rickert, and Emmett Rickert; four
sisters, Vina Guesnier, Ellen Tubbs, Evelyn Simmons, and Nellie Rickert; and two grandchildren. Altar Society Rosary will be at 4 p.m., followed by a vigil service at 7 p.m. Monday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Revs. Angel Dy and Rene Guesnier officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from Noon until 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Tony and Edna Scharitz Scholarship Fund at Barton County Community College or Holy Family School Endowment Fund both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Dec. 16, 2001

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Bertha I. Hanken 1916-2001

LARNED - Bertha I. Hanken, 85, died Dec. 14 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. She was born Sept. 1, 1916, in Rush County, the daughter of Conrad and Rosalina Neece Tammen. She married Alvin H. Hanken Nov. 25, 1937, in Albert. He died March 6, 1993. A lifelong resident of Larned, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Hanken was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Larned. Survivors include one son, Don Hanken of Larned; one daughter, Deanne Weathers of Great Bend; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Fred Tammen, Walter Tammen and an infant brother; and four sisters, Hilda Peterson, Ida Nagel, Etta Estes and Frieda Tammen. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. John Drosendahl officiating. Burial will be at Peace Lutheran Cemetery in Albert. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the church or Larned Emergency Medical Service, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 17, 2001

Marvin Lee 'Mike' Maier 1935-2001

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. - Marvin Lee "Mike" Maier, 66, died Dec. 7 at Indianapolis Veterans of Foreign Wars Headquarters, where he served as quartermaster. He was born Feb. 18, 1935, in Hodgeman County, the son of John and Pauline Popp Maier. He was a graduate of Ness City High School and attended Garden City Community College. He married Marian R. Steinbauer April 18, 1956, in Nuremberg, Germany. A resident of Indianapolis, coming from Ness City, he was retired from the U.S. Army and worked as an input services manager for the American Legion National Headquarters in Indianapolis before retiring in 1997. Maier was a member of VFW and American Legion, both of Indianapolis. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Jerry D. Maier of Indianapolis and John C. Maier of Rocklin, Calif.; one stepdaughter, Ingred Stevens of Indianapolis; one brother, Julius Maier of Ness City; two sisters, Edna Wegele of Ness City and Nadine Oppliger of Wichita; and five grandchildren. Military memorial service was held Dec. 10 at Flanner-Buchanan Lawrence Mortuary in Indianapolis, with the Rev. Don Marin officiating. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Ness City. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association or American Lung Association, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 17, 2001

Carl J. Urban 1931-2001

Carl J. Urban, 70, of Great Bend, died Dec. 16 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Dec. 17, 2001

Clara Lucille Sweetman

There will be an Altar Society rosary for Clara Lucille Sweetman, 78, who died Dec. 14, at 5 tonight at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Dec. 17, 2001

Theodore N. 'Ted' Daniels 1936-2001

Theodore N. "Ted" Daniels, 65, of Great Bend, died Dec. 15 at Columbia Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was born June 2, 1936, in Plainville, the son of Elmer N. and Atha Lee Thomas Daniels. He married Eleanor Guliford Feb. 28, 1960, in Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend, he worked as a service manager for a tire company. Daniels was a member of Cornerstone Fellowship Church and Cheyenne Sportsman's Club, both of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Theodore Patrick Daniels and Travis Elion Daniels, both of Great Bend, and Jordan Lazelle Daniels of the home; three daughters, Sharita Jo Farmer of Topeka, Leslie Janine Sowell and Cassandra Kay Quick, both of Grandview, Mo.; two brothers, Floyd Alvin Daniels of Oakland, Calif., and Robert Lee Daniels of Great Bend; two sisters, Della Ann Taylor of San Diego, Calif., and Anna Mae Daniels of Toledo, Ohio; and 17 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, William Thomas Daniels and Kenneth Elmer Daniels; and two sisters, Kathleen Garrett and Josephine Garrett. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home Chapel in Great Bend, with the Rev. Curtis Reinhardt officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. Tuesday, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday. all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Renal Care Center. in
Mollie E. Boger 1908-2001

LYONS - Mollie E. Boger, 93, died Dec. 15 at Lyons Good Samaritan Center in Lyons. She was born Jan. 15, 1908, in Hoisington, the daughter of Fred and Mollie Becker Nuss. She was a graduate of Hoisington High School and attended Fort Hays State University. She married Ray Boger Sept. 4, 1929, in Hoisington. He died Oct. 26, 1994. A resident of Lyons since 1973, coming from Barton County, she was a former country school teacher in Barton County and worked as a receptionist and assistant to Dr. Herald in Ellinwood, assistant Ellinwood city clerk and housemother at Institute of Logopedics. Mrs. Boger was a member of Lutheran Church in Lyons. Survivors include one daughter, Donna J. Kilby of Wichita; three sisters, Maxine Stas of Scottsdale, Ariz., Darlene Kirchoff of Mesa, Ariz., and Dorothy Bartel of Peoria, Ill.; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Walter Nuss; and one sister, Helen Walker.

Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Fairview Township Cemetery in Galatia, with the Rev. Allen J. Woelzlein officiating. Friends may call from 2-5 p.m. Tuesday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. The casket will be closed during the service and visitation. Memorials are suggested to Lyons Good Samaritan Center, in care of the funeral home.

Peggy M. Claussen 1942-2001

RUSSELL - Peggy M. Claussen, 59, died Dec. 15 in an accident in Ellsworth. She was born April 5, 1942, in Wichita, the daughter of Nathan and Esther Marie Strouse Fuller. She was a graduate of Hoisington High School. She married Charles M. Claussen Aug. 21, 1972, in Russell. He died in the same accident. A resident of Russell, coming from Hoisington, she was a homemaker. Survivors include two daughters, Susan Wolfe of Hays and Tammy Mitchell of Russell; and four grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Hillcrest Cemetery in Great Bend, with the Rev. Glenn Tombaugh officiating. Friends may call from 3-9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, all at Pohlman's Mortuary in Russell. The casket will be closed during service and visitation. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, in care of the mortuary.

Charles M. Claussen 1938-2001

RUSSELL - Charles M. Claussen, 63, died Dec. 15 in an accident in Ellsworth. He was born March 7, 1938, in Russell, the son of Martin and Agnes Salber Claussen. He married Peggy Maxine Fuller Aug. 21, 1972, in Russell. She died in the same accident. A resident of Russell, coming from Colorado, he worked as an auto mechanic. Claussen was a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include two daughters, Susan Wolfe of Hays and Tammy Mitchell of Russell; two brothers, Gail Claussen of Yoder, Colo., and Gerald Claussen of Kansas City; and four grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Hillcrest Cemetery in Great Bend, with the Rev. Glenn Tombaugh officiating. Friends may call from 3-9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, all at Pohlman's Mortuary in Russell. The casket will be closed during service and visitation. Memorials are suggested to Foundation for the Visually Impaired, in care of the mortuary.

Budd Ray Clayton 1959-2001

ST. JOHN - Budd Ray Clayton, 42, died Dec. 15 seven miles west of Hillsboro. He was born Aug. 23, 1959, in Cheyenne, Wyo., the son of Barbara J. Helmick. A resident of Hutchinson, he was a cook for Applewood Restaurant in Hutchinson. Clayton was a U.S. Navy veteran. Survivors include his mother of St. John; one brother, John M. Nogo of Chicago, Ill.; two sisters, Kim Sims of Stafford and Daniella Gevara of Larned; and his grandmother, Isabell Hamit of Stafford. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Minnis Chapel in St. John with the Rev. Guy Elliott officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral chapel.

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Carl J. Urban 1931-2001

Carl J. Urban, 70, of Great Bend, died Dec. 16 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born Aug. 14, 1931, in Loretta, the son of Alois G. and Anna Schlitter Urban. He married Bernadette Suppes Oct. 17, 1953. A resident of Great Bend, he was a retired branch manager of Diesel Equipment Company. Urban was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111 and past member of Elks Lodge, all of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Randall Urban of Louisburg; one daughter, Cynthia Prescott of Great Bend; one brother, Paul Urban of Victoria; one sister, Esther Urban of La Crosse; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, George Urban, Leonard Urban and Eugene Urban; and one granddaughter, Lisa Prescott. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Warren Stecklein officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetary. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday.
Marvin L. Popp 1930-2001

HAYS - Marvin L. Popp, 71, died Dec. 14 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. He was born March 14, 1930, in Hoisington, the son of Solomon and Mollie Scheck Popp. He was a 1948 graduate of Hoisington High School. He married Era Lee Carter. A resident of Hays, coming from Great Bend and Hoisington, he worked for Halliburton Services, serving around the state, nation and world until his retirement in 1986. Popp was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Hoisington, where he was baptized, confirmed and married. Survivors include one stepson, Leonard Fennell of Carlsbad, N.M.; three daughters, Teddy Williamson of Hoisington, Ann Packard of Manford, Okla., and Nell Bruce of Nashoba; one stepdaughter, Ruby Allen of Ada, Okla.; 10 grandchildren; numerous step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. Graveside service will be at noon Thursday at Dunlap Cemetery in Dunlap. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to United Methodist Church Scholarship Fund or Parkinson's Foundation, both in care of the funeral home.

Erma Lee Inez Church 1914-2001

NASHOBA, Okla. - Erma Lee Inez Church, 87, died Dec. 14 in Nashoba. She was born June 10, 1914, in Milano, Texas, the daughter of Darce and Texanna Cannaday. A resident of Nashoba, she was a homemaker. Survivors include one son, Dr. Raul R. Beer of Denver Colo.; three daughters, Janet Grubbs of Tijeras, N.M., Pamela Propp of Sterling, Colo., and Deborah Quakenbush of Aurora, Colo.; two brothers, Charles W. Beer of San Mateo, Calif., and Dean Beer of Middletown, Calif.; and three grandchildren. Graveside service was Monday at Nolia Cemetery in Nashoba, with the Rev. Gene Reeves officiating. There are no memorials suggested.

Guy R. Beer 1916-2001

LARNED - Guy R. Beer, 85, died Dec. 17 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus in Larned. He was born Oct. 14, 1916, in Pawnee County, the son of Chester R. and Maggie Z. Dykeman. He married Helen Clair Crow May 31, 1943, in Miami, Fla. A lifelong resident of Pawnee County, he was both a dairy farmer and farmer. Beer was a member of United Methodist Church, 50-year member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, all of Larned, American Jersey Cattle Club and Kansas State Jersey Cattle Club. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Dr. Raul R. Beer of Denver Colo.; three daughters, Janet Grubbs of Tijerias, N.M., Pamela Propp of Sterling, Colo., and Deborah Quakenbush of Aurora, Colo.; two brothers, Charles W. Beer of San Mateo, Calif., and Dean Beer of Middletown, Calif.; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Wayne Beer; and one sister, Lois Beer. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with the Rev. Charles Grant officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to United Methodist Church Scholarship Fund or Parkinson's Foundation, both in care of the mortuary.

Theola Maude Lamb 1899-2001

Theola Maude Lamb, 101, of Great Bend, died Dec. 17 at Integrated Health Services of Great Bend. She was born Dec. 21, 1899, in Ozark County, Mo., the daughter of George Calvin and Edith Melinda Bruton Wells. She married Loy B. Lamb Aug. 12, 1924, in Topeka. He died May 13, 1976. A resident of Great Bend since 1977, coming from Scottsdale, Ariz., she was a retired school teacher, having taught at a rural school in Morris County. Mrs. Lamb was a member of First United Methodist Church in Great Bend. Survivors include two daughters, Elizabeth Melvin of Scottsdale and Eulalia Weber of Great Bend. She was preceded in death by one brother, Walter D. Wells; and three sisters, Ida Goggin, Georgia Harris and Rosetta Mae Shawgo. Graveside service will be at noon Thursday at Dunlap Cemetery in Dunlap. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Dunlap Methodist Church, in care of Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend.

James Richard 'Dick' Murphy 1928-2001

James Richard "Dick" Murphy, 73, of Great Bend, died Dec. 14 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born Feb. 24, 1928, in St. Patrick, Mo., the son of James William and Alma Josephine Riney Murphy. He was a resident of Great Bend since 1929, coming from St. Patrick. Murphy was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and R.E.A.C.H. program, both in Great Bend, and Jaycees Cerebral Palsy Camp in Augusta.
Survivors include two brothers, Michael F. Murphy and Joseph A. Murphy, both of Great Bend; four sisters, Janice L. Sis of Bryan, Texas, Joyce M. Tooley of Liberal, Barbara Bernard of Lincoln and Rita R. Buchanan of Council Grove. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Revs. Angel Dy and Michael Sis officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 3-9 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Jaycees Cerebral Palsy Camp, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 18, 2001

December 19, 2001

Sadie Rae Hunter Simmons  1932-2001

FORT SCOTT - Sadie Rae Hunter Simmons, 69, died Dec. 17 at Overland Park Regional Medical Center in Shawnee Mission. She was born April 1, 1932, in Claflin, the daughter of Russell and Sadie Hunt Hunter. She married Lester Morris in July 1953. He died in 1965. She married James Simmons. He also preceded her in death. A resident of Fort Scott, coming from Walnut, Cherryvale and Claflin, she worked as a cook in various nursing homes. Survivors include one son, Harold Morris of Austin, Texas; one daughter, Rebecca Smith of Fort Smith, Ark.; one brother, Ralph Cunningham of Texas; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Lester Morris; and one brother, Samuel Hunter. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Claflin City Cemetery, with the Rev. Janet Myers officiating. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, in care of Cheney Witt Memorial Chapel in Fort Scott. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 19, 2001

Cecilia E. Wapelhorst  1913-2001

Cecilia E. Wapelhorst, 88, of Great Bend, died Dec. 18 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 19, 2001

Marcile E. Converse  1915-2001

Marcile E. Converse, 86, of Great Bend, died Dec. 18 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 19, 2001

December 20, 2001

Marcile E. Converse  1915-2001

Marcile E. Converse, 86, of Great Bend, died Dec. 18 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born Aug. 19, 1915, in Lewis, the daughter of Roy M. and Inez I. Kerns Ray. She married Harvey E. Converse Nov. 7, 1936, in Great Bend. A lifelong resident of Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Converse was a member of First United Methodist Church, Holl-Nething Church Circle and FS Chapter of PEO, all of Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; two daughters, Jean Anne Armstrong of Chanute and Patricia Sue Kuster of Greece, N.Y.; one sister, Wilma Monahan of Healsburg, Calif.; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Jack Ray. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Jana Baxter officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church Youth Ministries, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 20, 2001

Cecilia E. Wapelhorst  1913-2001

Cecilia E. Wapelhorst, 88, of Great Bend, died Dec. 18 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born July 18, 1913, in Willowdale, the daughter of John and Rosena Leitschuck Weber. She married Raymond B. Wapelhorst April 20, 1937, in Willowdale. He died July 12, 1974. A resident of Great Bend since 1948, coming from Colwich, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Wapelhorst was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and Altar Society, both in Great Bend. Survivors include three sons, Paul J. Wapelhorst, Dan J. Wapelhorst and David J. Wapelhorst, all of Great Bend; four daughters, Rosemary Phillips and Doris Karst, both of Great Bend; Clara Evans of Newton and Teresa Connelley of Wichita; one brother, John Weber of Lyons; one sister, Margaret Gregg of Lyons; 14 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by seven brothers, Nick Weber, Frank Weber, Joe Weber, Lawrence Weber, Ollie Weber, George Weber and Tony Weber; and two sisters, Ann Gaider and Agnes Pohl. Altar Society Rosary will be at 4 today at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Vigil service will be at 8 tonight at the church. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Angel Dy officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call until 6 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, both at the funeral home and from 7 tonight at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Holv Familv School Endowment Fund. both in
Joseph F. 'Yup' Heimerman 1920-2001

HUTCHINSON - Joseph F. "Yup" Heimerman, 81, died Dec. 18 at his home in Hutchinson. He was born March 9, 1920, in Andale, the son of Joseph and Cora Geiger Heimerman. He married Geraldine Harbert Nov. 22, 1949. She died Dec. 25, 1952. He married Helen Goetz Lacy Dec. 31, 1957, in Pratt. She died Nov. 9, 2001. A resident of Hutchinson for 33 years, coming from St. Leo, he was owner of Heimerman Grocery in St. Leo, a farmer and retired from Doskocil Food Service in 1982. Heimerman was a member of St. Teresa's Catholic Church, honorary member of Knights of Columbus Council 612, Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 982 and American Legion Lysle Rishel Post 68, all in Hutchinson. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include three sons, Ron Lacy of Lakewood, Colo., Joe Heimerman Jr. of Plevna and Jim Heimerman of Hutchinson; six daughters, Donna Hines and Eileen DeBoer, both of Wichita, Shirley Raney of Cunningham, Denise McCue and Pam Heimerman, both of Hutchinson and Teresa Walls of Tempe, Ariz.; one sister, Frances Hageman of Kingman; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Albert Heimerman, Walter Heimerman and Roman Heimerman; and two sisters, Margaret Mertens and Rose Kamping. Parish Rosary followed by a Knights of Columbus Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Friday, both at Elliott Mortuary in Hutchinson. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Richard F. Stuchlik officiating. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at St. Leo Cemetery in St. Leo, with the Rev. John P. Miller officiating and Fort Riley Honor Guard performing military graveside honors. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 20, 2001

Ruth Maxine Ritchie 1913-2001

PAWNEE ROCK - Ruth Maxine Ritchie, 88, died Dec. 18 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus, Long Term Care in Larned. She was born Oct. 4, 1913, in Versailles, Mo., the daughter of William H. and Minnie Rachel Swearingen Stafford. She married Ora Jackson Ritchie Sept. 30, 1933, in Versailles. He died Jan. 12, 1985. A longtime resident of Pawnee Rock, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Ritchie was of the Baptist faith. Survivors include seven sons, James F. Ritchie of Pawnee Rock, Harold N. Ritchie of Wilmington, N.C., Stanley E. Ritchie of New Bern, N.C., William D. Ritchie of Castle Hayne, N.C., Dennis E. Ritchie of Durham, N.C., Gary D. Ritchie of Fort Worth, Texas, and Virgil L. Ritchie of Lewis; three daughters, Christenia M. Page of Grand Junction, Colo., Sandra A. Seeley of Wichita and Jeanne M. Vratil of Larned; seven brothers, Jesse Stafford, Lester Stafford, Virgil Stafford of Prineville, Ore.; 29 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Ora J. Ritchie Jr.; seven brothers, Jesse Stafford, Lester Stafford, William Stafford, Elc Stafford, George Stafford, Noah Stafford and Paul Stafford; three sisters, Hazel Schmitz, Ethel Stafford and her twin, Martha Stafford. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned, with the Rev. Dan Lundgren officiating. Burial will be at Pawnee Rock Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer's Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 20, 2001

Billy D. Spreier 1939-2001

LARNED - Bill D. Spreier, 62, died Dec. 19 at his home in Larned. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 20, 2001

December 21, 2001

Bill D. Spreier 1939-2001

LARNED - Bill D. Spreier, 62, died Dec. 19 at his home in Larned. He was born Nov. 17, 1939, in Spearville, the son of Adam and Ruby E. Knoefler Spreier. He married Margaret Ann Hagerman June 4, 1960, at Peace Lutheran Church in Albert. A lifelong resident of Larned, he was a farmer-stockman and former Doerr Metal Products manager. Spreier was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, church elder and treasurer, 4-H leader and past president of Larned Chamber of Commerce, all in Larned. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Jeff Spreier of Salina and Tim Spreier of Bonita Springs, Fla.; and one brother, Eugene Spreier of Oklahoma City, Okla. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Ash Valley Cemetery in Ash Valley, with the Rev. John Drosendahl officiating. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 21, 2001

Adolph Hiebert 1919-2001

LARNED - Adolph Hiebert, 82, died Dec. 19 at Salem Nursing Home in Hillsboro. He was born June 14, 1919, in Marion County, the son of Peter E. and Agnethia Schmidt Hiebert. He married Eva Augusta Boese Nov. 12, 1940, in Barton County. She died Oct. 31, 1990. A longtime resident of Larned, coming from Pawnee Rock, he worked as a heavy equipment operator for Pawnee County and he was a farmer. Hiebert was a member of Assembly of God Church in Larned. Survivors include one son, David C. Hiebert of Broken Arrow, Okla.; one daughter, E.R. "Ano" Parker of Larned:
TIMKEN - Mary Ann Nather, 73, died Dec. 20 at Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse. She was born July 25, 1928, in La Crosse, the daughter or Charles and Elizabeth Oborny. She married Edward Nather Aug. 27, 1947, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Timken. He died Dec. 16, 1979. A lifelong resident of Rush County, she was a homemaker and worked at Rush County Nursing Home before she retired. Mrs. Nather was a member of the church and St. Ann¹s Altar Society, both of Timken. Survivors include two sons, Edward Nather Jr. of Hutchinson and Paul Nather of Timken; two daughters, Annie Pechanec of Great Bend; five sisters, Ruby Withrow of Shawnee, Okla., the daughter of Johnnie and Beatrice Casteel Bruno. She was a graduate of Chilocco Indian School in Chilocco, Okla. She married Stanley Flynn Dec. 16, 1950. He preceded her in death. A resident of Macomb, coming from Oxnard, Calif. and Ellinwood, she worked as a cook, Native American cultural advisor in the Central Coast area of California and as a Citizen Potawatomi Tribal elder. Survivors include two sons, Harry Leroy Cummins and Robert E. Cummins, both of Dodge City; and one daughter, Cheryl "Ron" Hewes of Dodge City; 18 grandchildren; and 35 great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Swaim Funeral Home in Dodge City, with the Rev. Wilbert Nelson officiating. Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery in Dodge City. Friends may call from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Minnie Marie Cummins Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 21, 2001

Mary Ann Nather  1928-2001

Mildred Flynn 1929-2001

MACOMB, Okla. - Mildred Flynn, 72, died Dec. 19 in Shawnee, Okla. She was born July 28, 1929, in Sacred Heart, Okla., the daughter of Johnnie and Beatrice Casteel Bruno. She was a graduate of Chilocco Indian School in Chilocco, Okla. She married Stanley Flynn Dec. 16, 1950. He preceded her in death. A resident of Macomb, coming from Oxnard, Calif. and Ellinwood, she worked as a cook, Native American cultural advisor in the Central Coast area of California and as a Citizen Potawatomi Tribal elder. Survivors include three sons, Johnny Flynn of Muskogee Okla., Mike Flynn of Denver, Colo. and Wes Flynn of Flagstaff, Ariz.; one daughter, Celesta Moody of Moline, Ill.; one brother, J.B. Bruno of Great Bend; five sisters, Ruby Withrow of Shawnee, Okla., Bobbie Shawn of Follette, Texas, Dorothy Hammonds of Madill, Okla., Jenny Winsor of Cyril, Okla. and Theresa Hudson of Kansas City, Mo.; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Fairview Cemetery, southwest of Harjo, Okla., with the Rev. Leon Bruno officiating. Wake will be tonight and continue through Saturday at Harjo School Community Center in Harjo. No memorials are suggested, Cooper Funeral Home in Tecumseh, Okla. is in charge of funeral arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 21, 2001

Mildred Flynn  1929-2001

Minnie Marie Cummins 1916-2001

DODGE CITY - Minnie Marie Cummins, 85, died Dec. 20 at the Hill Top House in Bucklin. She was born March 4, 1916, in Eugene, Ore., the daughter of John W. and Hattie Van Sickle Henry. She married George R. Cummins Dec. 28, 1933, in Dodge City. He died Aug. 1, 1995. A resident of Dodge City, coming from California, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Cummins was a member of First Church of God in Dodge City. Survivors include two sons, Harry Leroy Cummins and Robert E. Cummins, both of Dodge City; and one daughter, Cheryl "Ron" Hewes of Dodge City; 18 grandchildren; and 35 great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Swaim Funeral Home in Dodge City, with the Rev. Wilbert Nelson officiating. Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery in Dodge City. Friends may call from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Minnie Marie Cummins Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 21, 2001

Minnie Marie Cummins  1916-2001

Allen J. Petz 1928-2001

LA CROSSE - Allen J. Petz, 73, died Dec. 19 at his home in La Crosse. He was born June 15, 1928, in Great Bend, the son of Richard J. and Mary A. Weisenberg Petz. He married Pat Petz June 9, 1980. A resident of La Crosse for six years, coming from Ellinwood, he worked as a meat cutter. Petz was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in La Crosse, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5657 and American Legion, both of Ellinwood. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Survivors include five sons, Allen Petz Jr. of Inman, Ted Petz of Salina, Danny Petz of Aurora, Colo., Richard Petz of Denver, Colo., and Steve Petz of Kansas City, Mo.; two daughters, Connie Oetken of Olmitz and Cathy Castor of Denver; one stepson, Tino Vieyra Jr. of Mobile, Ala.; six stepdaughters, Terry Wilson of Independence, Mo., Brenda Vieyra of Clarksville, Tenn., Deidre Baker of Kinsley, Lisa Frame of Los Angeles, Calif., Sissy Saindony and Mary Hughes, both of Great Bend; 11 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; 13 step-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by six brothers; and one granddaughter. Rosary service will be at 7 tonight at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Benjamin Martin officiating. Burial will be at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Lakin Comanche Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Allen Petz Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 21, 2001

Allen J. Petz  1928-2001
Alma R. Johnson 1914-2001

Alma R. Johnson, 87, died Dec. 20 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Kimple Inc. Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 21, 2001

December 23, 2001

Alma R. Johnson 1914-2001

Alma R. Johnson, 87, of Great Bend, died Dec. 20 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. She was born May 18, 1914, in Hudson, the daughter of Fredrick W. and Grace J. Meyerkorth Siefkes. She married Herman R. Johnson May 27, 1938, in Ellinwood. He died Dec. 24, 1972. A resident of Great Bend for more than 30 years, she worked as a housekeeper for Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend and Ellinwood District Hospital in Ellinwood. Mrs. Johnson was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church and Rebecca Lodge, both in Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Arlon R. Johnson of Goddard; three grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Joyce Kober; one brother, Ralph A. Siefkes; one sister, Doris M. Nettie-Jordan; and one grandson, Raymond Kober. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Kimple Funeral Home Chapel in Ellinwood, with the Rev. Larry Young officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 3-7 today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Ellinwood Area Health Care Foundation, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 23, 2001

William "Neal" Holmes 1914-2001

CHASE - William "Neal" Holmes, 87, died Dec. 21 at Kiowa County Memorial Hospital in Greensburg. He was born Jan. 26, 1914, in Hallawell, the son of William and Ora Mae Parsons Holmes. He graduated from El Dorado High School and attended college for two years. He married Helen L. Prosser May 12, 1944, in Wichita. A resident of Chase since 1948, he was a retired oil field worker. Holmes was a member of Victory Church, 50 year member of Masonic Lodge, past master of Masonic Lodge, past master of Boy Scouts for more than 50 years and past member of Chase Fire Department, all of Chase, and 50 year member of Eastern Star of Lyons. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, JoAnn Strasters of Aransas Pass, Texas; three brothers, Dale Holmes of Lockport, Ill., Ralph Holmes of Albany, Ore., and Floyd Holmes of Denver, Colo.; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Harold Holmes; and one sister, Loree Leach. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Lyons Municipal Cemetery in Lyons, with the Rev. Larry Weatherman officiating. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer's Foundation, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 23, 2001

Larry Dean Brack 1939-2001

GORHAM - Larry Dean Brack, 62, died Dec. 18 at his home in Gorham. He was born June 22, 1939, in Great Bend, the son of Jacob W. and Bonita Brack. He was a graduate of Russell High School. A resident of Gorham, he worked as a heavy equipment operator for pipeline construction. Brack was a member of American Legion. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include his mother of Russell; and one sister, Jacquelyn Monroe of Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Pohlman's Mortuary Memorial Chapel in Russell, with the Rev. Earl Haggard officiating. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Otis. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today at the mortuary. Casket will be closed. Memorials are suggested to Russell Vet Clinic - Alley Cat Program, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 23, 2001

Blanche Mikulecky 1914-2001

WILSON - Blanche Mikulecky, 87, died Dec. 21 at Wilson Nursing Center in Wilson. She was born May 20, 1914, in Russell County, the daughter of Vlacad and Mary Pospisil Soukup. She married Merrine Mikulecky. He preceded her in death. A resident of Wilson, she was a homemaker. Survivors include four daughters, Mary Ann Homeier and Carol Petz, both of Wilson, Donna Super of Russell and Rita Mikulecky of Shawnee, Okla.; one sister, Dorothy Clausen of Alma; and seven grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister. Matilda Mallas. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Foster Mortuary Chapel in Wilson, with the Rev. Elaine Lord officiating. Burial will be at Wilson City Cemetery. Friends may call at 10 a.m. today at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Wilson Opera House, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 23, 2001

Mary Elizabeth Briggs Flick 1920-2001

PAWNEE ROCK - Mary Elizabeth Briggs Flick, 81, died Dec. 21 in Topeka. She was born June 25, 1920, in Hutchinson, the daughter of John Horton and Meda Gabrielson Briqqes. She married Thomas Alvin Flick in Nov. 1947. He died Dec.
24, 1984. A resident of the Dover area, coming from Pawnee Rock, she was a school teacher at Pawnee Rock and Kiowa and a homemaker. Survivors include three sons, John Flick of Trousdale, and Philip Flick of Dover, and Doug Flick of Great Bend; and six grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Pawnee Rock United Methodist Church in Pawnee Rock. Friends may call from noon until service time Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Friends of Library, Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library or the donor's choice, both in care of Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 23, 2001

Sean Paul Hayes 1973-2001

Sean Paul Hayes, 28, of Great Bend, died Dec. 21 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 23, 2001

Norlene Gladys Stevenson Flickinger 1918-2001

SAFFORDVILLE - Norlene Gladys Stevenson Flickinger, 83, died Dec. 18 at Holiday Resort Care Center in Emporia. She was born July 16, 1918, in Emporia, the daughter of Ray G. and Izora Maude Cowen Cooley. She was a graduate of Emporia State University. She married Herbert E. Stevenson Dec. 24, 1939. He died Nov. 19, 1991 in Plymouth. She married Elmer Flickinger May 12, 1994, in Saffordville. A resident of Saffordville, coming from Emporia, she was a bookkeeper and school teacher in Saffordville and Toledo. Mrs. Flickinger was a member of United Methodist Church and Order of the Eastern Star, both of Saffordville. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, John R. Stevenson of Oxford, Ohio; two daughters, Nola Hvily-Bewley of Waverly and Marjorie I. Guesnier of Westminster, Colo.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Ione Yenzer. Memorial service was Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Rita Joy Campbell officiating. Burial will be at Grandview Cemetery at a later date. The deceased donated her body to the University of Kansas Medical Center. Memorials are suggested to the church, Hand in Hand Hospice or American Parkinson's Disease Greater Kansas City Chapter, all in care of Roberts-Blue-Barnett Funeral Home in Emporia. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 23, 2001

December 24, 2001

Mary Elizabeth Briggs Flick 1920-2001

PAWNEE ROCK - Mary Elizabeth Briggs Flick, 81, died Dec. 21 at Topeka. She was born June 25, 1920, in Hutchinson, the daughter of John Horton and Meda Gabrielson Briggs. She married Thomas Alvin Flick Nov. 29, 1947, in Hutchinson. He died Dec. 24, 1984. A resident of the Dover area, originally coming from Pawnee Rock, she was a homemaker and school teacher at Pawnee Rock and Kiowa. Survivors include three sons, John Flick of Trousdale, Philip Flick of Dover and Doug Flick of Great Bend; and six grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Pawnee Rock United Methodist Church in Pawnee Rock. Burial will be at Pawnee Rock Cemetery. Friends may call from noon until service time Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Friends of Library, in care of Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, 1515 S. W. 10th Ave., Topeka, KS 66604, or donor's choice. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 24, 2001

Willard Dean Smrcka 1927-2001

TIMKEN - Willard Dean Smrcka, 74, died Dec. 21 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born Feb. 9, 1927, at Timken, the son of William and Katie Kraisinger Smrcka. He married Ida Mary Morrison Oct. 15, 1955, in La Crosse. A lifetime resident of Timken, he was a stockman and farmer. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Vickie Tammen, of Timken; and one granddaughter. Private graveside services will be at Timken Bohemian Cemetery in Timken. Memorials are suggested to Timken Fire Department, in care of Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 24, 2001

Miles L. Honomichl 1932-2001

Miles L. Honomichl, 69 of Great Bend, died Dec. 21 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born May 14, 1932 in Ellsworth, the son of Carl Sr. and Rose Herber Honomichl. He married Kathleen Mary Buffington Feb. 4, 1956, in Stillwell, Okla. A resident of Great Bend since 1994, coming from Ellsworth, he was the buildings and grounds superintendent at USD 418 in McPherson. Honomichl was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Great Bend, AF&AM in McPherson, Isis Shrine in Salina and Yorkrite in Hutchinson. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Gary Honomichl of McPherson; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by one brother, Carl Honomichl Jr. Funeral will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at Fryberger Mortuary Chapel in Great Bend with the Rev. Hal Staats Jr. officiating. Burial will be at 11:45 a.m. Thursday at Wilson City Cemetery in Wilson. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. Wednesday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 24, 2001
Walter William Coldwater 1923-2001

ELLINWOOD - Walter William Coldwater, 78, died Dec. 23 at his home in Ellinwood. He was born July 21, 1923, in Chase, the son of Walter William Sr. and Jennie Gladys Caldwell Coldwater. He was a 1942 graduate of Chase High School. He married Pauline Blackburn March 10, 1947, in Great Bend. A resident of Ellinwood, he retired in 1987 as part owner of J.W. Drilling of Wichita and was a former production superintendent of Alpine Drilling. Coldwater was a member of American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars former commander, both of Ellinwood. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Pacific Theater, serving in the southern Philippines and the Western Pacific where he was awarded the Bronze Star. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Danny Coldwater of Hutchinson; three daughters, Sue Rohrig of Salina, and Diane Reser and Cathy Ruppe, both of Ellinwood; one brother, Robert Coldwater of Chase; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Kimple Funeral Chapel of Ellinwood with the Rev. Andy Keltner officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 3-5 today and from 9 a.m. to service time Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 24, 2001

Sean Paul Hayes 1973-2001

Sean Paul Hayes, 28 of Great Bend, died Dec. 21 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born Nov. 12, 1973, at Cavite, Philippines, the son of Joseph A. and Rizalina G. Guia Hayes. He was a 1993 graduate of Great Bend High School. A resident of Great Bend for most his life, he was a maintenance worker at McDonald's in Great Bend. Survivors include his parents of Great Bend; and one sister, Kelly J. Hayes of Great Bend. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Bryant-Christians Funeral Home with the Rev. Loyse Clay officiating. There is no visitation. The body was cremated. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 24, 2001

Stanley J. Stegman 1952-2001

Stanley J. Stegman, 49 of Great Bend, died Dec. 22 in Great Bend. He was born March 28, 1952, in Norton, the son of Felix and Elsie Jacobs Stegman. He attended Hays High School. He married Terry Ward Jan. 29, 1972, in Hays. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Austin, Texas, he was a roofer for 20 years. Stegman was a member of Cheyenne Bottoms Sportsmen Club in Great Bend and St. Joseph's Church in Hays. Survivors include one son, Chris Stegman of Wamego; one daughter, Tina Crispin of Goodland; his mother of Hays; seven brothers, Eldon Stegman of Houston, Texas, Gregg Stegman of Hume, Texas, Brad Stegman and Bruce Stegman, both of Great Bend, Wesley Stegman of Portland, Ore., Mark Stegman of Hays and Brent Stegman of Olathe; six sisters, Sharon Rollins of King George, Va., Shelly Harrell and Faye Wiesner, both of Hays, Pamela Reitmeyer of Kansas City, Mo., Dorrine Wahlmeier of Wamego and Tracy Augustine of Ellis; and three grandchildren. Parish vigil will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Brock's North Hill Chapel in Hays. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Frank X. Grinko officiating. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery in Pfeifer. Friends may call from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, and from 8:30-9:45 a.m. Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Holy Cross Charities in Pfeifer, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 24, 2001

December 26, 2001

Lawrence 'Larry' Elton Hendrickson 1934-2001

HANSTON - Lawrence "Larry" Elton Hendrickson, 67, died Dec. 22 at his home in Hanston. He was born Nov. 2, 1934, in rural Hodgeman County, the son of Arthur and Mamie Bamberger Hendrickson. He married Joann Law Sept. 30, 1952, in Hanston. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Austin, Texas, he was a roofer for 20 years. Stegman was a member of Cheyenne Bottoms Sportsmen Club in Great Bend and St. Joseph's Church in Hays. Survivors include two sons, Rick Hendrickson of Hays and Kelly Hendrickson of Hanston; six daughters, Rhonda Hendrickson and Roxann Fuchs, both of Hanston, Shawn Hoff of Scranton, Tonya Brakhage of Kinsley, Gayle Worthey of Dodge City and Brenda Theis of Kansas City, Mo.; one brother, Don Hendrickson of Garden City; one sister, Madonna Cossman of Hanston; 15 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Gary Winget officiating. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to Hanston Boys Football Program, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 26, 2001

Martin Paul Munz 1918-2001

HUDSON - Memorial services for Martin Paul Munz, 83, will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Trinity United Church of Christ in Hudson with the Revs. Nick Prather and Hanwood Schaffer officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Southwind Hospiece in Pratt. In care of Great Bend Famiv Mortuaurv and Crematorv. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 26.
Leota Elizabeth Phemister 1916-2001

LARNED - Leota Elizabeth Phemister, 84, died Dec. 24 at her home in Larned. She was born Dec. 31, 1916, in rural Carbondale, Ill., the daughter of Dallas and Ida Hendrickson Chamness. She married Ardell Phemister Aug. 14, 1936. He died Oct. 30, 1996. A resident of Larned since 1995, coming from Los Angeles, Calif., she was a homemaker. Mrs. Phemister belonged to the Baptist faith and was active in the church choir. Survivors include two sons, Charles Phemister of Larned and William Phemister of Wheaton, Ill.; one sister, Golda Matthews of DuQuoin, Ill.; one granddaughter; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers and five sisters. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Cartenville City Cemetery of Cartenville, Ill. Friends may call until 8 p.m. Wednesday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Hospice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 26, 2001

Roberta M. Knoefler 1925-2001

JETMORE - Roberta M. Knoefler, 76, died Dec. 24 in Dodge City. She was born Nov. 7, 1925, in Burlington, Iowa, the daughter of Bertrand J. and Dorothy Bohnenkamp Boyle. She married Anthony Thomas Remiszewski in May, 1946, at New Haven, Conn. He died Jan. 9, 1969. She then married Leo Knoefler July 26, 1980, in Jetmore. He died Aug. 29, 1991. A longtime resident of Jetmore, she was a bookkeeper and also worked at Dodge City Public Library. Mrs. Knoefler was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Community Minister, Jetmore Library Board, Happy Hour Club and Hodgeman County board member of American Cancer Society, all of Jetmore. Survivors include one son, Tom Remiszewski of Norwalk, Conn.; her mother of Trumbull, Conn.; three brothers, David Boyle of Dodge City, Bert Boyle of Wallingford, Conn., and Bill Boyle of Hamden, Conn.; and two sisters, Ruth Black of Jetmore and Barbara Lawson of Huntington, Conn. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at the church. Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Henry Hildebrandt officiating. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore. Friends may call until 8 p.m. Wednesday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 26, 2001

Hubert B. Steinert 1916-2001

Hubert B. Steinert, 85 of Great Bend, died Dec. 25 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born Sept. 6, 1916, in Russell County, the son of Emanuel and Lydia Wittman Steinert. He married Dorothy H. McGinness July 28, 1946, at Aulne. A resident of Great Bend, he was in furniture and appliance sales and service, retiring from Andy's TV and Appliance in Great Bend. Steinert was a member of First United Methodist Church, American Legion Post 3111 and Noon Lions Club, all of Great Bend. He was a Army Air Corps veteran, serving as staff sergeant in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Nancy Lee Carroll of Great Bend and Mary Jane Sargent of Jacksonville, Fla.; one brother, Leo Steinert of Great Bend; one stepsister of California; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by one brother, Leland Steinert; and one stepbrother, Louis Steinert. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Dr. Kevin Baxter officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call from 2-9 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. until noon Friday, all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Salvation Army or Gideons International, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 26, 2001

Francis A. Rupp 1927-2001

HAYS - Francis A. Rupp, 73, died Dec. 23 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. He was born Dec. 30, 1927, in rural Hays, the son of Andrew and Adeline Rupp Rupp. He attended St. Joseph's Military Academy in Hays. He married Rose Ann Zimmerman on Aug. 16, 1948. A resident of Hays, he was a lifelong farmer and stockman. Rupp was a member of St. Joseph's Church in Hays. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Harland Rupp of Hoisington, Gary Rupp of Tribune and Patrick Rupp of Ulysses; one daughter, Marie Stramel of Hays; three brothers, Michael M. Rupp, Henry P. "Hank" Rupp and Marvin J. Rupp, all of Hays; one sister, Blanche Von Lintel of Hays; 14 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one infant brother, Harlow Rupp. Parish vigil will be at 8 tonight at Brock's North Hill Chapel in Hays. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the church with the Revs. Frank X. Grindo and Don Zimmerman officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Hays. Friends may call from 2-9 p.m. today and from 10 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Thursday, all at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to Ellis County Cancer Council or Home Health of Hays, both in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 26, 2001

Jesse 'Glen' Burris 1916-2001

ARKANSAS CITY - Jesse "Glen" Burris, 85, died Dec. 24 at Southern Central Kansas Regional Medical Center in Arkansas City. He was born March 3, 1916, in Great Bend, the son of Emory Blaine and Katie Brocher Burris. He was a graduate of Great Bend High School. He married Joyce Neely May 9, 1947, in Great Bend. A resident of Arkansas City since 1969, coming from Great Bend and Wichita, he worked in the oilfield and for Arkansas City, retiring in 1982. Burris
was a member of First Presbyterian Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars, both of Arkansas City. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Michael Burris of Baxter Springs; one sister, Doris Amerine of Great Bend; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Michele Hestand; and one brother, Leon Burris. Memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Hawks Memorial Chapel in Arkansas City. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 26, 2001

Carole Ann Gabel 1941-2001

ELLIS - Carole Ann Gabel, 60, died Dec. 23 in Ellis. She was born April 8, 1941, in Hays, the daughter of B. Howard and Bernice Miller Baugher. She married Robert Gabel Nov. 4, 1961, in Ellis. A lifetime resident of Ellis, she was employed by Wheelchairs of Kansas in Ellis. Mrs. Gabel was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ellis. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Rodney Gabel of Salina; two daughters, Tamera Schoenthaler of Fountain Hills, Ariz., and Rhonda Wolf of Ellis; her father of Battle Creek, Mich.; one brother, Keith Baugher of Ellsworth; three sisters, Janice Grauer of Wilson, Nancy Sullivan of Battle Creek and Linda Andrade of Liberal; and six grandchildren. Rosary will be at 7 tonight at the church. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Kevin Weber officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary's Church Cemetery in Ellis. Friends may call from 2-4:30 p.m. today at Wasinger Funeral Chapel in Ellis, from 5:30-8 p.m. today at the church, and from 9-9:30 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Mary's School, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 26, 2001

December 27, 2001

Robert J. 'Bob Popeye' Patterson 1929-2001

CHASE - Robert J. "Bob Popeye" Patterson, 72, died Dec. 24 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was born May 28, 1929, in Potwin, the son of Ivor and Pearl Agnes Wesfall Patterson. He married Billie JoAnne Lane Feb. 21, 1958, in Miami, Okla. A longtime resident of Chase, he worked as a salvage yard owner and former oil field worker. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Robert Patterson Jr. of Zenith and Billy Bob Patterson of Chase; two daughters, Robin Jesseph and Jessica Patterson, both of Chase; one brother, Joe Patterson of Raymond; two sisters, Ann McIntyre of Sterling and Maxine Smith of Grandview, Ohio; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Ivor Patterson and Richard Patterson; and one grandson, Bobby Joe Patterson. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons, with the Rev. Johnnie Hardie officiating. Burial will be at Raymond Hilltop Cemetery in Raymond. Friends may call from 1-5 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association or American Diabetes Association, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 27, 2001

Mabel E. Burton 1916-2001

LYONS - Mabel E. Burton, 85, died Dec. 25 in Kingman. She was born May 5, 1916, in Lyons, the daughter of Hiram and Kate Tobias Cherpitel. She married Selz Burton Dec. 25, 1938, in Oklahoma. He died in 1972. A resident of Lyons since 1973, coming from Saratoga, Wy., she was a homemaker. Survivors include one brother, Wray Cherpitel of Lyons; and one sister, Mary Harrison of Amarillo, Texas. She was preceded in death by one sister, Ruth Burroughs. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Burial will be at Lyons Municipal Cemetery in Lyons. Friends may call from 3-6 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 27, 2001

Rose Koehler 1916-2001

KINGMAN - Rose Koehler, 85, died Dec. 26 at Attica Longterm Care Center in Attica. She was born Dec. 14, 1916, in Gibbon, Okla., the daughter of Thomas and Annie Gallagher Kenny. She married Conrad Koehler Sr. Jan. 19, 1937, in Manchester, Okla. He died September, 1962. A resident of Kingman since 1956, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Koehler was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Daughters of Isabella and Altar Society, all of Kingman. Survivors include four sons, Raymond Koehler of Bucklin, Roger Koehler of McPherson, Conrad Koehler Jr. of Great Bend and Tim Koehler of Kingman; three daughters, Karen Tatro of Hutchinson, Linda Batchman of Bushton and Kathy Dark of Attica; three brothers, Ed Koehler of Medford, Okla., Joe Koehler of Pueblo, Colo., and Gerry Koehler of Davis, Calif.; one sister, Irene Cummings of Enid, Okla.; 34 grandchildren; and 39 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Florence Walsh; four brothers, Tom Koehler, John Koehler, Bernard Koehler and Phillip Koehler; and two sisters, Mary Peterson and Katherine Koehler. Parish and Daughters of Isabella rosaries will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Livingston Funeral Home in Kingman. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Joseph Tatro officiating. Burial will be at Walnut Hill Cemetery. Friends may call after noon on Friday, at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Attica Longterm Care Center or St. Patrick Grade School, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 27, 2001
Alta May Nulton 1918-2001

HAYS - Alta May Nulton, 83, died Dec. 24 at St. John's of Hays Nursing Home. She was born May 11, 1918, in Hays, the daughter of Charles and Ruby Bourdette Nulton. She was a 1937 graduate of Hays High School. A resident of Hays, she worked as a secretary/bookkeeper for USD 489 for 48 years, before retiring and being inducted into the USD 489 Hall of Fame. She was a member of Church of the Nazarene and Christian Women's Club, both of Hays. Survivors include one brother, Tom Nulton of Hoisington; and two sisters, Audrey LaRue of Hays and Norma Thoman of Colorado Springs, Colo. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Ralph Nulton and Charles Nulton Jr.; and two sisters, Bertha Merkel and Ruby Day. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Will Haworth officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Allen Cemetery in Hays. Friends may call from 4-6 p.m. today at Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home in Hays and from 1:30 p.m. until service time Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or St. John's of Hays Nursing Home, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 27, 2001

December 28, 2001

Evea Jane Sigle 1922-2001

LURAY - Evea Jane Sigle, 79, died Dec. 26 at her home in rural Luray. She was born Sept. 4, 1922, in Osborne County, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Applegate. She married Richard Sigle. He died in Oct. 1991. A lifelong resident of Luray, she was a retired 5th grade teacher at Osborne Elementary School in Osborne. Mrs. Sigle was a member of United Methodist Church, Centennial Belles, Delta Kappa Gamma and Osborne County Historical Society, adult member of FCA, and Cheyenne Cemetery board member all of Osborne County. Survivors include four sons, Arris Sigle of Luray, Larry Sigle of Pretty Prairie, Scott Sigle of Osborne and Garry Sigle of Riley; one daughter, Donna Bayes of Salina; one sister, Joyce Williams of Johnstown, Colo.; and nine grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Gary Davison officiating. Burial will be at Cheyenne Cemetery in rural Luray. Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. today at Clark-Gashaw Mortuary Chapel in Osborne. Memorials are suggested to Osborne County Memorial Hospital or Osborne Chapter of FCA, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 28, 2001

December 30, 2001

Morris L. Johnson 1937-2001

PRATT - Morris L. Johnson, 64, died Dec. 27 at Pratt Regional Medical Center in Pratt. He was born Dec. 6, 1937, at Hugoton, the son of Lenwood M. and Jessie Mae Pope Johnson. A resident of Pratt, he was a retired lumber subcontractor. Johnson was a member of Second Baptist Church in Pratt. He was a veteran of U.S. Air Force. Survivors include five sons, Paul Johnson and Kenny Murphy, both of Albuquerque, N.M., Duncan Murphy and Rodney Patterson, both of Lancaster, Texas, and Michael Patterson of Phoenix, Ariz.; two daughters, Bridgett Fulton and Penny Murphy, both of Albuquerque, N.M.; his father of Pratt; five brothers, Carl Johnson of San Diego, Calif., Perry Johnson of Pratt, Tim Johnson of Colorado City, Colo., Melvin Johnson and Ronald Johnson both of Aurora, Colo.; three sisters, Edith Smith and Joyce Johnson, both of Pratt, and Janice Turner of Colorado Springs, Colo.; 14 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Earl Johnson and Virgil Johnson; and one sister, Ramona Snowden. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Larrison Mortuary in Pratt, with the Rev. Marion Crockett and Jim Zimmerman officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery in Pratt. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. today at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Dec. 30, 2001

Gail Florence Tucker 1912-2001

STAFFORD - Gail Florence Tucker, 89, died Dec. 28 at Stafford District Hospital in Stafford. She was born April 13, 1912, at Alden, the daughter of Frank H. and Vera Vincent Walker. She was a 1930 graduate Englewood High School, and attended nurses training at St. Anthony Hospital in Dodge City. She married Elmer Russell Tucker Sept. 20, 1931, in Englewood. He died April 26, 1975. A resident of Stafford since 1938, she was owner and operator of Stafford Flower Shop. Mrs. Tucker was a member of Stafford United Methodist Church, past president of United Methodist Women, a Sunday school teacher, member of the Business and Professional Women, Drama Guild and was a worthy matron of the Vashil Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, all of Stafford. Survivors include three sons, Gene Tucker of Stafford, Richard Tucker of Des Moines, Iowa, and Don Tucker of Lake Havasu City, Ariz.; one brother, George Walker of Salem, Ore.; two sisters, Berna Howry of Dallas, Ore., and Phyliss Blankenship of Front Royal, Va.; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandsons. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford with the Rev. Kasey Crosby officiating. Burial will be at the Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Tuesday at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to the Stafford District Hospital, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Dec. 30, 2001
James H. Jacob 1934-2001

MACKSVILLE - James H. Jacob, 67, died Dec. 26 at his home in Macksville. He was born June 22, 1934, at Racine, Wis., the son of Harry and Elsbeth Peters Jacob. He married Nora Estelle Longhurst May 16, 1953, at Oak Creek, Wis. She died September, 1970. A resident of Macksville since 1994, coming from Racine, he was a pressman for a publishing company. He was a member of the GCIU of Racine. Survivors include three daughters, Susan Sayre of Racine, Sally A. Buckman of Macksville and Sandra Yerkes of Oak Creek; his mother of Lantana, Fla.; one brother, Norman Jacob of Lantana; four grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, James T. Jacob. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Draeger-Langendorf Funeral Home in Racine. Burial will be at Forest Hill Memorial Park Cemetery in Oak Creek. Friends may call from 4-7 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested as "Love gift to family," in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Dec. 30, 2001

Elizabeth R. 'Betty' Shrader 1913-2001

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. - Elizabeth R. "Betty" Shrader, 88, died Dec. 20. She was born July 15, 1913, at Wheeling, W.Va., the daughter of George J. and Clara West Rogers. She attended Columbus School for Girls, Wells College, and graduated from Wichita State University with a B.A. in education. She married Morton Gerald "Jerry" Shrader Jan. 29, 1939, in Wichita. He died March, 1986. She was a resident of Virginia Beach since 1996, coming from Dexter, Mulvane and Great Bend. Mrs. Shrader was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Great Bend. An active member of the Altar Guild, she also served on the vestry, was twice a diocesan delegate to the national convention and was a co-director of PECUSA church camp near Stockton for several years. She was also a member of Daughters of the American Revolution. Survivors include one son, Cmdr. Lee T. "Ted" Shrader of Virginia Beach; two daughters, Joanna S. Panning of Prospect, Ky., and Frances W. Shrader of Battle Creek, Mich.; one brother; two sisters; five grandchildren; and one great-grandson. She was preceded in death by one brother who was killed in action during World War II. A memorial service celebrating her life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Virginia Beach, with the Revs. Bill Starkey and John Baldwin officiating. Burial will be at Dexter. Memorial contributions may be made to Emmanuel Church (Liturgical Commission), PECUSA Conference Center or the American Diabetes Association, in care of Cremation Society of Virginia, Virginia Beach. The family respectfully requests no flowers. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Dec. 30, 2001

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William D. 'Bill' Meljo 1936-2001

HOISINGTON - William D. "Bill" Meljo, 65, died Dec. 29 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was born March 20, 1936, in Turon, the son of Harry A. and Elva Serviss Meljo. He was a 1954 graduate of Hoisington High School. A resident of Hoisington, he was a retired pumper with NRCA in McPherson. Meljo was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church and Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 7428, both of Hoisington. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include two daughters, Melinda Meljo of Springfield, Mo. and Melissa Clark of Hoisington; his mother of Hoisington; one sister, Betty Brack of Loveland, Colo.; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Delores Garth. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Garry Dassow officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery with military graveside rites performed by American Legion Post 286 and VFW Post 7428, both of Hoisington. Friends may call from 1-5 p.m. today and Tuesday and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, all at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, and from 9:30 a.m. until service time Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Dec. 31, 2001

Paul H. Schneider 1923-2001

DODGE CITY - Paul H. Schneider, 78, died Dec. 29 at Western Plains Medical Complex in Dodge City. He was born Feb. 3, 1923, in Hoisington, the son of Henry and Christina Eichman Schneider. He married Rena Horn Dec. 24, 1946. A lifelong resident of Dodge City, he was a retired farmer. Schneider was a member of the Lutheran church. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Darrell Schneider of Jetmore; one daughter, Paula F. Buchanan of Dodge City; and one sister, Hilda Cheney of Hoisington. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Otto Schneider and Emil Schneider; and two sisters, Genevieve Sinclair and Elma Hofferber. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at United Methodist Church in Jetmore, with the Rev. Kirk Larson officiating. Burial will be at Hanston Cemetery in Hanston. Friends may call from until 8 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday, all at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, and from 9:30 a.m. until service time Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Dec. 31, 2001

M. Bernice Peck 1910-2001

COLBY - M. Bernice Peck. 91, died Dec. 28 at Prairie Senior Livino Center in Colby. She was born Nov. 27, 1910. in
Abilene, the daughter of Walter J. and Mabel E. Heller Elliott. She married Bruce E. Peck June 2, 1932, in Abilene. He died Nov. 2, 1966. A resident of Colby since 1997, coming from Lindsborg, she worked as a housemother for Lane Hart Hall at Bethany College in Lindsborg. Mrs. Peck was a member of First Baptist Church in Lindsborg. Survivors include two daughters, Joyce A. Seyfert of Colby and Pamela J. Forest of Overland Park; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, John L. Peck; two brothers, Wilford Elliott and Wendell Elliott; and one granddaughter, Sarah M. Peck. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hays-Christians Funeral Home Chapel in Lindsborg, with the Rev. John D. Peck officiating. Graveside service will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Abilene Cemetery in Abilene. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to First Baptist Church Building Fund in Lindsborg, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 31, 2001