January 1, 2002

Frank S. Kaiser 1928-2001

HOISINGTON - Frank S. Kaiser, 73, died Dec. 30 at Integrated Health Services of Great Bend. He was born April 19, 1928, in Beaver, the son of Englebert and Anna Reif Kaiser. He married Helen M. Prosser Oct. 10, 1950, in Odin. A lifetime resident of Hoisington, he operated and managed the Hoisington Dairy Queen for 18 years and was account representative for Apparel Master for 14 years before retiring in 1993. Kaiser was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, member and past grand knight of the Knights of Columbus, life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7428 and American Legion Post 286, all of Hoisington. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Cletus Kaiser of Olathe and Timothy Kaiser of Wichita; one daughter, Gina Streetman of Great Bend; two brothers, Tony Kaiser of Bushton and Edward Kaiser of Hoisington; one sister, Rose Riedel of Ellinwood; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by five brothers, Joe Kaiser, Lawrence Kaiser, Louie Kaiser, John Kaiser and Walter Kaiser; and five sisters, Sister Rita Kaiser, Sister Bertran Kaiser, Margaret Rabenseifner, Theresa Nather, Leona Stuart and Eleanor Schwartz. Vigil service, followed by a Knights of Columbus rosary, will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery in Hoisington with military graveside rites being performed by American Legion and VFW posts, both of Hoisington. 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, American Heart Association or American Cancer Society, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 1, 2002

Richard D. Kinderknecht 1927-2001

COLBY - Richard D. Kinderknecht, 74, formerly of Ellis, died Dec. 30 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. He was born Dec. 12, 1927, at a farm north of Ellis, the son of Jacob and Otililla Bittel Kinderknecht. He married Anna Rita Brungardt Oct. 14, 1952, in Ellis. A resident of Colby, he retired from the power plant in Colby as a mechanic in 1993. Kinderknecht was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby, lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9139 and American Legion, all of Colby. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include three sons, Daniel Kinderknecht of Chandler, Ariz., Floyd Kinderknecht of Zephyrhills, Fla., and Brian Kinderknecht of Wichita; two daughters, Carol Schryer of Manhattan and Anita Fisher of Hays; four brothers, Walter Kinderknecht of Kimball, Neb., Ralph Kinderknecht and Alan Kinderknecht, both of Ellis, and Victor Kinderknecht of WaKeeney; two sisters, Beativa Weber of Great Bend and Ione Dinkel of Ellis; nine grandchildren; and five step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Eugene Kinderknecht, Herman Kinderknecht and Charles Kinderknecht; and two sisters, Regina Goff and Lillian Wishnuck. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ellis, with the Rev. Galen Long officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery in Ellis with military graveside honors being performed by American Legion and VFW, both of Hays. Friends may call from 5-8 p.m. today at Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home in Hays and from 10 a.m. until service time Wednesday at the church in Ellis. Memorials are suggested to VFW National Home in Michigan, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 1, 2002

Louise T. Snyder 1903-2001

PALM HARBOR, Fla. - Louise T. Snyder, 98, died Dec. 28 at St. Mark's Village in Palm Harbor. She was born in 1903 in Forrest City, Ark. A resident of Palm Harbor since 1970, coming from Great Bend, she was a homemaker. She was a member of the Episcopal church, PEO Womens Club, numerous bridge clubs and Athenian Club, all in Great Bend, and Pi Beta Phi of University of Arkansas. Survivors include two daughters, Anne Rydeen of South Salem, N.Y., and Patricia Trebilox of Kansas City; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Funeral, visitation and memorial information was not provided by Preferred Funeral Alternatives of Holiday, Fla. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 1, 2002

January 2, 2002

Delmar Emanuel Brack 1929-2001

Delmar Emanuel Brack, 72, of Great Bend, died Dec. 29 at his residence. He was born March 11, 1929, in Otis, the son of Emanuel H. and Dorothy Seidl Brack. A resident of Great Bend since 1989, coming from Wichita, he worked as a stock material handler for Cessna Air Craft. Brack was a member of First Church of God in Great Bend, Cessna Employer's Club and International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers. Survivors include one son, Craig Brack of Wichita; one brother, Glenn J. Brack of Hoisington; and one sister, Eunice M. Dreher of Great Bend. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Ralph D. Brack, Alvin M. Brack, Clarence J. Brack and infant Vernon J. Brack; and one sister, Sister Rita Kaiser, Sister Bertran Kaiser, Margaret Rabenseifner, Theresa Nather, Leona Stuart and Eleanor Schwartz. Vigil service, followed by a Knights of Columbus rosary, will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Revs. Dick Ogle and Tom Swain officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery in Hoisington. There is no visitation, cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 2, 2002.

Beverly Jane Thoreson 1952-2001

Funeral Alternatives of Holiday, Fla. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 1, 2002
Beverly Jane Thoreson, 49, of Great Bend, died Dec. 31 in Great Bend. She was born July 3, 1952, in Dodge City, the daughter of Bernard R. and Esther R. Kehr Wear. She was a graduate of Great Bend High School. A resident of Great Bend for 1 1/2 years, coming from Englewood, Colo., she worked at Great Cog. She was a member of South Surburban Christian Church in Littleton, Colo. and attended First Assembly of God Church in Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Matthew Thoreson of Littleton; one daughter, Lyndsay Thoreson of Great Bend; her mother of Great Bend; one brother, Byrl Wear of El Dorado; five sisters, Betty Naylor of Kansas City, Mo., Barbara Abrahamson of Kinsley, Berdya Proctor of Plattsburg, Mo., Bonita Jamieson of Great Bend and Belynda Simbala of Colleyville, Texas; and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Benjamin R. Wear, Vyrl Wear and Earl Wear. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the church in Great Bend, with the Rev. Dwight Dozier and Emanuel Kehr officiating. Burial will be at Dundee Valley Cemetery in Dundee. Friends may call until 9 tonight, from 9 a.m. until noon Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend and from 1 p.m. until service time Thursday at the church in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church in Great Bend or Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 2, 2002

Agda P. Morrow     1909-2001

GARFIELD - Agda P. Morrow, 92, died Dec. 27 at Salina Regional Health Center, Santa Fe Campus in Salina. She was born May 14, 1909, in Pawnee County, the daughter of Carl and Hulda Berglund Pearson. She married Ross N. Morrow Nov. 14, 1930, in Manhattan. He died Dec. 28, 1984. A lifetime resident of Pawnee County, she worked as an assistant postmaster and as a bookkeeper for Garfield Co-op. Mrs. Morrow was a member of United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women, both in Garfield and Order of the Eastern Star in Larned. Survivors include one son, Norman Morrow of Salina; one daughter, Jeanie Siler of Lawrence; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and one step-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Audrey Wells; four brothers, Alex Pearson, Chester Pearson, Ernest Pearson and Eddie Pearson; and one sister, Ethel Nelson. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Beckwitt Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with the Rev. Charles Grant officiating. Burial will be at Garfield Cemetery in Garfield. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and from 9 a.m. until service time, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Kansas State University Basic Cancer Research in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 2, 2002

January 3, 2002

Milburn E. Stiles     1908-2001

EUREKA SPRINGS, Ark. - Milburn E. Stiles, 93, died Dec. 31 in Springdale, Ark. He was born June 12, 1908, in Golden, Mo., the son of William and Dora Hill Stiles. He married Alice Phillips. She preceded him in death. He married Helen Brutchin. She also preceded him in death. A resident of Eureka Springs, he worked as a school custodian. Stiles attended the Methodist church. Survivors include four sons, Paul Stiles of Berryville, Mo, Bob Stiles of Great Bend, Joy Stiles of Harrington and Don Stiles of Parker, Colo.; three daughters, Faye Farwell of Eureka Springs, Louise Phillips of Humansville, Mo., and Wanda Shields of Lakewood, Colo.; three brothers, Clarence Stiles of Gallsburg, Ill., George Stiles of Milwaukee, Ore., and Ralph Stiles of Ripley, Okla.; one sister, Gladys Nance of Cassville, Mo.; 25 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sons, Ray Stiles and Lonnie Stiles; one daughter, May Stiles; one brother; two grandsons; and two great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Charles M. Nelson Funeral Home Memorial Chapel in Eureka Springs, with the Rev. Wayne Writer officiating. Burial will be at Vine Creek Cemetery in Barry County, Mo. No visitation or memorials are listed. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 3, 2002

Evelyn Marie Blake     1928-2002

CLARENDON, Ark. - Evelyn Marie Blake, 73, died Jan. 1 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. She was born Jan. 19, 1928, in Barton County, the daughter of Frank J. and Bertha Skolaut Haberman. She married Dr. Donald D. Blake May 5, 1956, in Great Bend. He died Nov. 18, 1995. A resident of Great Bend for one week, coming from Clarendon, she was a home economist and extension agent for the University of Arkansas and Monroe County, Ark., for 27 years. Mrs. Blake was a member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Stuttgart, Ark., Holy Rosary Ladies Auxiliary Club, Altar Society, Church Choir and White River Extension Homemakers Club, all of Monroe County, Ark., Love Notes Singing Group, past president of Lions Club, Garden Club and American Legion Auxiliary, all of Clarendon. Survivors include her mother of Great Bend; and one brother, Francis Haberman of Great Bend. Altar Society Rosary will be at 4 p.m. Friday and a Vigil Service will be at 7 p.m. Friday, both at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. Warren Stecklein officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and from 9-10 a.m. Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family School Endowment Fund, the church in Great Bend, or American Cancer Society, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 3, 2002

Harry J. Romme     1914-2002

VICTORIA - Harry J. Romme, 87, died Jan. 1 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. He was born Nov. 14, 1914, in Victoria, the son of Joseph M. and Margaret Kreutzer Romme. He married Lillian M. Wittman Sept. 21, 1943, in Victoria. She died Dec. 19, 1999. A lifelong resident of Victoria, he was a farmer and janitor at Victoria Grade School for 12 years. Romme was a member of Saint Fidelis Catholic Church in Victoria. Survivors include one son, Rick J. Romme of Victoria; six grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by five brothers, Wendelin Romme, Joachim Romme, John Romme, Joseph Romme and an infant brother Daniel Romme; and two sisters, Lidwina Kuhn and Clara Falkenstein. Vigil service will be at 7 tonight at Cline's Mortuary in Victoria. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church. with the Rev. David Gottschalk officiating. Burial will
Sister Flora Mayer

WICHITA - Sister Flora Mayer, 88, died Jan. 1 in Wichita. A resident of Wichita, she was an educator, having taught at St. Mary Elementary School in Pittsburg, Holy Name Catholic School in Coffeyville, St. Patrick Catholic School in Kingman, St. Andrew Catholic School in Independence and St. John Catholic School in El Dorado; and served as principle of Sacred Heart Catholic School in Pratt, St. Mary Catholic School in Parsons, St. Andrew Catholic School in Wright and St. Mary Cathedral High School in Wichita. She also taught art at St. Mary of the Plains High School and St. Mary of the Plains College, both in Dodge City. Sister Mayer moved to Joseph Hall in the Sisters of St. Joseph of Wichita motherhouse complex in 1992 and to Marian Hall in 1999. Wake service will be at 7 tonight at the Resurrection Chapel in Mount St. Mary Convent in Wichita. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Resurrection Chapel. There is no visitation and no memorials are suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 3, 2002

January 4, 2002

Guy Marvin Ellis 1907-2002

ROZEL - Guy Marvin Ellis, 94, died Jan. 3 at Larned Health Care and Living Center in Larned. He was born July 28, 1907, in La Crosse, the son of Elmer and Oro Watts Ellis. He married Lula May Stilts Sept. 29, 1930, in Sioux Falls, S.D. A lifelong resident of Rozel, he was a farmer and in earlier years operated a grocery and meat market in Rozel. Ellis was a member of First Baptist Church in Rozel. Survivors include his wife of the home; two brothers, Louis Ellis of Blossom, Texas and Raymond Ellis of La Crosse, Wis.; and one sister, Helen Gilbert of Topeka. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Leonard Ellis, Harry Ellis and Edward Ellis; and three sisters, Mildred Bruntzel, Edna Routh and Dorothy Spreier. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Beckwith Mortuary in Larned, with the Rev. John Hester officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. There is no visitation and no memorials are suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 3, 2002

Mabel R. Cobb 1905-2001

LARNED - Mabel R. Cobb, 96, died Dec. 31 at the Manor Care Nursing Home in Wichita. She was born Feb. 3, 1905, in Pawnee County, the daughter of Oliver Lupfer and Maggie Amelia McGee Rhea. She married Leslie Cobb Aug. 28, 1928, in Larned. He died Aug. 10, 1981. A resident of Larned since 1918, she was a retired chief telephone operator for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. Mrs. Cobb was a member of United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Fort Larned Belles, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, American Legion Auxiliary, Historical Society and BPW, all of Larned and Southwestern Bell Pioneers. Survivors include two sons, William L. Cobb of Wichita and Rhea O. Cobb of North Bergen, N.J.; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the mortuary. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the mortuary. Friends may call until 8 tonight at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 4, 2002

Dwight C. Blakely 1907-2002

BEELEER - Dwight C. Blakely, 94, died Jan. 3 at Leisure Homestead in Stafford. He was born Dec. 21, 1907, in Preston, the son of George C. and Lillie Brown Blakely. He was a graduate of Preston high School. He married Irene Hoffman Oct. 23, 1928, in Preston. A longtime resident of Beeler, before retiring and moving to Ness City, he was a farmer. Blakely was a member of Beeler Methodist Church and Beeler Co-op board. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Dwilette Paulsen of Stafford; one brother, Curtis Blakely of Visalia, Calif.; one sister, Loleta Gail Spillman of Sherman, Texas; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at St. Fidelis Cemetery in Victoria. Friends may call from 3-9 p.m. today and from 8:30-9:45 a.m. Friday, all at the mortuary. There are no memorials suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 3, 2002

James W. Stewart 1908-2002

LARNED - James W. Stewart, 93, died Jan. 2 at Halsey Hall in Fort Dodge. He was born Dec. 31, 1908, in Offerle, the son of William Thomas and Clair P. Smith Stewart. A resident of Larned, coming from Garfield, he was a farm hand. Stewart was a member of American Legion in Garfield. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include two brothers, Clyde Stewart and Dayton Stewart, both of Jerald, Mo. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Charlie Stewart, Russell Stewart, Floyd Stewart, and Clayton Stewart; and two sisters, Amber Amrine and Ethel Vay Hubbell. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Garfield Cemetery in Garfield, with Ken Walker officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, both at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorial services suggested to Garfield American Legion, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 4, 2002

Ruth Churchill 1912-2002

be at St. Fidelis Cemetery in Victoria. Friends may call from 3-9 p.m. today and from 8:30-9:45 a.m. Friday, all at the mortuary. There are no memorials suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 3, 2002
BELLEVUE, Neb. - Ruth Churchill, 89, died Jan. 2 at Hillcrest Health Plaza in Bellevue. She was born June 25, 1912, in Russell, the daughter of August and Esther Moore Milberger. She married De Churchill Jan. 7, 1933, in La Crosse. He preceded her in death. A lifelong resident of Rush County, before moving to Bellevue in 1999, she was retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company where she worked as a business manager at the La Crosse office. Mrs. Churchill was a member of United Methodist Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars, both of La Crosse. Survivors include one daughter, Marian Cheney of Bellevue; one sister, Allegra Hoolochor of Longmont, Colo.; two grandchildren; two great-granddaughters; and one great-great-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by one granddaughter. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Janousek Funeral Home Chapel in La Crosse, with the Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until service time Monday at the funeral home. There are no memorials suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 4, 2002

Hilda Knop 1915-2002

ELLINWOOD - Hilda Knop, 86, died Jan. 4 at Long-term Care, Ellinwood District Hospital in Ellinwood. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 4, 2002

Rev. John P. Kowal 1932-2002

ULYSSES - The Rev. John P. Kowal, 69, died Jan. 1 at his home in rural Ulysses. He was born Sept. 16, 1932, in Boston, Mass., the son of John Walter and Katherine Mary Powers Kowal. A resident of Ulysses, he was a teacher and pastor, serving in Ulysses, Johnson, Victoria, Hays, Great Bend and Ellis. Kowal received a bachelor's degree at St. Fidelis College in Herman, Penn., and a master's degree at Fordham University in New York, N.Y. He was ordained for the Capuchin Order Oct. 28, 1957, in Falls Church, Va. He was a U.S. Army Chaplain veteran of the Vietnam War, where he received the Meritorious Service Award, two Bronze Stars and three Commendation Medals. He received an Air Medal for Civic Action in Vietnam. Survivors include close family friends John and Dottie Stenstrom of Stoughton, Mass. Vigil service and Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Ulysses. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Bishop Ronald M. Gilmore and other clergy officiating. Burial will be at Ulysses Cemetery with military gravesite honors being conducted by Ulysses American Legion. Friends may call until 8 tonight, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, all at Garnand Funeral Home in Ulysses. Memorials are suggested to Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church Scholarship Fund, St. Bernadette Catholic Church Scholarship Fund or Cathedral Building Fund, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 4, 2002

January 6, 2002

Hilda E. Knop 1915-2002

ELLINWOOD - Hilda E. Knop, 86, died Jan. 3 at Central Kansas Medical Center Long Term Care in Ellinwood. She was born April 26, 1915, in Bromberg, Poland, the daughter of Frederick and Hedwig Feige Fuhr. She was a graduate of Great Bend High School. She married Leonard C. Knop April 11, 1935, in Ellinwood. He died July 8, 1969. A resident of Ellinwood, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Knop was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Ellinwood. Survivors include one son, Gary Knop of Ellinwood; two daughters, Marlene Thomas of Trinity, Texas, and Beverly Bownes of Ellinwood; one brother, Kurt Fuhr of Great Bend; 13 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Walter Fuhr, Alfred Fuhr, Ernest Fuhr and Paul Fuhr. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Andy Keitner officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1-7 p.m. today at Kimple Inc. Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to St. John Lutheran Child Development Center or donor's choice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 6, 2002

Dora Helen Kaiser 1915-2002

OTIS - Dora Helen Kaiser, 86, died Jan. 3 at Lakewood Heights in Wichita. She was born June 24, 1915, in rural Rush County, the daughter of John K. and Mary K. Brack Brack. She married William Kaiser Aug. 17, 1933. He died in 1985. A resident of Wichita since 1995, coming from Rush County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Kaiser was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Otis and Christ Lutheran Church of Wichita. Survivors include one son, Donald Kaiser of Overland Park; three daughters, Margaret Dietz of Wichita, Bernice McFarland of Topeka and Vera Burns of Peck, Mich.; two sisters, Verna Schneider of Osage Beach, Mo., and Martha Margheim of Hisington; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Harry Brack and Lester L. Brack; and two grandchildren. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Otis. Burial will be at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Otis. Friends may call from 2-5 p.m. today at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse and from 10:30-11 a.m. Monday at the church, at which time the family will greet friends. Memorials are suggested to either church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 6, 2002

The Rev. Helen Suzan Rosenberg 1913-2002

ST. JOHN - The Rev. Helen Suzan Rosenberg, 88, died Jan. 4 at Leisure Homestead at St. John. She was born June 22, 1913, at Smith Center, the daughter of John and Bertie Walters Kinyon. She attended Kensington High School. She married the Rev. J.O. Rosenberg March 18, 1931. A resident of St. John, coming from Hill City, Woodston, Jewell, Great Bend, Topeka, Middle Town, Ohio, and Cincinnati, Ohio, she was an ordained minister with Assembly of God. Survivors include her husband; two sons, Harold Rosenberg of Aurora, Colo., and the Rev. Hugh Rosenberg of Cincinnati; seven grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one son, Willis Rosenberg. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Mondav at
Pleasant Green Assembly of God Church north of Agra. Burial will be at German Town Cemetery north of Kensington. Memorials are suggested to Tri-County Church Missions Project, in care of Kleppinger Funeral Home in Jewell. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 6, 2002

January 7, 2002

Adam Vincent Mayers 1985-2002

ALBERT - Adam Vincent Mayers, 16, died Jan. 5 in Barton County. He was born Jan. 8, 1985, in Great Bend, the son of John Charles and Marie Therese Zink Mayers. A resident of Albert, he was a sophomore at Otis-Bison High School. Mayers was a member of St. Ann’s Catholic Church in Olmitz, member of school football and basketball teams, KAYS and Students Against Drunk Driving. Survivors include his parents, of the home; four brothers, John C. Mayers, Joshua Mayers and Zachary Mayers, all of the home, and David Mayers of Hoisington; one sister, Gabrielle Mayers, of the home; and his grandmother, Helen Blado of Great Bend. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Virgil Mayers and Tony and Evelyn Zink. Vigil service will be at 7:30 tonight at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Revs. Ultan Murphy and James Roth officiating. Burial will be at Holy Name Cemetery in Bushton. Friends may call until 9 tonight, at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 7, 2002

Lowell H. Pelton 1916-2002

CLAFLIN - Lowell H. Pelton, 85, died Jan. 7 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 7, 2002

January 8, 2002

Lowell H. Pelton 1916-2002

CLAFLIN - Lowell H. Pelton, 84, died Jan. 7 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born Sept. 16, 1916, in Ford County, the son of Arthur H. and Jewell Tullis Pelton. He married Fredia Klein Sept. 7, 1937. She died Dec. 4, 1975. He married Mildred German Aug. 12, 1978, in Claflin. A resident of Claflin since 1978, coming from Burdett, he was a farmer and employed at Burdett Co-op. Pelton was a member of United Methodist Church and Booster Club, both of Claflin, Lions Club and 4-H Club, both of Burdett and the Good Sam Club. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Loren H. Pelton of Colleyville, Texas and Wayne L. Pelton of Wichita; one daughter, Nadine Francis Dolan of Manistee, Mich.; one stepdaughter, Peggy Lara of Oklahoma City, Okla.; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers; and two sisters. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Janet Myers officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Browns Grove Cemetery in Burdett. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with family receiving friends from 7-8 p.m. and from 9:30 until service time Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, booster club or township library, all of Claflin. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 8, 2002

Marie McMillan 1908-2002

STAFFORD - Marie McMillan, 93, died Jan. 6 in Stanton, Texas. She was born July 7, 1908, in Preston, the daughter of Raymond and Ella May Reese Tedman. She married Victor Harold McMillan April 14, 1928, in Stafford. He died in 1974. A resident of Stanton since 1994, coming from Stafford, she worked in retail sales and was a seamstress. Mrs. McMillan was a member of First Christian Church in Stafford. Survivors include three sons, Bobbie G. McMillan of Stanton, Truman H. McMillan of Wichita and David B. McMillan of Ventura, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three sisters, Leona E. Tedman, Velma P. Bates and Myrle L. Davis. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Stafford Cemetery, with the Rev. Karen Ault officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to noon at Minnis Chapel in Stafford. There are no memorials suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 8, 2002

Edna V. Kraft 1904-2002

HOISINGTON - Edna V. Kraft, 97, died Jan. 7 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born Jan. 19, 1904, in Lucas, the daughter of Dan and Myrtle Smith. She married Leo V. Kraft June 3, 1925, in Lincoln. He died Oct. 10, 1977. A longtime resident of Hoisington, coming from Salina, she was a homemaker and assisted her husband in the operation of Kraft Shoe Store in Hoisington for many years. Mrs. Kraft was a member of First United Methodist Church, Order of the Eastern Star Una Chapter 119, Heritage Club, Clara Barton Hospital Auxiliary and other community groups, all of Hoisington. Survivors include one son, Duane Kraft of Hoisington; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one brother, Charles Smith. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today, 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 donor’s choice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 8, 2002
Lola Margaret Shuttleworth 1906-2002

GENESEO - Lola Margaret Shuttleworth, 95, died Jan. 7 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. She was born June 21, 1906, in Brookville, the daughter of Ed and Ida Mary Kuntz Shute. She married Paige Shuttleworth March 21, 1929, in Salina. He died Jan. 22, 1981. A recent resident of Little River, after living most of her life in Genesee, she was a homemaker and seamstress. Mrs. Shuttleworth was a member of United Methodist Church and 55 Plus Club, both of Genesee. Survivors include three sons, Vance Shuttleworth of Lindsborg, Myrt Shuttleworth of Genesee and Paige Shuttleworth Jr. of Salina; two daughters, LaDonna Griffis and Della Pruit, both of Lyons; one sister, Ida Mary Olson of Atwater, Calif.; 18 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Dwight Neal Shuttleworth and Edward Teddy Neal Shuttleworth; and two great-grandsons, Josh Warner and Dusty Shuttleworth. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Bob Fleener officiating. Burial will be at Geneseo Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. today at Parsons Funeral Home in Ellsworth and from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, Geneseo Library or Rice County Hospice, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 8, 2002

Esther K. Lindenmuth 1919-2002

HOISINGTON - Esther K. Lindenmuth, 82, died Jan. 7 at Hoisington Rehabilitation Center in Hoisington. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricks Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 8, 2002

J.N. Blankenship 1905-2002

LEXINGTON, Neb. - J.N. Blankenship, 96, died Jan. 6 at Southview Manor Care Center in Cozad, Neb. He was born Jan. 13, 1905, in Garfield, Ark., the son of Carroll and Cammie Binkley Blankenship. He married Verna Miles Jan. 20, 1949, in Elwood, Neb. A resident of Lexington, coming from Hays, he was former manager of the J.C. Penny Department Store in Hays from 1955 until his retirement in 1965, when he started a construction company building duplexes and apartments in Hays. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Bob Blankenship of Phoenix, Ariz., and Mark Blankenship of Reno, Nev.; one daughter, Marilyn Fairbairn of Garden City; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Jack Blankenship; two brothers, Carman Blankenship and Paul Blankenship; two sisters, Mary Brokaw and Vera Motzek; and one grandson, Kyle Fairbairn. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Seventh-Day Adventist Church in La Crosse, with the Rev. Pat Scott officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 2-5 p.m. today at Reynolds-Love Funeral Home in Hanston and from 9-11 a.m. Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 8, 2002

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Alma G. Brack 1904-2002

Alma G. Brack, born Dec. 8, 1904, died Jan. 5, 2002, in Mountville, Conn. She was the daughter of John A. and Katherine Brack. Alma was the fifth child of 14 who are now all deceased. After growing up in Otis and Great Bend, she entered the world of business, taking her to Kansas City, Chicago, the West Coast, Wichita, Arizona and back to Great Bend. She moved to Connecticut in 2000, to live with a niece. Alma considered herself the family historian and avid antique collector. Although she had no family of her own, Alma had many nieces and nephews residing throughout 10 states and Canada. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, 2002, at Fryberger Mortuary Chapel, 2115 Washington, in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 8, 2002

Doris G. Langley 1923-2002

LARNED - Doris G. Langley, 78, died Jan. 7 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. She was born March 6, 1923, in Kansas City, Mo., the daughter of Charles D. and Nellie Ann Brinkworth Brumitt. She was a graduate of Newman Hospital School of Nursing. She married Kenneth "Red" L. Langley Feb. 22, 1948, in Hays. A resident of Larned since 1964, coming from Hays, she was a registered nurse at Larned State Hospital. Mrs. Langley was a member of Presbyterian Church, Business and Professional Women, Larned Country Club and Garden Club, all of Larned. Survivors include her husband of the home; one daughter, Candace Dolan of Denver, Colo.; one brother, John Paul Brumitt of Arizona; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Willard C. Brumitt. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with the Rev. Jim Hawthorne officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church, Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 9, 2002

Esther Ruth Korf 1924-2002

HANSTON - Esther Ruth Korf, 77, died Jan. 7 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born Nov. 4, 1924, in Pawnee County, the daughter of Charles and Stephina Svatos Vratil. She married Ferlyn Wallace Korf March 5, 1950. He died June 21, 1999. A resident of Hanston, she was a homemaker and cosmetologist. Mrs. Korf was a member of First Baptist Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and Senior Center, all of Hanston. Survivors include two daughters, Stephanie Goodwin of Atwood and Beverlee McFadden of Minneola; one brother, Floyd Vratil of Pratt; two sisters, Margaret Griffis and Della Pruett; one sister, Ida Mary Olson of Atwater, Calif.; 18 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Dwight Neal Shuttleworth and Edward Teddy Neal Shuttleworth; and two great-grandsons, Josh Warner and Dusty Shuttleworth. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Bob Fleener officiating. Burial will be at Geneseo Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. today at Parsons Funeral Home in Ellsworth and from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, Geneseo Library or Rice County Hospice, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 8, 2002
James Befort 1940-2002

James Befort, 61, formerly of Great Bend, died Jan. 8 at Moberly Regional Medical Center in Moberly, Mo. He was born Aug. 2, 1940, in Munjor, the son of Cy and Clara Dreher Befort. He married Donna Bryant Aug. 24, 1974, in Great Bend. A resident of Moberly, coming from Great Bend, he worked as a product manager at Orscheln Farm and Home for 39 years. Befort was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Moberly and was a past member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Mike Befort of Moberly; one daughter, Michelle Cape of Emporia; four brothers, Al Befort of Moberly; one stepdaughter, Joyce Disque of Clifton; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by eight brothers, Joe Vratil, Fred Vratil, Herman Vratil, Donald Vratil, Elmer Vratil, Otto Vratil, Earl Vratil and Harry Vratil; and one sister, Silva DeRoo. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Carl Vincent officiating. Burial will be at Hanston Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9-10 a.m. Thursday, all at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to Hanston Library or Hanston Senior Center, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 9, 2002

Frances Ann Beitler 1919-2002

ST. JOHN - Frances Ann Beitler, 82, died Jan. 7 in Wichita. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Minnis Chapel in St. John. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 9, 2002

Esther K. Shanelec Lindenmuth 1919-2002

HOISINGTON - Esther K. Shanelec Lindenmuth, 82, died Jan. 7 at Hoisington Rehabilitation Center in Hoisington. She was born April 19, 1919, in Sylvan Grove, the daughter of Albert and Amy Siemers Lantz. She married Joe R. Shanelec March 24, 1940, in Sylvan Grove. He died May 15, 1982. She married Leo K. Lindenmuth Oct. 21, 1991, in Deerfield. He died Feb. 22, 1994. A resident of Hoisington for 45 years, coming from Sylvan Grove, she was a homemaker and sales clerk at Fashions and John's Clothing in Hoisington. Mrs. Lindenmuth was a member of First United Methodist Church and Clara Barton Foundation, both of Hoisington. Survivors include one son, Steve Shanelec of Wichita; one stepson, Gary Lindenmuth of Hays; one daughter, Anita Brewer of Hoisington; one stepdaughter, Joyce Disque of Clifton; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Walter Lantz and Harold Lantz; and three sisters, Alice Heller, Stella Bender and Alberta Beverly. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at Wilson Cemetery in Wilson. Friends may call until 9 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, all at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, and from 9:30 a.m. until service time Friday, at the church. Memorials are suggested to Golden Bell Home Health and Hospice or Hoisington Rehabilitation Center, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 9, 2002

Ruth E. Metz 1905-2002

OVERLAND PARK - Ruth E. Metz, 96, died Jan. 7 at Indian Creek Nursing Center. She was born Feb. 4, 1905, in Great Bend. She married Thomas F. McManus. He died in 1940. She married Fred A. Metz. He died in 1943. A resident of Overland Park, she taught school in Miller and later worked at the University of Kansas Medical Center until her retirement. Mrs. Metz was a member of Old Mission United Methodist Church, American Association of University Women, Delta Zeta Sorority, Tonkawa of the Johnson County Extension Service and Order of the Eastern Star. Survivors include one son, Phillip D. McManus of Overland Park. She was preceded in death by her special friend, Emmett Dunn. Memorial service will be at 4:30 p.m. Friday at the church. Inurnment will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 3 p.m. until service time Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of D.W. Newcomer's Sons Funeral Home in Overland Park. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 9, 2002

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Rose Marie Gerlach 1908-2002

LA CROSSE - Rose Marie Gerlach, 93, died Jan. 8 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. She was born Feb. 18, 1908, in La Crosse, the daughter of Henry and Marie Schnell Weigand. She was a high school graduate and attended one year of college. She worked as a secretary. Mrs. Gerlach was a member of United Methodist Church, American Association of University Women, Delta Zeta Sorority, Johnson County Extension Service and Order of the Eastern Star. Survivors include two nephews, Richard Weigand of Goodland and Elvin Eberhart of Salem, Ore.; and four nieces, Betty Huber of Brownell, Marjorie Millner of Colorado Springs, Colo., Edra Flinn of Hutchinson and Margaret Shelton of Yuba City, Calif. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Alex Weigand, Herman "Happy" Weigand, Ed Weigand and Albert "Jim" Weigand; and three sisters, Alice Heller, Stella Bender and Alberta Beverly. 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. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the church. Friends may call from 1-6 p.m. Friday at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse and from 10-11 a.m. Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Rush County Memorial Hospital Heart Fund or the donor's choice, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 10, 2002

James Befort 1940-2002

James Befort, 61, formerly of Great Bend, died Jan. 8 at Moberly Regional Medical Center in Moberly, Mo. He was born Aug. 2, 1940, in Munjor, the son of Cy and Clara Dreher Befort. He married Donna Bryant Aug. 24, 1974, in Great Bend. A resident of Moberly, coming from Great Bend, he worked as a product manager at Orscheln Farm and Home for 39 years. Befort was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Moberly and was a past member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Mike Befort of Moberly; one daughter, Michelle Cape of Emporia; four brothers, Al Befort of Hutchinson, Curt Befort of Wichita, Ken Befort and Keith Befort, both of Pratt; two sisters, Wanda Narvid and Nancy McCleary, both of Wichita; and one grandchild. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church in Moberly. Graveside service will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood, with the Rev. Garry Dassow officiating. There will be no local visitation. Memorials are suggested to the church in Moberly or the church in Great Bend. both in care of Kimolee Funeral
Martha Louise Balman 1915-2002

Martha Louise Balman, 86, of Great Bend, died Jan. 9 at her home. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 10, 2002

Warren Lee Griffith 1939-2002

WICHITA - Warren Lee Griffith, 62, died Jan. 7 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born Dec. 1, 1939, in rural Inman, the son of Ray A. and Mildred DeVault Griffith Jr. He was a 1958 graduate of Lyons High School and also graduated from Barton County Community College. He married Fern Eva Willson April 18, 1970, in Hutchinson. A resident of Wichita since Feb. 2001, coming from Lyons, he worked as a truck driver for Wagner Trucking, a machinist for Cessna Fluid Power and most recently as custodian and bus driver for USD 405 in Lyons, before retiring in 1991. Griffith was a member of United Methodist Church in Lyons and Sons of the American Legion in Geneseo. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Daphne Norez of Raymond and Heather A. Latiolais of Olathe; his mother of Lyons; three brothers, Leonard R. Griffith of Lyons, Eddie G. Griffith of Mulvane and Frederick W. Griffith of Wichita; one sister, Delores A. Smith of Fairview Heights, Ill.; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Adelia Mae Griffith. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Cindy Watson officiating. Burial will be at Lyons Municipal Cemetery. Friends may call until 7 tonight, with family receiving friends from 5-7 tonight, all at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 10, 2002

Frances Ann Beitler 1919-2002

ST. JOHN - Frances Ann Beitler, 82, died Jan. 7 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born July 20, 1919, in Plevna, the daughter of George and Letha Caroline Hooker. She was a 1938 graduate of Plevna High School. She married Theibert V. Beitler June 2, 1942, in Hutchinson. A resident of St. John since 1947, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Beitler was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Stafford. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Dennis Leon Beitler of St. John; three daughters, Arlene Gunter of Yuma, Ariz., Martha Aaron of Goddard and Laurel Keeley of Valley Center; one brother, Charles Hooker of Plevna; three sisters, Marie Castle and Ida Mae Gisick, both of Hutchinson and Fern Kerns of Wheeling, Ill.; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Voughnita Beitler; two brothers, George Hooker and John Hooker; and one sister, Myrtle Hooker. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Minnis Chapel in St. John, with the Rev. David A. Ford officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 10, 2002

Harold M. Werth 1940-2002

LA CROSSE - Harold M. Werth, 61, died Jan. 8 at his home in La Crosse. He was born Dec. 1, 1940, in rural McCracken, the son of Alfred J. and Martina L. Schaffer Werth. He was a high school graduate. He married Judith "Judy" A. Meier Sept. 14, 1963, in Hanston. A lifelong resident of Rush County, he was a farmer and stockman. Werth was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in La Crosse. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Harland L. Werth of La Crosse; two daughters, Kim Stejskal of Bison and Sonya Werth Sackett of Kechi; his mother of La Crosse; one brother, Larry Werth of La Crosse; one sister, Bernadette Stegman of Grand Island, Neb.; four grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren. Rosary service will be at 7:30 tonight at 10 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Benjamin Martin officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 8-9:30 a.m. Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Rush County Memorial Hospital or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 10, 2002

John Carey 1921-2002

RUSSELL - John Carey, 80, died Jan. 9 at Russell Regional Hospital in Russell. He was born Feb. 27, 1921, in Baxter, Mo., the son of Mack and Bertha Overstreet Carey. He married Goldie D. Gideon Nov. 15, 1947, in Branson, Mo. A resident of Russell since 1968, coming from McCook, Neb. and Sterling, Colo., he worked as a truck driver in the oil fields. Carey was a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6240 in Russell. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, John Carey Jr. of Hoisington, Dennis Carey and Earl Carey, both of Russell; one daughter, Evelyn Gray of Indianaola, Neb.; two brothers, Clifford Carey of Coffeyville and Charles Carey of Harbor, Ore.; two sisters, Audrey Smith of Lampe, Mo. and Velta Carmical of Oak Grove, Ark.; nine grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters; and one grandson, Ronnie Gillock. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Pohiman's Mortuary Memorial Chapel in Russell, with VFW Chaplain Ed Sewell officiating. Burial will be at Russell City Cemetery. Friends may call from 3-9 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at the mortuary. There are no memorials suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 10, 2002

Leona Jean Dufford 1923-2002

LARNED - Leona Jean Dufford, 78, died Jan. 9 at Medicalodge in Kinsley. She was born Jan. 27, 1923, in Pawnee Rock, the daughter of William V. and Fairie Joy Barrett Ratcliffe. She married William J. Dufford Sept. 5, 1937, in Larned. He died Sept. 27,
UKIAH, Calif. - Raymond Boele, 71, died Dec. 18 in Ukiah. He was born Nov. 30, 1930, in Benklemern, Neb., the son of John C. and Frances Boele. He was a high school graduate. He married Ruth Friedenberger Nov. 20, 1955, in Olympia, Wash. A resident of Ukiah, coming from Benklemern where he was a resident for 42 years, he worked as a welder for Daniel Steel and Remco Boele was a member of the Lutheran church in Ukiah. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Douglas Boele of Ukiah, Kevin Boele of Honolulu, Hawaii, and Darwin Boele of Redwood Valley, Calif.; one daughter, Gloria Aslin of Lincoln, Calif.; one brother, Robert Boele of Radium; two sisters, Margaret Radke of Russell and Donna Wynhoff of Portland, Ore.; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by twin sons, Delbert Boele and Darrell Boele, twin brothers. David Boele and Daniel Boele, and one sister, Barbara Dean. Memorial service was Dec. 22 at Ukiah Faith Lutheran Church, with the Rev. M.L. Schulz officiating. He was inurned at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Ukiah.

JOHNSON - Winfred C. Nicholas, 87, died Jan. 9 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born Aug. 14, 1914, in Stafford County, the son of Z.B. and Julia May Leiss Nicholas. He married Marcile Cross June 12, 1940, in Johnson. A resident of Stanton County since 1918, he was a farmer. Nicholas was a member of First United Methodist Church in Johnson. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Wendell Nicholas of Johnson; three daughters, Sharon Frank of Great Bend, Connie Harder of Moscow, and Tammy Bray of Colorado Springs; one brother, Ivan Nicholas of Johnson; two sisters, Vada Mercer of Bullhead City, Ariz., and Gwen Pentland of Phoenix, Ariz.; and 13 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Laurel Nicholas; one brother, Herman Nicholas; and one grandchild. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the church, with the Revs. Jeff Starkey and Mark Ingmire officiating. Burial will be at Valley View Cemetery in Garden City. Friends may call until 8 p.m. tonight, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Clark Mitchell Memorial Fund, in care of the mortuary.

Winfred C. Nicholas 1914-2002

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Martha Louise Balman 1915-2002

Martha Louise Balman, 86, died Jan. 9, at her home in Great Bend. She was born April 6, 1915, in rural Edwards County, the daughter of Henry and Katie Adelhardt Schinstock. She married Melvin E. Balman May 6, 1946. He died Nov. 6, 1971. She was a resident of Great Bend since 1960, coming from St. John. She was a retired seamstress. Mrs. Balman was a very active member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, having served as a Eucharistic minister and wedding reception coordinator for more than 10 years. She was also a member of St. Rose Altar Society and the Daughters of Isabella. Survivors include two sons and a daughter, Timothy Balman of Salina, Mark Balman and Colette Wapelhorst, both of Great Bend; two sisters, Elizabeth Schinstock and Katherine Felder, both of Kinsley; one Godson, Don Schinstock of Nickerson; 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Sister Francesca Schinstock, OP, and her twin sister, Rose Schmitt; and two brothers, Joseph Schinstock and Father Richard Schinstock. Altar Society Rosary will be at 3 today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Vigil will be at 7 tonight followed by a Daughters of Isabella Rosary, both at the church.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church, with Father Angel Dy officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight at the funeral home and from 6-8 p.m. tonight at the church. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family School Endowment Fund or American Cancer Society, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 11, 2002

Clark B. Mitchell Jr. 1933-2002

GARDEN CITY - Clark B. Mitchell Jr., 68, died Jan. 9 at his home in Garden City. He was born Oct. 27, 1933, in Paulina, Iowa, the son of Clark B. and Zalia Belle Satterlee Mitchell. He was a graduate of Paulina High School. He married Joyce Maschino Stegman June 22, 1951, in Liberal. A resident of Garden City, coming from Hugoton, he retired from Northern Natural Gas Company after 34 years, worked at American Electric and started his own business, Mitchell Warehouse Service. Mitchell was a member of Bible Christian Church in Garden City. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Clark 'Burt' Mitchell III of Great Bend and Steven Mitchell of Liberal; one daughter, Jane Zahnter of Russell; one stepson, Michael Stegman of Liberal; two stepdaughters, Teresa Gorton of St. George and Michelle Mahaffey of Perry, Okla.; and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Joel Mitchell; one sister, Marilyn Mitchell; and one grandchild. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the church, with the Revs. Jeff Starkey and Mark Ingmire officiating. Burial will be at Valley View Cemetery in Garden City. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and from noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, all at Price and Sons Funeral Home of Garden City. Memorials are suggested to the Clark Mitchell Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 11, 2002

Winfred C. Nicholas 1914-2002

JOHNSON - Winfred C. Nicholas, 87, died Jan. 9 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born Aug. 14, 1914, in Stafford County, the son of Z.B. and Julia May Leiss Nicholas. He married Marcile Cross June 12, 1940, in Johnson. A resident of Stanton County since 1918, he was a farmer. Nicholas was a member of First United Methodist Church in Johnson. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Wendell Nicholas of Johnson; three daughters, Sharon Frank of Great Bend, Connie Harder of Moscow, and Tammy Bray of Colorado Springs; one brother, Ivan Nicholas of Johnson; two sisters, Vada Mercer of Bullhead City, Ariz., and Gwen Pentland of Phoenix, Ariz.; and 13 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Laurel Nicholas; one brother, Herman Nicholas; and one sister, Juanita Neely. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Glenn Fogo officiating. Burial will be at Stanton County Cemetery in Johnson. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, all at Garnand Funeral Home in Johnson. Memorials are suggested to the church or Stanton County Scholarship Foundation, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 11, 2002

Raymond Boele 1930-2001

UKIAH, Calif. - Raymond Boele, 71, died Dec. 18 in Ukiah. He was born Nov. 30, 1930, in Benklemern, Neb., the son of John C. and Frances Boele. He was a high school graduate. He married Ruth Friedenberger Nov. 20, 1955, in Olympia, Wash. A resident of Ukiah, coming from Benklemern where he was a resident for 42 years, he worked as a welder for Daniel Steel and Remco Boele was a member of the Lutheran church in Ukiah. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Douglas Boele of Ukiah, Kevin Boele of Honolulu, Hawaii, and Darwin Boele of Redwood Valley, Calif.; one daughter, Gloria Aslin of Lincoln, Calif.; one brother, Robert Boele of Radium; two sisters, Margaret Radke of Russell and Donna Wynhoff of Portland, Ore.; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by twin sons, Delbert Boele and Darrell Boele, twin brothers. David Boele and Daniel Boele, and one sister, Barbara Dean. Memorial service was Dec. 22 at Ukiah Faith Lutheran Church, with the Rev. M.L. Schulz officiating. He was inurned at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Ukiah.
January 12, 2002

Lois E. Hess 1930-2002

LYONS - Lois E. Hess, 71, died Jan. 11, at her home in Lyons. She was born July 3, 1930 at Lyons, the daughter of Alford and Chressie Heckman Colberg. She was a 1948 graduate of Lyons High School, attended McPherson College, and graduated from Emporia State in 1952. She married William C. Hess June 5, 1955 at Lyons. A lifetime resident of Lyons, she was also a former grade school teacher at Park School in Lyons and substitute teacher for USD 405. Mrs. Hess was a member of Ebenezer United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Busy Bees, Sunday School teacher, Church treasurer, church organist and pianist, past board member of the Lyons Public Library all of Lyons, and Li-Ar-Mu Club. Survivors include her husband of the home; one daughter, Diane Lacy-Vogt of McPherson; one brother, Don Colberg of Lyons; and two grandchildren. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Bob Fleener officiating. Burial will be at Ebenezer Church Cemetery. Friends may call from 2-7 p.m. Sunday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons with the family receiving friends from 5-7 p.m. and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church scholarship fund or The Lyons Public Library both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Jan. 13, 2002

Eddy Vratil 1910-2002

LARNED - Eddy Vratil, 91, died Jan. 10, at Via Christi Medical Center St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born Oct. 6, 1910, in Pawnee County, the son of Victor and Mary Elizabeth Svatos Vratil. He married Beulah "Susie" Carr, Oct. 6, 1937. A lifetime resident of Pawnee County, he was a farmer. Vratil was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, both in Larned. He was a veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son Ronald Vratil of Great Bend; three brothers, Charley Vratil of Larned, Albert Vratil of Rogers, Ark., and Louis Vratil of Phoenix, Ariz.; one sister, Irene Harrington of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by eight brothers; Bob Vratil, Roy Vratil, George Vratil, Harold Vratil, Henry Vratil, Frank Vratil, Lester Vratil, and Leo Vratil; and four sisters; Wilma, Helen, Bertha, and Emelia. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with Chuck Carpenter officiating. Burial with military honors will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today, and until service time Monday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Larned EMS in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Jan. 13, 2002

Esther M. Bell 1910-2002

LEWIS - Esther M. Bell, 91, died Jan. 10 at her home in Lewis. She was born Feb. 14, 1910 at Lewis, the daughter of Charles and Theresa Bowman Ary. She married Wayne O. Bell July 31, 1929 in Belpre. He died Jan. 7, 1975. A lifelong resident of Lewis, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Bell was a member of United Methodist Church in Lewis. Survivors include one son, John “Monte” Bell of Lewis; one daughter, Charlene Bell of Lewis; one sister, Pauline Brill of Lewis; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. David Bell officiating. Burial will be at Wayne Cemetery in Lewis. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today. memorials are suggested to American Leprosy Ministry, or the church both in care of the McKillip Memorial Funeral Home in Kinsley. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Jan. 13, 2002

January 13, 2002

Sylvester J. "Butch" Peschka 1919-2002

MARQUETTE - Sylvester J. "Butch" Peschka, 82, died Jan. 12 at Lindsborg Community Hospital in Lindsborg. He was born Jan. 28, 1919, in rural Beaver, the son of Bruno P. Sr. and Cynthia A. Hoffman Peschka. He married June E. Vineyard April 13, 1940, in Marysville. She died Jan. 6, 1993. A resident of Lake Kanopolis for the past eight years, coming from Great Bend, where he was a resident since 1942, and Marysville, he was owner and operator of Ames Oil Company in Great Bend for many years. Peschka was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, Elks Lodge, Eagles Lodge, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, all of Great Bend, Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association, American Petroleum Institute and Yacht Club at Kanopolis Lake. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include one daughter, Coleen K. Cape of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Robert L. Peschka; seven brothers, Johnnie Peschka, John Peschka, Mike Peschka, Bruno Peschka Jr., Frank Peschka, Lawrence Peschka and Donald Peschka; one sister, Val Rodman; and one grandson, Bruce Peschka. Vigil service followed by a Knights of Columbus Rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, at the church, with the Rev. Warren Stecklein officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call from 5-9 p.m. Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Lindsborg Community Hospital, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 14, 2002

Rayford Lee Wilson Jr. 1949-2002

WICHITA - Rayford Lee Wilson Jr., 53, died Jan. 11. He was born in 1949, the son of Rayford Lee Wilson Sr. A resident of Wichita, he was a retired overseas oilfield production worker. Survivors include one son, Eddie Lee Wilson of Navasota, Texas; one daughter. Rae Lynn Pavne of East Stroudsbur. Pa.: one sister, Claudette Wilson-Haren of Wichita; and one grandchild. He
was preceded in death by one son, Joseph Lee Wilson; and one sister, Erma Skeleton. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Broadway Mortuary in Wichita. There is no visitation listed. Memorials are suggested to Veterans Administration Hospital, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 14, 2002

Mary Louise Cammack Morris 1928-2002

KINGFISHER, Okla. - Mary Louise Cammack Morris, 73, died Jan. 10. She was born Aug. 16, 1928, in Mounds, Okla., the daughter of Frank G. and Sylvia Cammack. She was a 1946 graduate of Foster High School in Oklahoma City, Okla. She married William L. Morris June 26, 1948, in Drumright, Okla. A resident of Kingfisher, she worked as a legal secretary in Great Bend, Centralia, Ill., and El Reno, Okla. Survivors include her husband of the home; three daughters, Carol Everett of Great Bend, Janice Kloxin of El Mirage, Ariz., and Alexzandrea Morris of Oklahoma City; one brother, Marvin Cammack of Guthrie, Okla.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Francis C. Cammack; and one sister, Leila McBride. Graveside service was Saturday at Resthaven Memory Gardens in Walker, Okla. Resthaven Funeral Home in Walker was in charge of funeral arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 14, 2002

January 14, 2002

Adelia 'Dale' G. Schremmer 1910-2002

HOISINGTON - Adelia "Dale" G. Schremmer, 91, died Jan. 14 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born Aug. 21, 1910, in Beaver, the daughter of Jac and Mary Ann Meyeres Depiesse. She married August R. Schremmer May 19, 1931, in Beaver. A lifelong resident of Russell and Barton counties, she was a homemaker and head cook for Susank School District 103 until it closed. Mrs. Schremmer was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Hoisington. Survivors include her husband of the home; five sons, Jim Schremmer of Russell, Earl Schremmer of Beaver, Ron Schremmer of Blue Springs, Mo., Bill Schremmer and Gene Schremmer, both of Hoisington; three daughters, Patricia Proksch and Lois Klug, both of Hoisington, and Karen Bishop of Great Bend; four sisters, Sidonia Bartlett of Lakeside, Calif., Elseie Hinkley of El Cajon, Calif., Margaret Eistun of Lyons and Gene Polzin of Hoisington; 20 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and six step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Jac Depiesse, Lawrence Depiesse, John Depiesse, Art Depiesse and Earl Depiesse; four sisters, Ann Reif, Viola Depiesse, Marion Kuxhause and Georgia Mae Hildreth; and 12 great-grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford, with the Rev. Kasey Crosby officiating. There is no visitation listed. Memorials are suggested to Hoisington Rehabilitation Center Avery Fund or St. John Cemetery Fund, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 15, 2002

Mabel Mary Newbill Butler 1902-2002

STAFFORD - Mabel Mary Newbill Butler, 99, died Jan. 13 at Leisure Homestead in Stafford. She was born Sept. 9, 1902, in Rozel, the daughter of Pearl and Josephine Werner Newbill. She was a graduate of Rozel High School and Fort Hays State Teacher's College. She married Dr. Luke Butler May 27, 1927, in Pawnee County. He preceded her in death. A resident of Stafford for most of her life, she was a commerce teacher for Stafford High School. Mrs. Butler was a member of First United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Order of the Eastern Star, Delphian Society, American Legion Auxiliary, Stafford Women's Golf Association and Stafford Women's Bowling League, all of Stafford. Survivors include three daughters, Peggy Lou Baxter of Aspen, Colo., Vesta Marie Wilkins of Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., and Mary Agnes Mathiesen of Denver, Colo.; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford, with the Rev. Kasey Crosby officiating. There is no visitation listed. Memorials are suggested to the donor's choice, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 15, 2002

Alvera M. McCray 1923-2002

SALINA - Alvera M. McCray, 78, died Jan. 13 in Salina. She was born March 31, 1923, in Great Bend, the daughter of Frank and Margaret Demerath Hammeke. She married Thomas E. McCray June 18, 1949, in Hays. A resident of Salina, she worked as a bookkeeper for Dwight Putnam Interior Decorators for 23 years. Mrs. McCray was a member of Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish, where she served as a Eucharistic minister and volunteer, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1432 Auxiliary and St. John's Hospital Auxiliary, all of Salina. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Thomas E. McCray Jr. of Las Vegas, Nev.; four daughters, Cammy Mays and Christi Manley, both of Salina, Connie Miller of Solomon and Corinne McCray of Houston, Texas; one brother, Maurice Hammeke of Great Bend; one sister, Delores Doll of Ellinwood; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Ryan Mortuary in Salina. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church. Burial will be at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Salina. Friends may call from noon to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church or Hospice of Dickerson County, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 15, 2002

Charles Unrein Jr. 1933-2002

HAYS - Charles Unrein Jr., 68, died Jan. 13 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. He was born June 10, 1933, in Schoenchens, the son of Carl and Lidwina Zimmerman Unrein. He married Mary Alice Gross May 4, 1954, in Munjor. A resident of Hays, he was owner and operator of C and C Exploration Company; a truck driver and a farmer. Unrein was a member of Immaculate Heart of
Mary Catholic Church in Hays. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Helen Schmitt Pianalto and Becky Wilcox; four brothers, Laverne Unrein and George Unrein, both of Hays, Lyle Unrein of Greeley, Colo., and Tim Unrein of Kansas City; three sisters, Alice Schmeidler of Hays, Sister Eleanor Unrein of Great Bend and Sister Charlotte Unrein of Salina; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Ann Rohn. Vigil service will be at 7 tonight at Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home in Hays. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. David Metz officiating. Burial will be at St. Francis Cemetery in Munjack. Friends may call from 2-8:30 p.m. today and from 10-10:45 a.m. Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Francis Cemetery Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 15, 2002

Norman J. Meyeres 1934-2002

NESS CITY - Norman J. Meyeres, 67, died Jan. 12 at his home in Ness City. He was born March 14, 1934, in Beaver, the son of Nick and Marie Frenzel Meyeres. He married Dorothy Schreweis Nov. 3, 1954, in Odin. She died April 27, 1995. He married Beth Bryant Aug. 23, 1997, in Ness City. A resident of Ness City, he worked as a welder in the oil industry. Meyeres was a member of Sacred Heart Church and American Legion, both of Ness City, and Veterans of Foreign Wars in Ransom. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Steven Meyeres of Garden City; two daughters, Kathy Kohls of Garden City and Nancy Renner of Dodge City; one step-daughter, Rene Borden of Bartlesville, Okla.; his father of Hoisington; one brother, John Meyeres of Bazine; three sisters, Flossie Ptacek of Great Bend, Betty Tauscher of Larned and Lea Zorn of Falcon, Colo.; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Kristi Meyeres. Funeral was today at 10:30 a.m. at the church, with the Rev. Gregory LeBlanc officiating. Burial is at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Ness City, with military graveside rites by the Ness City American Legion. Memorials are suggested to Hospice of the Prairie in Dodge City, Ness City Recreation Commission or the church, all in care of Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 15, 2002

Florence Juergensen Willard Davis 1922-2001

LAS VEGAS, Nev. - Florence Juergensen Willard Davis, 79, died Dec. 27 at her home in Las Vegas. She was born Aug. 5, 1922, in Great Bend, the daughter of Severt and Ida Juergensen. She married Harold Willard Oct. 27, 1940, in Great Bend. She married Ray Davis in 1964. He died in 1972. A resident of Las Vegas, coming from California where she lived for 35 years, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Davis was a member of the Lutheran church. Survivors include two sons, Lloyd Willard of St. George and Larry Willard of Glendale, Ariz.; one daughter, Janice Juergensen of Las Vegas; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by six brothers, Bill Juergensen, Andy Juergensen, Walter Juergensen, Emil Juergensen, Alvin Juergensen and Clarence Juergensen; and three sisters, Hattie Bauer, Gertrude Juergensen and Esther Burgess. Graveside service was Dec. 29 in Norwalk, Calif. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 15, 2002

Louraine Adamson 1915-2001

GOLETA, Calif. - Louraine Adamson, 86, died Dec. 23 in Goleta. She was born Aug. 7, 1915, in Mayfield, Ky. She married Claude Adamson in 1955. A resident of Goleta, coming from Hoisington and Larned, she was a psychiatric nurse, working at Larned State Hospital, where she was named "Psychiatric Nurse of the Year" in 1953, and was given the opportunity of studying under Dr. Menninger of Topeka. She also co-owned and operated with her husband a 26 bed-and-care facility in Hoisington and later in Goleta. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, George Spainhower of Goleta; one daughter, Carla Zimmermann of Anacortes, Wash.; one sister, Delcie Jones of Guadalajara, Mexico; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Funeral was Dec. 27 at Faith Baptist Church in Santa Barbara, Calif. Burial was at Santa Barbara Cemetery. Welch-Ryce-Haider Funeral Home in Santa Barbara was in charge of funeral arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 15, 2002

January 16, 2002

N. Guy Wycoff 1925-2002

RADIIUM - N. Guy Wycoff, 76, died Jan. 13 in rural St. John. He was born March 12, 1925, in Pawnee Rock, the son of Paul and Gladys Fox Wycoff. He was a graduate of Radium High School. He married Nina Mae Estopy April 17, 1946, in Radium. She died Jan. 17, 2001. A resident of the Radium community for 45 years, he was a farmer, past owner of Dixie Cream Donut Shop in Goshen, Ind., past dental technician in the U.S. Army and a furniture refinisher. Wycoff was a member of Eden Valley Church of the Brethren, Radium Rangers Senior Center, 17-year member of IOOF Lodge in St. John and Soil Conservation Board member. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, where he received a Purple Heart. Survivors include one son, Todd Wycoff of St. John; three daughters, Karen Wycoff of Tulsa, Okla., Brenda Mercer and Susan Tucker, both of St. John; three brothers, Miles Wycoff of Windsor, Calif., Billy Wycoff and Bobby Wycoff, both of Santa Rosa, Calif.; three sisters, Vera Witt of Bellflower, Calif., Vena Allen of Sacramento, Calif., and Patty Croff of Redding, Calif.; and five grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the church, with the Revs. Matthew Spurgin and David Albright officiating. Burial will be at Pawnee Rock Cemetery in Pawnee Rock. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Minnis Chapel in St. John. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 16, 2002

January 17, 2002
Martha Lucille Welch  1925-2002

ST. JOHN - Martha Lucille Welch, 77, died Jan. 16 at Southwind Hospice Guest House in Pratt. She was born Jan. 14, 1925, in Dexter, the daughter of Charles L. and Madelsa Thompson Hankins. She married Rafael Jack Welch June 22, 1946, in Winfield. He died Nov. 22, 1988. A resident of St. John, she was a homemaker, retired registered nurse and bookkeeper. Mrs. Welch was a member of First Baptist Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, both of St. John. Survivors include three sons, Terry J. Welch, Pat Welch and Mike Welch, all of St. John; two daughters, Sheryl Keller of St. John and Karel Buckman of Greensburg; one brother, Vernon Hankins of Winfield; two sisters, Sarah Fern Steward of Winfield and Avis Rhodd of Dexter; 16 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Carl Hankins, Cleo Hankins and infant boy Hankins; and two sisters, Flora Booth and Winnie Brubaker. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Minnis Chapel in St. John, with Mike Irvin and David Ford officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to Southwind Hospice or Guesthouse, both in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 17, 2002

Rev. Andrew McGovern  1927-2002

WICHITA - The Rev. Andrew McGovern, 74, died Jan. 15. He was born Aug. 29, 1927, in Bundarra, Carrigallen, County Leitrim, Ireland. He received his philosophy and theology training at St. Peter's College in Wexford, Ireland. He was ordained to the priesthood by the Rev. James Staunton of the Diocese of Ferns, Ireland June 7, 1953. Recruited out of seminary for service in Kansas, he served in Great Bend, Ellinwood, Burdett, Kiowa, Beaver, Larned, Seward, Clifton and Dubuque. From 1980 to 1996, McGovern served as diocesan director for the Propagation of Faith. Survivors include six brothers, Patrick McGovern and James McGovern, both of Ireland, Thomas McGovern, Peter McGovern, Gerard McGovern and Anthony McGovern, all of London, England; and two sisters, Bridg Reynolds of Ireland and Mary McGovern of New York, N.Y. Vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Spiritual Life Center, St. Elizabeth Chapel in Wichita. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the chapel in Wichita. Burial will be at St. Joseph Parish Cemetery in Aughavas, Carrigallen, County Leitrim, Ireland. There is no visitation listed. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, American Parkinson's Disease Association or Dodge City Catholic Fund, all in care of Downs and Lahey Mortuary East in Wichita. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 17, 2002

Mildred M. Rein  1912-2002

MCCRACKEN - Mildred M. Rein, 89, died Jan. 15 at Wesley Tower, Ralph Thorne Center, in Hutchinson. She was born July 13, 1912, in McCracken, the daughter of Owen and Jane McCormick McKittrick. She married Edward Rein June 3, 1934, in McCracken. He died July 30, 1962. A lifelong resident of McCracken, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Rein was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Altar Society, Alumni Association and Golden Agers Senior Center, all of McCracken. Survivors include one son, Jim Rein of Buhler; three daughters, Phyllis Higgins of McCracken, Sheryl Maskey of Great Bend and Maddy Petz of Buhler; one sister, Winifred Gaschler of Salina; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Donny Rein and Danny Rein; one brother, Pat McKittrick; three sisters, Rose Reiss, Elizabeth Gaschler and Dorothy Smith; and one granddaughter, Brenda Peters. Parish vigil will be at 7 p.m. Friday at the church. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Benjamin Martin officiating. Burial will be at McCracken Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, both at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City, and after 5 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, at the church. Family will be present from 5-7 p.m. Friday at the church to receive friends. Casket will be closed. Memorials are suggested to St. Mary's Heritage, Wesley Towers, Ralph Thorne Center or Golden Agers of McCracken, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 17, 2002

Vernon 'Bud' Reese  1920-2002

LARNED - Vernon "Bud" Reese, 81, died Jan. 16 at Kansas Heart Hospital in Wichita. He was born April 9, 1920, north-east of Gypsum, the son of Frank and Rosa Walker Reese. He married Dolly Kaelin Jan. 26, 1948, in Emporia. A resident of Larned, he worked for the State of Kansas for more than 38 years, first for the Department of Corrections in Hutchinson and later for the Social Rehabilitation Services. He was among the first registered men nurses accepted by the American National Red Cross in the United States and Canada. Reese was a past member of BPO Elks 450 and Loyal Order of Moose 982. He helped organize the Hutchinson Kennel Club in the late 1940s and early 1950s. He taught dog obedience classes for 18 years in Hutchinson. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Benji Reese of Larned; two daughters, Jill Garza of Canyon Lake, Texas, and Mindy Pleckelmann of Douglas; two sisters, VeroBelle Hein of Wichita and Florence Day of Salina; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Alanson "Bill" Reese, Orville "Oli" Reese and Howard Reese; and two sisters, Flora Booth and Winnie Brubaker. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned, with the Rev. Jack Singer officiating. Burial will be at Poheta Cemetery in Gypsum. Friends may call until 8 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. to 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, Jan. 17, 2002

Florence M. Birzer Parsons  1931-2002

FLORISSANT, Mo. - Florence M. Birzer Parsons, 70, died Jan. 8 in Florissant. She was born Oct. 10, 1931, in Great Bend, the daughter of John L. and Isabel Frenzl Birzer. She married Corydon A. Parsons April 27, 1952. He died in August 1992. A resident of Florissant, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Birzer was a member of St. Ferdinand Catholic Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, both in Florissant. Survivors include one son, James Parsons of San Antonio, Texas; three daughters, JoAnn Huff of Clinton, Iowa, Sue Martin of St. Charles, Mo., and Mary Parsons of St. Peter, Mo.; one brother, Lawrence Birzer of Ellinwood.
three sisters, Ursaline Penka of Pratt, Gerry Westfall of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Marguerite Birzer of Wichita; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one sister, Dorothy Krier. Funeral was Monday in Florissant. Memorials are suggested to BJC Hospice, in care of Hutchens Mortuary in Florissant. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 17, 2002

Ellen Francis Twombly 1912-2002

STAFFORD - Ellen Francis Twombly, 88, died Jan. 15 at Stafford District Hospital in Stafford. She was born Feb. 20, 1912, in Stafford, the daughter of James Sheridan and Ermina Francis Franklin. She married Andrew Twombly March 9, 1927, in Larned. He died April 2, 1967. A longtime resident of Stafford, she worked as a telephone operator for Southwestern Bell. Mrs. Twombly was a member of First Christian Church in Stafford. Survivors include three sons, Albert Twombly of Banning, Calif., William Twombly of Green Valley, Ariz., and James Twombly of Stafford; one daughter, Mary Ellen Bender of Los Angeles, Calif.; 13 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Stafford Cemetery, with the Rev. Karen Ault officiating. There is no visitation or memorials listed. Minnis Chapel in Stafford is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 17, 2002

Jane P. Bronson 1935-2002

LARNED - Jane P. Bronson, 66, died Jan. 15 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born Jan. 27, 1935, in Satanta, the daughter of Clemente and Lucille Mariche Perez. She married Elmer F. Bronson May 9, 1963, in Larned. A lifelong resident of Larned, she worked as a nurse aid at Hammond Holiday Home and in food service for Larned Middle School. Mrs. Bronson was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Larned. Survivors include three sons, Tony Bronson and Wayne Bronson, both of Larned, and Billy Bronson of Great Bend; one daughter, Jenny Rector of Larned; eight brothers, Lupe Perez, Frank Perez, Manuel Perez, John Perez, Tony Perez, Raymond Perez and Terry Perez, all of Larned, and Felix Perez of Hutchinson; three sisters, Trina Ruiz, Nora Sanders and Linda Garcia, all of Larned; five grandchildren, Tiffany Kraft, Kasie Rector, Kelly Rector, Bryce Bronson and Breana Bronson; three step-grandchildren, John Stiers, Timmy Stiers and Shela Stiers; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one brother, Pete Perez. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Dennis Reed officiating. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 17, 2002

Ruth B. Wilson 1909-2002

LARNED - Ruth B. Wilson, 92, died Jan. 15 at Larned Health Care and Living Center in Larned. She was born June 3, 1909, in Rush County, the daughter of Walter Harrison and Charlotte Fyler Renner. She married Everett M. Wilson Sept. 18, 1934, in Larned. He died June 30, 1990. A resident of Pawnee County since 1934, coming from Rush County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Wilson was a member of United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, FCE 50-year member, life member of Order of the Eastern Star, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Fort Larned Belles and Sunflower Club, all of Larned. Survivors include one son, Merle Wilson of Larned; three daughters, Louise Unruh of Rozel, Darlene Smika of Fort Collins, Colo., and Beth Burke of Rock Port, Mo.; one sister, Dorothy Scheldeman of Great Bend; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, John Renner, Clifford Renner and Vernon Renner; and two sisters, Barbara Nelson and Alice MacArthur. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with Ken Walker 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 mortuary. Memorials are suggested to United Methodist Church Radio Ministry or Golden Belt Hospice, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 17, 2002

Lena Whiteman 1910-2002

MANNFORD, Okla. - Lena Whiteman, 92, died Jan. 15. She was born Jan. 9, 1910, in Greensburg, the daughter of Sam and Eva Schultz Boese. She married Guy Whiteman June 30, 1927, in Ellinwood. He died Feb. 22, 1971. A resident of Mannford, coming from Kansas, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Whiteman was a member of Mannford Assembly of God Church. Survivors include two sons, Floyd Whiteman of Shawnee Mission and Dale Whiteman of Vidalia, La.; one daughter, Olive Heaton of Mannford; two sisters, Clara Huddleston of Larned and Marjorie Andrasek of Garden City; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by two sons, Forrest Whiteman and Paul Whiteman; one daughter, Arveta Brosius; seven brothers; and five sisters. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the church. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Dundee Valley Cemetery in Dundee. No visitation or memorials are suggested. Mobley-Dodson Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 17, 2002

January 20, 2002

Luella Irene Coerber Brack Lichty 1920-2002

SHAWNEE - Luella Irene Coerber Brack Lichty, 81, died Jan. 17 at Shawnee Mission Medical Center in Shawnee. She was born Feb. 10, 1920, in Allison, Colo., the daughter of Herman A. and Emma K. Kettler Coerber. She graduated from high school in 1938; attended St. John College in Winfield from 1938-39; taught school in Axtell from 1939-40; attended St. Catherine's School of Nursing in Garden City, graduating in May 1943, and practiced nursing in various locations. She married the Rev. Virgil W. Brack June 8, 1946, in St. Louis. Mo. During their marriage they served parishes in Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska. before retiring in
1984 to Bella Vista, Ark. He died Feb. 10, 1987. She was a resident of Bella Vista for 17 years. She later married Evan W. Lighty Aug. 2, 1997, in Bella Vista, Ark. He preceded in death Nov. 17, 1997. Mrs. Lighty was a member of Faith Lutheran Church, Lutheran Women Missionary League, Helping Hands Organization and assisted with the printing of Braille books for the Lutheran Braille workers, all of Bentonville, Ark. Survivors include one son, Virgil Brack Jr. and his wife Donna, of Cincinnati, Ohio; four daughters, SuEllia Soto and her husband Dave of Brandon, Miss., VirLinda Brack of Olathe, KaAnn Bartels and her husband Allen of Lawrence and CandLea Kirchoff and her husband David of Concordia, Mo.; one foster daughter, Claudia Drake and her husband Cortney of Olathe; two stepchildren, Karen Ellson of Lombard, Ill. and John Lighty of Elmhurst, Ill.; one brother, Milton Coerber and his wife Josephine of Lakin; two sister-in-laws, Vivien Coerber of Lakin and Mary Coerber; one sister, Ruth Kuhlman and her husband Wallace of Lakin; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, Walter Coerber, Harold Coerber and Alvin Coerber; and half sisters, Alice Ackelvein and Ione Shuck. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Houisgton, with Pastor Todd Jones officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Barton County. Friends may call from 5-7 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Monday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, Lutheran Braille Workers in Bentonville or the donor’s choice, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 20, 2002

Sister Bernice Wenke 1910-2002

Sister Bernice Wenke, 91, of Great Bend, died Jan. 18 in the Dominican Sisters’ convent infirmary, Great Bend. She was born July 11, 1910, in Ellinwood as Lucy Cecilia Wenke, and was the daughter of "George" Peter and Margaret Billen Wenke. She entered the Dominican Sisters’ Community February 27, 1926, and pronounced her first vows August 20, 1929. She celebrated seventy years of religious profession in 1999. Sister Bernice ministered almost all her life in the education of young people. She taught elementary students in all eight grades in the parochial schools of Kansas and Nebraska most of the years from 1929-1962. During that time she was often the principal of the school as well as a teacher. She was also Supervisor of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Wichita, Kansas, from 1951-1958. Her last ministries were in Liberal and Garden City, Kansas, as librarian of the schools, and in Great Bend, Kansas, as circulating tape librarian at the convent. She retired to the convent infirmary in 1997. Sister Bernice has no survivors. Sister Bernice’s body was brought to the hospitality area of the Dominican Chapel of the Plains in Great Bend, on Saturday where it will lie in state until the Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Monday, with Rev. Arthur Kinsella, OP presiding. A wake service will be held at 7 tonight. Burial will be in the Sisters’ Calvary Cemetery. Both the wake and the funeral will be held at the convent. Memorials in honor of Sister Bernice may be sent to: Dominican Sisters, Mission and Ministry Fund, 3600 Broadway, Great Bend, KS 67530-3692. Friends may call at the convent until 9:00 a.m. Monday. Fryberger Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 20, 2002

Esther Scheuerman Brack 1907-2002

ANDOVER - Esther Scheuerman Brack, 94, died Jan. 17 in Andover. She was born in 1907. A resident of Andover, coming from Otis, she was a homemarker and farm wife. Survivors include two sons, the Rev. Delmer Brack of Andover and Delano "John" Brack of Bella Vista, Ark.; one sister, Sophie Parsons of Andover; nine grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Otis Lutheran Cemetery in Otis. There is no visitation listed. Memorials are suggested to Peace Lutheran Church in Andover, in care of Hillside Funeral Home in Augusta. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 20, 2002

Paul Edwin Starbuck 1921-2002

Paul Edwin Starbuck, 80, of Great Bend, died Jan. 18 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born July 11, 1921, in Midian, the son of Ora H. and Pauline Holloway Starbuck. He married Frances Bendon July 14, 1946, in Salina. A resident of Great Bend since 1946, coming from Salina, he worked for Knupp Construction Company, Jayhawk Transportation and was purchasing manager for The Fuller Brush Company before retiring in 1986. Starbuck was a member of First United Methodist Church, life member of Kiwanis International, Masonic Lodge 15, American Legion, Order of the Eastern Star, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Boy Scouts of America, all of Great Bend, Midian Shrine in Wichita, Retired Officers Association and Reserve Officers Association. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He commanded the 1st Battalion, 353rd Regiment, 89th Training Division, U.S. Army Reserves. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Mike Starbuck of Hebron, Neb.; one daughter, Pamela Patrick of Nederland, Colo.; one brother, Bill Starbuck of Great Bend; two sisters, Eldora "Cherry" Reed of Chillicothe, Mo. and Sarah Learned of Bella Vista, Ark.; and two grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Dr. Kevin Baxter officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery with a Masonic graveside service and full military honors. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, at Bryant Funeral Home and from 9:30 a.m. until service time at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Shriner’s Children’s Hospital, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 20, 2002

Allen L. McChristian 1913-2002

LA CROSSE - Allen L. McChristian, 88, died Jan. 17 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. He was born Nov. 23, 1913, in Mt. Vernon, Mo., the son of David C. and Mary Keller McChristian. He married Eileen Sehnert June 30, 1938, in BISON. A resident of La Crosse for 51 years, coming from Hoisington, he was town manager for Kansas Power and Light Service and also worked for Karlin Cable T.V. for several years. Mr. McChristian was a member of United Methodist Church, United Methodist Church Building Committee, Lions Club and past Masonic Lodge Member, all of La Cross. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Allen L. McChristian of Marana, Ariz.; two sisters, Vivian Beeman of Effingham and Juanita Basgall of Sierra Vista, Ariz.; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Lucille Reinhardt. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Kathy Bannister officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Monday, from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, all at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse and from 1-1:45 p.m. Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Hays Medical Center or the church, both in care
January 21, 2002

Sadie C. Gore 1916-2002

LARNED - Sadie C. Gore, 85, died Jan. 18 at Larned Healthcare and Living Center in Larned. She was born Dec. 21, 1916, near Pawnee Rock, the daughter of Abe C. and Susie Unruh Schultz. She married Hollis W. Gore Nov. 30, 1939, in rural Pawnee Rock. He died Jan. 24, 2000. A resident of Larned since 1939, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Gore was a member of Berghthal Mennonite Church in rural Pawnee Rock and past member of Ash Valley Grange and CIC Extension Unit. Survivors include one daughter, Mary Ellen Root of McPherson; one brother, Leslie Schultz of Pawnee Rock; one granddaughter; and one great-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Walter Schultz, Frank Schultz and Dewey Schultz; four sisters, Verna Schultz, Virgie Deckert, Lena Hanson and Juanita Miller; and one grandson, Joshua Root. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Muriel T. Stackley officiating. Burial will be at the church cemetery. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday, all at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to Breast Cancer Research Foundation or MCC Relief Sale, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 20, 2002

Mary J. Wright 1916-2001

HOISINGTON - Valta Rhea Clark, 66, died Jan. 19 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born Oct. 8, 1914, in Chase, the daughter of Walter Pearl and Cora Lee James Miner. She married Bartley Floyd Ambler in 1944, in Rossville, Ga. He died in 1979. A resident of Great Bend since 1979, coming from Florida, she was a homemaker and worked as a waitress. Mrs. Ambler was a member of the Methodist church, American Legion Auxiliary and volunteer for RSVP of Barton County. Survivors include six nieces. She was preceded in death by one infant son; one infant daughter; five brothers, George Miner, Harry Miner, Frank Miner, Walter Paul Miner and Charles Miner; and four sisters, Marjorie Luther and three infants. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Springdale Cemetery in Chase, with the Rev. Bill Wolf officiating. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to noon Monday, all at Morell Funeral Home. Memorial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 20, 2002

Valta Rhea Clark 1935-2002

HOISINGTON - Valta Rhea Clark, 66, died Jan. 19 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born Oct. 8, 1914, in Chase, the daughter of Walter Pearl and Cora Lee James Miner. She married Bartley Floyd Ambler in 1944, in Rossville, Ga. He died in 1979. A resident of Great Bend since 1979, coming from Florida, she was a homemaker and worked as a waitress. Mrs. Ambler was a member of the Methodist church, American Legion Auxiliary and volunteer for RSVP of Barton County. Survivors include six nieces. She was preceded in death by one infant son; one infant daughter; five brothers, George Miner, Harry Miner, Frank Miner, Walter Paul Miner and Charles Miner; and four sisters, Marjorie Luther and three infants. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Springdale Cemetery in Chase, with the Rev. Bill Wolf officiating. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to noon Monday, all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorial will be at Great Bend Senior Center, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 20, 2002

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Sarah Elizabeth Ambler 1914-2002

HOISINGTON - Sarah Elizabeth Ambler, 87, of Great Bend, died Jan. 17 at Integrated Health Services in Great Bend. She was born Oct. 8, 1914, in Chase, the daughter of Walter Pearl and Cora Lee James Miner. She married Bartley Floyd Ambler in 1944, in Rossville, Ga. He died in 1979. A resident of Great Bend since 1979, coming from Florida, she was a homemaker and worked as a waitress. Mrs. Ambler was a member of the Methodist church, American Legion Auxiliary and volunteer for RSVP of Barton County. Survivors include six nieces. She was preceded in death by one infant son; one infant daughter; five brothers, George Miner, Harry Miner, Frank Miner, Walter Paul Miner and Charles Miner; and four sisters, Marjorie Luther and three infants. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Springdale Cemetery in Chase, with the Rev. Bill Wolf officiating. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to noon Monday, all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorial will be at Great Bend Senior Center, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 20, 2002

Nola H. O'Connor 1909-2002

HOISINGTON - Nola H. O'Connor, 92, died Jan. 20 at Hoisington Rehabilitation Center in Hoisington. She was born Feb. 3, 1909, in Luray, the daughter of Philip O. and Cora Highley Colhour. She married J. W. "Bill" O'Connor Oct. 26, 1930, in Hutchinson. He died Dec. 20, 1968. A resident of Hoisington since 1932, coming from Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Mrs. O'Connor was a member of First United Methodist Church of Hoisington. Survivors include two sons, Gene O'Connor of Hoisington and Bill O'Connor of Chico, Calif.; one brother, Bruce Colhour of Russell; one sister, Beulah Stoskopf of Hoisington; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Ted Colhour; and one sister, Mirla Bryan. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association. in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 21.
James Boor 1947-2002
HOISINGTON - James Boor, 54, died Jan. 20 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, Jan. 21, 2002

January 22, 2002

James "Jim" M. Boor 1947-2002
HOISINGTON - James "Jim" M. Boor, 54, died Jan. 20 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born Dec. 20, 1947, in Great Bend, the son of Matt J. and Margaret L. Axman Boor. He attended Odin Elementary and High School. A lifelong resident of rural Hoisington and Odin, he was self employed as a mechanic and farmer. Boor was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Odin. He was a U.S. Army Reserves veteran. Survivors include his parents of rural Hoisington; one brother, Lawrence Boor of Great Bend; and three sisters, Loretta Finger and Donna Bates, both of Hoisington, and Judy Conley of Wichita. He was preceded in death by one brother, Gerald Boor. Family rosary will be at 7 tonight at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at Holy Family Cemetery in Odin, with military graveside rites by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7428 and American Legion 286. 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 Holy Family Cemetery Fund, Clara Barton Foundation or Clafin Ambulance Service, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 22, 2002

Eric William Rice 1973-2002
EDMOND, Okla. - Eric William Rice, 28, died Jan. 19 in Edmond. He was born July 7, 1973, in Hoisington, the son of John and Judy Henry Rice. He was a 1991 graduate of Guymon High School in Guymon, Okla. He married Sharla Gay Koch Sept. 7, 1996. A resident of Edmond, coming from Guymon and Hoisington, he worked as a network engineer. Rice was a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church in Edmond. Survivors include his wife of the home; his parents of Guymon; two sisters, Jessi Rice of Chicago, Ill., and Jennifer Rice of Guymon; and his grandparents, Darlene and Kermit Henry of Hoisington. Funeral will be 2 today at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Edmond, with the Revs. Mark Wescott and Peter Heckmann officiating. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Hoisington Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, in care of Henson-Novak Funeral Home in Guymon. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 22, 2002

Wanda K. Reukauf 1920-2002
LARNED - Wanda K. Reukauf, 81, died Jan. 21 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus in Larned. She was born July 18, 1920, in Larned, the daughter of Henry and Eva McTaggart Moore. She married Howard H. Reukauf Nov. 15, 1945, in Topeka. A resident of Larned since 1920, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Reukauf was a member of First Christian Church and past member of Gay Twenties Sewing Club, both of Larned. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Greg Reukauf of Liberal; one daughter, Kathy Mikols of Wichita; two brothers, Gene Moore of Columbus, Mo., and Neal Moore of Springfield, Mo.; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned, with the Rev. Dan Lundgren officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. 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 the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Welcome Inn Seniors or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 22, 2002

Ella Lee Bender 1924-2002
WINFIELD - Ella Lee Bender, 77, died Jan. 20 at her home in Winfield. She was born Oct. 8, 1924, in rural Oklahoma, the daughter of William G. and Gertrude Morrow Duke. She was a 1942 graduate of El Dorado High School in El Dorado, Ill. She married Donald R. Bender Aug. 31, 1974, in Winfield. A resident of Winfield, coming from Russell and Hoisington, she worked at McGill's Restaurant until the early 1970s and in 1972 became a business partner with Jodi Laubhan in the restaurant business. In 1985 she began working for Graves Drug Store in Winfield and retired in 1997. Mrs. Bender was a member of American Legion Auxiliary in Winfield. Survivors include her husband of the home; four sons, William Blake of Chula Vista, Calif., Richard "Rick" Blake of Larned, Michael Asbury of Winfield and John Kenny Massie of San Francisco, Calif.; one stepson, Michael R. Baldwin of Pearia, Ill.; one daughter, Pamela Miller of Ridgeway, Ill.; two stepdaughters, Angela Shear and Pamela Bender, both of Winfield; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, James Blake; one daughter, Constance "Connie" Beaumont; and two grandchildren, Sherry Vasquez and Jessica Asbury. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Miles Funeral Service in Winfield. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery in Winfield. Friends may call from 5-9 tonight, with family receiving friends from 6-8 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Make-A-Wish Foundation, Ronald McDonald House or American Cancer Society, all in care of the funeral service. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 22, 2002

Ernest J. Huslig 1917-2002
Ernest J. Huslig, 84, of Great Bend, died Jan. 21 at Chervy Village Nursino Home in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral
Glenn Dale Warren 1961-2002

LARNED - Glenn Dale Warren, 41, died Jan. 20 at his home in Larned. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 22, 2002

January 23, 2002

Ernest J. Hulsig 1917-2002

Ernest J. Hulsig, 84, of Great Bend, died Jan. 21 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. He was born Oct. 28, 1917, in rural Claflin, the son of Henry and Johanna Miller Hulsig. He married Audry M. Moeder. She died Sept. 17, 1994. A resident of Great Bend since 1955, coming from Claflin, he worked as a conservation officer for Wildlife and Parks and was also in law enforcement. Hulsig was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, American Legion, serving as past post commander, all of Great Bend, Kansas Peace Officers Association and AARP. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Survivors include two sons, James P. Hulsig of Wichita and David C. Hulsig of Great Bend; one brother, Wilbert Hulsig of Overland Park; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Henry Hulsig, Robert Hulsig and Leonard Hulsig; and four sisters, Marie Bailey, Helen Debes, Sister Loyola and Sister Ann Lang. Rosary followed by a K of C rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Revs. Angel Dy and Gerald Hammeke officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 6-9 tonight, and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 23, 2002

Charles “Chuck” W. Akin 1965-2002

DODGE CITY - Charles “Chuck” W. Akin, 37, died Jan. 17. He was born in 1965. He married Shannah Akin. A resident of Dodge City, he worked at Exel Corporation as a camera operator and union steward. Survivors include his wife of the home; three brothers, Robert Akin, T. J. Akin and Doug Akin; and two sisters, Christina Richey and Minta Heuer. Memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Church of the Nazarene in Dodge City. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the church building fund, in care of Hillside Funeral Home Home “East” in Wichita. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 23, 2002

Martin E. Hemken 1917-2002

LA CROSSE - Martin E. Hemken, 84, died Jan. 22 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. He was born June 21, 1917, on the family farm, south of Rush Center, the son of William and Katherine Wagner Hemken. He was a 1935 graduate of La Crosse Rural High School and attended Fort Hays College. He married Bonnie Zimmerman Aug. 23, 1942, in Hays. A lifelong resident of Rush County, he was a farmer before he retired. He also operated a Farm Implement Business in partnership and independently in La Crosse, Russell and Lexington, Neb. Hemken was a member of Hope Lutheran Church in Rush Center, former mayor of La Crosse from 1966-67, 37 years on the Rush Center Co-op board of directors, charter member of the Wet Walnut Watershed, charter member of Rush County Nursing Home, charter member of Rush County Historical Society, board of directors of Farmers and Merchants Bank of La Crosse, advisory board for Farmers Bank and Trust in La Crosse, 32nd Degree Mason, Isis Shrine Member and Fort Hays Shrine Club Member. Survivors include his wife of the home; and two sisters, Hilda Hagerman of La Crosse and Wanda Karst of Rush Center. Survivors include his wife of the home; and two sisters, Hilda Hagerman of La Crosse and Wanda Karst of Rush Center. He was preceded in death by one sister, Verna E. Voight. Prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Maurice Schaus officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Rush County Nursing Home, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 23, 2002

Eldois Jim Wilson 1925-2002

HOISINGTON - Eldois Jim Wilson, 76, died Jan. 23 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, Jan. 23, 2002

January 24, 2002

Glen Dale Warren 1960-2002

LARNED - Glenn Dale Warren, 41, died Jan. 20 at his home in Larned. He was born Dec. 2, 1960, in Hutchinson, the son of Glenn A. D. and June Ruby Hancock Warren. A resident of Larned, he worked as a laborer. Warren was of the Christian faith. Survivors include his father and stepmother, Barbara R. Warren of Great Bend; his mother of Garden City; one brother, Randy Warren of Severy; four stepbrothers, Vernon Hicks and Wendell Hicks, both of Nowata, Okla., Paul Hicks of Oologah, Okla. and Delbert Hicks of Hawaii; and one stepsister, Cheryl Vincent of Sacramento, Calif. He was preceded in death by one son, Jamie Dale Warren; two stepbrothers, Steve Vincent and Scott Vincent; and one stepsister, Susan Lanea. Funeral will be at 2 p.m.
Friday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned, with the Rev. Richard Martin 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 donor's choice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 24, 2002

Eldois 'Jim' Wilson     1925-2002

HOISINGTON - Eldois "Jim" Wilson, 76, died Jan. 23 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born Oct. 30, 1925, in Piggott, Ark., the son of Milo J. and Lovie Green Wilson. He married Martha Rosemary Humphrey Sept. 20, 1946, in Ellinwood. She died Jan. 21, 1987. A lifelong resident of Hoisington, he retired from Kansas Brick and Tile in 1988. Wilson was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include three sons, James E. Wilson of Comanche, Okla., Richard D. Wilson of Susank and William R. Wilson of Ketchum, Okla.; three daughters, Mary J. Allen of Susank, Lois A. Sander of Wichita and Margaret J. Wilson of Hutchinson; his mother of Piggott; one brother, Maurice Wilson of St. Louis, Mo.; one sister, Glenda Wilson of Piggott; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Odell Wilson and Bill Wilson; and two grandchildren, Rhonda Rose Evans and Michael Damian Wilson. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Hoisington Cemetery, with the Rev. Don Fisher officiating. Friends may call from 3-8 today, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to the family, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 24, 2002

January 25, 2002

Roland Steitz     1917-2002

CONCORDIA, Mo. - Roland Steitz, 84, died Jan. 21 at Good Shepherd Home in Concordia. He was born July 20, 1917, in Bison, the son of Peter P. and Margaretha Elisa "Lizzie" Popp Steitz. He married Helen J. Serpan Aug. 21, 1938, in Otis. She died Dec. 23, 1999. A resident of Concordia, coming from Kansas City, Washington, Mo., Barton County and Rush County, he worked as a farmer, oil field worker, carpenter, insurance agent, bus driver and janitor. Steitz was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Concordia. Survivors include one son, Roger L. Steitz of Concordia, Mo.; one daughter, Carolynn Kay Kopper of Los Angeles, Calif.; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four brothers. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Gary R. Clayton officiating. Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Bohemian National Cemetery in Timken. Friends may call after 4 p.m. Friday at Berg Mortuaries in Concordia, with family receiving friends from 7-8 p.m. Friday. Memorials are suggested to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Home Fund or Lutheran Bible Translators - Rodewald, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 24, 2002

Dallas Scott Kerns     1956-2002

LARNED - Dallas Scott Kerns, 45, died Jan. 23 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born June 4, 1956, in Larned, the son of Bill C. and Joyce L. Meckfessel Kerns. He married Cheryl Marie Albert Steffen Jan. 18, 2001. A resident of Great Bend for two years, coming from Larned, he was project manager for information systems at Central Kansas Medical Center. Kerns was a member of First Christian Church in Larned. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Garrett Kerns and Tyson Steffen, both of Great Bend; one daughter, Teresa Steffen of Great Bend; his father of Larned; two brothers, Cory Kerns of Windsor, Colo. and Ryan Kerns of Highland; and two sisters, Leesa Swenson of Arvada, Colo. and Angie Kerns of Larned. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Dan Lundgren officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Memorials are suggested to Via Christi 7th SW (Oncology Unit), in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 25, 2002

Donald Richard Tillery     1916-2002

MACKSVILLE - Donald Richard Tillery, 85, died Jan. 23 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was born Dec. 6, 1916, in rural Luka, the son of Edward and Lula McMahel Tillery. He married Farol Fox July 24, 1955, in Bakersfield. A resident of Macksville since 1965, he worked as meat market manager for Dillons in St. John and owned a grocery store in Macksville. He was a distributor for Mountain Man Candy. Tillery was a member of Free Methodist Church of Macksville, Masonic Lodge and charter member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, both of St. John, and American Legion of Stafford. He was a former mayor of Macksville. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Richard Tillery of Washington, D.C. and Ron Tillery of Kearney, Neb.; one daughter, Tammie Bartsch of Hutchinson; and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Charles Tillery, Clarence "Beanie" Tillery and James Tillery; and four sisters, Margerie "Polly" Bandurraga, Lillian Feldhut, Ermal Parker and Lovell Lattimore. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Dan Lundgren officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Memorials are suggested to Via Christi 7th SW (Oncology Unit), in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 25, 2002

Velda C. Irey     1926-2002

IRVING, Texas - Velda C. Irey, 75, died Jan. 24 at Baylor Medical Center in Irving, Texas. She was born May 25, 1926, in Stafford County, the daughter of Alvin Lee and Hulda Witt Tieperman. She married James E. Irey April 19, 1953, in Hudson. A resident of Irving, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Irey was a member of the Baptist faith. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Joe Irey of Irving; one daughter, Kathy Stearns of Irving; one brother, Lee Roy Tieperman of Tulsa, Okla.; and one grandson. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving. Friends may call at Donnellv's Colonial Funeral Home in Irving. Memorials are suuosted to National Kidney Foundation of Texas. in care of the
funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Jan. 25, 2002

**January 27, 2002**

**Esther Proop  1909-2002**

RUSSELL - Esther Proop, 92, died Jan. 24 at Russell Regional Hospital in Russell. She was born April 8, 1909 at Russell, the daughter of Davis J. and Anna Steinkle Waymaster. She married Carl E. Proop Sept. 9, 1934 at Russell. He preceded her in death. A resident of Bunker Hill, she worked as a waitress, and later owned and operated Goerge's Cafe, and operated the Playdium Bowl in Russell for a number of years. Mrs. Proop was a member of St. John Lutheran Church and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary both of Russell. Survivors include one son, John D. Proop of Fair Hope, Ala.; one brother, Fritz Waymaster of Russell; two sisters, Alma Michaelis, and Irene Satchell both of Russell; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Dennis Proop; one brother, Leroy Waymaster; and three sisters, Pauline Ehrlich, Lynda Stemplel and Elsie Schmidt Cain. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Henry Hartman officiating. Burial will be at St. John Lutheran Cemetery in Russell. Friends may call from noon until 9 p.m. today at Pohlman's Mortuary in Russell, and from 9:30 until service Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the St. John Lutheran cemetery fund in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Jan. 27, 2002

**Helen L. Holmes  1918-2002**

CHASE - Helen L. Holmes, 83, died Jan. 25 at her home in Chase. She was born May 29, 1918 at Chapman, the daughter of Tom and Annette Anderson Prosser. She was graduated of Wichita North High School. She married William Neal Holmes May 12, 1944 in Wichita. He died dec. 21, 2001. A resident of Chase since 1948, she was a retired Chase city clerk and a homemaker. Mrs. Holmes was a member of Victory Church, and 50 year member of the Order of the Eastern Star both of Chase. Survivors include one daughter, JoAnn Strasters of Aransas Pass, Texas; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Russel Prosser; and two infant sisters. Graveside service 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. until 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Jan. 27, 2002

**Daniel Robert Colglazier  1948-2002**

LARNED - Daniel Robert Colglazier, 53, died Jan. 24 at his residence in rural Rozel. He was born Dec. 27, 1948, in Great Bend, the son of Robert and Evelyn Giessel DeRoo and adopted father Gail A. Colglazier. He married Patricia Ann Wallace, March 4, 1978 at Luray. A lifetime resident of Pawnee County, a was a farmer. Colglazier was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Larned, past member of the Rozel Co-op board, and past member of Pawnee County ASCS. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Derrick Colglazier and Roy Colglazier both of Rozel; two brothers, Joe Colglazier and Ray Colglazier both of Rozel; and two sisters, Betty Ackerman of Offerle, and Fay Murphy of Garfield. He was preceded in death by one brother, John Colglazier. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. tonight at the church. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Bob Schremmer Celebrant officiating. Burial will be at the Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 p.m. today at Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Jan. 27, 2002

**Verda V. Beltz Etchison  1921-2002**

SYLVIA - Verda V. Beltz Etchison, 80, died Jan. 25 at the Stafford District Hospital in Stafford. She was born Feb. 5, 1921 at Durham, the daughter of Andrew and Susie Anna Unruh Beltz. She attended Sylvia High School. She married Nathan Anthony Etchison Oct. 23, 1939 at Sylvia. He died Jan. 12, 1968. A resident of Sylvia coming from Plevna, she was a waitress at the Farris Cafe in Sylvia and a nurse's aide at the Siesta Nursing Home in Stafford. Mrs. Etchison was a member of Methodist church, United Methodist Women, Pleasant Hill Church of the Nazarene, and was a Senior Center volunteer all in Sylvia. Survivors include three sons, Edwin Etchison of McPherson, Ronald Etchison of Holyrood, and Donald Etchison of Haven; one brother, Andrew Beltz of Security, Colo.; two sisters, Beatrice Keesling of Hutchinson, and Marilyn Smiley of Stafford; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Merle Etchison, and Emanuel Etchison; two brothers, Javen Beltz, and Samuel Beltz; and two sisters, Bernice Keesling and Mary Beltz. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Pleasant Hill Church of the Nazarene in Sylvia. Burial will be at Sylvia Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. today at
Opal Marshall 1909-2002

ELLINWOOD - Opal Marshall, 92, died Jan. 25 at her residence in Ellinwood. She was born Nov. 21, 1909 at Melvern, the daughter of Robert Hayes Alley and Hattie Ione Allison. She was 1927 graduate of Melvern High School, and attended Kansas Normal School. She married Paul S. Marshall May 23, 1931 at Cottonwood Falls. He died Oct. 20, 1987. A resident Ellinwood since 1956 coming from Eureka, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Marshall was a member of United Methodist Church and Heritage Club both in Ellinwood. Survivors include one son Larry Marshall of Pawnee Rock; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister Wilmeta Athon. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Kimple Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Bill Wolf officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 8 p.m. today, and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Heritage Club or Cans for Kids, both in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Jan. 27, 2002

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Harvey DeWerff 1908-2002

ELLINWOOD - Harvey DeWerff, 93, died Jan. 26 at Ellinwood District Hospital in Ellinwood. He was born Aug. 20, 1908, in Ellinwood, the son of Henry and Martha Scheuffer DeWerff. He was a graduate of Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg. He married Doris Knop Aug. 16, 1936, in Ellinwood. She died Dec. 18, 1999. A lifelong resident of Ellinwood, he was a farmer and former owner of DeWerff Hardware and Plumbing and Culligan Soft Water, both of Ellinwood. DeWerff was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Ellinwood. Survivors include three sons, Duane L. DeWerff of Albuquerque, N.M., Lloyd H. DeWerff of Vancouver, Wash., and Glen H. DeWerff of Kansas City; one daughter, Linda S. Lebbin of Scott City; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Lena DeWerff Wise. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Andy Keltner officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood and from 10 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Ellinwood Hospital Auxiliary, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 28, 2002

Arnita Vivian Tabler 1915-2002

LARNED - Arnita Vivian Tabler, 86, died Jan. 26 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus in Larned. She was born Dec. 28, 1915, in Caldwell, Texas, the daughter of John and Louise Baxel Johnson. She married Walter Schererhorn in the early 1930s. She married D. Vane Tabler Nov. 1, 1940. He died July 24, 1989. A long time resident of Larned, she was co-founder, with her husband in 1952, of Tabler Furniture in Larned. Mrs. Tabler was a member of First Christian Church in Larned. Survivors include two sons, Randall Schererhorn of McKinney, Texas, and Charles "Buddy" Tabler of Larned; two daughters, Jeslyn Schererhorn Benson of Menan, Idaho, and Cheryl Tabler Kring-Mannion of Littleton, Colo.; two sisters, Naomi Scheffer of Amarillo, Texas, and Norma Hendley of Larned; and 11 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Eddie Johnson and Farell Johnson; and three sisters, Mabel Johnson, Velma Johnson and Lorene Johnson. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with the Rev. Dan Lundgren officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery in Larned. Friends may call 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 the church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 28, 2002

Ernest Albert Morrill 1912-2002

LARNED - Ernest Albert Morrill, 89, died Jan. 27 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus in Larned. He was born Dec. 29, 1912, near Ulman, Mo., the son of George Albert and Edith Estella McNeil Morrill. He married Jane Scherzer Heaton June 20, 1942, in San Luis Obispo County, Calif. She died April 21, 1967. He married Eileen Rose Dickerson Dec. 19, 1974, in Galesburg, Ill. A longtime resident of Larned, he was a retired farmer. Morrill was a member of Seventh Day Adventist Church in Larned. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving with the 112th Infantry in Northern France and the Aleutian Islands. Survivors include one son, George Morrill of Larned; one daughter, Marsha Morrill of Lindstrom, Minn.; two grandsons; and two great-grandsons. He was preceded in death by one infant brother. Morrill will be at Seventh Day Adventist Church in Larned. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or American Cancer Society, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 28, 2002

Alton R. Foster 1920-2002

GARDEN CITY - Alton R. Foster, 81, died Jan. 26 at Terrace Garden Care Center in Garden City. He was born Nov. 22, 1920, in Texarkana, Ark., the son of Alton Rhea Sr. and Patricia Lowry Carstephen Foster. He graduated from high school in Little Rock, Ark., and earned a degree in music from Hendrix College in Conway, Ark. He married Martha Mae Edwards Nov. 27, 1942, in Conway. She died July 19, 1993. A resident of Garden City, coming from Bella Vista, Ark., and Great Bend, he was a band teacher at Great Bend High School and was owner/operator of Foster Music Store in Garden City until his retirement in 1987. Foster was a member of Bella Vista Community Church, church choir and church quartet, and Kiwanis Club, all of Bella Vista. He was a U.S. Coast Guard veteran of World War II. Survivors include three sons, Rhea Foster of Stillwater, Okla., Lowry Foster of
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., and Jim Foster of Garden City; two daughters, Mary Beth Spellman of Garden City and Jane Hollingsworth of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two brothers, LeRoy Foster of Ashland, Ore., and Jim Foster of Harrison, Ark.; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m., Friday, at the church, with the Rev. David McKay officiating. There is no visitation listed. Memorials are suggested to the church choir fund or Garden City Municipal Band, both in care of Garnand Funeral Home in Garden City. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 28, 2002

Paul Eugene Means 1920-2002

HUTCHINSON - Paul Eugene Means, 81, died Jan. 26 at Pleasant View Care Home in Inman. He was born June 5, 1920, in Larned, the son of Troy and Verna Suffocoil Means. He married Mary Imogene Francis Jan. 18, 1941, in St. John. She died Jan. 18, 1990. A resident of Hutchinson for 37 years, coming from Dodge City, he worked as a salesman for Rainbow Bread Bets Baking Company in Hutchinson. Means was a member of Park Place Christian Church, American Legion and RSVP, all of Hutchinson. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. Survivors include two sons, Ron Means and Larry Means, both of Hutchinson; one daughter, Marilyn Ochs of Hutchinson; one sister, Orthella Boyer of Great Bend; seven grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Heritage Funeral Home Chapel in Hutchinson, with the Rev. Ed Pangbukn officiating. Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery in Hutchinson. Friends may call until 8 tonight, with the family greeting friends from 6-8 p.m., all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, Alzheimer's Association or RSVP, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 28, 2002

Eunice H. Boor 1924-2002

HUTCHINSON - Eunice H. Boor, 77, died Jan. 16 at her home in Hutchinson. She was born April 8, 1924, in Burdette, the daughter of Charlie and Mildred Fagen Dovel. She was a 1942 graduate of Burdette High School. She married William J. Boor Feb. 3, 1944, in Kinsley. A resident of Hutchinson for 23 years, coming from Ellinwood, she was a homemaker. Survivors include one son, Bill Boor of Sterling; four daughters, Linda Azzone of Wichita, Shirley Drennon of Hays, Sharon Proffitt of Hutchinson and Becky Harmon of Sterling; one brother, Howard Dovel of Henderson, Colo.; one sister, Elvira Zarnowski of Hutchinson; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Ralph Dovel; and two sisters, Doloris Dovel and Alta Melia. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Elliott Mortuary Chapel in Hutchinson. Burial will be at Fairlawn Burial Park in Hutchinson. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice or American Cancer Society, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 28, 2002

Dale Dyke 1910-2002

TABOR, Iowa < Dale Dyke, 91, died Jan. 19 at Clarkson Hospital in Omaha, Neb., following a brief illness. He was born March 11, 1910, on a farm south of Tabor, the son of Loren D. and Maudie Wolkins Dyke. He attended Tabor High School and Peru State College. He married Maxine Boyer. She died in March 1992 in Great Bend. He married Vesta Ruse in 1993, in Tabor. A resident of Tabor, coming from Barlett, Iowa, Los Angeles, Calif., Omaha, Neb., Shenandoah, Iowa, Essex, Iowa, and Great Bend, he worked as a school teacher, test engineer for Hughes Aircraft where he helped to build the world's largest airplane, the “Spruce Goose.” He also worked at Martin Bomber Plant in Ohaha, Larro Feeds, a division of General Mills, and Johnson Brothers Mills in Iowa. Dyke was a member of Congregational Church in Tabor. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Loren Dyke of Great Bend and D. David Dyke of Grapevine, Texas; one daughter, Theresa Bickley of Pocatello, Idaho; one stepson, Larry Ruse of Rogers, Ark.; one stepdaughter, Peggy Bailey of Tabor; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Glen Dyke, Owen Dyke and Willard Dyke; and three sisters, Opal Frazier, Wilma Sanders Stellman and Juanita Hamm Barrett. Funeral was Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Tom Clark officiating. Burial was at Malvern Cemetery in Malvern, Iowa. Memorials are suggested to the church or Gideon's International Southwest Iowa Camp, both in care of Crawford-Marshall Funeral Home in Tabor. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 28, 2002

Mark Wayne Dolezal 1958-2002

BISON - Mark Wayne Dolezal, 43, died Jan. 27 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident west of Hays. He was born May 29, 1958, in Wakeeny, the son of Leo and Bernita Knoll Dolezal. A resident of Bison, he worked as a concrete finisher. Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Bernita and Ray Scheuermann of Bison; one brother, Michael Dolezal of Bison; one sister, Judy Engel of Hays; and one stepsister, Susan Scheuermann of Salinas, Calif. A private family service will be held at Brock's North Hill Chapel in Hays at a later date. Cremation has taken place and there is no visitation. No memorials are suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 28, 2002

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William Robert Grove 1908-2002

LARNED - William Robert Grove, 93, died Jan. 18 at his home in University Village, Va. He was born Feb. 26, 1908, in Larned. He was a 1940 graduate of the University of Michigan's Architecture School of Design. He married Jessie Blackwell in 1946. A resident of University Village, coming from Omaha, Neb. and Larned, he was a building contractor. Grove was a U.S. Navy Seabee veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Theater of operations. Survivors include his wife of the home; one stepdaughter, Betty Lou Middleditch of Charlottesville, Va.; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Cremation has taken place and there is no visitation. Inurnment will be at a later date in Larned, with Beckwith Mortuary in charge of local funeral arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 28, 2002
Kenneth F. "Tiny" Dolecek  1920-2002

WICHITA - Kenneth F. "Tiny" Dolecek, 81, died Jan. 26 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born July 1, 1920, in Holyrood, the son of John H. and Helen Agnes Jurenka Dolecek. He married Lavena McNeil. She preceded him in death. A resident of Wichita, coming from Holyrood, he was a retired employee for Coleman Company in Wichita. Dolecek was a member of Albert Pike Masonic Lodge of Wichita and American Legion Post of Holyrood. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include one son, Bruce Dolecek of Andover; one daughter, Mary Helen Gleason of Geneseo, Pa.; one sister, Marjorie Steen of Wichita; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Lakeview Funeral Home Chapel in Wichita, with the Rev. Roger Beason officiating. Burial will be at Lakeview Memorial Gardens in Wichita. Friends may call until 8 tonight, with family receiving friends from 6-8 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Kansas Masonic Home, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 29, 2002

Mary M. Schiller  1915-2002

ODIN - Mary M. Schiller, 86, died Jan. 28 at her residence, rural route, Claflin. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 29, 2002

Wanda I. Morris Pryor

Wanda I. Morris Pryor of Great Bend, died Jan. 28 at her home in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 29, 2002

Preston M. Dickens Jr.

Preston M. Dickens Jr. of Great Bend, died Jan. 28 at Integrated Health Services of Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 29, 2002

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Leah E. Erbes 1911-2002

LA CROSSE - Leah E. Erbes, 91, died Jan. 28 at Rush County Memorial Hospital Long Term Care in La Crosse. She was born Jan. 14, 1911, in Bison, the daughter of John and Marie Elizabeth Lindt Erbes. She was a graduate of Bison High School and attended beauty school in Enid, Okla. A life long resident of Rush County, she was a retired cosmetologist. She was a member of United Methodist Church, Bible study group, Rebecah Lodge, United Methodist Women and Sixty Plus, all of La Crosse. Survivors include one brother, Clarence Erbes of La Crosse. She was preceded in death by one sister, Bertha Bailey. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Janousek Funeral Home Chapel in La Crosse, with the Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. 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 Rush County Memorial Hospital Long Term Care or United Methodist Women, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 30, 2002

Ruth E. Smalley 1914-2002

JETMORE - Ruth E. Smalley, 87, died Jan. 28 at Hodgeman County Long Term Care Center in Jetmore. She was born April 18, 1914, in rural Hodgeman County, the daughter of Oscar and Rebecca Duncan Smalley. A longtime resident of Jetmore, she worked as a bookkeeper for W.W. Virtue Mercantile Company, Coca Cola Bottling Co. and Dodge City Globe. She also was a school teacher in Hodgeman, Sumner and Cowley counties. She was a member of United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women, both of Jetmore and Dodge City, Business Professional Women and Delivered Meals on Wheels. Survivors include two sisters, Grace Winfield and Mary Wilson of Jetmore. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at United Methodist Church in Jetmore, with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore. Friends may call until 8 p.m. tonight and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, 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, Jan. 30, 2002

Wanda I. Morris Pryor 1915-2002

Wanda I. Morris Pryor, 86, of Great Bend, died Jan. 28 at her residence. She was born Nov. 29, 1915, in Augusta, the daughter of Roy Ward and Leora Jackman Morris. She was a graduate of El Dorado High School. She married M.F. "Hap" Pryor Oct. 8, 1936, in El Dorado. He died Oct. 26, 1979. A resident of Great Bend since 1937, coming from El Dorado, she worked as a secretary for her husband's geological consulting business and was a homemaker. Mrs. Pryor was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus Auxiliary, both in Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Kenneth Pryor of the home; one daughter, Connie Strobel of Great Bend; one sister, Inez Hamilton of Corpus Christi, Texas; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Brenton Morris. Altar Society rosary will be at 3 today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Vigil service will be at 7 tonight at the funeral home. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the
church, with the Revs. Angel Dy and Rene Guesnier officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family School Endowment Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 30, 2002

Preston Maynard Dickens Jr. 1923-2002

Preston Maynard Dickens Jr., 78, of Great Bend, died Jan. 28 at Integrated Health Services in Great Bend. He was born Dec. 17, 1923, in Springfield, Mo., the son of Preston Maynard Sr. and Alta Lois Calahan Dickens. He married Mary Jane Young Oct. 12, 1946, in Pratt. A resident of Great Bend since 1953, coming from Pratt, he worked as a welder and salesman before he retired. He worked as a pizza deliveryman in his retirement years. Dickens was a member of First Southern Baptist Church in Great Bend. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Dale LeRoy Dickens of Great Bend and Ronald Preston Dickens of Des Moines, Iowa; one daughter, Cynthia Jane Dolechek of Albert; one sister, Dorothy Helen Mills of Springfield, Mo.; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Dale Dickens and Phillip Leon Dickens; and two sisters, Gale Dickens and Gwendolyn Banta. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Doyle Smith 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 the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 30, 2002

David J. Miller 1979-2002

WILSON - David J. Miller, 22, died Jan. 8. He was born Dec. 10, 1979, in Russell, the son of Gary and Joyce Kraus. A college student at Kansas State University, he worked at Wilson Wildlife and Parks and at KSU Alumni Association. Miller was a member of Theta Xi Fraternity at KSU. Survivors include his parents of Wilson; one sister, Alicia Miller of Wilson; and his grandparents, Gerald and Alyce Klema and Wilbert and Bernadine Kraus. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Wilson City Cemetery in Wilson. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church in Wilson. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 8 a.m. until service time Thursday, all at Foster Mortuary in Wilson. Memorials are suggested to Excelsior Lutheran Church in Wilson or Theta Xi Fraternity, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 30, 2002

Norma Louise Briel 1909-2002

Norma Louise Briel, 92, of Great Bend, died Jan. 29 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. She was born Aug. 21, 1909, in Clarence Township, Barton County, the daughter of William Frederick and Meta Marie Clara Schuster Dunekack. She married Edwin Gustave Briel May 1, 1938, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Barton County. He died Nov. 22, 1995. A lifelong resident of Barton County, she worked as a deputy clerk for the Barton County District Court. Mrs. Briel was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Deborah Circle and BPW, all of Great Bend. Survivors include two sons, Jonathan E. Briel of Great Bend and James J. Briel of Pratt; one daughter, Joyce M. Gallo of Washington, Mich.; one sister, Marie Isern of Ellinwood; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Judith M. Maness; and two brothers, Wilbur Dunekack and Vernon Dunekack. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Revs. Dr. Gary W. Teske and David E. Carlson officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, all at Bryant Funeral Home and from 10 a.m. until service time Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Trinity Lutheran Youth, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 30, 2002

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Ethel Elizabeth Steele 1909-2002

LARNED Center, St. Joseph Campus in Larned. She was born Jan. 28, 1909, at Rosalia, Wash., the daughter of Benjamin and Dora Payne Siler. A resident of Larned since 1999, coming from Cleveland, Okla., she was a homemaker. She married Ralph H. Steele, Feb. 6, 1930, at Kingfisher, Okla. He died in 1962. Mrs. Steele was a member of the Christian Church and Eastern Star both of Tonkawa, Okla. Survivors include three sons, Ralph E. Steele of Stockton, Mo., Benny R. Steele of Stillwater, Okla., and Ronald W. Steele of Austin, Texas; one daughter E. Joan Reep of Larned; one brother, Merle Siler of Oklahoma City, Okla.; eight grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Everett Siler and three sisters, Letha Poole, Edith Gadids, Wilma Hayes . Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the International Order of Odd Fellows Cemetery, Tonkawa, Okla., with the Rev. Edward Zickfoose officiating. Friends may sign the register from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials may be sent to the Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus Long Term Care Center in care of Beckwith Mortuary. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Jan. 31, 2002

June M. Revel 1915-2002

LYONS - June M. Revel, 86, died Jan. 29 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. She was born June 10, 1915, at Keokuk, Iowa, the daughter of James Louis and Nettie Easyt Tucker. She married Wilbur B. Revel, June 7, 1932, at Great Bend. A resident of Hutchinson since 1997, coming from Lyons, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Revel was a member of First Baptist Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars Women's Auxiliary both of Lyons. Survivors include her husband of the home; one daughter, Rosalie Danks of Hutchinson; 12 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Robert Gene Revel; one daughter, Joan Ramella; three brothers, Dick Tucker, Mark Tucker, and Lowell Tucker; five sisters, Mae Nelson, Ethel Oden, Velma Schafer, Zell Hayden, and Edith Braton. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. with the Rev. Robert Friesen officiating. Burial will be at Lyons Municipal Cemetery in Lyons. Friends may call
Roy E. Powell 1909-2002

HANSTON in Jetmore. He was born Oct. 16 at Hanston, the son of George and Maidie Hoff Powell. A lifetime Hanston resident, he was a farmer stockman. He married Faye Goller, July 17, 1937, at Hanston. Powell was a member of United Methodist Church, church board member, serving as lay leader, trustee, and on the finance committee, Farmers Coop board, and school board member, all of Hanston. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Coleen Cure, of Hanston; one son Eugene Powell of Lawrenceville, Ga.; two sisters Berniece Dixon of Larned; Sylvia Hoagland of Burdett; six grandchildren, and one great grandchild. He was preceded in death by two sisters; Birdie Macy, and Hazel Salmans; four brothers; Chester Powell, Lester Powell, Merle Powell and George Powell. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Church, with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. Friends may call from noon to 8 p.m. today, and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, and 9-11 a.m. Saturday at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Burial will be in the Hanston Cemetery in Hanston. Memorials are suggested to the church or Boy Scout Troop 159 of Hanston, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Jan. 31, 2002

Mary M. Stos Schiller 1915-2002

ODIN - She was born Aug. 24, 1915, at Otis, the daughter of Joseph and Julia Axman Stos. She married Charles J. Schiller, Nov. 25, 1947, at Olmitz. He died Oct. 6, 1994. A resident of rural Odin, coming from Beaver, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Schiller was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church and St. Ann Altar Society, both of Odin. Survivors include one son, Joseph C. Schiller of Hoisington; one daughter, Elizabeth Klima of Columbus, Ga.; one brother, Bernard Stos of Otis; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Margaret Schiller; and three brothers, Joseph Stos, Leo Stos, and Leonard Stos. Family rosary will be at 7 p.m. tonight; Vigil will be at 7 p.m. Friday followed by a St. Ann Altar Society rosary, all at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at Holy Family Cemetery in Odin. Friends may call until 9 p.m. tonight and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Claflin Ambulance Service or the Holy Family Cemetery Fund both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Jan. 31, 2002

Bernice Pauline Dixon

BURDETT Center, St. Joseph Long Term Care in Larned. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Jan. 31, 2002
February 1, 2002

Berniece Pauline Dixon  1916-2002

BURDETT - Berniece Pauline Dixon, 85, died Jan. 30 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus in Larned. She was born Sept. 29, 1916, in Hanston, the daughter of George Arthur and Maidie Martha Hoff Powell. She married Edward H. Dixon Aug. 4, 1937, in Larned. He died Aug. 4, 1990. A longtime resident of Burdett, she was a homemaker, school bus driver and cook for USD 496 and helped her husband at their Sinclair Service Station for 30 years. Mrs. Dixon was a member of First Baptist Church in Hanston, Burdett Seniors and Jolly Dozen Club, both of Burdett. Survivors include one son, Larry Dixon of Burdett; three daughters, Carol Wheeldon of Charlotte, N.C., Janet Dixon Pitts of Larned and Sharon Nichols of Derby; one sister, Sylvia D. Hoagland of Burdett; eight grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five brothers, George Powell, Lester Powell, Merle Powell, Chester A. Powell and Roy E. Powell; two sisters, Hazel Salmans and Birdie Macy. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned, with the Rev. John Grummon officiating. Burial will be at Browns Grove Cemetery in Burdett. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and from 9 a.m. until service time Monday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Burdett Emergency Medical Service, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 1, 2002

Edna Mae Rush  1911-2002

WAYNOKA, Okla. - Edna Mae Rush, 90, died Jan. 29 at Share Medical Center in Alva, Okla. She was born April 7, 1911, in Ellsworth County, the daughter of Charles and Myrtle Oney Johnson. She attended Sterling College. She married Laurn Rush in 1929 in McPherson. He died Sept. 22, 1954. A resident of Waynoka, coming from Rice County, she was a school teacher in Rice, Ellsworth and Barton counties until she retired. Mrs. Rush was a member of Church of Christ in Wichita. Survivors include one son, Sherrill "Shenney" Rush of Wichita; one daughter, Karmen Patricia Guillford of Waynoka; two sisters, Eunice Davidson of Miltonvale and Ethyle Hulse of Marquette; 10 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Elmer "Duke" Rush; three sisters, Eleanor Johnson, Elizabeth Murray and Edith Van Norman. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons, with the Rev. Robert Friesen officiating. Burial will be at Geneseo Cemetery in Geneseo. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until service time Monday, at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer's Foundation, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 1, 2002

Marie Copp  1922-2002

Marie Copp, 79, of Great Bend, died Jan. 31 at St. Joseph Hospital in Houston, Texas. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 1, 2002

February 3, 2002

Albina F. Schuckman  1913-2002

LA CROSSE Albina F. Schuckman, 88, died Jan. 31 at Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse. She was born Nov. 23, 1913 at Munjor, the daughter of Joseph and Catherine Frank Herl. She married Leonard Schuckman Sr. Nov. 9, 1932 at Munjor. He died May 9, 1989. A resident of La Crosse, coming from Hays, she was a part of the Student Union Staff of Fort Hays State University. Mrs. Schuckman was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Liebenthal and St. Mary's Catholic Church in Hays. Survivors include two sons, Charles R. Schuckman of Rodgers, Ark., and Leonard Schuckman Jr. of Wichita; one daughter, Rita Depperschmidt of La Crosse; one brother, Robert Herl of Munjor; two sisters, Genevieve Schuckman, and Leona Charles both of Salina; ten grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Clarence Herl; and one sister, Bertha Schaffer. Rosary will be at 9:45 a.m. Tuesday at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Liebenthal, with the Revs. Benjamin Martin and Ken Schuckman officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Liebenthal. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. Monday, with a pray service at 8 p.m., at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer's Association. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Feb. 3, 2002

Margaret M. Elstun  1918-2002

LYONS - Margaret M. Elstun, 83, died Feb. 1 at Lyons Good Samaritan Center in Lyons. She was born Dec. 16, 1918 at Beaver. The daughter of Jacob and Mary Ann Meyeres Depiesse. She married Howard Eli "Butt" Eletun, April 24, 1938 at Great Bend. He died Dec. 9, 1975. A resident of Lyons, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Elstun was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Beaver. Survivors include three sisters, Elsie Hinkley of El Chaoien, Calif., Sidonia Barlett of Lakeside, Calif., and Jean Polzin of Hoisington. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Jac Depiesse, Lawrence Depiesse, John Depiesse, Art Depiesse, and Earl Depiesse; and five sisters, Ann Reif, Viola Depiesse, Marion Kuxhause, Georgia Mae Hildreth, and Adelia Schremmer. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Lyons. with the Rev. James Leland officiating. Burial will be
at Lyons Municipal Cemetery in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to Lyons Good Samaritan Center or the Donor’s Choice both in care of Stillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Feb. 3, 2002

Floyd Rittenhouse 1910-2002

HANSTON - Floyd Rittenhouse, 91, died Jan. 31 at Western Plains Medical Complex in Dodge City. He was born Feb. 2, 1910 at Gray. The son of Nehemiah and Mable L. Eakin Rittenhouse. A resident of Hanstun, he was a laborer, farmer and railroad. Rittenhouse was a member of United Methodist Church in Hanstun. He was a World War II veteran. Survivors include one brother, James Rittenhouse of Hanstun. Graveside service with military rites will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Hanstun Cemetery, with the Rev. Tony Horsley officiating. 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. No memorials are suggested. Funeral arrangements are in care of Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Feb. 3, 2002

Margaret Margie Wagner 1910-2002

ELLSWORTH - Margaret Margie Wagner, 91, died Jan. 31 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born July 25, 1910 at Ellsworth County. The daughter of William and Dora Warta Kubick. She married Elmer F. Wagner, April 22, 1929 at Salina. He died April 13, 1993. A lifetime resident of Ellsworth, she was a homemaker, and a school teacher at Holyrood Grade School after teaching in country schools. Survivors include one daughter, Frances Jirik Alan of Hosington. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Parsons Funeral Home in Ellsworth, with the Rev. Jim Newkirk officiating. Burial will be at Ellsworth Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time on Monday. Memorials are suggested to Hoisington Rehabilitation Center, First United Methodist church of Ellsworth and Great Bend Humane Society. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Feb. 3, 2002

Robert R. Hoyl 1930-2002

HOISINGTON - Robert R. Hoyl, 71 died Feb. 1, 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. Friends may call after 3 p.m. today at the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Feb. 3, 2002

James R. Sorem 1932-2002

JETMORE James R. Sorem, 69, died Jan. 31 at Hodgeman County Health Center in Jetmore. He was born July 7, 1932. The son of Roy and L. Mae Able Sorem. He was a Kansas University graduate with a degree in aeronautical engineering. He married Mary Joanne Schauvliege Nov. 25, 1954 at Jetmore. A lifetime resident of Hodgeman County, he was a farmer. Sorem was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Jetmore, a board member of Lane Scott, Farmer’s State Bank, Pawnee Watershed, Hodgeman County Health Center, and Senior Center, Hodgeman County commissioner, Parish Council, Kansas University Alumni Association, and former Farm Service Agency member. Survivors include his wife of the home; four sons, James Sorem Jr. of Tulsa, Okla., Richard Sorem of Jetmore, William Sorem of Houston, Texas, and Robert Sorem of Lawrence; one daughter, Jennifer Rivera of Albuquerque, N.M.; one sister, Rowena Wilson of Jetmore; and ten grandchildren. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. today at the church. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church in Jetmore, with the Rev. Henry Hildenbrand officiating. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to the church or Hodgeman County EMS both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Feb. 3, 2002

Marie Edith Copp 1922-2002

HOUSTON TEXAS Marie Edith Copp, 78, died Jan. 31 at St. Joseph Hospital in Houston, Texas. She was born Oct. 30, 1922 at Walker. The daughter of Adam and Margaret Weigel Brungardt. She married Theodore F. Copp Dec. 27, 1947 at Emmeram. He died Feb. 9, 1989. A residence of Houston for three years, coming from Great Bend and Lyons, she was a certified nurses aide. Mrs. Copp was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church and Altar Society both of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Arthur Copp of El Dorado; two daughters, Geraldine “Gerry” Turner of Houston, and Frances “Fran” Falcon of Great Bend; and one grandson. She was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister. Altar Society Rosary will be at 4 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home, with the Rev. Warren Stocklekin officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 5-9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday. Memorials are suggested to Kidney Foundation in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Feb. 3, 2002

Alvin Lee 'Al' Robl 1937-2002

HUTCHINSON - Alvin Lee "Al" Robl, 64, died Feb. 1 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born Feb. 8, 1937 at Hutchinson. The son of Alvin A. and Martha Irene Link Robl. He was a graduate of Chase High School and Fort Hays State University in Hays. A resident of Hutchinson since 1961, coming from Chase, he was a Quality Control Manager at Morton Salt. Co. Robl was a member of St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Hutchinson, Knights of Columbus Council 612, third degree in Hutchinson, and Knights of Columbus, Colorado Assembly, fourth degree of Great Bend. Survivors include two brothers, John Robl of Hutchinson and Martin Robl of Lyons; and one sister, Norma Miller of Lyons. Parish rosary will be at 7 p.m. Monday and a Knights of Columbus rosary to follow, both at Elliot Mortuary Chapel in Hutchinson. Funeral mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church in Hutchinson, with the Rev. Richard F. Stuchlik officiating. Graveside service will be at 2:30 p.m.
February 4, 2002

Dianna Fae Gillett 1950-2002

LARNED - Dianna Fae Gillett, 51, died Feb. 2 at her home in Larned. She was born June 30, 1950, in Marion, the daughter of Walter F. and Katherine Bishop Otto. She married David W. Gillett May 30, 1998, in rural Galva. A resident of Larned since 1998, coming from McPherson, she worked as a paraprofessional for USD 495. Mrs. Gillett was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Lincolnville, past Scout Troop 130 leader and charter member of The Gallery, both of McPherson. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Scott C. Thrift of Wichita, Kevin C. Thrift of Rosemont, Minn., and Patrick A. Thrift of McPherson; four stepsons, Steve Gillett, Gary Gillett and Brian Gillett, all of Larned, and Eric Gillett of Manhattan; her parents of Herington; one brother, Stan Otto of Dwight; and one step-grandson. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Alan Stahlecker officiating. Burial will be at Lincolnville Cemetery. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, all at Morell Funeral Home in Larned, and from 11 a.m. until service time Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Scout Troop 130 or Kansas State University Cancer Research, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 4, 2002

Frances E. "Fran" Malir 1933-2002

WILSON - Frances E. "Fran" Malir, 68, died Feb. 2. She was born Feb. 18, 1933, in Tampa. She married Eugene Malir. A resident of Tampa, she was a retired school teacher. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Rick Malir; one daughter, Nancy Malir; and four sisters, Agnes Bina, Margaret Jarak, Sanine Bollig and Madeline Anderson. Vigil service will be at 7:30 tonight at Foster Mortuary in Wilson. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Wilson. Burial will be at St. Wenceslaus Cemetery in Wilson. Friends may call until 8 tonight at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Sisters of St. Joseph-Concordia, St. Wenceslaus Cemetery Fund or Christian Foundation for Children and Aging, all in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 4, 2002

Robert R. Hoyt 1930-2002

HOISINGTON - Robert R. Hoyt, 71, died Feb. 1 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born Feb. 25, 1930, in Nashville, the son of Raymond and Marie Huhman Hoyt. He married Marilyn Louise Warner Sept. 13, 1959, in Haysington. A resident of Hoisington since 1961, coming from Great Bend, he worked as a pharmacist, retiring from Cheyenne Drug Store in Hoisington after 20 years. Hoyt was a member of First Christian Church, Masonic Lodge 331 AF and AM, Eastern Star Unit, Chapter 119, American Legion Post 286 and Clara Barton Foundation, all of Hoisington. He was former mayor and city councilman, both of Hoisington, and former Barton County Commissioner. He was Hoisington Citizen of the Year in 1978. He was a life member of KU Alumni Association, American Pharmacy Association, American Pharmacy Society Consultant, Kansas State Board of Pharmacists, Southwest Kansas Area Agency and BPOE 1127 of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; and one sister, Shirley Rachal of Moorings, La. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with the Rev. Mary Lou Klein officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery, with Masonic graveside rites. Friends may call until 9 tonight, with family receiving friends from 7-8 tonight, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Masonic Lodge or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 4, 2002

Rita A. Miller

LARNED - Rita A. Miller, 77, died Feb. 3 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus in Larned. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 4, 2002

Mildred 'Millie' Skillett 1936-2002

RUSH CENTER - Mildred "Millie" Skillett, 65, died Feb. 2 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. She was born June 18, 1936, in Liebenthal, the daughter of Joseph and Emma Unrein Legleiter. She married Garold Skillett Aug. 24, 1954, in Ada, Okla. A lifelong resident of Rush County, Millie worked as secretary and treasurer for Skillett and Sons Incorporated in La Crosse for 33 years. Millie was a member of Hope Lutheran Church in Rush Center. Millie was a very giving and generous person to her employees, community and the many organizations she contributed to. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Bob Skillett and his wife, Linda, and Rob Skillett, all of Rush Center; three daughters, Jeannie Philips and husband, Greg, of Lewis, Donna Skillett of Wamego and Debbie Skillett of La Crosse; three brothers, Carl Legleiter of McCracken, Joe Legleiter of Dodge City and Ken Legleiter of Arkansas City; one sister, Rose Adams of Yale, Okla.; five grandchildren, Wade Phillips of Manhattan, Ward Phillips of Hays, Josh Skillett of Wamego, Elliott Skillett and Luke Skillett, both of Rush Center; one great-grandchild, Caleigh Befort of Russell; and numerous nieces and nephews. She is also survived by a host of friends, relatives and employees. She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Emma Unrein Legleiter; two brothers, Alois Legleiter and Jerome Legleiter; one sister, Helen Schmidtberger; one infant sister, Mildred Legleiter; and one grandson, Chris Befort. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Hope Lutheran Church in Rush Center. with the Rev. Maurice Schaus officiating. Burial will be
at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. Tuesday, with the family receiving friends from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, all at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse, and from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Hope Lutheran Church in Rush Center, in care of Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 4, 2002

February 5, 2002

Reuben Lohrey 1913-2002

LA CROSSE - Our Lord called Reuben Lohrey to his heavenly home Jan. 30. He was born March 21, 1911, in Rush County, the son of John and Catherine Anna Marie Lohrey. He is survived by his sister, Mollie Zimmerman of Hillsboro. He is also survived by one niece, Janet Young of Philadelphia, Penn.; and three nephews, Kenneth Lohrey of Los Angeles, Calif., William D. Lohrey of Tulsa, Okla., John P. Lohrey of Oklahoma City, Okla. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Alex Lohrey and John Lohrey; and one sister, Kathryn Lohrey. Reuben grew up on a farm southeast of Timken. As a youth, he enjoyed sports and played on the Bison-Timken baseball team. He made his living on farms near La Crosse for many years before he moved to Bison in 1966. He took a position as Bison's city man and held this job for 22 years before his retirement. After his retirement, he continued to work part time for the city. He and his sister, Kathryn, lived together for many years before she passed away in 1997. He lived in Rush County Memorial Hospital Long Term Care in La Crosse for the last six years after suffering a stroke, which impaired his walking. Up until the last year or so, he remained active making many beautiful crafts such as latch hook wall hangings and fabric wreaths. His crafts won him many ribbons at the county fair. He enjoyed visiting with his many friends and relatives and helping with the bulletin boards at Long Term Care. During warm weather, Reuben enjoyed taking Sunday road trips with friends to Larned, Ness City, Hays, Great Bend, Bison, or wherever else the road led. Reuben's loving and joyful spirit touched all who knew him and he will be greatly missed. Funeral will be at noon Saturday at Janousek Funeral Home Chapel in La Crosse, with Pastor Marilyn Christmore officiating. Burial will be at Baptist Cemetery in Bison. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Bison EMT's or BISON Fire Department, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 5, 2002

Rita A. Miller 1924-2002

LARNED - Rita A. Miller, 77, died Feb. 3 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus in Larned. She was born Dec. 20, 1924, in Pawnee County, the daughter of Joseph and Katherine Schwamborn Hammeke. She married Harold H. Miller Jan. 6, 1957, in Larned. A lifelong resident of Pawnee County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Miller was a member of St. Bernard's Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Belpre. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Melvin Hammeke of Larned; four sisters, Mary Ellen Huschka and Inez Wasinger, both of Garden City, Margaret Ann Sullivan of Wichita and Maxine Herman of Larned; and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Leroy Hammeke. Vigil service will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Dennis Reed officiating. Burial will be at Garfield Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 p.m. and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church's Altar Society or Garfield EMS, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 5, 2002

Anna Mae George 1937-2002

ALBERT - Anna Mae George, 64, died Feb. 3 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus in Larned. She was born May 3, 1937, in Cimarron, the daughter of Charles Franklin and Emily McNeil Wheeler. She married LoRay Darrell George Aug. 21, 1959 in Albert. A lifelong resident of the Albert area, coming from Kalvesta, she was a homemaker and worked as a registered nurse. Mrs. George was a member of Peace Lutheran Church, choir, church organist and Evangelical Lutheran Church Women, all of Albert. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, LoRay W. George of Manhattan; three brothers, Alex Lohrey and John Lohrey; and one sister, Kathryn Lohrey. Reuben grew up on a farm southeast of Timken. As a youth, he enjoyed sports and played on the Bison-Timken baseball team. He made his living on farms near La Crosse for many years before he moved to Bison in 1966. He took a position as Bison's city man and held this job for 22 years before his retirement. After his retirement, he continued to work part time for the city. He and his sister, Kathryn, lived together for many years before she passed away in 1997. He lived in Rush County Memorial Hospital Long Term Care in La Crosse for the last six years after suffering a stroke, which impaired his walking. Up until the last year or so, he remained active making many beautiful crafts such as latch hook wall hangings and fabric wreaths. His crafts won him many ribbons at the county fair. He enjoyed visiting with his many friends and relatives and helping with the bulletin boards at Long Term Care. During warm weather, Reuben enjoyed taking Sunday road trips with friends to Larned, Ness City, Hays, Great Bend, Bison, or wherever else the road led. Reuben's loving and joyful spirit touched all who knew him and he will be greatly missed. Funeral will be at noon Saturday at Janousek Funeral Home Chapel in La Crosse, with Pastor Marilyn Christmore officiating. Burial will be at Baptist Cemetery in Bison. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Bison EMT's or BISON Fire Department, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 5, 2002

Stanley Dale Loomis 1930-2002

GARFIELD - Stanley Dale Loomis, 71, died Feb. 3 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus in Larned. He was born Nov. 19, 1930, in Emporia, the son of Walter Edward and Leila Marie Austin Loomis. He was a graduate of Stafford High School. He married Joyce Aleene Bratton April 1, 1956, in Stafford. A resident of Garfield since 1955, he was employed in the oil field business for most of his life, retiring from Galloway Oil of Wichita in 1996 and serving as a consultant to Smith Oil of Hutchinson. Loomis was of the Christian faith. He was a member of American Legion Post 300 in Garfield, the Kinsley Country Club of Kinsley and coached Little League and Legion teams for several years. He was a U.S. Marine Corps. veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, George D. Miller of Royersford, Penn., H. Dan Miller of Lewis and Patrick J. Miller of Garfield; one brother, Melvin Hammeke of Larned; four sisters, Mary Ellen Huschka and Inez Wasinger, both of Garden City, Margaret Ann Sullivan of Wichita and Maxine Herman of Larned; and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Leroy Hammeke. Vigil service will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Dennis Reed officiating. Burial will be at Garfield Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 p.m. and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church's Altar Society or Garfield EMS, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 5, 2002

Stanley Dale Loomis 1930-2002
Claflin - The Rev. Arlo V. Lehmann, 62, died Feb. 5 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born Nov. 21, 1939, in Pierce, Neb., the son of Arthur and Mildred Pilger Lehmann. He attended public and parochial schools in Pierce through high school. He also attended Concordia University in Seward, Neb., Concordia University in Mequon, Wis., and Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo. He married Euleen Joyce Werth in Seward. A resident of Claflin, he served as a missionary to Papua, New Guinea and served as teacher, minister of Christian education and pastor in parishes in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Kansas, Nebraska and California. Lehmann was a member and pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Claflin. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Nathan Lehmann of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Jonathan Lehmann of Topeka; one brother, Robert Lehmann of Concordia, Mo.; one sister, Lucerne Lehmann of Omaha, Neb.; and five grandchildren. A private committal service will be held Wednesday at Langsford Funeral Home in Lee's Summit. Cremation will follow the service. Friends may call from 1 p.m. until service time Wednesday, at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the donor's choice, in care of the funeral home.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 5, 2002

Raytown, Mo. - Fannie L. "Fran" Gilmore, 79, died Feb. 3 at her home in Raytown. She was born June 10, 1922, in Honolulu, Hawaii. She attended Great Bend area schools. She married James Robert Gilmore Feb. 15, 1947. He died Aug. 22, 2001. A resident of Raytown, coming from Great Bend, she worked at the Jones Store in Kansas City, Mo., for many years. Survivors include three sons, Robert Gilmore of Chilhowee, Mo., Dennis Gilmore and Don Gilmore, both of Lee's Summit, Mo.; one sister, Jeanne Goddard of Overland Park; and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Tom Adams. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Langsford Funeral Home in Lee's Summit. Friends may call from 1 p.m. until service Wednesday, at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the donor's choice, in care of the funeral home.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 5, 2002

CLAFLIN - The Rev. Arlo V. Lehmann, 62, died Feb. 5 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born Nov. 21, 1939, in Pierce, Neb., the son of Arthur and Mildred Pilger Lehmann. He attended public and parochial schools in Pierce through high school. He also attended Concordia University in Seward, Neb., Concordia University in Mequon, Wis., and Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo. He married Euleen Joyce Werth in Seward. A resident of Claflin, he served as a missionary to Papua, New Guinea and served as teacher, minister of Christian education and pastor in parishes in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Kansas, Nebraska and California. Lehmann was a member and pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Claflin. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Nathan Lehmann of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Jonathan Lehmann of Topeka; one brother, Robert Lehmann of Concordia, Mo.; one sister, Lucerne Lehmann of Omaha, Neb.; and five grandchildren. A private committal service will be held today at Claflin Cemetery in Claflin, with the Rev. Lloyd Sprick officiating. A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the church or Lutheran service program of the donor's choice, all in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 5, 2002

February 6, 2002

CLAFLIN - The Rev. Arlo V. Lehmann, 62, died Feb. 5 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born Nov. 21, 1939, in Pierce, Neb., the son of Arthur and Mildred Pilger Lehmann. He attended public and parochial schools in Pierce through high school. He also attended Concordia University in Seward, Neb., Concordia University in Mequon, Wis., and Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo. He married Euleen Joyce Werth Aug. 11, 1962, in Seward. A resident of Claflin, he served as a missionary to Papua, New Guinea and served as teacher, minister of Christian education and pastor in parishes in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Kansas, Nebraska and California. Lehmann was a member and pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Claflin. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Nathan Lehmann of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Jonathan Lehmann of Topeka; one brother, Robert Lehmann of Concordia, Mo.; one sister, Lucerne Lehmann of Omaha, Neb.; and five grandchildren. A private committal service will be held today at Claflin Cemetery in Claflin, with the Rev. Lloyd Sprick officiating. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Michael Schotte officiating and being assisted by other area clergymen. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the church or Lutheran service program of the donor's choice, all in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington.

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Leona L. Heinlein 1913-2002

STAFFORD - Leona L. Heinlein, 89, died Feb. 5 at Leisure Homestead in Stafford. She was born Feb. 2, 1913, in Pitcher, Okla., the daughter of Charles and Marie Hawver Wheelchel. She married Fredrick N. Heinlein June 6, 1933, in La Crosse. He died Aug. 1, 1965. A resident of Stafford for most of her life, she was a homemaker and had worked for several Stafford doctors. Mrs. Heinlein was a member of First Christian Church in Stafford. Survivors include one son, Fred Heinlein of Nickerson; two daughters, Billie Mayes of Hutchinson and Carroll Doering of Mesa, Ariz.; two brothers, Jube Wheelchel of Winfield and Burt Wheelchel of Massachusetts; one sister, Emma Willinger of Wichita; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Viola "Toots" Gines. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Stafford Cemetery with the Rev. Karen Ault officiating. There is no visitation listed. Memorials are suggested to the donor's choice, in care of Minnis Chapel in Stafford.

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Virginia Alma Franz 1909-2002

ROZEL - Virginia Alma Franz, 92, died Feb. 3 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born Dec. 28, 1909, in Dawson County, Ky., the daughter of Verdie and Callie Creekmur Young. She married Alfred Lee Franz Dec. 28, 1909, in Dawson County, Ky., the daughter of Verdie and Callie Creekmur Young. She married Alfred Lee Franz Sept. 17, 1930, in Larned. He died July 27, 1985. A lifelong resident of Rozel, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Franz was a member of First Baptist Church, American Baptist Women and Golden Rule Club, all of Rozel. Survivors include one son, Melvin A. Franz of Warrensburg, Mo.; one daughter, LaRue Cooper of Burdett; two brothers, Owen Young of Moxee City, Washington and Leroy Young of Carthage, Mo.; three sisters, Lucille Sprerer of Rozel, Margaret Foster and Marie Niblack, both of Lee's Summit, Mo.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Norman Franz and Arlyn Franz; three brothers, Troy Young, Dick Young and Jack Young; and one grandson, Ethan Franz. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Beckwith Mortuary in Larned, with the Rev. John Hester officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call
Anna Sophia Brown 1905-2002

NEWTON - Anna Sophia Brown, 96, died Feb. 4 at Newton Presbyterian Manor in Newton. She was born Dec. 18, 1905, in Great Bend, the daughter of Henry A. and Ella M. Stark Drehle. She married Lawrence V. Brown Nov. 25, 1927, in Great Bend. He died April 2, 1994. A resident of Newton, coming from Severy, Greenwood County, Barton County and Chautauqua County, she was a homemaker and farm wife. Mrs. Brown was a member of First United Presbyterian Church in Newton. She was active in the Greenwood, Barton and Chautauqua counties Extension Homemakers Units for 60 years and was involved as a 4-H leader, serving in many capacities for many years. Survivors include one son, Lloyd Brown of Newton; two daughters, Laveta Abboud of Wichita and Carolyn Brown of Boerne, Texas; five grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and four step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Darrell Brown; four brothers, Bill Drehle, George Drehle, Charles Drehle and Edward Drehle; and one sister, Katherine Fenn. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. James Anderson officiating. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Great Bend City Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call until 9 tonight, with the family greeting friends from 7-8 p.m., all at Broadway Colonial Funeral Home in Newton. Memorials are suggested to Newton Presbyterian Manor or Hospice Care of Kansas, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 6, 2002

Docile S. Newell 1915-2002

DAMAR - Docile S. Newell, 86, died Feb. 4 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. She was born March 22, 1915, in Damar, the daughter of Silica "St. Peter" and Adelore D. Manny. She married Harvey Archie "H. A." Newell Sept. 1, 1936, in Damar. He died Feb. 3, 1973. A lifelong resident of Damar, she was a homemaker, school teacher and cook. Mrs. Newell was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and St. Anne Sodality, both of Damar. Survivors include four sons, Gary Newell of rural Damar, Larry Newell of Damar, Myron Newell of Plainville and Glenn Newell of Hays; two daughters, Gloria Carson of Hoisington and Claudia Luetters of Salina; one sister, Velma Newell of Damar; 25 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers; and four sisters. Vigil service will be at 7 tonight at the church. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Revs. Joseph Popelka and Bill Kilian officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery in Damar. Friends may call from 2-6 today at Spencer-Stinemetz Chapel in Hill City and from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday, at the church. Memorials are suggested to Masses or the donor's choice, both in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 6, 2002

Alvin Ray Crotinger 1935-2002

CARSON, Calif. - Alvin Ray Crotinger, 66, died Jan. 15 at his home in Carson. He was born Aug. 27, 1935, in Bison. The son of Chester H. and Ollie V. Butler Crotinger. He was a 1954 graduate of Bison High School. He married Lela Crotinger. A resident of Carson, he was retired from the Los Angeles City Fire Department. Crotinger was a member of Lord of Bethany Church in Long Beach, where he served as a deacon and on the board of trustees. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; three daughters, Cheryl Crotinger, Janet Vuoso and Diane Meneses; one brother, Ned Crotinger of Alexandria, Ind.; three sisters, Fern Axman, Beth Schneider and Ruthetta Hursh, all of Great Bend; and three grandchildren. Funeral was Jan. 19 at Green Hills Funeral Home Chapel in Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif. Burial was at Green Hills Memorial Park in Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif. There are no memorials listed. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 6, 2002

February 7, 2002

Thelma J. Lane 1931-2002

Thelma J. Lane, 70, of Great Bend, died Feb. 6 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born April 19, 1931, in Hoisington, the daughter of John and Katherine Zimmerman Herdt. She married Darrell L. Lane Oct. 4, 1954, in Hoisington. He died June 26, 1998. A longtime resident of Great Bend, coming from Hoisington, she was a homemaker. Survivors include two sons, David Lane of Emporia and Ron Lane of Spokane, Wash.; one daughter, Katherine Mortimer of Great Bend; two sisters, Elsie Eagles of Hutchinson and Wilma Boyer of Great Bend; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and one step-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one son, Thomas Lane; and two brothers, Elmer Herdt and Herman Herdt. Graveside service was at 11 a.m. today at Hoisington Cemetery in Hoisington, with the Rev. Don Fisher officiating. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the family, in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 7, 2002

Dwight Schneider 1944-2002

LA CROSSE - Dwight Schneider, 57, died Feb. 6 at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at La Crosse City Cemetery. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 7, 2002

February 8, 2002
**Morris Dale Crouse** 1933-2002

ALBERT - Morris Dale Crouse, 68, died Feb. 7 at his home in Albert. He was born July 8, 1933, in Great Bend, the son of Abram Leedy and Neva Viola Brown Crouse. He married Elaine Helen Mauler May 28, 1957, in Great Bend. A resident of Albert for 43 years, coming from Great Bend, he worked as the postmaster in Albert, before retiring in 1989. Crouse was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Olmitz, Knights of Columbus, 4th degree, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and volunteer at the fire department for 30 years, all in Albert and worked for 27 years for the U.S. Weather Department in river gauging and rain gauging. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home, five sons, David Morris Crouse of Lehigh, Daniel Alan Crouse of Wapakoneta, Ohio, Ronald Ward Crouse of Great Bend, Douglas Brian Crouse of Salina and Dennis Dale Crouse of Phoenix, Ariz.; one daughter, Evelyn Marie Hoglund of Columbus, Ohio; one brother, Melvin Crouse of Philadelphia, Pa.; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Lawrence Crouse, David Bishop and LeRoy Bishop. Vigil service followed by a Knights of Columbus rosary will be at 7 tonight at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Revs. Ultan Murphy and Eugene Kenny officiating. Burial will be at St. Ann's Cemetery in Olmitz. Friends may call until 9 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Health and Hospice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 8, 2002

**John M.B. Carey Jr.** 1956-2002

HOUSTON, Texas - John M.B. Carey Jr., 45, died Feb. 7 at Bentaub Hospital in Houston. He was born Oct. 25, 1956, in Hutchinson, the son of John M. and Patricia J. Bosse Carey. He was a resident of Houston since 1961, coming from Hutchinson. Survivors include his father of Hutchinson; and one sister, Pamela L. Carey of Hutchinson. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Immanuel United Church of Christ in Ellinwood, with the Rev. Larry Young officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Cornanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to Thomas Care Center in Houston, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 8, 2002

**Kelly Robin Beakey** 1958-2002

Kelly Robin Beakey, 43, of Great Bend, died Feb. 6 at her home in Great Bend. She was born July 8, 1958, in Hoisington, the daughter of Kenneth Ellwood and Lois A. Turner Bath. A lifetime resident of the Great Bend area, she was a homemaker. Survivors include one son, Kory Jones of Great Bend; two daughters, Whitney Jones and Kendra Beakey, both of Great Bend; her father of Grove, Okla.; her mother and stepfather, Lois A. and Kenneth Wells of Great Bend; two brothers, Kenneth Ellwood Bath Jr. of Topeka and Kriss Bath of Gas; and one sister, Kathy Leisy of Niwot, Colo. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Great Bend Family Mortuary, with the Rev. Kevin Baxter officiating. Inurnment will be at a later date. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Kelly R. Beakey Memorial Fund, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 8, 2002

**Dwight L. Schneider** 1944-2002

LA CROSSE - Dwight L. Schneider, 57, died Feb. 6 at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. He was born May 10, 1944, in Hays, the son of Oswald Edwin and Ruth Lillian Bailey Schneider. He was a 1963 graduate of La Crosse Rural High School. A lifelong resident of La Crosse, he was a farmer. Schneider was a member of EUB Church in La Crosse. Survivors include his father of Great Bend; one brother, Marvin K. Schneider of La Crosse; and two sisters, Sharon K. McCroskey and Rita A. Schaffer, both of Topeka. Graveside service was at 10 a.m. today at La Crosse City Cemetery in La Crosse, with the Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. There was no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Central Rush County Emergency Medical Service, in care of Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 8, 2002

**Virginia Tammen** 1915-2002

RED LODGE, Mont. - Virginia Tammen, 86, died Feb. 6 at her home in Red Lodge. She was born March 16, 1915, in Great Bend, the daughter of George E. and Pearl Lloyd Planck. She was a graduate of Great Bend High School and a 1939 graduate of Glockner-Penrose Hospital School of Nursing in Colorado Springs, Colo. She married Karl Krueger. He preceded her in death. She married Herman A. Tammen. He preceded her in death also. A resident of Red Lodge, coming from Colorado Springs, she worked as a licensed practical nurse, surgical nurse and an office nurse before she retired. Survivors include four daughters, Jodie Scherer of Colorado Springs, Kathy Schugart of Great Bend, Barbara Seeling of Buena Vista, Colo., and Connie Paulson of Red Lodge; one half-sister, Ruth Clark of Walnut Creek; nine grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. today at Smith-Oclett Funeral Chapel in Red Lodge. Her body was donated to WWAMI Medical Science Program at Montana State University in Bozeman, Mont. Memorials are suggested to Beartooth Hospice in Red Lodge, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 8, 2002

**Clyde C. Ramey** 1929-2002

STAFFORD - Clyde C. Ramey, 72, died Feb. 6 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was born March 6, 1929, in Citronelle, Ala., the son of Walter and Rose Dickenson Ramey. He married Marie Riley Aug. 23, 1956, in Wichita. A resident of Stafford since 1986, coming from Alabama, he was an instrument mechanic in the civil service. Ramey was a member of Masonic Lodge and was a Shriner. Survivors include one son. David Ramey of Pensacola, Fla.; three brothers. Walter Ramey of Huntsville. Ala..
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Rita I. Herrman 1947-2002

LIEBENTHAL - Rita I. Herrman, 54, died Feb. 8 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. She was born March 18, 1947, at Quinter, the daughter of Tony and Francis Melroy Kaiser. She married James Artee Herrman June 2, 1967, at Colby. A resident of Liebenthal since 1968, coming from Oakley, she was a cook for USD 395. Mrs. Herrman was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, St. Ann's Altar Society, both of Liebenthal, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Post 2864 of Grinnell. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, James Lee Herrman of McKinney, Texas, John Anthony Herrman of Shawnee Mission and Justin James Herrman of Liebenthal; one stepson, Mike Herrman of Liebenthal; three brothers, Bob Kaiser of Wichita, Raymond Kaiser of Colby and Jerry Kaiser of Hays; and one sister, Marlene Wolf of Grinnell. Prayer service and Altar Society rosary will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Benjamin Martin officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph’s Cemetery in Liebenthal. Friends may call from 4-9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Liebenthal Heritage Association or Hays Medical Center, Cancer Center in Hays, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Feb. 10, 2002

Fredrick ’Dudley’ Schutte 1920-2002

LA CROSSE - Fredrick "Dudley" Schutte, 81, died Feb. 6 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. He was born May 20, 1920, at McCracken, the son of George Orlando and Lottie Bell Blake Schutte. He married Florence Wilhelm Nov. 12, 1943, at Paso Robles, Calif. A lifelong resident of Rush County, he owned a radio and TV repair service for more than 30 years, and was city manager of La Crosse for 10 years. Schutte was a member of United Methodist Church in La Crosse and the American Legion. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, where he received the American Campaign medal, Good Conduct medal and the World War II Victory medal. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Thomas Schutte of Pretty Prairie, Mark Schutte of Wichita and Mike Schutte of Hays; one brother, James Schutte of Great Bend; and two grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Janousek Funeral Home Chapel in La Crosse, with the Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Northwest Kansas Stroke Support Group of Hays, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Feb. 10, 2002

Mabel M. Schroeder 1911-2002

ALVA, Okla. - Mabel M. Schroeder, 90, died Feb. 8 at Alva Share Hospital at Alva. She was born July 14, 1911, at Freedom, Okla., the daughter of Peter and Louisa Hoft Shurts. She attended schools in Oklahoma, Kansas and Washington. She married Jim L. Schroeder April 16, 1932. He died Aug. 27, 1990. She was a resident of Alva since 1990, coming from Freedom. Survivors include two sons Max Schroeder of Hoxington and Jim R. Schroeder of Dallas, Texas; two daughters, Pat Pollino of Alva and Bonita Morill of Las Gatos, Calif.; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Kathy Elaine Schroeder, and nine brothers and sisters. A private graveside service will be held at Freedom Cemetery, with the Rev. Dr. Larry Haney officiating. Memorials are suggested to Northwestern Oklahoma State University Foundation, in care of Wharton Funeral Chapel of Alva. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Feb. 10, 2002

Robert L. Curran 1929-2002

Robert L. Curran, 72 of Great Bend, died Feb. 7 at his home in Great Bend. He was born April 23, 1929, at Carthage, the son of Dudley L. and Edith Esther Kiger Curran. He married Helen R. Gibson, Dec. 30, 1956, at Billings, Mo. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Louisville, Ky., he was a retired insurance adjuster for Continental Insurance Co. Curran was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Optimist Club and Cougar Booster Club, all of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Airforce and U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Thomas L. Curran of Great Bend; one daughter, Susan C. Schneweis of Ellinwood; and seven grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the church or Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, in care of Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Feb. 10, 2002

Jerry Lee Wellbrock 1936-2002

WICHITA - Jerry Lee Wellbrock, 65, died Feb. 8. He was born July 4, 1936, at Victoria, the son of Herman and Sally Wellbrock. He married Norma Jean Dreiling Sept. 8, 1956. She died Oct. 15, 1987. He was a former employee of Allen Welding and Lightner Welding. Wellbrock was a member of 4th Degree of Victoria, Knights of Columbus of Wichita. Survivors include two sons, Brian Wellbrock and Bradley Wellbrock, both of Wichita; two daughters, Barbara Alexander and Brenda Crowner, both of Wichita; two brothers, Ralph Wellbrock and Donald Wellbrock, both of Hays; two sisters, Melene Rohr of Wichita and Doris Schmidt of Catherine; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by five brothers, Jerry Francis Wellbrock, Gary Wellbrock, Leon Wellbrock, Milton Wellbrock, and LeRoy Wellbrock. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. tonight at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Wichita. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church. Burial will be at White Chapel Cemetery in
JETMORE - Kenneth R. Barnett Sr., 57, died Feb. 9 at the Hodgeman County Health Center in Jetmore. He was born Jan. 27, 1945, at Pocahontas, Ark., the son of Cecil "Jack" and Agness Scott Barnett. He married Bernice Walker, June 30, 1965, at Healy. A resident of Jetmore, he was an equipment operator 2 for Kansas Department of Transportation. Barnett was a member of First Baptist Church of Jetmore and a deacon of the church. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Kenneth Barnett Jr. of Jetmore; three daughters, Kristi Moore and Kim Neeley, both of Jetmore, and Jamie Cantrell of Kinsley; five brothers, Jerel Barnett, Carl Maneth, Tony Maneth, Henry Maneth, Frank Maneth, Edward Maneth, Leo Maneth and Fritz Maneth; and three sisters, Anna Hawk, Clara Nehring and infant sister Mildred Maneth. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family School Endowment of Great Bend or Masses, in care of DeVorss Flanagan-Hunt Mortuary in Wichita. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Feb. 10, 2002

Leonard E. Maneth Sr. 1924-2002

OLMITZ - Leonard E. Maneth Sr., 77, died Feb. 9 at his residence. He was born Oct. 7, 1924, on the family farm west of Olmitz, the son of Charles and Augusta Zimmer Maneth. He married Marcella Riedel on Sept. 29, 1948, at Olmitz. A lifelong resident of Olmitz, he was a farmer and stockman. Maneth was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church, 4th Degree member of Knights of Columbus, 2100 Club Council, all of Olmitz, and past board member of Mid-State Co-op of Otis. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Leonard E. Maneth Jr., Edward C. Maneth and David W. Maneth, all of Olmitz; three daughters, Diana Wilson of Kansas City, Mo., Jolene Dozier of Independence and Mary Harbert of Kingman; one sister, Theresa Butterfield of Fresno, Calif.; 25 grandchildren; and five great-grandsons. He was preceded in death by 10 brothers, Fred Maneth, William Maneth, Joseph Maneth, Carl Maneth, Tony Maneth, Henry Maneth, Frank Maneth, Edward Maneth, Leo Maneth and Fritz Maneth; and three sisters, Anna Hawk, Clara Nehring and infant sister Mildred Maneth. Family rosary will be at 7 p.m. tonight at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hinsington. Vigil will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the church, followed by a Knights of Columbus rosary. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Ultan Murphy officiating. Burial will be at St. Ann Cemetery in Olmitz. Friends may call from 3-9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family School Endowment of Great Bend or Masses, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Feb. 10, 2002

Kenneth R. Barnett Sr. 1945-2002

Amelia 'Millie' Scheideman 1914-2002

LA CROSSE - Amelia "Millie" Scheideman, 87, died Feb. 10 at Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse. She was born May 28, 1914, in La Crosse, the daughter of Henry and Eva Reiger Brening. She married Elmer M. Scheideman Aug. 12, 1933, in La Crosse. He died Nov. 19, 1988. A lifelong resident of Rush County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Scheideman was a member of United Methodist Church in La Crosse. Survivors include two sons, Ray Scheideman of Great Bend and Robert J. Scheideman of Ellinwood; two daughters, Mary Ann Pechanac of La Crosse and Kathryn Schlegel of Springfield, Mo.; one sister, Hannah Koerting of Keystone, Neb.; 18 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, John Wesley Brening; and two grandchildren, Robin Scheideman and Brenda Mason. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Janousek Funeral Home Chapel in La Crosse, with the Revs. Kathy Bannister and Marilyn Christmore officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Family will receive friends from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 11, 2002

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Richard P. Nixon 1922-2002

HAYS - Richard P. Nixon, 79, died Feb. 9 at Hays Good Samaritan Center in Hays. He was born Oct. 28, 1922, in Cleveland, Okla., the son of Luther P. and Vera L. Hoag Nixon. He was a 1940 graduate of Claussen High School and a 1951 graduate of Oklahoma City University. He married Theresa Ferouson Feb. 12, 1944. in Oklahoma City, Okla. A resident of Hays. Memorials are suggested to...
Russell, he worked for Jones, Shelburne and Farmer of Oklahoma City until he started his business, R.P. Nixon Operations in Russell and later in Hays. Nixon was a member of Masonic Lodge, Shrine Club and Veterans of Foreign Wars, all of Russell, American Legion of Hays, American Association of Petroleum Geologist and Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientist. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Paul Nixon of Gorham, Dan Nixon and Brian Nixon, both of Hays; one daughter, Karen "Jesse" Gilliland of Montrose, Colo.; one brother, Robert L. Nixon of Denver, Colo.; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by one infant son, John Luther Nixon. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Cline’s Mortuary in Hays, with the Rev. Bill Miller officiating. Friends may call from 1:30 p.m. until service time Tuesday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Hays Medical Center or Russell Shrine Club, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 11, 2002

Gerald E. Williams 1926-2002

Gerald E. Williams, 75, of Great Bend, died Feb. 10 at his home. He was born Oct. 27, 1926, in Eureka, the son of Albert Ray and Emma Koestel Williams. He married Annabelle Ann Dennis Oct. 26, 1952, in Stafford. A resident of Great Bend, he was a retired warehouse manager and trucker for Magcobar Division of Dresser Industries. Williams was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, G. Douglas Williams of Pratt; one daughter, Emma Lou Schnelle of Medicine Lodge; one sister, Iona O’Quinn of Merrill, Ore.; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Henry R. Williams. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Bobby Franklin officiating. Burial will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Partridge Cemetery in Partridge. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. to service time Wednesday, 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, Feb. 11, 2002

Russell Merle Ewing 1917-2002

LARNED - Russell Merle Ewing, 84, died Feb. 9 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus in Larned. He was born Jan. 31, 1917, in Great Bend, the son of Fred and Lucy J. Gilmore Ewing. A longtime resident of Larned, he was a retired cafeteria employee for Larned State Hospital. Ewing was of the Baptist faith. Survivors include one nephew, James Ewing of Wiley, Colo.; and four nieces, Eloise McVicker of Lisco, Neb., Dolores Leake of Ft. Worth, Texas, Pam Wehlan of Burke, Va., and Sherry Clue of Greenlawn Funeral Home South in Springfield. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 11, 2002

Estella M. Frank 1912-2002

Estella M. Frank, 90, of Great Bend, died Feb. 8 at Integrated Health Services of Great Bend. She was born Feb. 5, 1912, in Council Grove, the daughter of Homer and Ethel Gaston Clabaugh. She was a 1930 graduate of La Crosse Rural High School and received her teaching degree from Fort Hays University. She married Waldo Frank Dec. 25, 1933, in Chanute. He died March 14, 1987. A lifelong resident of the Central Kansas area, she was a retired school teacher. Mrs. Frank was a member of EUB Church and National Republican Committee. Survivors include one nephew; and one niece, Patsy Anderson of Arizona. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Ruth Jean Frank; one brother, Robert Nelson Clabaugh; and one sister, Mildred E. Hanhardt. Graveside service will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday at La Crosse City Cemetery, with the Rev. Maurice Schaus officiating. Friends may call from noon to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at Jarousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or the donor’s choice, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 11, 2002

Ethel Alma Phillips Pfeifer 1908-2002

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. - Ethel Alma Phillips Pfeifer, 94, died Feb. 9 at Christian Health Care Nursing Home in Springfield, from complications following a heart condition. She was born May 24, 1908, in Spivey. She married Paul Pfeifer. He preceded her in death. A longtime resident of Great Bend until 1997, when she relocated to Springfield, she was a homemaker. Survivors include one son, Dr. Norman I. Pfeifer of Springfield; and three grandsons. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Cleveland Cemetery, north of Spivey on K-14. There is no visitation listed. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association, in care of Greenlawn Funeral Home South in Springfield. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 11, 2002

Kenneth E. Poncin 1935-2002

HUTCHINSON - Kenneth E. Poncin, 66, died Feb. 11 in Hutchinson. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 11, 2002

Winslow Hubka 1914-2002

WILSON - Winslow Hubka, 87, died Feb. 9. He was born Aug. 30, 1914, in Wilson. He married Frances Hubka. She died May 22, 2000. A resident of Wilson, he was a farmer, stockman and janitor. Survivors include one son, Ron Hubka of Wilson; one stepson, Vance Stinnett of Salina; one daughter, Diane Hubka of Salina; and five grandchildren. Funeral was at 10 a.m. today at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Wilson. Burial was at St. Wenceslaus Cemetery in Wilson. Memorials are suggested to the church or Wilson Senior Center, both in care of Foster Mortuary in Wilson. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 11, 2002
Ethan Gentry Riley-Keener    2002-2002

PAWNEE ROCK - Ethan Gentry Riley-Keener, one day, died at birth Feb. 9 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born Feb. 9, 2002, the son of John Keener and Tiffany Riley, both of Pawnee Rock. Survivors include his parents of Pawnee Rock; his grandparents, Dalton and Barbara Keener of Pawnee Rock, Trish Keener of Hays, Tammy Riley of Macksville, and Jim and Nancy Riley of Belpre; and his great-grandparents, Jane Rutledge and LeRoy Erickson, both of Larned, and Rowena Keener of Great Bend. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Pawnee Rock Cemetery in Pawnee Rock, with the Rev. Mike Irvin officiating. Friends may sign a register book until 8 tonight at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the donor's choice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 11, 2002

Clyde Sharon Root    1915-2002

Clyde Sharon Root, 86, of Great Bend, died Feb. 10 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 11, 2002

February 12, 2002

Clyde Sharon Root    1915-2002

Clyde Sharon Root, 86, of Great Bend, died Feb. 10 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born Oct. 29, 1915, in McWillie, Okla., the son of William and Ethel Booze Root. He married Alfreda Stejskal in Great Bend. She died in 1975. He married Maytha Kay Vistuba May 29, 1976. A lifelong resident of Great Bend, he worked as a feed mill operator for Garvey Elevators. Root was a member of First Christian Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111, American Legion Post 180 and Fraternal Order of Eagles, all of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two stepsons, Donald Vistuba of Gorham and Bill Stejskal; two stepdaughters, Colleen Hall of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Edra Stejskal; three brothers, David Root of Dallas Center, Iowa, Wilbur Root and Marion Root, both of Great Bend; three sisters, Olive Haldeman of Dallas Center, Eva Mae Skinner and Rosalie Cross, both of Gordonville, Texas; five step-grandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, David Wayne Root; one stepson, Jim Vistuba; one sister, Emma Hartness; and one step-grandson. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 3-9 p.m. today, from 9 a.m. to 9 a.m. until service time Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or American Heart Association, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 12, 2002

Kathryn M. Wilkoff    1917-2002

ST. JOHN - Kathryn M. Wilkoff, 84, died Feb. 10 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. She was born July 30, 1917, in Stafford, the daughter of Otis Berlin and Margaret Zenor. She was a graduate of Hutchinson High School and a graduate of the University of Kansas. She married William T. Wilkoff Dec. 29, 1946, in Hutchinson. He died April 6, 2001. A resident of St. John, she worked as a math teacher, retiring in 1978. Mrs. Wilkoff was a member of First United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women, both of St. John. Survivors include one son, Mark O. Wilkoff of Alexandria, Va.; one daughter, Kathryn A. Tanner of St. John; and one grandchild. She was preceded in death by one sister, Polly Todd. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday 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 funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 12, 2002

Kenneth E. Poncin    1935-2002

HUTCHINSON - Kenneth E. Poncin, 66, died Feb. 11 at his home in Hutchinson. He was born Nov. 13, 1935, near Raymond, the son of Joseph Bernard and Kathryn Peter Poncin. He married Georgie Mathes March 2, 1954, in Littleton, Colo. A resident of Hutchinson for the past five years, coming from Sterling and Golden Valley, N.D., he was a truck driver, retiring in 1999. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Don Poncin of Lebanon, Mo., and Larry Poncin of Wichita; one daughter, Sherry Nolte of El Reno, Okla.; one brother, Bernie Poncin of Lyons; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Kimple Funeral Chapel in Ellinwood, with the Rev. Bill Elam officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Hospice Incorporated of Wichita, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 12, 2002

Donald L. Buster    1928-2002

MCKINNEY, Texas - Donald L. Buster, 73, died Feb. 9 in McKinney. He was born April 15, 1928, in Manhattan, the son of Cecil J. and Hazel Mae Wilson Buster. He married Donna Joan Ryan May 17, 1953, in McCracken. A resident of McKinney, he worked as an attorney. Buster was a member of the Methodist church. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home: two sons. Great Buster of El Dorado and Larry Buster of Anchorage. Alaska: one daughter, Sally Buster of
Frieda Packard 1907-2002

OTIS - Frieda Packard, 95, died Feb. 12 at Hoisington Rehabilitation Center in Hoisington. She was born Jan. 8, 1907, in Russia, the daughter of George and Katherine Decker. She married Clarence Edward Packard Oct. 22, 1922, in Great Bend. He died Sept. 16, 1961. A long time resident of Rush County, retiring to Otis in 1972, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Packard was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church Women and Senior Citizens Club, all of Otis. Survivors include one son, Quentin Packard of Otis. She was preceded in death by one brother, Jacob Decker; and one sister, Bertha Fink. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at La Crosse City Cemetery, with the Rev. Jeri Dexheimer officiating. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Thursday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to the donor's choice, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 12, 2002

Ernestine Briles Hayes 1916-2002

STAFFORD - Ernestine Briles Hayes, 85, died Feb. 11 at Hospice Residential Care Center in Hutchinson. She was born Sept. 10, 1916, in Stafford, the daughter of E.A. and Ada Cole Briles. She was a 1933 graduate of Stafford High School. She married Earl Hayes Nov. 1, 1936, in Stafford. A lifelong resident of Rush County, retiring to Otis in 1972, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Hayes was a member of United Methodist Church, past president of United Methodist Women, past director of Methodist Youth Fellowship, Chapter BK PEO, Drama Guild and Stafford Players, all of Stafford. She was an inductee in to the Association of Kansas Theatres Hall of Fame, treasurer of Agriculture Council of America, past president of Wheatbelt Council of the Girl Scouts of America, officer of Kansas Mental Health Association and was recognized as woman of the year by Business and Professional Women. Survivors include her husband of the home; two daughters, Rebecca Welsh of Hutchinson and Melissa Hayes of Oakland, Calif.; two grandsons; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Michael Hayes; and one sister, Jeanne Darnall. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Kasey Crosby officiating. Burial will be at Hollywood Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford, with family receiving friends from 6-8 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Ernestine Hayes Memorial Fund or the donor's choice, both in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 13, 2002

Clara B. Werner 1912-2002

ELLINWOOD - Clara B. Werner, 89, died Feb. 13 at Ellinwood District Hospital in Ellinwood. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 13, 2002

Aimee Guinotte Russell Gerhardt 1929-2002

PRAIRIE VILLAGE - Aimee Guinotte Russell Gerhardt, 73, died Feb. 12 at St. Luke's Hospital. She was born Feb. 9, 1929, in Kansas City, Mo., the daughter of James G. and Mary Harris Guinotte. She was a 1950 graduate of the University of Kansas. She married Dr. Marion F. Russell Jr. in June 1951 in Great Bend. He died in 1962. She married Donald C. Gerhardt in 1971. A resident of Prairie Village, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Gerhardt was a member of Chi Omega Sorority, Botar Organization, Junior League of Kansas City and Rockhill Tennis Club. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Marion F. Russell III; four daughters, Lucy Neal, Molly Harsh, Aimee Gerhardt Haugan and Lori Sachs; one brother, James E. Guinotte; two sisters, Mary Harris Francis and Maude Susan Strawn; and 15 grandchildren. Funeral was today at St. Ann's Church in Prairie Village. Cremation will follow. Memorials are suggested to Little Sisters of the Poor, in care of Muehlebach Funeral Home in Kansas City, Mo. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 15, 2002

Duane Compton 1926-2002

WICHITA - Duane Compton, 75, died Feb. 14. He was born May 12, 1926, in Pawnee County, the son of William Thorn and Ruby Leone Mills Compton. He married Jane Wilson Aug. 12, 1952, in Larned. A resident of Wichita, coming from Larned, he was retired from the Wichita Board of Education as director of physical education and Adams Elementary School Physical Education Teacher. He was a veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, David Compton of Houston, Texas, and Douglas Compton of Seattle, Wash.; two brothers, Stuart Compton of Wichita and Joseph Compton of Los Angeles, Calif.; and four grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Central Community Church in Wichita. Friends may call from 7-8 tonight at Watson Funeral Home in Wichita. Memorials are suggested to Hospice Care of Kansas in Wichita and ALS Association, Keith Worthington Chapter, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 15, 2002

Georgia Elsie Roberts 1914-2002
ELLSWORTH - Wilma L. Rathbun, 91, died Feb. 16 at Good Samaritan Retirement Village in Ellsworth. She was born July 9, 1910, in Nickerson, the daughter of Henry Fred and Alice D. Campbell Hoth. She married Merle Rathbun Oct. 4, 1934, in Hutchinson. A resident of Ellsworth and Lorraine communities most of her life, she was a homemaker and teacher. Mrs. Rathbun was a member of St. Bernard's Catholic Church and Keen Agers, both in Belpre, and Central Kansas Medical Center Auxiliary, both in Great Bend. Survivors include three sons, T.J. Roberts Jr. of Ellinwood, Max Roberts of Great Bend and Jerry Roberts of Mission Viejo, Calif.; two daughters, Marsha Gustin of Rose Hill and Georgiana Yasko of Orlando, Fla.; one sister, Maxine C. Rogers of Great Bend; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Ruby Wesley and Mahala Slingerland. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Dr. Gordon E. Rhodes officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from noon 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 American Cancer Society, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Feb. 15, 2002

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Wilma L. Rathbun   1910-2002

ELLSWORTH - Wilma L. Rathbun, 91, died Feb. 16 at Good Samaritan Retirement Village in Ellsworth. She was born July 9, 1910, in Nickerson, the daughter of Henry Fred and Alice D. Campbell Hoth. She married Merle Rathbun Oct. 4, 1934, in Hutchinson. A resident of Ellsworth and Lorraine communities most of her life, she was a homemaker and teacher. Mrs. Rathbun was born Dec. 27, 1914, in Larned, the daughter of John William and Salina Anna Ferree Grizzle. She married Theron James Roberts Sr. April 10, 1938, in Hays. He died Feb. 22, 1969. A resident of Great Bend since 1929, coming from Larned, she worked as a sales clerk for Wiley's Department Store and J.C. Penney's. Mrs. Roberts was a member of Central Baptist Church and Central Kansas Medical Center Auxiliary, both in Great Bend. Survivors include three sons, T. J. Roberts Jr. of Ellinwood, Max Roberts of Great Bend and Jerry Roberts of Mission Viejo, Calif.; two daughters, Marsha Gustin of Rose Hill and Georgiana Yasko of Orlando, Fla.; one sister, Maxine C. Rogers of Great Bend; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Ruby Wesley and Mahala Slingerland. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Dr. Gordon E. Rhodes officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from noon 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 American Cancer Society, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Feb. 15, 2002

William A. Gerritzen   1976-2002


February 17, 2002

Juanita G. Wolf   1920-2002

LARNED - Juanita G. Wolf, 81, died Feb. 14 at the Good Samaritan Center in Dodge City. She was born Nov. 29, 1920, at Rinwood, Okla., the daughter of David and Aseneth Nellie Mae Fillman Henning. She married Peter J. Wolf, June 20, 1955 at Kansas City, Mo. He died July 13, 1992. A resident of Dodge City since 1955, she was a bookkeeper for Trinity Methodist Hospital and Ford County Courthouse. Mrs. Wolf was a member of St. Bernard's Catholic Church and Keen Agers, both in Belpre, and Sacred Heart Cathedral in Dodge City. Survivors include two sons, Leroy Wilson of Littlefield, Texas, and Gail Wilson of Littleton Colo.; two daughters, Rebecca Martinez of Dodge City, and Patricia Hedemark of Martinez, Calif.; two step-daughters, Mary Edna Schartz of Belpre; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; 23 step-grandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five step-grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Buckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church in Belpre, with the Rev. Dennis Reed officiating. Burial will be at Belpre Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Dodge City Good Samaritan Activity Department, or the American Cancer Society, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Feb. 17, 2002

William A. Gerritzen   1976-2002

HOISINGTON - William A. Gerritzen, 25, died Feb. 14 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born Sept. 15, 1976 in Great Bend, the son of Robert L. and Erma J. Heine Gerritzen. He was a 1995 graduate of Hoisington High School and a 1997 graduate of Barton County Community College. A resident of Hoisington, he was a draftsman for Great Bend Industries in Great Bend. Gerritzen was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington. Survivors include his parents of Hoisington; and one brother, Matthew C. Gerritzen of Hoisington. Family rosary was held Saturday. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. tonight at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Pascal Klien officiating. Burial will be at Belpre Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Dodge City Good Samaritan Activity Department, or the American Cancer Society, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Feb. 17, 2002

Frances M. Miller   1918-2002

LYONS - Frances M. Miller, 83, died Feb. 15 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. She was born June 16, 1918, at Mt. Clemour, Mich., the daughter of Frank Raymond and Leah Nelda Forgue Wheeler. She was a graduate of Hutchinson High School. She married James Lansing Miller, Aug. 10, 1936, in Chase. He died June 5, 1978. A resident of Lyons since 1975 coming from Chase, she was a retired nurses aide, having worked at Lyons District Hospital and the rest homes in Lyons. Survivors include two sons, Jim E. Miller of Lyons, and Jerry R. Miller of Salina; two sisters, Noreen Shell of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Betty Keel of Tulsa, Okla.; seven grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Carl Wheeler, and Albert Wheeler. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons, with Johnnie Hardie officiating. Burial will be at Lyons Municipal Cemetery in Lyons. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Lyons Senior Center, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Feb. 17, 2002

February 18, 2002

Frances M. Miller   1918-2002

LYONS - Frances M. Miller, 83, died Feb. 15 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. She was born June 16, 1918, at Mt. Clemour, Mich., the daughter of Frank Raymond and Leah Nelda Forgue Wheeler. She was a graduate of Hutchinson High School. She married James Lansing Miller, Aug. 10, 1936, in Chase. He died June 5, 1978. A resident of Lyons since 1975 coming from Chase, she was a retired nurses aide, having worked at Lyons District Hospital and the rest homes in Lyons. Survivors include two sons, Jim E. Miller of Lyons, and Jerry R. Miller of Salina; two sisters, Noreen Shell of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Betty Keel of Tulsa, Okla.; seven grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Carl Wheeler, and Albert Wheeler. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons, with Johnnie Hardie officiating. Burial will be at Lyons Municipal Cemetery in Lyons. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Lyons Senior Center, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Feb. 17, 2002

February 18, 2002

Frances M. Miller   1918-2002

ELYRIA - Frances M. Miller, 83, died Feb. 15 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. She was born June 16, 1918, at Mt. Clemour, Mich., the daughter of Frank Raymond and Leah Nelda Forgue Wheeler. She was a graduate of Hutchinson High School. She married James Lansing Miller, Aug. 10, 1936, in Chase. He died June 5, 1978. A resident of Lyons since 1975 coming from Chase, she was a retired nurses aide, having worked at Lyons District Hospital and the rest homes in Lyons. Survivors include two sons, Jim E. Miller of Lyons, and Jerry R. Miller of Salina; two sisters, Noreen Shell of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Betty Keel of Tulsa, Okla.; seven grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Carl Wheeler, and Albert Wheeler. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons, with Johnnie Hardie officiating. Burial will be at Lyons Municipal Cemetery in Lyons. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Lyons Senior Center, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Feb. 17, 2002
was a member of First Presbyterian Church, AAUW, Willing Workers, Hospital Auxiliary and Historical Society, all of Ellsworth, Kansas State Teachers Association and Delta Kappa Gamma. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Ted Rathbun of Columbia, S.C.; one daughter, Joyce Besthorn of Claflin; five grandchildren; and one great-grandson. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Parsons Funeral Home in Ellsworth, with the Rev. Donald Ray officiating. Burial will be at Ellsworth Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Tuesday and from 8 a.m. until service time Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Good Samaritan Retirement Village, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 18, 2002

Pauline C. Nienke 1909-2002

ELLSWORTH - Pauline C. Nienke, 92, died Feb. 16 at Ellsworth County Medical Center in Ellsworth. She was born Feb. 22, 1909, in Ellsworth County, the daughter of Frank and Lena Korzuszkieczek Zorn. She married Reinhardt Nienke June 21, 1927, in Lyons. He died in 1986. A lifelong resident of Ellsworth, she was a farm wife and retired nurses’ aide for Ellsworth Hospital. Mrs. Nienke was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Senior Citizens Quilting Group and Lutheran Women’s Missionary League, all of Ellsworth. Survivors include one son, Robert Nienke of Salina; one brother, August Zorn of Ellsworth; five sisters, Ardella Zorn of Mesa, Ariz., Catherine Zorn of Ellsworth, Mary Mog of Ellinwood, Mathilda Brown of Larned and Eleanor Bradford of Wichita; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Richard Andrus officiating. Burial will be at Ellsworth Cemetery. Friends may call from 3-8 p.m. Wednesday at Parsons Funeral Home in Ellsworth 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, Feb. 18, 2002

Leo Victor Mai 1917-2002

RUSSELL - Leo Victor Mai, 85, died Feb. 16 at Wheatland Nursing Center in Russell. He was born Jan. 14, 1917, in Russell, the son of John Jacob and Katherine Maier Mai. A lifelong resident of the Russell area, he was a retired farmer and stockman. Mai was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Russell. Survivors include four brothers, Walter Mai of Great Bend, Clarence Mai of Wichita, Earl Mai and Howard Mai, both of Russell; and two sisters, Viola Bender of Russell and Willemetta Deutsch of Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Pohlman’s Mortuary Memorial Chapel in Russell. Burial will be at Russell City Cemetery in Russell. Friends may call until 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church or Wheatland Nursing Center, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 18, 2002

February 19, 2002

Alvena L. Heyen 1921-2002

HUTCHINSON - Alvena L. Heyen, 80, died Feb. 18 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born June 23, 1921, in Hudson, the daughter of Frederic Wilhelm and Minnie Nolle Bunselmeyer. She married Leonard H. Heyen Dec. 23, 1946, in Stafford. He died June 24, 2001. A resident of Hutchinson since 1955, she was a babysitter and house cleaner. Survivors include one daughter, Barbara Heyen of Hutchinson; and one brother, Vernon Bunselmeyer of Great Bend. She was preceded in death by one brother, Leonard Bunselmeyer; and one sister, Ruth Heyen. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Fedlhub Cemetery in rural Stafford, with the Rev. Karen Ault officiating. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. today at Minnis Chapel in Stafford, with family receiving friends from 1-3 p.m. today. Memorials are suggested to First Christian Church of Stafford, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 19, 2002

Ralph F. Snowbarger 1911-2002

SYLVIA - Ralph F. Snowbarger, 90, died Feb. 17 at Hospice Residential Care Center in Hutchinson. He was born June 27, 1911, in Sylvia, the son of George and Clara Yust Snowbarger. He married Wilma O. Shull March 9, 1938, in Sylvia. She died March 24, 1996. He married Elsie Marie Reimer June 29, 1997, in Sylvia. A lifelong resident of Sylvia, he was a farmer. Snowbarger was a member of Pleasant Hill Church of the Nazarene in Sylvia. Survivors include his wife of the home; one brother, Everett Snowbarger of Hutchinson; and one sister, Mary Weyer of Hutchinson. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. John Miller officiating. Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery in Hutchinson. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Thursday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Memorials are suggested to the church or Hospice of Reno County, both in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 19, 2002

Francis Frederick Woleslagel 1913-2002

LYONS - Francis Frederick Woleslagel, 88, died Feb. 18 at Sandstone Heights Nursing Home in Little River. He was born Nov. 15, 1913, in Montrose, Colo., the son of Jason and Edna Spencer Woleslagel. He graduated from Sterling High School and from the University of Kansas, where he received a doctorate degree in law. He married Jean Hutton Smith May 14, 1942, in Chicago, Ill. She died Aug. 7, 1998. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, American Bar Association, Kansas Bar Association, National Conference of Trial Judges, former editor of the Judges Journal magazine, and former editor of the “Oyez Oyez” American Bar Association Publication. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Survivors include one son, Jon Woleslagel of Rome, N.Y.; one daughter, Jane Woleslagel of Lyons; and one sister, Vorine Charter of Sterling. He was preceded in death by one brother, Collins Leroy Woleslagel; and one sister, Helen Woleslagel. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons, officiated by the Rev. Al Sootts. Burial will be at Sterling Community Cemetery in Sterling. Friends may call from 2-5 p.m. Wednesday at the
funeral home. Casket will be closed. Memorials are suggested to Lyons Public Library or the donor's choice, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 19, 2002

Theodora Dennis   1908-2002

LARNED - Theodora Dennis, 93, died Feb. 17 at South West Medical Center in Liberal. She was born March 2, 1908, in Pawnee County, the daughter of Arthur D. and Leila M. Riley Eddy. She married Russell R. Hall in 1926. He died in 1968. She married Clyde Dennis March 1, 1952, in Sayre, Okla. He died April 23, 1985. A lifelong resident of Pawnee County, she worked in the dietary department at Larned State Hospital and was later employed by USD 495 at Phinney School in Larned. Mrs. Dennis was a member of First Congregational Church of Garfield, Fort Larned Daughters of American Revolution Chapter, National DAR Chapter and Eagles Auxiliary Chapter 646 in Great Bend. Survivors include two sons, Eugene Hall and Larry Hall, both of Liberal; two daughters, Elizabeth Daniels of Scott City and Marjorie Unruh of Larned; one brother, Leverne G. Eddy of Lindsborg; two sisters, Geneva R. Gray of Hobbs, N.M., and Florence Burris of Salina; 21 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; and numerous great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Donald Hall; one daughter, Sue Helfrich; four brothers, John L. Eddy, Ronald D. Eddy, Joe V. Eddy and Kenneth D. Eddy; one granddaughter, Rose Mary Hall Bush; and three great-grandchildren, Michael Vincent Dir, Allen Wayne Giles Virtz and Melanie Diane McBride. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with the Rev. Dan Lundgren officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. 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 the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Fort Larned DAR Chapter or Good Samaritan Center, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 19, 2002

Jon Mart Larson   1948-2002

Jon Mart Larson, 55, of Great Bend, died Feb. 17. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 19, 2002

Ethmer Slack   1928-2002

Ethmer Slack, 75, of Great Bend, died Feb. 18. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 19, 2002

Dr. Vinson W. Gleason   1919-2002

LARNED - Dr. Vinson W. Gleason, 82, died Feb. 16 at Scottsdale Memorial Hospital in Scottsdale, Ariz. He was born May 30, 1919, in Larned, the son of Dr. B.L. and Ora McRenolds Gleason. He married Elaine Gleason. A resident of Scottsdale, coming from Larned, he was a physician and surgeon at Gleason Hospital in Larned and had private practices in Great Bend and Hutchinson, before retiring to Scottsdale in 1984. Gleason was a member of Shepherd of the Desert Lutheran Church in Scottsdale. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Michael Gleason of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two daughters, Carmen Westcott of Portland, Ore., and Tina Smedley of Guthrie, Okla.; two stepsons, Mark Hull of Scottsdale and Kevin Hull of West Allis, Wis.; one sister, Jeanette Jones of San Diego, Calif.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Georgeanne Fagen; one brother, Bertle Gleason; and one sister, Rothale Duffy. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with the Rev. Bob Gleason officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Lutheran Hour Ministries or Methodist Youthville, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 19, 2002

February 20, 2002

Barbara Ann Dellinger   1961-2002

LARNED - Barbara Ann Dellinger, 41, died Feb. 18 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born Jan. 6, 1961, in Dodge City, the daughter of Mentford Edwin "Del" and Mary Halena Robbins Dellinger. Her common-law husband is Danny S. Boman. A resident of Larned since 1970, coming from Dodge City, she was a bar tender for the American Legion in Larned. She worked in the dietary department at Larned State Hospital and was later employed by USD 495 at Phinney School in Larned. Mrs. Dennis was a member of First Congregational Church of Garfield, Fort Larned Daughters of American Revolution Chapter, National DAR Chapter and Eagles Auxiliary Chapter 646 in Great Bend. Survivors include two sons, Eugene Hall and Larry Hall, both of Liberal; two daughters, Elizabeth Daniels of Scott City and Marjorie Unruh of Larned; one brother, Leverne G. Eddy of Lindsborg; two sisters, Geneva R. Gray of Hobbs, N.M., and Florence Burris of Salina; 21 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; and numerous great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Donald Hall; one daughter, Sue Helfrich; four brothers, John L. Eddy, Ronald D. Eddy, Joe V. Eddy and Kenneth D. Eddy; one granddaughter, Rose Mary Hall Bush; and three great-grandchildren, Michael Vincent Dir, Allen Wayne Giles Virtz and Melanie Diane McBride. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with the Rev. Dan Lundgren officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. 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 the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Fort Larned DAR Chapter or Good Samaritan Center, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 19, 2002

Ethmer Slack   1925-2002

Ethmer Slack, 76, of Great Bend, died Feb. 18 in Wichita. He was born March 21, 1925, in Plover, Wis., the son of Robert Neil and Dorothea Meehan Slack. He married Gayle M. Murdock in Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend for 37 years, coming from Marlette, Mich., he was a truck driver for Mid America Feedyards and was formerly employed by Marlette Coach Company. Slack was a member of First Church of God, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111, American Legion Post 180, Eagles Lodge, all of Great Bend and Cooties. He was a veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; four sons. Randv Slack and
Jean R. Roland 1920-2002

LA CROSSE - Jean R. Roland, 81, died Feb. 19 at Rush County Memorial Hospital. She was born Nov. 23, 1920, in Maudaha U.P., India, the daughter of Sterling G. and Zoena Sutton Rothermel. She was a 1968 graduate of Fort Hays State University in Hays and earned her LPN and RN degrees from Dodge City Community College and Barton County Community College. She married William H. Roland July 12, 1943, in Rockport, Ill. A resident of Rush county for more than 30 years, coming from Illinois, she worked as a missionary from 1947 to 1997 in India, doing Bible college work and establishing a leprosy program. She also worked at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. Mrs. Roland was a member of First Christian Church in La Crosse.

Jon Mart Larson 1947-2002

Jon Mart Larson, 55, of Great Bend, died Feb. 17 in Great Bend. He was born Feb. 15, 1947, in Great Bend, the son of Robert L. and Dorothy E. Pascoe Larson. A resident of Great Bend since 1999, coming from Austin, Texas, he was a computer analyst for Dell Computer, retiring in 1999. Larson was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, Eagles Lodge, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, all of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Vietnam War. Survivors include one son, Robert Lars Larson of El Paso, Texas; two daughters, Chantelle Larson of El Paso and Keshia Dougan of Drexel, Mo.; his father of Great Bend; and five sisters, Jan Marie Todd and Jerri Dennett, both of Wichita, Lou Ann Cobb and Lynn Kaiser, both of Great Bend and JoLetta Woolwire of Kansas City. Vigil service followed by a Knights of Columbus rosary will be at 7 p.m. Friday, both at Bryant 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 noon to 9 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Legion Scholarship Fund or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 20, 2002

Rick A. Klema 1960-2002

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - Rick A. Klema, 41, died Feb. 18 in Colorado Springs. He was born June 18, 1960, in Great Bend, the son of John A. and Edna J. Macek Klema. He married Verna J. Sanko Dec. 26, 1989, in Great Bend. A resident of Colorado Springs since 1994, coming from Haysville, he worked as a production technician for a computer company. Klema was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Becky Milsap of Washington, Mo.; his parents of Great Bend; two sisters, Judy Ochs and Carol Wiesner, both of Great Bend; his grandmother, Ethel Macek of Wilson; and one granddaughter. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Angel Dy officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the family, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 20, 2002

Paul Richard Reece 1946-2002

STOCKTON - Paul Richard Reece, 65, died Feb. 17 at Phillips County Hospital in Phillipsburg. He was born April 10, 1946, in Plainville, the son of Ocenus and Emmaline Baker Reece. He was a graduate of Plainville High School. He married Patricia Percy April 5, 1965, in Great Bend. She died July 11, 1999. A resident of Stockton, coming from Great Bend, he worked as a welder for Primus Sterilizer Company in Great Bend, retiring in 1998. Reece was a U.S. Air Force veteran. Survivors include one son, Richard Eugene Reece of Moss Point, Miss.; two daughters, Colleen Gray of Great Bend and Shawna Reece of Kansas City, Mo.; one sister, Martha Ann Reece of Kansas City; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Ocenus Reece Jr. and Nathan Reece; and two sisters, Effie May Johnson and Jannett Cherry. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Myers Chapel AME Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. Loyse Clay officiating. Burial with military honors will be at Hillcrest Cemetery, north of Great Bend. Friends may call from 5-8 p.m. tonight, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, all at Smith-Moore-Overlease Funeral Home in Stockton and from 11 a.m. until service time Friday, at the church. Memorials are suggested to Solomon Valley Manor in Stockton, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 20, 2002

Stella M. Mounkes 1916-2002

EMPORIA - Stella M. Mounkes, 85, died Feb. 18 at Holiday Resort in Emporia. She was born Oct. 21, 1916, in Mason City, Iowa, the daughter of Joseph and Marija "Marie" Spithal Snyder. A resident of Emporia, she was a homemaker. Survivors include one son, William L. Mounkes of Emporia; one daughter, Doris Kay Spray of Great Bend; one brother, Elmer Snyder of Cedar Fall, Iowa; five grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Gerald Snyder and Irvin Snyder; one sister, Sylvia Snyder Loftin; and one grandson, Dale Lynn Mounkes. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Charter Funerals/Emporia Chapel in Emporia, with the Rev. Brett Tagtmeyer officiating. Burial will be at Allen Cemetery in Allen. Friends may call from 6-8 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Friends of the Zoo or Hand in Hand Hospice, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 20, 2002

Jean R. Roland 1920-2002

LA CROSSE - Jean R. Roland, 81, died Feb. 19 at Rush County Memorial Hospital. She was born Nov. 23, 1920, in Maudaha U.P., India, the daughter of Sterling G. and Zoena Sutton Rothermel. She was a 1968 graduate of Fort Hays State University in Hays and earned her LPN and RN degrees from Dodge City Community College and Barton County Community College. She married William H. Roland July 12, 1943, in Rockport, Ill. A resident of Rush county for more than 30 years, coming from Illinois, she worked as a missionary from 1947 to 1997 in India, doing Bible college work and establishing a leprosy program. She also worked at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse.
Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Charles W. Roland of Pasadena, Md., David L. Roland of Bea son, Ill., and Paul S. Roland of Miami, Fla.; one daughter, Mary Esther Boonart of Opglabbeek, Belgium; eight grandchildren; and three great-granddaughters. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Paul Rothermel and Charles Rothermel. Funeral will be at 9 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Troy Schroeder officiating. Burial will be at Payson New Cemetery in Payson, Ill. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home, with family receiving friends from 5-7 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Lakeview Bible College, in care of Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 20, 2002

February 21, 2002

Loretta Kaiser 1915-2002

ELLSWORTH - Loretta Kaiser, 87, died Feb. 20 at Ellsworth County Medical Center in Ellsworth. She was born Jan. 7, 1915, north of Ellinwood, the daughter of Ed and Philomena Helfrich Achatz. She attended beauty school in Omaha, Neb. She married John F. Kaiser Oct. 21, 1946, in Ellinwood. He died Oct. 14, 1973. A resident of Ellsworth for the past six years, coming from Ellinwood, she was a retired hairdresser. Mrs. Kaiser was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Altar Society, Daughters of Isabella, Heritage Club and a Girl Scout leader, all of Ellinwood. She was a longtime volunteer and board member of Association of Retarded Citizens in Great Bend. Survivors include one son, James Kaiser of Ellsworth; two daughters, Ann Kaiser-Spears of Nashville, Tenn., and Kathryn Bailey of Ellsworth; and two grandsons. She was preceded in death by one sister, Lorraine Tomberlin. Altar Society rosary will be at 3 p.m. Friday, followed by a Daughters of Isabella rosary, both at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Dan Scheetz officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph's School Endowment, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 21, 2002

Pauline A. Langhofer 1913-2002

DORRANCE - Pauline A. Langhofer, 88, died Feb. 19 at Ellsworth County Medical Center. She was born Aug. 11, 1913, in Fairview, Okla., the daughter of Charlie and Rebecca Howard Seibel. She married Fred Langhofer in 1933 in Fairview. He died Nov. 20, 1989. A resident of Dorrance since 1933, coming from Oklahoma, she was a homemaker and clerk at Klima's IGA in Wilson. Mrs. Langhofer was a member of First Baptist Church in Wilson and Dorrance Homemakers Extension Homemakers Unit. Survivors include two sons, Dean Langhofer of Dorrance and Gene Langhofer of Geneseo; one daughter, Berdine Bishop of Dorrance; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Gene Langhofer officiating. Burial will be at Dorrance City Cemetery in Dorrance. Friends may call from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Foster Mortuary in Wilson and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Wilson Nursing Center, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 21, 2002

Eva Dies Minks 1906-2002

DIGHTON - Eva Dies Minks, 95, died Feb. 17 at Park Lane Nursing Home in Scott City. She was born July 5, 1906, at Lehigh, the daughter of Henry and Christina Bouda Dies. She married Leslie Ray Minks Sr. on July 13, 1924, at Selman, Okla. He died July 31, 1967. A resident of Dighton since 1931, coming from Dighton, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Minks was a member of the Lutheran faith, American Legion Auxiliary and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. Survivors include two sons, Lee Roy Minks of Portis and Leslie Ray Minks Jr. of St. John; six daughters, Ida Florence Parker of Fairview, Okla., Eva May Thomas of Alamota, Hazel Ruth Sisco of Dighton, Ilia Jean Head of Garden City, Christina Faye Fairbank of Cimarron and Mildred Dean Rand of Omaha, Ark.; 27 grandchildren; 52 great-grandchildren; and 16 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Louis Vern Minks; one daughter, Leona Joy Minks; five brothers; seven sisters; two grandchilden; and one great-grandson. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at First Christian Church in Dighton with the Revs. Mike Grogan and Kenny Grogan officiating. Burial will be at Dighton Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call from 5-8 p.m. tonight, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, all at Boomhower Funeral Home in Dighton. Memorials are suggested to Park Lane Nursing Home or American Cancer Society, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 21, 2002

Jack Keener 1932-2002

MILFORD, Iowa - Jack Keener, 69, died Feb. 18 at a hospital in Spirit Lake, Iowa. He was born July 3, 1932, in Hosington, the son of John and Lyda White Keener. Keener was a resident of Arnolds Park, Iowa, coming from the Great Bend area. Survivors include his wife, Kay, of the home; and two daughters. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Good News Community Church in Okoboji, Iowa. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery in Spencer, Iowa. Friends may call after 2 p.m. today at Turner Funeral Home in Milford, with family receiving friends from 6-8 p.m. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 21, 2002

Clyde Wendell Durheim 1909-2002

Clyde Wendell Durheim, 93 of Great Bend, died Feb. 19 at Arlington Memorial Hospital in Arlington, Texas. He was born Jan. 8, 1909, in Hoisington, the son of Ferdinand and Fannie Ridlen Durheim. He married Edith Louise Cook Aug. 2, 1930, at Great Bend. She died April 18, 1994. Durheim was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ, Masonic Lodge and Elks BPO Lodge 1127, all of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Harold Skip Durheim of Prairie Village; one daughter, Susan Richards of Arlington; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, James Edward Durheim; one brother, Clifford Durheim; and two sisters. Lucille Kindsvater and Frances Taylor. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Bryant...
Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Diana Coberly officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-9 today and from 9 a.m. to service time Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 21, 2002

Howard H. Reukauf 1920-2002

LARNED - Howard H. Reukauf, 81, died Feb. 21 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Joseph Long Term Care, in Larned. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 21, 2002

Gary Joe Dias 1952-2002

LARNED - Gary Joe Dias, 49, died Feb. 17 at this home in Larned. No service is planned locally. Gray's West & Company, Baker City, Ore., is in charge of arrangements. Beckwith Mortuary Inc. of Larned was in charge of local arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 21, 2002

February 22, 2002

Emma Marie Bean 2002-2002

SALINA - Emma Marie Bean, infant, died Feb. 17. She was born Feb. 17, the daughter of Mike and Angela Bean. Survivors include her parents of Salina, formally of Great Bend; her grandparents, Ken Bean of Garden City, Barbara Bean of Salina, and Steve and Sherilyn Pientka of Abilene; and her great-grandparents, Ruby Bean of Sedalia, Mo., Geraldine White of Kansas City, John and Edna Pientka and Vernon and Dorcas Brandt, all of Abilene. Memorial service was at 11 a.m. today at Trinity Lutheran Church in Abilene. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice, in care of Geisendorf-Rush Smith Funeral Home in Salina. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 22, 2002

Howard H. Reukauf 1920-2002

LARNED - Howard H. Reukauf, 81, died Feb. 21 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Joseph Long Term Care in Larned. He was born May 14, 1920, in Cheektowata, N.Y., the son of Fred and Johanna Stradtman Reukauf. He married Wanda K. Moore Nov. 15, 1945, in Topeka. She died Jan. 21, 2002. A Larned resident since 1920, he was a retired installation manager for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. Reukauf was a member of First Christian Church and Jack Kreiger Post Veterans of Foreign Wars, both of Larned. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. Survivors include one son, Greg Reukauf of Liberal; one daughter, Kathy Mikols of Wichita; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers and five sisters. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned with the Rev. Dan Lundgren officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery, with military honors conducted by Fort Riley Honor Guard. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and from 9 a.m. until service time Monday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Welcome Inn Senior or Jack Kreiger VFW Post, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 22, 2002

February 24, 2002

Pamela Ann Blake Miller 1960-2002

RIDGWAY, Ill. - Pamela Ann Blake Miller, 41, died Feb. 20 at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, Ill. She was born Oct. 12, 1960, in Winfield, the daughter of James and Ella Lee Duke Blake. Survivors include two sons, Blake Moore and Matthew Moore, both of Ridgway; her stepfather, Donald Bender of Winfield; four brothers, Bill Blake of Chula Vista, Calif., Rick Blake of Larned, Michael Asbury of Winfield and Ken Massie of San Francisco, Calif.; and two stepsisters, Pam Bener and Angela Bender, both of Winfield. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Bob Miller; one brother, James Blake Jr.; and one sister, Connie Beaumont. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. today at Watson Funeral Home in Eldorado, Ill. Burial will be at Wolf Creek Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to a trust fund for the boys or American Cancer Society, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 24, 2002

James H. Thornburg 1939-2002

WICHITA - James H. Thornburg, 63, died Feb. 21. A resident of Wichita, he was a retired Pinkerton security guard. Survivors include two brothers, Robert Thornburg of Olivehurst, Calif., and Connie Thornburg of Clinton, MO.; one sister, Kay Staab of Wichita, and one adopted sister, Misty Thornburg of Wichita. Graveside service, with full military honors will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Great Bend. Visitation was Saturday. There are no memorials suggested. Waston Funeral Home in Wichita is in charge of the funeral arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 24, 2002

February 25, 2002
Duwaine K. Pinkard 1914-2002

JACKSONVILLE, Texas - Duwaine K. Pinkard, 87, died Feb. 23 at Jacksonville. She was born Nov. 3, 1914, in Ellinwood. She married William T. "Bill" Pinkard Sr. He preceded her in death. A resident of Jacksonville, she was a Texas Bank secretary for 35 years. Mrs. Pinkard was a member of Our Lady of Sorrow Catholic Church, Lady of La Salette Altar Society, secretary of the church, all of Jacksonville, and members of the First United Methodist Church, and Hoisington Golf Club. Survivors include one son, William T. Pinkard Jr. of Piano, Texas; three daughters, Beth Long of Rusk, Texas, Nancy Tucker of Arlington, Texas, and Mary Hanley of Sugar Land, Texas; two sisters, Pauline Berscheidt of Great Bend and Catherine Cranston of Phoenix, Ariz.; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. Rosary will be at 6 tonight at Thompson Funeral Home Chapel in Jacksonville. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Fryberger Mortuary Chapel in Great Bend, with the Rev. Loyse Clay officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Fryberger Mortuary Chapel in Great Bend, with the Rev. Loyse Clay officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday at Thompson Funeral Home Chapel in Jacksonville. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at First Southern Baptist Church of Pratt. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Philippines in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; five stepdaughters, Monica Givens of Monticello, Ark., Tisa Jones of Rockhill, Mo., Lisa Daniels and Tricia Johnson, both of Great Bend, and Kristina Johnson of Hyattsville, Md.; and nine step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Charles H. Thompson Sr. Memorial, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 25, 2002

Judy K. Ochs 1938-2002

HOISINGTON - Judy K. Ochs, 63, died Feb. 24 at her residence in Hoisington. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 25, 2002

Charles H. Thompson Sr. 1916-2002

Charles H. Thompson Sr., 85 of Great Bend, died Feb. 20 at Integrated Health Services of Great Bend. He was born June 4, 1916, at Columbia, Tenn., the son of Willie D. and Callie Alexander Thompson. He married Margaret A. Mitchell on Nov. 30, 1992, in Great Bend. A lifelong resident of Barton County, he was a career military person. Thompson was a member of Myers Chapel of Great Bend and a former member of American Legion. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; five stepdaughters, Monica Givens of Monticello, Ark., Tisa Jones of Rockhill, Mo., Lisa Daniels and Tricia Johnson, both of Great Bend, and Kristina Johnson of Hyattsville, Md.; and nine step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Charles H. Thompson Jr.; two brothers, William A. Thompson and Robert D. Thompson; and one sister, Virginia I. Guilford. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Fryberger Mortuary Chapel in Great Bend, with the Rev. Loyse Clay officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Wednesday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Charles H. Thompson Sr. Memorial, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 25, 2002

Darrell Dean Dover 1926-2002

PRATT - Darrell Dean Dover, 75, died Feb. 23 at Pratt Regional Medical Center. He was born March 8, 1926, at Dodge City, the son of William Lou and Bonnie Kathlene Hendricks Dover. He was a graduate of Dodge City High School. He married Glennis Gum on June 20, 1948, at Dodge City. A longtime resident of Pratt, he was a retired insurance salesman. Dover was a member of First Southern Baptist Church of Pratt. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Philippines in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Kim Lee Dover, Kris Dean Dover and Kerry Lynn Dover, all of Pratt; two daughters, Melody Ann Siroky of Pratt and Melinda Kay Koonce of Newton; four brothers, Billy L. Dover of Borger, Texas, Robert L. Dover of Benton, Norman E. Dover of Pueblo, Colo., and Larry L. Dover of Las Vegas, Nev.; one sister, Donna Farrington of Las Vegas; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one grandchild. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Bill Martin officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery in Pratt. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at Ayres-Calbeck Mortuary in Pratt. Memorials are suggested to the family, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 25, 2002

February 26, 2002

Judy K. Ochs 1938-2002

HOISINGTON - Judy K. Ochs, 63, died Feb. 24 at her residence in Hoisington. She was born July 19, 1938, in Enid, Okla., the daughter of John and Mary Croxtan Sherman. She married Robert G. Ochs on March 10, 1956, in Colorado. He died Dec. 13, 1988. A longtime resident of Hoisington, she was a certified nurses aid at the nursing home in Hoisington. Mrs. Ochs was a member of First United Methodist Church, active in the church choir and Stephen's Ministries, all of Hoisington. Survivors include three sons, Dan Ochs of Bolivar, Mo., Robert Ochs of Del Rio, Texas, and Jason Ochs of Wichita; four daughters, Merri Basque and Melody Unrein, both of Oklahoma City, Okla., Esther Hughes of Hoisington and Linette Rhodes of Redmond, Wash.; two brothers, Richard Sherman of Enid, Okla., and Mike Sherman of Denver, Colo.; four sisters, Gwen Godfrey of Albuquerque, N.M., Iris Hammond of Midland, Texas, Pam Sherman of Denver and Linda Todd of Kansas City, Mo.; 21 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Jack Ochs and Randall Ochs; and one granddaughter, Kirsten Ochs. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. today, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, 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, Feb. 26, 2002

Mary Eleanor Harris 1917-2002

CAMERON PARK, Calif. - Mary Eleanor Harris, 84, died Feb. 22 in Cameron Park, Calif. She was born Feb. 23, 1917, in St. John, the daughter of John and Ella Stroble. She married William W. Harris. He preceded her in death. She then married George Hahn. He also preceded her in death. A resident of Cameron Park. She worked with her father in his veterinarian practice in Madison. S.D.
for many years and was a business teacher. Mrs. Harris was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in El Dorado Hills, Calif. Survivors include one son, Jim Harris of El Dorado Hills; one sister, Merie Telayor of Albuquerque, N.M.; and two grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Burial will be at St. Xavier Cemetery in Great Bend. Green Valley Mortuary in Cameron Park is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 26, 2002

Nadine Pearl Smith 1922-2002

LARNED - Nadine Pearl Smith, 80, died Feb. 23 at Comanche County Hospital in Coldwater. She was born Jan. 19, 1922, at Larned, the daughter of Lindie S. and Martha E. Bradley Roberts. She married Ray Ross Smith Jr. on Nov. 5, 1942, in Great Bend. He died July 9, 1992. A lifetime resident of Larned, she was a retired secretary at Larned State Hospital. Mrs. Smith was a member of First Christian Church of Larned. Survivors include four daughters, Karen Hooker of Nashville, Tenn., Kay Booth of Rittman, Ohio, Karyl McLinnnana of BeaverCreek, Ohio, and Kathy Keller of Marshall, Mich.; five grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and nine step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Arthur Roberts, Raymond Roberts, Earl Roberts and Otis Roberts; and one sister, Lora Williams. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Larned Cemetery, with the Rev. Dan Lundgren officiating. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday, all at Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the church or donor's choice, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 26, 2002

Wilma G. Flanders 1919-2002

ALICE, Texas - Wilma G. Flanders, 83, died Feb. 24. A resident of Alice, formerly of Wichita, she was a homemaker. Survivors include two sons, Larry Flanders of Alice and Bill Flanders of Fairbanks, Alaska; one sister, Florence Flanders of McAllen, Texas; and five grandchildren. Funeral will be at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at Resthaven Mortuary in Wichita. Burial will be at Resthaven Cemetery. No memorials were suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 26, 2002

February 27, 2002

Quintin J. Penka 1941-2002

TULSA, Okla. - Retired USAF CMSgt Quintin J. Penka passed away at his home in Tulsa on Sunday, Feb. 24, after a year long struggle with cancer. Quintin "Joe" had a 25-year career in the Air Force, taking him and his family all over the world. After retiring from the Air Force, he continued traveling within the United States during his 15-year tenure with General Electric Aircraft Engine Business Group. In August 2000, he joined BizJet International Sales and Services in Tulsa to manage the development of their CF34 Program. He was born on May 10, 1941, to Joseph Penka and Adolphine Quint Penka in Larned. He attended Sacred Heart Catholic School and graduated from Larned High School, joining the USAF upon graduation. He is preceded in death by his mother, Adolphine Penka Durler, and his fathers, Joseph Penka and John J. Durler Sr., all from Larned. He married the former Michelle M. Gower and husband Todd of Alamogordo, N.M., on Sept. 21, 1963, in Marquette. He is survived by his wife Susan and their three children: Todd J. Penka of Vineland, N.J., and Patrick J. Penka and wife Tracey of Oklahoma City, Okla. He has six grandchildren, Jacob, John and Megan Gower, Sara Penka, and Devin and Courtney Penka. He is also survived by one brother, Nathan F. Penka of Las Vegas, Nev., and his aunt, Lydia Quint Dreiling of Salina. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Beckwith Funeral Home, Larned. Visitation will be held at Beckwith Funeral Home tonight with evening vigil and rosary at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Larned, at 10:30 a.m. Thursday. Internment with full military honors will be at Larned Cemetery following the Mass. The family asks that bequests be made to Saint Francis Hospice, 6600 South Yale 350, Tulsa, OK 74136, or Sacred Heart Endowment Fund, 527 West 12th Street, Larned, KS 67550. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 27, 2002

Willie B. Godfrey 1908-2002

MEADE - Willie B. Godfrey, 93, died Feb. 25 at Lone Tree Compassionate Care Center in Meade. She was born May 30, 1908, at Tecixo, N.M. She married Odell Woodrow Godfrey July 13, 1939, at Walters, Okla. He died April 25, 1986. A resident of Meade since 1942, she was a retired cook for Meade District Hospital in Meade. Mrs. Godfrey was a member of First Baptist Church in Meade. Survivors include five sons, Jim Miller of Plains, Roy Miller of Mesa, Ariz., Kenneth Godfrey of Leon, Odell Godfrey of Wichita and Mike Godfrey of Great Bend; one daughter, Patricia Schlitching of Meade; and one sister, Rene Lloyd of Durant, Okla. She was preceded in death by three sons, Ralph Miller, Donald Miller and Bill Miller; and several brothers and sisters. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Harry Fink officiating. Burial will be at Fowler Cemetery in Fowler. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at Fidler-Orme Mortuary in Meade. Memorials are suggested to Lone Tree Compassionate Care Center, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 27, 2002

February 28, 2002

Rosalie Ruth Gilbert 1916-2002

INMAN - Rosalie Ruth Gilbert, 85, died Feb. 25 at Pleasant View Home in Inman. She was born March 30, 1916, in rural Chase, the daughter of Charles E. and Mary Elia Keys Boldt. She married William A. Gilbert on Dec. 27, 1947, at Lyons. He died March 26, 1977. A resident of Inman since 2000, coming from McPherson and Chase, she was a retired school bus driver for Chase-Raymond school district. Mrs. Gilbert was a member of Community Presbyterian Church, Mother Singers, Extension Homemakers Unit and 4-H leader. all of Chase. Survivors include one son, Larry Gilbert of McPherson; one daughter, Janis Thomartin of
Ames, Iowa; one sister, Lucile Hager of Olathe; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Paul Boldt, Harold Boldt, Lowell Boldt and Wayne Boldt; and one sister, Roma Bordelon. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Revs. Jesse and Arlene Patrick officiating. Burial will be at Salem United Methodist Cemetery in rural Baunton. Friends may call from 3-8 tonight at Stockham Family Funeral Home of McPherson, with the family receiving friends from 6-8 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 28, 2002

Ruth Elsie Fischer 1920-2002

Ruth Elsie Fischer, 81 of Great Bend, died Feb. 27 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 28, 2002

Frieda M. Ochs 1908-2002

LA CROSSE - Frieda M. Ochs, 93, died Feb. 26 at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. She was born Aug. 22, 1908, in Lydia, the daughter of Henry W. and Katherin Elizabeth Fuchs Kuhlmann. She married Solomon Ochs on Aug. 10, 1933, in Lydia. He died May 28, 1953. A lifelong resident of Rush County, she was a school teacher before her marriage and worked at the ASCS office for more than 20 years, retiring in 1974. Mrs. Ochs was a member of First Lutheran Church, Women of the Lutheran Church of America, Eastern Star and Sixty Plus, all of La Crosse. Survivors include two sons, Arthur "Art" Kuhlmann; two sisters, Lola Harms and Esther Strecker; and two grandchildren, Harold "Skip" Ochs and Jeffery Ochs. A prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Maurice Schaus officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Sixty Plus, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 28, 2002

Emma Jacobsen 1910-2002

HOISINGTON - Emma Jacobsen, 91, died Feb. 27 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born Nov. 21, 1910, at Lawrence, Neb., the daughter of Edward and Matilda Brennoeder Schleif. She married Sego Jacobsen on July 11, 1937, at Superior, Neb. He died July 6, 1998. A resident of Hoisington since 1951 before moving to Great Bend three years ago, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Jacobsen was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church in Hoisington. Survivors include two brothers, Leo Schleif of Davenport, Neb., and Vernon Schleif of Buckeye, Ariz. She was preceded in death by two brothers and three sisters, Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Garry Dassow officiating. Burial will be at Evergreen Cemetery in Superior. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Nicholson-Rice Funeral Home in Hoisington 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, Feb. 28, 2002
March 1, 2002

Amelia A. ‘Molly’ Schulte 1915-2002

HAYS - Amelia A. “Molly” Schulte, 86, died Feb. 27 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. She was born March 6, 1915, in Hays, the daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Weigel Dinkel. She married John E. Schulte on Sept. 24, 1940, at Victoria. A resident of Hays, coming from Victoria in March 2001, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Schulte was a member of St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Daughters of Isabella and Christian Mothers Altar Society, all of Victoria. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Damian Schulte of Escondido, Calif., and Regis Schulte of Wichita; two daughters, Claudia Hertel of Great Bend and Carey Schulte of Ellis; one brother, Dan Dinkel of Denver, Colo.; two sisters, Ann Smith of Gorham and Lioba Keller of Park city; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Albert Dinkel, Harry Dinkel, Ben Dinkel and Bill Dinkel; and two sisters, Albina Dreiling and Rose Brungardt. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, followed by a Daughters of Isabella and Christian Mothers Altar Society rosary at 8 p.m., all at Cline’s Mortuary in Victoria. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. David Gottschalk officiating. Burial will be at St. Fidelis Cemetery in Victoria. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Saturday, 3-9 p.m. Sunday and from 8:30-9:45 a.m. Monday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Cathedral of the Plains Charitable Fund Inc., Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas or Masses, all in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 1, 2002

Helen Althea Fellows Wilson Polzin 1909-2002

LARNED - Helen Althea Fellows Wilson Polzin, 92, died Feb. 27 at Fort Dodge. She was born Aug. 2, 1909, near Keosauqua, Iowa, the daughter of Asa and Edith Fellows. She married Merwin Wilson on Dec. 25, 1938, in Ottumwa, Iowa. He died in May 1976. She then married Edward J. Polzin on Nov. 24, 1979. A resident of Fort Dodge since 1997, coming from Larned, she was a teacher and musician. Mrs. Polzin was a member of Presbyterian Church and Church Circle, and also active in Daughters of American Revolution, Eastern Star and National Education Association. Survivors include one son, Robert W. Wilson of Toano, Va.; two stepsons, Marvin Polzin of West Plains, Mo., and James Polzin; one daughter, Marjorie West; one stepdaughter, Jewell Lewis of Larned; one granddaughter; and one great-granddaughter. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church in Larned, with the Rev. Jim Hawthorne 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, March 1, 2002

Ruth Elsie Fischer 1920-2002

Ruth Elsie Fischer, 81 of Great Bend, died Feb. 27 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born May 18, 1920, in Michigan, the daughter of Joseph F. and Meta Weymeier Krueger. She married Edwin Karl Fischer on July 15, 1938, at Hudson. He died on Dec. 13, 1993, coming from Seward, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Fischer was a member of Peace United Church of Christ in Hudson. Survivors include one son, Ricky L. Fischer of Great Bend; four daughters, Janice M. Rose of Hudson, Janet R. Davis of Athens, Texas, Judy A. Fischer of Reno, Nev., and Lila L. Drees of Great Bend; four brothers, Herbert Krueger of Kansas City, Mo., David Krueger of Princeton, Texas, Elgar Krueger of Edinberg, Texas, and Samuel Krueger of Fort Worth, Texas; one sister, Selma Banman of Mount Vernon, Texas; 11 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one grandson, David Dunn. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Nick Prather officiating. Burial will be at Peace United Church of Christ Cemetery in Hudson. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 1-9 p.m. Sunday, both at Bryant Funeral Home, and from 9:30 a.m. to service time Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 1, 2002

March 2, 2002

Jack M. Dunham 1922-2002

Jack M. Dunham, 79, of Great Bend died March 1, at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born July 9, 1922 at Enid, Okla., the son of Roy and Margaret Trower Dunham. He married Esther Butler June 9, 1945 in Hays. A resident of Great Bend for 36 years, coming from Oklahoma, he was a driller -tool pusher in the oil field. Duham was a member of Masonic Lodge 15 A.F. and A.M. in Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Steve Dunham, David Dunham, and Gary Dunham, all of Great Bend; two daughters, Cindy Dunham of Hollywood, Fla., and Janet Meyeres of Great Bend; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son Jack L. Dunham. Graveside service will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Great Bend, with the Rev. Kevin Baxter officiating. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. today, and from 9 a.m. till noon on Monday at the Great Bend Family Mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer’s Disease Association in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, March 3, 2002

March 3, 2002

Mildred R. Robbins Babb
VALLEY CENTER - Mildred R. Robbins Babb, 84, died March 1. She married Kenneth Babb. He preceded her in death. A resident of Valley Center, coming from Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Survivors include two daughters, Pat Stoffel of Topeka, and Peggy Jensen of Valley Center; one brother, Phil Robbins of Wichita; five sisters, Helen Hill, Phyllis Allen both of Wichita, Ruth Kalp, Shirley Gibbons both of Valley Center, and Mary Fowler of Independence; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Ralph Robbins, and Ernest Robbins; and four sisters, Opal Baker, Rojean Kerns, Birdie Harris, and Myrtle Purkey. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. today at Hillside Funeral Home East in Wichita. There is no visitation, and no memorials are suggested. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, March 3, 2002

Pauline Becker 1909-2002

RUSSELL - Pauline Becker, 93, died March 1 at Integrated Health Services at Great Bend. She was born Jan. 13, 1909 at Ness City, the daughter of Benjamin and Mary Uffelmann Karst. She attended St. Rose Dominican Nursing School in Great Bend. She married George Becker Dec. 18, 1949 at Galatia. He died March 4, 1998. A resident of Ness and Barton counties, she worked at Russell Hospital. Mrs. Becker was a member of St. Lutheran Church, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary both of Russell. Survivors include one brother, Edwin Karst of Great Bend. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Alex Karst, Edward Karst, Benjamin Karst, and Ted Karst; and four sisters, Mollie Clayton, Lydia Ohman, Millie Karst, and Marie Funk. Cremation has taken place. Memorials services will be announced at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of Pohlman's Mortuary in Russell. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, March 3, 2002

Ruth L. Baldwin 1950-2002

LARNED - Ruth L Badwin, 51, died March 1 at her home in Larned. She was born April 23, 1950, in Nelson, Neb., the daughter of John H. and Patricia A. Button Slaughter Hunter. She married Marvin A. Baldwin March 13, 1971 at Mankato. A resident of Larned, coming from Hays, she was a registered nurse at Larned State Hospital. Mrs. Baldwin was a member of First Christian Church, and the Priscilla Group both of Larned. Survivors include her husband of the home; three daughters, Dawn Swinford of Tulsa, Okla., Lisa West of Denver, Colo., and Nancy Baldwin of Larned; five brothers, Joseph Hunter of Ojai, Calif., William Hunter of Denver, James Hunter of Annandale, Va., John Hunter of Fort Worth, Texas, and Daniel Hunter of Garfield. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church in Larned, with the Rev. Dan Lundgren officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Monday at Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Green Mound Cemetery in Palco. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, March 3, 2002

Mollie Keil 1903-2002

RUSSELL - Mollie Keil, 98, died March 1 at Independence, Mo. She was born March 13, 1903 at rural Milberger, the daughter of George Adam and Marie Elizabeth Boxburger Karst. She married Edwin Keil March 7, 1926. He preceded her in death in 1992. A resident of Milberger most of her life, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Keil was a member of United Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Milberger. Survivors include two sons, Leon Keil of Independence, Mo. and Eldon Keil of Rogers, Ark.; six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Loren Keil; four brothers, Samuel Karst, William Karst, Emil Karst, and Peter Karst; and two sisters, Ida Radke, and Minnie Schwien. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the church in Milberger, with the Rev. Keith Kreitzer officiating. Burial will be at Milberger Cemetery in Milberger. Friends may call from 7-9 p.m. today, and from 9 a.m. to noon on Monday at Pohlman's Mortuary in Russell. Memorials are suggested to the Milberger Cemetery in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, March 3, 2002

Esther I. Rogers 1910-2002

BARTLESVILLE, OKLA. - Esther I. Rogers, 91, died Feb. 27 at Jane Phillips Medical Center in Bartlesville. She was born April 26, 1910 in Russell, the daughter of Alexander and Alvina Zahrendt Heise. She was a 1928 graduate of Russell High School. She married Timothy Birl Rogers in 1960. He died June 12, 1970. A resident of Bartlesville, coming from Great Bend, she worked at Cities Service Oil Company. Mrs. Rogers was a member of First United Methodist Church and the Cities Service Retiree's Club. Survivors include one nephew Rusty Rogers of Bartlesville; one niece Sally Rogers of Wichita; two great-nephews; and two great-nieces. She was preceded in death by one brother, Lee Heise, and three sisters, Carolyn, Mae, and Lydia. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday in the Sneed Chapel at the church, with the Rev. Charles E. "Chuck" Cowell officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Sunset Life Cemetery in El Dorado, with the Rev. David Rogers officiating. There is no visitation listed. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of Neekamp Funeral Home in Bartlesville. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, March 3, 2002

March 4, 2002

Ruth L. Rein 1919-2002

STAFFORD - Ruth L. Rein, 82, died March 2 at St. Francis Hospital in Topeka. She was born May 6, 1919, in Shields, the daughter of Robert Charles and Mary Jane Magerkurth Allen. She married Carl H. Rein Jan. 9, 1938, in Shields. He died April 5, 1976. A resident of Topeka since 1999, coming from Stafford, Wichita and St. John, she was a homemaker. Survivors include two sons, Robert Rein of Larned and William Rein of Topeka; one daughter, Priscilla Sexon of Wichita; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Burial will be at Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call from 5-8 tonight at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to Stafford County Historical Society, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, March 4, 2002
Daniel Richard Steitz  1958-2002

AURORA, Colo. - Daniel Richard Steitz, 44, died March 1 at University of Colorado Medical Center in Denver. He was born Jan. 20, 1958, in Ness City, the son of Richard and Emile Mateyec Steitz. He was a graduate of Ness City High School and attended Barton County Community College. A resident of Aurora for the past 15 years, coming from Ness City, he was co-owner of Advanced Auto Glass Company of Aurora. Steitz was a member of Solid Rock Christian Center of Aurora. Survivors include one brother, Jim Steitz of Great Bend. He was preceded in death by one brother, Bill Steitz. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Ness City, with the Rev. Dr. Gary Teske officiating. Cremation has taken place, inurnment will be at Ness City Cemetery. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Crohn's Disease Foundation, Ness County Hospital or the donor's choice, all in care of Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 4, 2002

Raymond M. Meitler  1922-2002

SYLVAN GROVE - Raymond M. Meitler, 80, died March 2 at Lincoln County Hospital in Lincoln. He was born Feb. 20 at Lucas. He married Sadie Bigley. A lifelong resident of the Sylvan Grove area, he was a farmer and dairyman. Meitler was a member of American Legion Post 359 in Sylvan Grove. Survivors include four sons, Larry Meitler, Kenneth Meitler and Raymond Dee Meitler, all of Sylvan Grove, and Ronald Meitler of Bison; six daughters, Anita Brichacek and Janelle Snyder, both of Salina, LaDonna Schoen and Mary Lynne Meitler, both of Sylvan Grove, Linda Jensen of Choctaw, Okla., and Peggy Meitler of Beloit; one sister, Elda Chegwidden of Sylvan Grove; 21 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Lucas, with the Rev. James Wagner officiating. Burial will be at Sylvan Grove Cemetery in Sylvan Grove. Friends may call from 3-7 today at Rodrick and Minear Funeral Home in Sylvan Grove. Memorials are suggested to the church or Mitchell County Association of Retarded Citizens, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 4, 2002

Cecil J. Shelton  1923-2002

DODGE CITY - Cecil J. Shelton, 78, died March 3 at Western Plains Medical Complex in Dodge City. He was born July 3, 1923, in Jetmore, the son of Homer Webster and Allie Augusta Burgett Shelton. He was a graduate of Jetmore High School. He married Lola Deyoe June 10, 1942, in Jetmore. He married Ilene Glaze Aug. 11, 1983. A resident of Dodge City, he was a farmer and owner of Cecil Electric in Dodge City. Shelton was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Dodge City. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Neil Shelton of Dodge City; three stepsons, Dennis Glaze of Skiatook, Okla., Donald Glaze of Greenville, S.C., and Daniel Glaze of Minniedale; four daughters, Dixie Link of Topeka, Carol Brandl of North Platte, Neb., Carmen Wilds of Collyer and Celia Heller of Kinsley; eight grandchildren; nine step-grandchildren; one great-grandson; and four step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Leroy Shelton. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. David S. Clipson officiating. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore. Friends may call from 1-8 today and from 9-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, all at Swaim Funeral Home in Dodge City. Memorials are suggested to Flight For Life, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 4, 2002

Mary Louisa 'Pat' Mitchell  1902-2002

MACKSVILLE - Mary Louisa "Pat" Mitchell, 100, died March 1 at Golden Plains Home in Hutchinson. She was born Jan. 27, 1902, in Lostant, Ill., the daughter of Frank Mason and Mary Patterson. She married Martin K. Mitchell April 8, 1927, in Ponca City, Okla. He died in 1981. She attended college in Winfield, Alva, Okla., and Edmond, Okla. A resident of Hutchinson, coming from Macksville where she resided from 1929 to 1961, she was a school teacher for 16 years and worked at Larned State Hospital. Mrs. Mitchell was a member of the Methodist Church in Blackwell, Okla., and OES of Macksville. Survivors include five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Martin K. Mitchell Jr.; one daughter, Mary Lou Sykes; one brother, William Patterson; and two sisters, Bessie Patterson and Mildred Patterson. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Grace United Methodist Church in Macksville, with the Rev. David Upp officiating. Burial will be at Farmington Cemetery in Macksville. Friends may call from 4-8 tonight at Minnis Chapel in Macksville. Memorials are suggested to Macksville EMS or Arthritis Foundation, both in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 4, 2002

Laura Eberhart  1912-2002

ELLINWOOD - Laura Eberhart, 90, died March 4 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Long Term Unit in Ellinwood. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 4, 2002

Marjorie M. Johnson  1907-2002

LARNED - Marjorie M. Johnson, 95, died March 3 at Healthcare and Living Center in Larned. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 4, 2002

March 5, 2002
Viola E. Bender, 86, died March 5 at Russell Regional Hospital in Russell. She was born May 21, 1915, in Russell. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 7, 2002

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Morell Funeral Home, with the Rev. Rudy Cerullo officiating. A private family burial service will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church endowment fund or Area Health Care Foundation, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 5, 2002

Livona B. "Jo" Beller, 93, of Great Bend, died March 6 at Showalter Villa in Hesston. She was born July 23, 1908, in Smith County, the daughter of Edgar and Elzora Mae Lyon Moore. She married Archie L. Beller Nov. 10, 1928, in Phillipsburg. A resident of Hesston since 1998, coming from Great Bend and Dodge City, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Beller was a member of First United Methodist Church, 20th Century Club, Pedal Pushers and Elks BPO Lodge 1127, all of Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; one daughter, Margaret L. Kraisinger of Halstead; one sister, Dorothy Campbell of Larned; and three grandchildren. Service will be at 1 p.m. MST Monday in Carbondale. Friends may until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, all at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to Jay Artaz "I Can" Scholarship Fund or Pawnee Heights Enhancement Fund, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 7, 2002
March 8, 2002

Amelia A. 'Molly' Schulte 1915-2002

HAYS - Amelia A. "Molly" Schulte, 86, died Feb. 27 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. She was born March 6, 1915, in Hays, the daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Weigel Dinkel. She married John E. Schulte on Sept. 24, 1940, at Victoria. A resident of Hays, coming from Victoria in March 2001, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Schulte was a member of St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Daughters of Isabella and Christian Mothers Altar Society, all of Victoria. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Damian Schulte of Escondido, Calif., and Regis Schulte of Wichita; two daughters, Claudia Hertel of Great Bend and Carey Schulte of Ellis; one brother, Dan Dinkel of Denver, Colo.; two sisters, Ann Smith of Gorham and Lioba Keller of Park city; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Albert Dinkel, Harry Dinkel, Ben Dinkel and Bill Dinkel; and two sisters. Albina Dreiling and Rose Brungardt. Visil will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, followed by a Daughters of Isabella
and Christian Mothers Altar Society rosary at 8 p.m., all at Clite's Mortuary in Victoria. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. David Gotschall officiating. Burial will be at St. Fidelis Cemetery in Victoria. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Saturday, 9-9 p.m. Sunday and from 8:30-9:45 a.m. Monday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Cathedral of the Phc., Charitable Fund Inc., Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas or Masses, all in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 1, 2002

Helen Althea Wilson 1909-2002

LARNED - Helen Althea Wilson Polzin, 92, died Feb. 27 at Fort Dodge. She was born Aug. 2, 1909, near Keosauqua, Iowa, the daughter of Asa and Edith Fellows. She married Merwin Wilson on Dec. 25, 1938, in Ottumwa, Iowa. He died in May 1976. She then married Edward J. Polzin on Nov. 24, 1979. A resident of Fort Dodge since 1997, coming from Larned, she was a teacher and musician. Mrs. Polzin was a member of Presbyterian Church and Church Circle, and also active in Daughters of American Revolution, Eastern Star and National Education Association. Survivors include one son, Robert W. Wilson of Toano, Va.; two stepsons, Marvin Polzin of West Plains, Mo., and James Polzin; one daughter, Marjorie West; one stepdaughter, Jewell Lewis of Larned; one granddaughter; and one great-granddaughter. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church in Larned, with the Rev. Jim Hawthorne 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, March 1, 2002

March 10, 2002

Pauline Becker 1909-2002

RUSSELL - Pauline Becker, 93, died March 1 at Integrated Health Service in Great Bend. She was born Jan. 13, 1909, in Ness County, the daughter of Benjamin and Mary Uffelmann Karst. She received her nursing training at St. Rose Dominican Nursing School in Great Bend. She married George Becker Dec. 18, 1949, in Galata. He died Mar. 4, 1998. A longtime resident of Russell, she worked as a nurse at Russell Regional Hospital for many years. Mrs. Becker was a member of St. John Lutheran Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, both of Russell. Survivors include one brother, Edwin Karst of Great Bend. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Alex Karst, Edward Karst, Benjamin Karst and Ted Karst; and four sisters, Mollie Drumwright, Okla., the son of Floyd Edmond and Beulah French Webb. He was a graduate of Sandoval High School in Illinois. He married Selma Flippin Aug. 26, 1952, in Wagoner, Okla. She was a nurse at Russell Regional Hospital for many years. Mrs. Becker was a member of St. John Lutheran Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, both of Russell. Survivors include one brother, Edwin Karst of Great Bend. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Alex Karst, Edward Karst, Benjamin Karst and Ted Karst; and four sisters, Mollie Clayton, Lydia Ohman, Millie Karst and Marie Funk. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Pohlmans Memorial Chapel in Russell, with the Rev. Henry Hartman officiating. Burial will be at St. John Lutheran Cemetery in Russell. There is no visitation, cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 1, 2002

March 10, 2002

Harold Harvey Webb 1927-2002

HOISINGTON - Harold Harvey Webb, 74, died March 8 at his residence in Hoisington. He was born Aug. 22, 1927, in Drumwright, Okla., the son of Floyd Edmond and Beulah French Webb. He was a graduate of Sandoval High School in Illinois. He married Selma Flippin Aug. 26, 1952, in Wagoner, Okla. A resident of Hoisington for 37 years, he was a retired oilfield driller. Webb was a member of First Baptist Church of Claflin and Heritage Club of Hoisington. He was ordained as a deacon in 1959 at Western Heights Baptist Church in Cleveland, Okla. Survivors include his wife of the home; five sons, Alan and his wife Julie Webb of St. John, Mo., Paul Webb of Hoisington, Phillip and his wife Celia Webb of Hoisington, Mark and his wife Marcia Webb of Carl Junction, Mo. and John and his wife Courtney Webb of Noble, Okla.; one daughter, Martha and her husband Michael Jones of Wichita; one sister, Jane Cochran of Wagoner; one brother, Floyd Edmond of Tishomingo, Okla.; eight grandchildren, Corey Webb and Scott Webb, both of St. Louis, Mo., Joseph Webb of Hoisington, Samuel Webb and Nathan Webb, both of Dodge City, Rachel Jones of Wichita, Ryan Webb of Noble and Dacon Webb of Carl Junction; and four step-grandchildren, Heather Irby, Holly Irby and Sarah Irby, all of St. John, Mo. and Logan Jones of Wichita. He was preceded in death by his parents and one half-brother, Roy Webb. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with Pastor Matthew Price officiating. Graveside service will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Elmwood Cemetery in Wagoner. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Family will receive friends from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Clara Barton Foundation, Roosevelt Elementary School or the Hoisington or the Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 10, 2002
Marion O. Catren 1912-2002

STAFFORD - Marion O. Catren, 89, died March 8 at Stafford District Hospital in Stafford. He was born Nov. 25, 1912, in Ford County. He married O. Lorene Lavielle May 22, 1927, in Hutchinson. A resident of Valley Falls for 39 years before moving to Stafford in 1986, he worked as a telegraph operator for Santa Fe Railroad. Catren was a member of Lions Club and Chamber of Commerce, both of Stafford and he was a ham radio operator. Survivors include his wife of the home. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Sylvia Cemetery in Russell, with the Rev. Kasey Crosby officiating. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Memorials are suggested to Stafford Lions Club, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 10, 2002

Emil C. Hlaus 1916-2002

WILSON - Emil C. Hlaus, 85, died March 7. He was born June 9, 1916, in Wilson. A lifelong resident of Wilson, he was a farmer and stockman. Survivors include one brother, Albert Hlaus of Wilson. Vigil service will be at 5 p.m. today at Foster Mortuary in Wilson. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Wilson. Burial will be at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Cemetery in Wilson. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 10, 2002

Martha C. Brauer 1908-2002

LA CROSSE - Martha C. Brauer, 93, died March 7 at Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse. She was born Aug. 19, 1908, in White City, the daughter of Reinhold and Anna Johnke Koepsel. She married Waldemar Brauer Sept. 4, 1946, in Wichita. He died Nov. 21, 1982. A resident of La Crosse for more than 50 years, she worked as a custodian for a medical office. Mrs. Brauer was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary in La Crosse. Survivors include four sisters, Jennie Cusick of Wichita, Sophia Mastin of Beloit, Anne Ohm of Salina and Elsie Carson of White City. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Walter Koepsel, Fred Koepsel and Gilbert Koepsel; and three sisters, Adelia Douglas, Hildia Riffell and Celia Capito. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Janousek Funeral Home Chapel in La Crosse, with the Rev. Maurice Schaus officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to First Lutheran Church in La Crosse, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 10, 2002

Florence Dumler Schruben 1921-2002

RUSSELL - Florence Dumler Schruben, 80, died March 7 at Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Hays. She was born July 29, 1921, in Barton County, near Milberger, the daughter of Emanuel and Elisabeth Rein Keil. She married Carl A. Dumler Aug. 23, 1942, in Hugo, Okla. He died Oct. 10, 1973. She married Leonard W. Schruben Jan. 21, 1979, in Manhattan. He died Oct. 23, 2001. A resident of the Russell area, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Schruben was a member of First Lutheran Church in Manhattan and American Legion Auxiliary in Russell. She was a past board member of the Kansas Wheat Commission. Survivors include one son, Carl A. Dumler Jr. of Russell; two stepsons, Dale Schruben of Kingsville, Texas, and Lee Schruben of Berkley, Calif.; four daughters, Jean Naegele of Hays, Rita Atkerson and Kay Dinkel, both of Russell and Jody Dumler Johnson of Manhattan; one sister, Luella Saxton of Tempe, Ariz.; 11 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and four step-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three sisters, Beatrice Bergman, Naomi Barah and Allegrea Fisher; and one granddaughter, Cindy Atkerson. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at First Lutheran Church in Russell, 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. today at Pohlman’s Mortuary in Russell and from 9:30 a.m. until service time Monday at the church in Russell. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 10, 2002

Eugene H. Dietz 1932-2002

RUSSELL - Eugene H. Dietz, 69, died Feb. 28 at his home in rural Russell. He was born Sept. 14, 1932, in Russell County, the son of Emil and Ruth Dumler Dietz. A lifelong resident of the Russell area, he was a farmer and stockman. Dietz was a U.S. Air Force veteran. Survivors include one son, James Dietz of Danville, Ill.; two sisters, Merna Holkum of Oklahoma City, Okla. and Dorothy Dolecheck of Hoisington; and two step-grandchildren. Vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. today at Foster Mortuary in Russell. Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Wilson. Burial will be at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Cemetery in Wilson. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time Monday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to First Lutheran Church in La Crosse, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 10, 2002

Billy Joe 'BJ' Shaffer 1979-2002

Caldwell - Billy Joe "BJ" Shaffer, 22, died March 7 in Blackwell, Okla. He was born May 17, 1979, in Kingman, the son of Randy Shaffer and Annette Mortimer. A resident of Caldwell, he worked as a Sumner County road and bridge employee. Survivors include his companion, Holly Warner of Caldwell; his father of Caldwell; his mother and stepfather, Annette and Ron Britton of Great Bend; two sisters, Missy Shaffer and Nikki Shaffer, both of Caldwell; and his grandparents, Joe and Alberta Shaffer of Caldwell and Bill Mortimer of Great Bend. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at United Methodist Church in Caldwell, with the Rev. Jan McDaniel officiating. Burial will be at Caldwell City Cemetery. There is no visitation listed. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Elliott-Schaeffer Mortuary in Caldwell. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 10, 2002
Elizabeth Reimer, 1912-2002

LINDSBORG - Elizabeth Reimer, 89, died March 9 at Integrated Health Services of Great Bend. She was born May 22, 1912, in Canton, the daughter of Frank and Anna Friesen Banman. She married Alvin J. Reimer July 21, 1936, in Newton. He died Dec. 28, 1959. A resident of Lindsborg since 1958, coming from Hosington, she was a homemaker and worked as a secretary at Bethany College in Lindsborg before retiring. Mrs. Reimer was a member of Hoffnungszau Mennonite Church in Inman, former member of Alexanderheol Mennonite Church in Goessel, attended Trinity United Methodist Church in Lindsborg and was a member of PEO Chapter CC. Survivors include one son, Jon M. Reimer of Olathe; two daughters, Janice Y. Derksen of St. Paul, Minn. and Judith Speight of Farmington, Minn.; one brother, Donald Rose of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Gerald Rose, Wilbur Rose and Durward Rose. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, all at the church. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 11, 2002

Rita Mae Brown, 1943-2002

HOISINGTON - Rita Mae Brown, 58, died March 9 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hosington. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hosington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 10, 2002

Lewis William Loesch, 1930-2002

RAYMOND - Lewis William Loesch, 72, died March 8 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. He was born Feb. 10, 1930, in Lyons, the son of Philip G. and Hermina Blank Loesch. He married Eloise Smith Jan. 8, 1951, in Ellinwood. She died June 14, 2000. A lifelong resident of the Raymond area, he was a farmer. Loesch was a member of United Methodist Church in Alden. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include three sons, Jim Loesch of Hosington, Jerry Loesch of Great Bend and Jeff Loesch of Dodge City; one daughter, Janean Hicks of Inman; one brother, Delbert Loesch of Lyons; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one great-grandson, Connor Aylward. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the church with the Revs. Bill Stapleton and Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at Hilltop Cemetery in Raymond. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hosington and from 10 a.m. until service time Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Kans for Kids, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 10, 2002

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Elma Marjorie Henney, 1912-2002

HOISINGTON - Elma Marjorie Henney, 89, died March 9 at Integrated Health Services of Great Bend. She was born May 22, 1912, in Hargrave, the daughter of Alvah B. and Lillie M. Johnson Rose. She married Frank Henney Nov. 29, 1934, in Scott County. A resident of Hosington since 1952, coming from Little River and Scott City, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Henney was a member of First United Methodist Church in Hosington. Survivors include her husband of the home; one daughter, Velda Joyce Speight of Farmington, Minn.; one brother, Donald Rose of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; one brother, Gerald Rose; Wilbur Rose and Durward Rose. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hosington, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at Hosington Cemetery in Hosington. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 11, 2002

The Rev. Fred M. Tuzicka, 1923-2002

The Rev. Fred M. Tuzicka, 79, of Great Bend, died March 9 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born Feb. 23, 1923, in Otis, the son of Joseph F. and Sophia Matal Tuzicka. He was ordained as a Catholic priest May 20, 1951. A resident of Barton County since 1973, he was a priest, serving the communities of Dodge City, Offerle, Plains, Jetmore, Olmitz, Claflin and St. John. Tuzicka was a member of Knights of Columbus in Great Bend. Survivors include three brothers, Joe Tuzicka of Great Bend, Lester Tuzicka of Albuquerque, N.M., and Francis Tuzicka of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and two sisters, Josephine Pozalek of Timken and Cecilia Horacek of Munjor. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Wilford Tuzicka, Willard Tuzicka, George Tuzicka and Lewis Tuzicka. Family rosary will be at 7:30 tonight at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with a Knights of Columbus rosary to follow. Vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Timken. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Bishop Ronald Gilmore officiating. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery in Timken. Friends may call from 4-9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home, from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday and from 9-10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church in Timken. Memorials are suggested to Dodge City Vocation Office for New Priests, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 11, 2002

John Jacob Piper, 1924-2002

FORT WORTH, Texas - John Jacob Piper, 77, died Feb. 27 at his home in Fort Worth. He was born Sept. 20, 1924, in Great Bend. He was a 1941 graduate of Great Bend Hig School. He married Joan Pioer. A resident of Fort Worth. coming from Great
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 12, 2002

Charles 'Charlie' Yusta 1917-2002

WILSON - Charles "Charlie" Yusta, 84, died March 10. He was born Aug. 18, 1917, in Ellsworth County. He married Rose Yusta on April 24, 1949. A resident of Wilson, he was a mechanic. Survivors include his wife of the home; one sister, Helen Payne of Grover Beach, Calif.; and a special friend, Neal Steine. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Foster Mortuary Chapel in Wilson. Burial will be at Wilson City Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Rita Mae Brown Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 12, 2002

March 13, 2002

Ruth Thelma Hyacinth Best 1912-2002

BURRTON - Ruth Thelma Hyacinth Best, 89, died March 10 at Good Samaritan Village in Hutchinson. She was born May 20, 1912, in Newton, the daughter of Everett and Bessie Nott Sharp. She was a graduate of Bushong High School. She married James Ray Best in 1934, in Council Grove. He died Sept. 15, 1982. A longtime resident of the Burrton and Halstead area, coming from Council Grove and Dunlap, she was a homemaker and retired medical technician at Hertzler Clinic in Halstead. Mrs. Best was a member of United Methodist Church, Ruth Circle of the church and Aurora Club, all of Burrton. Survivors include two sons, Robert R. Best of Bushton and Harlan E. Best of Hutchinson; three daughters, Patty I. Biehler Harman and Judith E. Maxfield, both of Hutchinson and Lynn L. Bayles of Cummings, Ga.; two brothers, Lowell Sharp and Leland Sharp, both of Albuquerque, N.M.; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church. Burial will be at Halstead Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, all at Elliott Mortuary in Hutchinson. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer's Association or the donor's choice, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 13, 2002

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Mabel E. Bowie Greenstreet 1901-2002

JETMORE - Mabel E. Bowie Greenstreet, 100, died March 11 at Hodgeman County Long Term Care in Jetmore. She was born April 22, 1901, in Mt. Hope, the daughter of Frank and Mattie Royce Jordan. She married Donald J. Bowie Sept. 5, 1917. He died May 5, 1954. She married Charles M. Greenstreet Sept. 1, 1957, in Clayton, N.M. A lifelong resident of Jetmore, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Greenstreet was a member of United Methodist Church and Order of the Eastern Star, both of Jetmore. Survivors include her husband of the home; one daughter, Mildred L. Rupp of Hays; two sisters, Leora Bailey of Emporia and Irma Churchward of Wichita; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three sons, Kenneth Bowie, Lawrence Bowie and James Bowie; two brothers, Chester Jordan and Wayne Jordan; and two sisters, Fern Dilts and Edna Cochran. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Mark Durham officiating. Burial will be at Hanston Cemetery. Friends may call from until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, all at Elliott Mortuary in Hutchinson. Memorials are suggested to Hodgeman County Long Term Care, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 13, 2002

March 13, 2002

Norman E. Dumler 1930-2002

SUN CITY, Ariz. - Norman E. Dumler, 71, died March 8 at St. Joseph Hospital in Phoenix, Ariz. He was born June 8, 1930, in Russell, the son of Paul and Theresa Reissig Dumler. He was a 1948 graduate of Russell High School. He married Dixie Ray July 7, 1951, in Russell. A resident of Sun City, comina from California and Russell, he worked for Schlumberger Oil for many years.
before moving to California where he co-owned and operated his own automotive remanufacturing parts business until he retired. Dumler was a member of Fountain of Life Lutheran Church in Sun City and Elks Lodge in Russell. He was a U.S. Army National Guard Reserve veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Mark Dumler of Seattle, Wash.; one daughter, Kim Virtue of Baker, Ore.; one brother, James Dumler of Nixa, Mo.; and two sisters, Marjorie L. Pohlman of Russell and Mary Ann Vopat of Wilson. He was preceded in death by one sister, Vera Mae Gregson. Memorial service at Russell will be announced for a later date. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 13, 2002

Ben Kubo 1919-2002

RUSSELL - Ben Kubo, 82, died March 9 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was born Nov. 29, 1919, near Scotts Bluff, Neb., the son of Ujiro and Konami Kinoto Kubo. He married Lillian Luekenga Huddleston Nov. 4, 1967, in Laramie, Wyo. A resident of Russell since 1975, coming from Scotts Bluff, he was a linotype operator for the Russell County News, retiring in 1982. Kubo was a member of Episcopal Church in Mitchell, Neb. and Kansas Press Association in Topeka. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, James R. Huddleston of Colorado Springs, Colo., John F. Huddleston of Wichita and Jerry L. Huddleston of Tribune; one daughter, Gail Ogle of Russell; one sister, Rose Yamamoto of Gering, Neb.; and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. MST today at First Presbyterian Church in Tribune, with the Rev. Mike Underwood officiating. Burial will be at Greeley County Cemetery in Tribune. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or Recreation Commission, both of Russell County or Greeley County Historical Society in Tribune, all in care of Price and Sons Funeral Home in Leoti. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 13, 2002

Gale Patrick Sechtem 1940-2002

RUSSELL - Gale Patrick Sechtem, 61, died March 10 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. He was born Nov. 25, 1940, in Hays, the son of Everett and Jean Talbott Sechtem. He was a 1959 graduate of Russell High School and received a bachelors degree from Fort Hays State University. He married LoAnn Eurich Aug. 7, 1963, in Russell. A lifelong resident of Russell, he taught shop and history at various area schools, before opening Sechtem's Cabinet Shop, which evolved into Sechtem's Wood Products. Sechtem was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus Council 3034, both in Russell and National Society of Tole and Decorative Painters. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Phillip Sechtem of Overland Park and John Sechtem of Russell; and one daughter, Julie Sechtern of Russell. He was preceded in death by one brother, Everett Allen Sechtem. Funeral was at 10 a.m. today at the church, with the Revs. Charles Steier and James Grennan officiating. Burial is at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Dorrance. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or Russell Food Pantry, both in care of Russell Funeral Home in Russell. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 13, 2002

Maxine Boettcher 1939-2002

ELTON, Wis. - Maxine Boettcher, 63, died March 5 at Langelade Hospital in Antigo, Wis. She was born March 4, 1939, in Newton, Iowa, the daughter of Frank Augustus and Marie Autzen Dickerson. She married Richard Boettcher Dec. 24, 1985, in Newton. A resident of Elton, she was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband of the home; and two sisters, Dorothy Rodie of Hoisington and Betty Snodgrass of Newton. She was preceded in death by one sister, Margaret Gordon and one infant sister. Funeral was March 9 at Bradley Funeral Home in Antigo. Burial will be at Elton Cemetery at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Rodie for a family memorial, in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 13, 2002

Louise Smith 1917-2002

HOISINGTON - Louise Smith, 84, died March 12 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, March 13, 2002

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Ann Schaffer 1946-2002

CLAFLIN - Ann Kathleen Schaffer, 55, died March 12 at St. Mary's Hospital, Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. She was born May 22, 1946, in Wichita, the daughter of Cyril and Abbie Bright Crossette. She married Dr. Richard "Dick" Schaffer March 30, 1990, in Lawrence. A resident of rural Claflin since 1993, coming from Lawrence, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Schaffer was a member of Beta Sigma Phi. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Jon Winter of Lawrence; two daughters, Becky Bennett of Lawrence and Robin Schneweis of Pearl City, Hawaii; two stepsons, Mark Schaffer of Kansas City, Mo. and Greg Schaffer of Scottsdale, Ariz.; two brothers, Sheldon Crossette of Overland Park and Gene Crossette of Jet, Okla.; and three grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at First Christian Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Bloominodale Cemetery in rural Claflin. Friends may call from 5-9 tonight at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials
Edward Lee Krestin, 83, of Great Bend died March 16, at his home in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be

Louise Smith 1917-2002

HOISINGTON - Louise Smith, 84, died March 12 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born April 24, 1917, in Ness County, the daughter of W.E. and Euphemia Wray. She married Chester H. "Chet" Smith July 18, 1937, in Topeka. He died Feb. 3, 2000. A resident of Hoisington for most of her life, coming from Glendale, Calif., she was a homemaker and owner of A&W in Hoisington from 1957 to 1970. Mrs. Smith was a member of First Christian Church, past member of Eastern Star, past member of PTA and Koffee Kup bowling league, all of Hoisington. Survivors include two sons, Randy Smith of Great Bend and Ron Smith of Hoisington; one daughter, Rhonda Blazek of Hoisington; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Tillie Beltz. 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 in Hoisington. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Rosewood Services or Kans for Kids, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 14, 2002

Victor O. Hidde 1922-2002

HUTCHINSON - Victor O. Hidde, 79, died March 12 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was born April 20, 1922, in New London, Wis., the son of Oscar William and Myrtle Learman Hidde. He married Ione Cain Nov. 10, 1943, in Coffeyville. A resident of Hutchinson since 1989, coming from Winfield, he worked as a purchaser and transporter for Permian Oil Corporation, retiring in 1988. Hidde was a member of First Southern Baptist Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars, both in Hutchinson. He was a U.S. Army Veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Jerry Hidde of Hutchinson and Rocky Hidde of Winfield; two daughters, Susan Scheck of Casper, Wyo. and Donna William of Bunker Hill; four brothers, Glen Hidde, Harold Hidde, Alfred Hidde and Mel Hidde, all of New London; three sisters, Dorothy Raper of Pawdely, Texas, Alice Jonly of Weyauwega, Wis., and Hilda Fronczak of New London; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Carl Hidde. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Ray E. Kempel officiating. Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Great Bend, with military graveside rites conducted by Ft. Riley Honor Guard. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Elliott Mortuary in Hutchinson. Memorials are suggested to the church building fund, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 14, 2002

The Rev. Eugene Joseph Robl 1924-2002

ELLINWOOD - The Rev. Eugene Joseph Robl, 77, died March 10 in Las Vegas, Nev. He was born June 1, 1924, in Ellinwood, the son of Michael and Anna Schlochtermeier Robl. He graduated from St. Mary Cathedral High School in Wichita and attended Holy Cross Abbey School and Junior College in Canon City, Colo., St. Louis Preparatory Seminary and kenrick Seminary, both in St. Louis, Mo. He was ordained to the priesthood June 1, 1950, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Ellinwood, for the Diocese of Wichita. A resident of Las Vegas for the past year, coming from Kansas and Missouri, he was a Roman Catholic Priest, retiring in 1997. Robl was a member of Lions Club, Kiwanis Club, Optimist Club, Boy Scouts of America, St. Vincent de Paul Society and American Red Cross. Survivors include one sister, Magdalen Robl of Las Vegas. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Columbia, Mo., with Bishop Emeritus Michael F. Mcauliffe and Monsignor Michael Flanagan officiating. Rosary will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery, north of Ellinwood, with the Rev. David Flagor officiating. Friends may call from 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Sts. Peter and Paul Trust, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 14, 2002

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Earl M. Phillips 1911-2002

Earl M. Phillips, 90, of Great Bend, died March 13 at Integrated Health Services in Great Bend. He was born July 10, 1911, in Lake City, the son of Cyrus V. and Edith V. Swope Phillips. He married Freda P. Horney Sept. 16, 1933, in Kingman. She died Nov. 4, 1971. He married Maxine Hickman Cole May 21, 1976, in Ellinwood. She died Feb. 1, 2000. A resident of Great Bend since 1934, coming from Coats, he was the proprietor of Phillips Sporting Goods. Phillips was a member of Masonic Lodge A.F and A.M. 15, Sunflower Shrine Club, York Rite Bodies and Central Kansas Association for the Visually Impaired, all of Great Bend and Isis Temple of Salina. Survivors include one stepson, Douglas Cole of San Diego, Calif.; one daughter, Beverly Phillips Komarek of Great Bend; two stepdaughters, Elaine Felke of Great Bend and Cathy Cole of Berton, Neb.; one brother, Dale Phillips of Great Bend; one sister, Bettery Nelson of Sarasota, Fla.; three grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Paul Phillips, Glenn Phillips and Lloyd Phillips. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. March 23 at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with Harvard Townsend officiating. Inurnment will be at Great Bend Cemetery. The is no visitation, cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Barton County Historical Society or the donor's choice, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 17, 2002

Edward Lee Krestin 1918-2002

Edward Lee Krestin. 83. of Great Bend died March 16. at his home in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be
announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 17, 2002

William 'Dee' Hastings  1911-2002

LARNED - William "Dee" Hastings, 90, died March 14, at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born May 27, 1911, in Vandale, Ark., the son of William and Mary Hastings. He married Ida Lee Brewster, Feb. 27, 1954, at Hernando, Miss. She died March 18, 1999. A resident of Great Bend for the past 18 years, coming from Larned, he was a former produce manager for C.O. Mammel's and Uncle Bill's Grocery Stores. Hastings was a member of the First Assembly of God Church, in Great Bend. Survivors include three sons, Donald Wayne Stout of Larned, Roy Stout of Nowata, Okla., and James Hastings of Danville, Ark.; five daughters, Martha Neldon of Wynn, Ark., Doris Moore of Larned, Brenda Evans of Hays, Linda Kaiser of Great Bend, and Donna Winchester of Walnut Ridge, Ark.; 26 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by five sons, Bert Stout Jr., James Stout, Lamar Stout, J.C. Stout, J.E. Stout; two brothers, Johnny Hastings, and Blanchard Hastings; and one sister, Artie Berkley. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. at the church in Great Bend. Burial will be at the Larned Cemetery in Larned. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the Dee Hastings Memorial Fund in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 17, 2002

Warren L. Moore  1923-2002

HOISINGTON - Warren L. Moore, 79, died March 12 at Holiday Resort in Emporia. He was born Nov. 9, 1923 in Bushong, the son of Roscoe E. and Elvina Harder Moore. A resident of Hoisington, he was a game protector for the Forestry Fish and Game Commission, and was manager at Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Refuge, he also worked for Mariette Coach Company and Graves Truck Lines both of Great Bend. Moore was a member of Eagles Lodge 646, Cheyenne Bottoms Sportsman Club, both of Great Bend, Central Kansas Wildlife Association and life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars post 7428 both of Hoisington, National Rifle Association, AARP, charter member of American Legion Post 398 of Allen, life member of Emporia State University Alumni Association, and honorary retired member Teamsters Union Local 795 of Wichita. He was veteran of United States Merchant Marines, and United States Army Overseas South Pacific. Survivors include one son, James Moore of Emporia; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the V.F.W. in Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to the V.F.W. in Hoisington in care of Charter Funeral/Emporia Chapel in Emporia. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 17, 2002

Charles E. Kirkpatrick  1920-2002

STAFFORD - Charles E. Kirkpatrick, 81, died March 15, at Stafford District Hospital in Stafford. He was born Nov. 11, 1920 at Sylvia, the son of Charles and Effie Kreie Kirkpatrick. He was a 1938 graduate of Stafford High School. He married Martha Morrison, Jan. 24, 1944 at rural St. John. A lifetime resident of Stafford, he was a farmer and stockman. Kirkpatrick was a member of Stafford Methodist Church, Stafford American Legion, Stafford County Historical and Genealogical Society, Stafford Development, past member of Stafford Saddle Club, Wichita Barbed Wire Association, American Hereford Association, Stafford Lions Club, and board of directors of the St. John Co-op and service station. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Ed Kirkpatrick of Stafford; and one daughter, Marsha Wilkening of Kinsley; and five grandchildren. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford, with the Rev. Kasey Crosby officiating. Burial will be at the Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-5 p.m. today at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to the church or the Stafford Co. Historical Society, or the Stafford Hospital, all in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 17, 2002

Ruth N. Furthmyer  1914-2002

RUSSELL - Ruth N. Furthmyer, 87, died March 14, at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. She was born Aug. 15, 1914 at Ellsworth, the daughter of Tony and Maude Hrabik. She married Orville L. Furthmyer Jan. 18, 1937 at Gorham. He died Dec. 12, 1999. A resident of Russell, coming from Ellsworth and Gorham, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Furthmyer was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Russell. Survivors include one son, Larry Furthmyer of Gorham, and one step-grandson. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church in Russell, with the Rev. Charles Steiner officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Gorham. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Pohlman's Mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church or the Masses in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 17, 2002

Donna Meredith Humphreys  1968-2002

MESA, ARIZ. Donna Meredith Meredy Humphreys, 34, died March 9, at her home in Mesa. She was born Nov. 29, 1968 in Great Bend, the daughter of Don and Alice Humphreys. She was a graduate of Great Bend High School and Bethany College in Lindsburg. A resident of Mesa, coming from Great Bend, she was a chemist for TRW and a computer programmer at CRC, both of Mesa. Survivors include her parents of Great Bend; four brothers, Douglas Humphreys of Hope, Ariz., John E. Humphreys of Schaumburg, Ill., Hutch Humphreys of Upland, Calif., and Hank Humphreys of Hesston; and one sister, Alyson Walter of Topeka. Memorial service will be Wednesday at the First Presbyterian Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. A memorial service will be held in Mesa the week of March 24. Details of that service can be obtained from Jon Knaupp at (480) 821-0083. Memorials are suggested to the endowment fund in care of Provost and Chemistry Professor Mike Mitchell, or Bethany College, office of advancement in memory of Donna Meredith Humphreys. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 17, 2002

Shirley Princ  1934-2002


Hazel L. Greenway  1910-2002

McCRACKEN - Hazel L. Greenway, 92, died March 16 at Rush County Memorial Hospital Long Term Care in La Crosse. She was born Jan. 31, 1910, in Morganville, the daughter of Herman F. and Juanita L. Stay Oelkers. She married Clifford W. Greenway March 3, 1928, in Larned. He died Dec. 11, 1970. A lifelong resident of Rush County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Greenway was a member of Golden Agers Senior Center and Church Quilting Club, both of McCracken. Survivors include one stepson, Doug Meredith of Great Bend; two stepdaughters, Dawn Meredith of Great Bend and Randi Meredith of Rush Center; his mother of Belleville, Ill.; one sister Lynn Smith of Bellville, Ill.; and his special friend, Connie Rubio of Hoisington. He was preceded in death by one son, Brian Edward Lonnon. A graveside service was held Saturday at Great Bend Cemetery in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Kara and Amanda Lonnon education fund at Community Bank in Great Bend. Arrangements are by Smith Family Mortuaries in Wichita. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 15, 2002

Eric Leon Lonnon  1963-2002

WICHITA - Eric Leon Lonnon, 38, died March 9 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born Nov. 2, 1963, in Corner Brook, Newfoundland, Canada, the son of Gerald and Mary Ann Steuve Lonnon. Survivors include his mother of his children, Nyla Lonnon of Hoisington; two daughters, Kara Lonnon and Amanda Lonnon, both of Hoisington; one stepson, Doug Meredith of Great Bend; two stepdaughters, Dawn Meredith of Great Bend and Randi Meredith of Rush Center; his parents of Belleville, Ill.; one sister Lynn Smith of Bellville, Ill.; and his special friend, Connie Rubio of Hoisington. He was preceded in death by one son, Brian Edward Lonnon. A graveside service was held Saturday at Great Bend Cemetery in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Kara and Amanda Lonnon education fund at Community Bank in Great Bend. Arrangements are by Smith Family Mortuaries in Wichita. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 15, 2002

Gertrude C. Orth Becker  1902-2002

HOISINGTON - Gertrude C. Orth Becker, 99, died March 14 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born Nov. 2, 1902 at Hutchinson, the daughter of Carl Fredrick and Anna Magnus Orth. She married Herman Albert Becker, June 15, 1924 at Cheney. He died Feb. 16, 1941. A resident of Hoisington since 1924, coming from Cheney, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Becker was a member of First United Methodist Church, Order of the Eastern Star, Alturian Club, Garden Club, Hoisington Women Civic Club, Heritage Club, Friendship Club, and Tree Board all of Hoisington. Survivors include two sons, Gerald Becker of Wichita, and Donald Becker of Iola; two daughters, Wadonna Ashcraft of Sarasota, Fla., and Sandra Miller of Niceville, Fla.; 11 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Dwayne Becker; one brother, Leonard Orth, and three sisters, Mable Brown, Hilda Robertson, and Edla Sowers. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the church in Hoisington, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery in Hoisington. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. today and from 9-11 a.m. Monday, both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, and noon until service time Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the United Methodist Youthville, Shriner's Crippled Children Hospital or the church, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 17, 2002

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Hazel L. Greenway 1910-2002

McCRACKEN - Hazel L. Greenway, 92, died March 16 at Rush County Memorial Hospital Long Term Care in La Crosse. She was born Jan. 31, 1910, in Morganville, the daughter of Herman F. and Juannita L. Stay Oelkers. She married Clifford W. Greenway March 3, 1928, in Larned. He died Dec. 11, 1970. A lifelong resident of Rush County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Greenway was a member of Golden Agers Senior Center and Church Quilting Club, both of McCracken. Survivors include one sister, Betty K. Boren of Mesa, Ariz.; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Donald C. Greenway; and one brother, Keith F. Oelkers. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at La Crosse City Cemetery in La Crosse, with the Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Wednesday at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Memorials are suggested to Golden Agers Senior Center, McCracken emergency medical technicians or Rush County Memorial Hospital Long Term Care, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 18, 2002

Alois Joseph 'Lum' Yost  1916-2002

WILSON - Shirley Princ, 68, died March 14, at her home in Wilson. She was born Jan. 6, 1934 in Ellsworth County, the daughter of Bill and Gladys Pecival Kuck. She married Don Princ, April 10, 1953, at Wilson. He died Nov. 12, 2001. A lifelong Wilson resident, she was a homemaker and a finish worker at Eschbaugh's Advertising. Mrs. Princ was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Wilson. Survivors include three daughters, Trady Nail of Vinita, Okla., Terri Parks of Ellsworth, and Torey Nondorf of Wilson, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Trent Princ, and one sister, Barbara. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. today at Foster Mortuary Chapel in Wilson. Burial will be at Wilson City Cemetery. Friends may call until service time today at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Wilson Opera House in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 17, 2002
GORHAM - Alois Joseph "Lum" Yost, 85, died March 15 at Russell Regional Hospital in Russell. He was born June 3, 1916, in Gorham, the son of Godfrey and Mary Kuhn Yost. He married Florence Jacobs Sept. 17, 1940, in Gorham. A lifelong resident of the Fairport and Gorham area, he worked in the oil fields all of his adult life and retired from Sohio Petroleum Company in 1983. Yost was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and charter member of Knights of Columbus, where he was a past grand knight, all in Gorham, Knights of Columbus in Victoria and American Legion in Russell. He served on the Fairport School Board, Gorham Rural High School board, Gorham City Council, Gorham Fire Department and Saint Mary's Catholic Church Parish Council. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Richard Yost of Hays, Jack Yost of Russell and Chuck Yost of Gorham; one daughter, Marcia Blundon of Russell; three brothers, Edwin Yost of Perryton, Texas, John Yost of Denver, Colo., and Jim Yost of Rincon, Ga.; two sisters, Roz Thomas of Russell and Mary Ann Froelich of Gorham; seven grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Douglas Yost; three brothers, Elmer Yost, Robert Yost and Vergil Yost; and one sister, Julita Yost. A combined Gorham and Victoria Knights of Columbus rosary is at 6:30 p.m. tonight, followed by a vigil service at 7 p.m. and a Gorham Daughters of Isabella rosary at 7:30, all at Cline's Mortuary in Gorham. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Charles Steier officiating. Burial will be at the church cemetery in Gorham. Friends may call from 3-9 p.m. today and from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Tuesday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church or Masses, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 18, 2002

Margaret Fromong Fox 1912-2002

LARNED - Margaret Fromong Fox, 90, died March 16 at Garden Terrace in Overland Park. She was born Jan. 1, 1912, in Rozel, the daughter of Edward and Maude Arnold Fromong. She married Glenn S. Fox July 26, 1936, in Rozel. A resident of Kansas City since 1938, coming from Manhattan, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Fox was a member of Central Methodist Church of Kansas City, Mo., Omega Chi Alpha sorority and Sigma Alpha Iota professional sorority. Survivors include her husband of the home; one daughter, Susanne Fox Perez of Mesquite, Texas; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four sisters, Laura Uhland, Lola Powell, Berniece Fromong and Hazel Fromong. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Larned Cemetery in Larned, with the Rev. Tony Horsley officiating. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday, all at Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer's Association, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 18, 2002

Edward L. Krestin 1918-2002

Edward L. Krestin, 83, of Great Bend, died March 16 at his home. He was born Nov. 2, 1918, in Olmitz, the son of John and Thersia Suchy Krestin. He married Irene J. Price April 15, 1988, in Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend for 14 years, coming from Olmitz, he was a retired farmer. Krestin was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Great Bend and Knights of Columbus in Olmitz. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; and three sisters, Frances Krestin of St. Mary's, and Alice South and Gertrude Smith, both of Great Bend. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Arthur Krestin, Fredrick Krestin and Clarence Krestin; and three sisters, Viola Kober, Caroline Mlyner and Grace Brack. Vigil service will be at 7 tonight at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Warren Stecklein officiating. Friends may call until 9 tonight, at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Patrick Catholic Church or St. Ann's Catholic Church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 18, 2002

Lugene C. Ritter 1928-2002

Lugene C. Ritter, 74, of Great Bend, died March 17 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Friends may call after 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 18, 2002

Georgene Marietta 1924-2002

Georgene Marietta, 78, of Great Bend, died March 16 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 18, 2002

Addendum for Donna Meredith Humphreys obituary

Donna Meredith "Meredy" Humphreys, 33, died March 9 at her home in Mesa, Ariz. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at First Presbyterian Church in Great Bend. Memorials may be sent to Bethany College, Office of Advancement, 421 North 1st Street, Lindsborg, KS 67456. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 18, 2002

Addendum for Warren L. Moore obituary

HOISINGTON - Warren L. Moore, 80, died March 12 at Holiday Resort in Emporia. Additional survivors are his companion, Susie Messex of Hoisington; and one sister, Margaret Keller of Emporia. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 18, 2002
March 19, 2002

Georgene Marie Marietta 1923-2002

Georgene Marie Marietta, 78, of Great Bend, died March 16 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. She was born Aug. 8, 1923, in Mankato, the daughter of Charles and Helen Diamond Murphy. She married Verle Loris Marietta Sept. 5, 1948, in Mankato. He died Dec. 20, 1999. A resident of Great Bend since 1952, coming from Alva, Okla., she was a homemaker and worked for 10 years at the Barton County Courthouse. Mrs. Marietta was a member of First United Methodist Church in Great Bend. Survivors include two daughters, Kala Marietta of Phoenix, Ariz. and Karla Norsworthy of Raleigh, N.C.; one brother, Bob Murphy of Mankato; and two grandsons. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Jana Baxter officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Mount Hope Cemetery in Mankato. 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 American Cancer Society, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 19, 2002

Lucene C. "Gene' Ritter 1928-2002

Lucene C. "Gene' Ritter, 74, of Great Bend, died March 17 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was born Jan. 22, 1928, in Tribune, the son of Lonnel C. and Delma Hansen Ritter. He was a 1946 graduate of Hoisington High School and a 1952 graduate of Fort Hays State College. He married Barbara Drake Sept. 30, 1951, in Hoisington. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Hoisington and Olathe, he was retired in 1983 from the USDA Conservation Service after 32 years of service. Ritter was a member of First Christian Church in Great Bend, Masonic Lodge 331 AF and AM in Hoisington, lifetime member of both American Legion Post and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, Soil and Water Conservation Society and Organization of Professional Employees of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving from 1946-1948. Survivors include his wife of the home; four sons, Randy Ritter of Salina, Ben Ritter of Eugene, Ore., Doug Ritter of Wichita and Bob Ritter of Lane; one brother, Dr. H.K. Ritter of Hoisington; and 10 grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery with Masonic graveside rites. Friends may call until 9 tonight, from 9-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, all at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington and from 12:30 p.m. until service time Wednesday at the church. The casket will remain closed. Family will receive friends from 7-8 p.m. tonight, at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to First Christian Church Building Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 19, 2002

John M. Carey 1923-2002

HUTCHINSON - John M. Carey, 78, died March 18 at Wesley Towers in Hutchinson. He was born Sept. 18, 1923, in Hutchinson, the son of Howard J. and Louise B. Banks Carey. He was a graduate of Fountain Valley School in Colorado Springs, Colo. He married Patricia J. Bosse Oct. 5, 1946, in Ellinwood. She died July 3, 1999. A resident of Hutchinson, coming from Austin, Texas, and Ellinwood, he retired from Bosse Grain in Ellinwood in 1982. Carey was a member of St. John’s Presbyterian Church in Austin and was a former member of Immanuel United Church of Christ in Ellinwood. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in the South Pacific. Survivors include one daughter, Pamela L. Carey of Hutchinson; one brother, Howard J. Carey Jr. of Hutchinson; and one sister, Anna May Johnston of Hutchinson. He was preceded in death by one son, John M.B. Carey Jr.; and one sister, Margaret Kloe. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Wesley Towers Conference Room in Hutchinson, with the Rev. Robert Brooks officiating. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood, with the Rev. Larry Young officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday at Kimple Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to TECH Center in Hutchinson or Wesley Towers Good Samaritan Fund, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 19, 2002

Norman Lewis Thompson 1916-2002

Norman Lewis Thompson, 85, of Great Bend, died March 18 at Integrated Health Services of Great Bend. He was born Nov. 11, 1916, in Chockie, Okla., the son of Mack and Minnie Shipman Thompson. He married Leila Adele Turner March 26, 1938, in Kiowa, Okla. A resident of Great Bend since 1952, coming from Kiowa, he was an oilfield rig driller and tool pusher for Garvey Drilling and Pickrell Drilling Company. After retirement, he worked as a courier for Bank of America. Thompson was a member of First Presbyterian Church and Masonic Lodge, both of Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Curtis Thompson of Sterling and David Thompson of Louisville, Ky.; two daughters, Betty Anderson of Winfield and Karen Barefield of Minneapolis; one brother, James Thompson of Oklahoma; three sisters, Magdaline Kiedaisch, Nora O’Toole and Ruth Newberry, all of Oklahoma; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Mark Thompson, and NY Thompson Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 5-9 p.m. tonight, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. until noon Thursday, all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, American Heart Association or the church, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 19, 2002

Glenna M. Brassfield 1949-2002

BASEHOR - Glenna M. Brassfield, 53, died March 17 at her home in Basehor. She was born Feb. 15, 1949, in Kansas City, the daughter of Benjamin D. and Sophie Hurrelbrink Miller. She married Ray "Gus" Brassfield. A resident of Basehor, she was a second grade teacher for USD 500 for 24 years. Mrs. Brassfield was a member of Zion United Church of Christ and Friends of the
Eunice Mae Thornton    1938-2002

NORCUTUR - Eunice Mae Thornton, 63, died March 17. She was born June 11, 1938, in Paintsville, Ky. She married R.D. Thornton. A resident of Norcatur, she was a retired cook at the state hospital. Survivors include her husband of the home; two stepsons, Carvin Castle of West Virginia and Ray Thornton of Hays; three stepdaughters, Lisa Leichliter and Lucretia "Chris" Dempewolf, both of Norcatur and Lynette Streit of Larned; two brothers, Samuel Castle of Wharton, W.Va. and Everett Castle of Buchanan, W. Va.; four sisters, Phyllis Castle of Hays, Beulah Mullins of Jeffery, W. Va., Ival ee Doris Wilson of Wharton and Melody Franklin of Oceana, W. Va.; and seven grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Lori Rae Towery. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Enfield Funeral Home in Norton. Burial will be at Norcatur Cemetery. Friends may call from 3-8:30 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association, in care of Minnis Chapel in St. John. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 19, 2002

Dorothy Mayn Mead    1918-2002

BELPRE - Dorothy Mayn Mead, 83, died March 17 at Hillsboro Community Medical Center in Hillsboro. She was born June 28, 1918, in Kinsley, the daughter of Herman and Annie Miller. She married Raymon Bartlett July 1, 1936, in Kinsley. He died July 30, 1981. She married Vernon R. Mead March 1, 1965, in Alva, Okla. He died Jan. 28, 1997. A resident of Canton for 30 years, coming from Belpre, Macksville and Kinsley, she was a licensed mental health nurse and worked at Larned State Hospital, retiring in 1983. Survivors include one son, Ronald D. Bartlett of Lake Havasu City, Ariz.; one daughter, Cleara R. Clarkson of Canton; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Vera C. Berger; and one grandson, Larry A. Clarkson Jr. Graveside service was today at Farmington Cemetery in Macksville, with the Rev. Larry Popovich officiating. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association, in care of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and American Legion, both in Pratt. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 19, 2002

March 20, 2002

Kenneth Douglas Befort    1925-2002

PRATT - Kenneth Douglas Befort, 67, died March 18 at Pratt Regional Medical Center. He was born March 28, 1934, in Great Bend, the son of Celestine "Cy" and Clara Marie Dreher Befort. He married Lois Jean Fisher July 2, 1961, in San Diego, Calif. A resident of Pratt, he was a machine operator for KPL Natural Gas Company. Befort was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and American Legion, both in Pratt. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War. Survivors include one son, Mark D. Befort of Pratt; one daughter, Kim Voss of Mulvane; three brothers, Al Befort of Hutchinson, Curt Befort of Wichita and Keith Befort of Pratt; two sisters, Nancy J. McCleary and Wanda M. Narvid, both of Wichita; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Jason Wayne Befort; and one brother, Jim Befort. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at the church. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. James Dieker officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery in Pratt. Friends may call until 8 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, all at Ayres-Callbeck Mortuary in Pratt. Memorials are suggested to Gifts and Bequest Committee at Pratt Regional Medical Center or the donor's choice, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 20, 2002

Celeste Mary Nienke    1925-2002

ELLINWOOD - Celeste Mary Nienke, 77, died March 19 at Homestead in McKinney, Texas. She was born Feb. 22, 1925, in Great Bend, the daughter of Louis Adam and Mary Alice Malone Schartz. She married Raymond G. Nienke July 26, 1947, in Lyons. He died Nov. 4, 1998. A resident of McKinney since Dec. 2000, coming from Ellinwood, she worked as a farming and oil production secretary. Mrs. Nienke was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Ellinwood. Survivors include one son, Craig Griffith of San Francisco, Calif.; two stepsons, Fred Nienke of Hardin, Ill., and Chet Nienke of Ellinwood; two daughters, Carol Rakes of Fountain Hills, Ariz. and June Griffith of McKinney; three stepdaughters, Sharyl Palmer and Sharon Evans, both of Mesa, Ariz., and Vicki Morse of Littleton, Colo.; one sister, Genevive Koch of San Diego, Calif.; and three grandchildren. Altar Society Rosary will be at 3 p.m. Friday and a vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday, both at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. David Fligor officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph's School Endowment or Ellinwood Area Health Care Foundation, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 20, 2002

John Gerald Rourke    1922-2002

BURDETT - John Gerald Rourke, 79, died March 18 at Integrated Health Services in Great Bend. He was born Sept. 27, 1922, in Brownell, the son of John Joseph and Margaret Halbleib Rourke. He married Dorothy Nemechek Nov. 4, 1947, in Collyer. She died Aug. 30, 1981. A resident of Burdett since retiring in 1982, he was a farmer in the Brownell and McCracken area. Rourke was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Larned. Life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3449 in WaKeeney.
American Legion Post 382 in Brownell and Burdett Seniors in Burdett. Survivors include three sons, John J. Rourke of Allen, Texas, Gerald Rourke of Aguilar, Colo., and Kevin Rourke of Russell; three daughters, Kathleen Kazmaier of Larned, Dorothy Marie Penrod of Rocky Ford, Colo., and Louise Setlman of Nekoma; four sisters, Katherine Daigle of WaKeeney, Lucille Nemechek and Eileen Nemechek, both of Goodland and Sister Margaret Rourke of Salina; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Bernard Rourke and Joseph Rourke; one sister, Helen Schaben; and one grandson, Bradley Legleiter. Wake will be at 7 tonight at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in McCracken, with the Rev. Dennis Reed officiating. Burial will be at the church cemetery in McCracken. Friends may call until 8 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Mary's McCracken Heritage Association or Burdett Emergency Medical Services, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 20, 2002

Dorothy Curtis 1921-2002

ELLSWORTH - Dorothy Curtis, 80, died March 18 at Ellsworth County Medical Center in Ellsworth. She was born April 10, 1921, in Chicago, Ill., the daughter of Adolph and Mabel Leith Stefek. She married Harold Curtis July 2, 1942. He died Sept. 23, 1982. A resident of Ellsworth since 1941, she was a homemaker and worked as a laundress at Ellsworth County Hospital. Survivors include one son, Raymond Curtis Jr. of Salina; one daughter, Sue Jimison of Great Bend; two sisters, Alice Riley of Florida and Barbara Stonebraker of Scottsdale, Ariz.; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. There is no services or visitation listed at this time. According to the deceased's wishes, her body has been donated to science. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association, in care of Parsons Funeral Home in Ellsworth. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 20, 2002

Dorothy Curtis 1921-2002

ELLINWOOD - Lena Helms Schwertfeger Bieberle, 81, died March 20 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 20, 2002

March 21, 2002

Lena Schwertfeger Bieberle 1920-2002

ELLINWOOD - Lena Schwertfeger Bieberle, 81, died March 20 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. She was born Aug. 10, 1920, in Burdett, the daughter of Christian Heimick and Maria Leusette Schmalgemeier Helms. She married Orville Schwertfeger May 11, 1941, in rural Great Bend. He died June 24, 1978. She married Nick Bieberle Oct. 9, 1981, in Ellinwood. He died Dec. 13, 1987. A resident of Ellinwood, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Bieberle was a member of St. John Lutheran Church and LWML, both of Ellinwood. Survivors include one son, Frank Schwertfeger of Henderson, Colo.; seven stepsons, Bob Ewald of Billings, Mo., Jerome Ewald of Wichita, Norbert Bieberle of Great Bend, Marvin Bieberle of Lorraine, Ronald Bieberle of Ellinwood, Gordon Bieberle of Chicago, Ill., and Floyd Bieberle of Derby; three stepdaughters, Joyce Leiker of Midland, Texas, Bernadine Overman of Scottsbluff, Neb., and Corrine Batchman of Ellinwood; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Andy Keltner 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 Foundation or Ellinwood Area Health Foundation, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 21, 2002

Janet Simpson Morrison 1930-2002

MERRIAM - Janet Simpson Morrison, 72, died March 19 at her home in Merriam. She was born Jan. 28, 1930, in Great Bend, the daughter of John Sr. and Helen Wagenseller Morrison. A resident of Merriam, she worked as a medical record administrator with the University of Kansas Medical Center for 17 years, until she retired. She was a member of St. Pius X Catholic Church and St. June Circle, both in Mission and National Board of American Medical Records Association. Survivors include her one brother, Lawrence Morrison of Ogallala, Neb.; and lifelong friend, Ann Gioiosa of Merriam. She was preceded in death by one brother, John Morrison Jr. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Great Bend City Cemetery. Friends may call from 9-10 a.m. Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Amos Family Funeral Chapel in Shawnee. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 21, 2002

Frances H. Hirsch 1905-2002

ELLINWOOD - Frances H. Hirsch, 98, died March 20 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Long Term Care in Ellinwood. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 21, 2002

Earl M. Phillips 1911-2002

Earl M. Phillips, 90, of Great Bend, died March 13 at Integrated Health Services in Great Bend. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with Harvard Townsend and Bill Wolf officiating. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Barton County Historical Society or the donor's choice, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 21, 2002
March 22, 2002

Frances Helen Hirsch 1903-2002

ELLINWOOD - Frances Helen Hirsch, 98, died March 20 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Long Term Care, in Ellinwood. She was born Nov. 8, 1903, in Ellinwood, the daughter of Terrance Chris and Anna Reiman Hermes. She was a 1928 graduate of St. Frances School of Nursing in Wichita. She married William Frederick "Bill" Hirsch Nov. 18, 1935, in Ellinwood. He died Aug. 15, 1958. A lifelong resident of Ellinwood, she worked as a registered nurse. Mrs. Hirsch was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and Altar Society both of Ellinwood; charter member and first president of Ellinwood District Hospital Auxiliary in 1952 and was a charter member and officer of the Ellinwood Heritage Club. Survivors include one brother, Kenneth Hermes of Durango, Colo. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Joe Hermes, Leon Hermes, George Hermes and Harold Hermes; and three sisters, Edna Hermes, Mildred Hermes and Carrie Hermes. Altar Society Rosary will be at 3 p.m. Sunday 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 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph School Endowment Fund or Ellinwood heritage Club, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 21, 2002

Elva Laura Housman 1903-2002

HANSTON - Elva Laura Housman, 98, died March 21 at Hodgeman County Long Term Care Center in Jetmore. She was born Dec. 7, 1903, in Woodward, Okla., the daughter of James and Laura Dimmick Fakes. She married Elmer Housman Dec. 8, 1921, in Hanston. He died March 16, 1958. A longtime resident of Hanston, she worked as a nurse and was a farm wife. Mrs. Housman was a member of First Christian Church of Dodge City. Survivors include one son, Don Housman of Hanston; one daughter, Leila Ward of Jetmore; 11 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and numerous great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Walter Housman and David Housman; four brothers, Roy Fakes, Ben Fakes, Dallas Fakes and Jack Fakes; four sisters, Effie Clifton, Clara Salmans, Grace Arthur and Charity Eichman; one grandson; and one great-granddaughter. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at United Methodist Church in Jetmore, with the Rev. Mark Durham officiating. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore. Friends may call until 8 p.m. tonight at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to Hodgeman County Long Term Care Center, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 21, 2002

Earl Ray 'Tex' Adams 1924-2002

STERLING - Earl Ray "Tex" Adams, 77, died March 20 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was born July 12, 1924, in Florence, the son of Roy J. and Gladys Goldie McCarty Adams. He married June Morgart Feb. 6, 1988, in Arkansas City. A resident of Sterling for 15 years, coming from Chase, he was a retired truck driver for the oil fields. Adams was a member of American Legion in Sterling. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Jimmy R. Adams of Overland Park, Kenneth L. Adams of Joplin, Mo., and David L. Adams of Wichita; four daughters, Kay Cox of Appleton, Wis., Gladys Miller of Partridge, Lisa Yadager of Wichita and Kathy Swigart of Overland Park; two stepsons, Lonnie Morgan of Pensacola, Fla., and Larry Morgan of Raymond; one stepdaughter, Debbie Sowers of Lyons; two brothers, John Adams of Chase and Harry Adams of Great Bend; 23 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sons, Walter Housman and David Housman; four brothers, Roy Fakes, Ben Fakes, Dallas Fakes and Jack Fakes; four sisters, Effie Clifton, Clara Salmans, Grace Arthur and Charity Eichman; one grandson; and one great-granddaughter. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Chase Springdale Cemetery in Chase, with the Rev. Jerry Fenwick officiating. Friends may call from 2-5 p.m. today at Beckwith Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or American Lung Association, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 21, 2002

Tonya Jean "TJ" Lane 1945-2002

HOISINGTON - Tonya Jean "TJ" Lane, 57, died March 20 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born Jan. 23, 1945, in Sand Springs, Okla., the daughter of Harry Kirk and Ola Mae Mullis Tootle. She married Charles Denning Oct. 27, 1961, in Sterling, Colo. She married Roy A. Lane July 4, 1987, in Hoisington. A longtime resident of Hoisington, she worked as a certified nurses aid. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Kirk Denning and Brett Denning, both of Russell and Anthony Denning of Wichita; two daughters, Ethel Mae Ricketts and Stacey Denning, both of Hoisington; her mother, Ola Mae Youtsey of Dorrance; three brothers, Mark Sinclair of McPerson, Harry Tootle and Charlie Tootle, both of Idaho; two sisters, Marsha Niehoff and Reta Bushell, both of Dorrance; 20 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one brother, Robert Michael Sinclair. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with the Rev. Mike Joiner officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or American Lung Association, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 21, 2002

March 24, 2002

Elizabeth Jean McQuiston 1934-2002

DEMING, N.M. - Elizabeth Jean McQuiston. 67. died March 18. at Memorial Medical Center in Las Cruces. N.M. She was born
Grace Lavada Simmons 1917-2002

LARNED - Grace Lavada Simmons, 84, died March 23, at Healthcare and Living Center in Larned. She was born Oct. 18, 1917, in Pawnee County, the daughter of Henry Daniel and Sarah Elizabeth McClernon Bird. She married Vincent Dennis Simmons, Jan. 18, 1938, at Larned. He died March 14, 2001. A lifetime resident of Larned, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Simmons was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Altar Society, both in Larned. Survivors include five sons, Vincent H. Simmons of Garden City, Jerome Simmons of Olathe, Joseph Simmons and Kevin Simmons, both of Larned, and Patrick Simmons of Houston; three daughters, Lavada Rowe of Scranton, Veronica Holloman of Topeka and Monica Schneweis of Dodge City; one brother, Eldred Bird of Raytown, Mo.; one sister, Faye Carpenter of Larned; 25 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Cecil Bird and Harold Bird. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. tonight at the church. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Dennis Reed officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery in Larned. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to Sacred Heart School Endowment or the Larned Healthcare and Living Center Resident Activity Fund. both in care of the funeral home.
Herman K. Brack 1915-2002

OTIS - Herman K. Brack, 86, died March 23 at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. He was born Oct. 10, 1915, at Otis, the son of John F. and Mary Herman Brack. He married Juanita Brack, Feb. 27, 1938, in Otis. A lifetime resident of Otis, he was a retired farmer. Brack was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Otis. Survivors include his wife of the home; his stepfather, Casper Harting; and one sister, Edna Schneider. Funeral will be at 10 a.m., Tuesday at the church, with the Revs. Jeri Dexheimer and Margaret Gary officiating. Burial will be at Lutheran Cemetery in Otis. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. today, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Otis Ambulance or donor's choice, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, March 24, 2002

March 25, 2002

Gregory J. Collins 1978-2002

Gregory J. Collins, 23, of Great Bend, died March 22 in Great Bend. He was born Sept. 25, 1978, in Bad-Canstadt, Germany, the son of James III and Jerri Lynne Knisell Collins. A resident of Great Bend, he worked as a construction laborer. Collins was an inactive member of the Jehovah's Witness congregation. Survivors include his parents of Great Bend; one brother, Anthony Collins of Great Bend; one sister, Adrienne Collins of Great Bend; and grandparents, Joseph and Nila Knisell of Holiday, Fla. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Fryberger Mortuary Chapel in Great Bend, with Edward J. Forton officiating. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Tuesday at the mortuary, with family receiving friends from 6-7 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Gregory J. Collins Memorial, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, March 25, 2002

Leslie L. Schultz 1918-2002

PAWNEE ROCK - Leslie L. Schultz, 83, died March 24 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born Oct. 17, 1918, in Barton County, the son of Abraham and Susie Unruh Schultz. He married Fern J. Behrens Oct. 23, 1941, in Albert. She died June 21, 1981. He married Janice M. Scheck May 20, 1982, in Pawnee Rock. He was a lifelong resident of Pawnee Rock. Schultz was a member of Bergthal Mennonite Church in Pawnee Rock and Civilian Public Service in Colorado Springs, Colo. Survivors include his wife of the home; three daughters, Ronda Hixon of Dodge City, Debra Schultz of Tulsa, Okla., and Marla Davidson of Great Bend; one stepson, Mike Mauler of Great Bend; three stepdaughters, Susan Grimes of Auburn, Calif., Michele Johnson of Gainesville, Mo., and Sandra Kuhn of Omaha, Neb.; eight grandchildren; and eight step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Walter Schultz, Frank Schultz and Dewey Schultz; and five sisters, Verna Schultz, Virgie Deckert, Lena Hanson, Sadie Gore and Juanita Miller. Prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Muriel T. Stackley officiating. Burial will be at Mennonite Memorial Cemetery in Pawnee Rock. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home and from 9:30 a.m. until service time Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or M.C.C. Relief Sale, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 25, 2002

Helen Louise Wolf 1914-2002

Helen Louise Wolf, 89, of Great Bend, died March 25 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend after a lengthy illness. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 25, 2002

Herman K. Brack - correction

Listed as survivors in Sunday's edition of the Tribune for Herman K. Brack were stepfather Casper Hartung; and sister, Edna Schneider. Hartung and Schneider preceded Brack in death. The Tribune regrets the error. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 25, 2002

March 26, 2002

Ryan Lyn Moos 1976-2002

Ryan Lyn Moos, 25, of Great Bend, died March 24 at Integrated Health Services of Great Bend in Great Bend. He was born Sept. 3, 1976, in Great Bend, the son of Alan and Susan Cain. A lifelong resident of Great Bend, he worked as a prep cook at Wendy's in Great Bend. Survivors include his parents of Great Bend; two brothers, Tanner Alan Cain and Dylan James Cain, both of Great Bend; and grandparents; Helen Moos of Great Bend and Larry and Judy Cain of Lyons. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Mike Joiner 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 Extreme Hope Fellowship or Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March
**Misao Turley  1942-2002**

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. - Misao Turley, 59, died March 7. She was born July 11, 1942, in Tokyo, Japan, the daughter of Masao and Toshiko Sugiura. She married Laverl Turley. A resident of Chattanooga for six years, she worked as a terminal manager for Gotoh Distribution Services. Survivors include her husband of La Crosse; one son, Timothy N. Turley of Rochester, N.Y.; two daughters, Michelle Brazda of Timken and Christine Turley of Albuquerque, N.M.; her mother of Tokyo; two brothers, Keozo Sugiura and Takashi Sugiura, both of Tokyo; and five grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at First Christian Church in La Crosse, with the Rev. Troy Schroeder officiating. There is no visitation and no memorials are suggested. An additional service and burial will be held in April in Tokyo. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 26, 2002

**Leslie Pauline Harrison  1919-2002**

ST. JOHN - Leslie Pauline Harrison, 83, died March 24 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. She was born March 4, 1919, in Pratt County, the daughter of George R. and Avonell Weir. She married William Dotts Harrison May 23, 1942, in Wichita. He died March 23, 1995. A resident of St. John since 1947, coming from Pratt County, she was a homemaker and farmer. Survivors include one son, Robert Harrison of St. John; three daughters, Janet Harrison of Hutchinson, Jean Carter of Hays and Jennifer Harrison of St. John; three sisters, Georgia Gibson of Isabel, Martha Rettinger of Cunningham and Shirley Allen of Lyons; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Jim Weir; and one grandson. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Minnis Chapel in St. John with the Rev. Rodney Lyons officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to Fairview Park Cemetery or Stafford County Emergency Medical Service, both in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 26, 2002

**Dorothy Marie Acker  1918-2002**

DUMAS, Texas - Dorothy Marie Acker, 83, died March 23 in Dumas. She was born Oct. 2, 1918, in Grand Rapids, Mich. She married Robert Acker May 9, 1944, in Hollywood, Fla. A resident of Dumas, coming from Amarillo, Texas, and Otis, she was a homemaker and worked as a secretary at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Dumas. Mrs. Acker was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Senior Citizens and DCWC, all of Dumas. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Richard Acker of Pensacola, Fla., and Ronald Acker of Prosper, Texas; three daughters, Kathy Litton of Wichita, Linda Tucker of Florence, Ky., and Donleta Frazier of Elkland, Mo.; one brother, Nelson White Jr. of Sun City, Ariz.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Robert White; and one sister, Jackie Sella. Funeral was today at the church, with the Rev. Richard Scully officiating. Burial was at Northlawn Memorial Gardens in Dumas. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer's Association of the Panhandle or Moore County Senior Center in Dumas, both in care of Morrison Funeral Directors in Dumas. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 26, 2002

**Helen Louise Wolf  1912-2002**

Helen Louise Wolf, 89, of Great Bend, died March 25 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born April 23, 1912, in Siloam Springs, Benton County, Ark., the daughter of William David and Ethel Barbara Wright Brown. She married Roy Graydon Wolf June 4, 1933, in Jay, Okla. He died Nov. 24, 1963. A resident of Great Bend and Ellinwood for more than 50 years, she was a retired house mother for Wichita State University and John Brown University in Siloam Springs. Mrs. Wolf was a member of United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women, both of Ellinwood. Survivors include two sons, William M. Wolf of Great Bend and Henry Wolf of Chester, Ill.; one daughter, Jo Eileen Wolf of Oklahoma City, Okla.; one brother, Charles Wayne Brown of Wichita; and one sister, Bernice Freeze of Bella Vista, Ark.; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Irvin Brown and John Henry Brown. Memorial service will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Larry Young officiating. Burial will be at Oak Hill Cemetery in Siloam Springs. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, all at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 26, 2002

**Bruce R. Coate  1935-2002**

WILSON - Bruce R. Coate, 66, died March 25 at Ellsworth County Medical Center in Ellsworth. He was born June 16, 1935, in Dodge City, the son of Richard and LaVerne Burnett Coate. He married Sandra L. Shufelberger May 21, 1960, in Montezuma. A resident of Wilson since 1983, coming from Colorado Springs, Colo., Chicago, Ill., and Dodge City, he owned and operated Bruce's Professional Guide Service, at Lake Wilson. Coate was a member of Evangelical Free Church in Ellsworth. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Brenda Bunton of Ridgland, S.C.; two brothers, Lonnie Coate of Afton, Okla., and Mike Coate of Ensign; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Tammy Coate; and one sister, Penny Coate. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Tom Richards officiating. Burial will be at Wilson City Cemetery with military graveside honors. Friends may call from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, from 8 a.m. until noon Thursday, both at Foster Mortuary in Wilson and from 1 p.m. until service time Thursday, at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 26, 2002

**Hazel Mae Hull Risley  1913-2002**
BISON - Lawrence P. Romeiser, 94, died March 26 in Bison. He was born March 10, 1908, in rural Bison, the son of William B. and Ernestine Humbug Romeiser. He was a 1926 graduate of Bison High School and a 1932 graduate of Fort Hays State University. He married Pearl Wenger March 6, 1932. She died June 6, 1970. A lifelong resident of Pawnee and Rush counties, he was a farmer. Romeiser was a member of Lions Club, Kansas Farm Bureau, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, Sixty Plus of La Crosse, Rush Center and Timken and a lifetime Mason, receiving his fifty year pin. Survivors include two sons, Gary Romeiser of Hartford and Kenneth Romeiser of Bison; one daughter, Lana Flowers of Lake Jackson, Texas; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Ruben Romeiser; and three sisters, Mildred Romeiser, Elsa Luft and Dolores Egleston. Funeral will be at 10:45 a.m. at Bison United Methodist Church, with the Revs. Kathy Bannister and Marilyn Christmore officiating. Burial will be at Lone Star Cemetery in Bison. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Thursday at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Memorials are suggested to Sixty Plus of La Crosse, in care of the funeral home.

March 27, 2002

Raymond L. McKinley 1930-2002

RUSSELL - Raymond L. McKinley, 71, died March 25 at Russell Regional Hospital in Russell. He was born May 3, 1930, in Nevada, Mo., the son of Frank A. and Bertha Rackley McKinley. He married Illa Fern Bushell Aug. 28, 1955, in Natoma. She died April 14, 1965. He married Lou Ann Graham June 4, 1966, in Russell. He graduated from Fort Hays State University with a bachelor's degree. A resident of Russell, he taught school in Russell from 1959 to 1992, when he retired. He also owned and operated his own cattle and farming operation as well as running McKinley Auction Service. McKinley was a member of First Congregational Church, life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, both in Russell and vice-chairman of the Russell County Zoning Committee. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Raeleen Reinhardt of Russell; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one infant son; and two sisters, Violet McKinley and Florence Zweifel. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Trinity United Methodist Church in Russell, with the Revs. Martha Hartman and Glenn Tombaugh officiating. Burial will be at Russell City Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Pohlman's Mortuary in Russell and from 9:30 a.m. until service time Thursday at the Methodist church. Memorials are suggested to Ray McKinley Scholarship or Rock Springs Ranch, both in care of the mortuary.

Edwin J. Bahr 1925-2002

STERLING - Edwin J. Bahr, 76, died March 22. He was born Sept. 26, 1925, near Olmitz, the son of John and Gladys Schreiber Bahr. He married Rosemary Vonfeldt Nov. 21, 1949. A resident of Sterling since 1955, coming from Olmitz, he operated Bahr Dozer Service from 1958 to 1971 and then started and operated Ed's Auto Sales until his retirement in 1990. Bahr was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, Elks Club, Senior Citizens Club and J and L Daily Coffee/Tea Group, all of Sterling. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, David Bahr and Edwin "Joe" Bahr Jr.; four daughters, Deborah Bahr, Diana Vatole, Linda Lundquist and Lesa Paulison; four brothers, Raymond Bahr of Olmitz, Marvin Bahr of Great Bend, Richard Bahr of Elephant Butte, N.M., and John Bahr of Holiday, Mo.; one sister, Magdalene Walker of Greeley, Colo.; and 16 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Donna Bahr. Funeral was Tuesday at the church. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery in Sterling, Colo. There are no memorials suggested.

Russell Straw 1908-2002

Russell Straw, 93, of Great Bend, died March 25 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born Nov. 2, 1908, in Marshall, Mo., the son of Devon and May Stevens Straw. He married Doris Taylor in June, 1962 in Jefferson City, Mo. She died Nov. 6, 1997. A lifelong resident of Barton County, he worked as a custodial laborer. Straw was a member of the Socialite Club. Survivors include four sons, Ricky Taylor of Blandensburg, Md., Harold Stevenson of Tucson, Ariz., Thomas Taylor of Great Bend and Phillip Straw of Russell; one sister, Nadine Houston of Marshall; 14 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Barbara Jean Moon; and three brothers, Albert Wright, James Straw and Earl Straw. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Fryberger Mortuary Chapel in Great Bend, with the Rev. Loyse Clay officiating.

Lawrence P. Romeiser 1908-2002

Hazel Mae Hull Risley, 89, of Great Bend, died March 24 at Homestead Health Center in Wichita. She was born Jan. 19, 1913, in St. Joseph, Mo., the daughter of Bertram C. and Julia A. Koontz Hull. She was a 1930 graduate of Great Bend High School. She married Albert L. Risley Feb. 1, 1948, in Wichita. He died July 15, 1955. A resident of Wichita for the past eight years, coming from Great Bend, where she spent more than 50 years, she was a retired telephone operator. Mrs. Risley was a member of Central Baptist Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, WCTU, Rebekah Lodge and LAPM, all of Great Bend. Survivors include three sons, Verlyn R. Risley and Albert L. Risley Jr., both of Wichita and Allyn W. Risley of Bartlesville, Okla.; one daughter, Carolyn Risley Hill of Wichita; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Chester A. Hull, John B. "Jack" Hull and Byron Dean Hull; five sisters, Una Myrtle Johnson, Zoe V. Mohr, Helen A. Allen, Beatrice C. Radke and Ruth B. Sievers; and one great-grandson, Malachi J. Thornton. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Fryberger Mortuary Chapel in Great Bend, with the Rev. Howard Sorenson officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-5 p.m. Friday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Meals on Wheels of Barton County, in care of the mortuary.
Dorothy L. Sickelbower 1909-2002

Dorothy L. Sickelbower, 93, of Great Bend, died March 25 at Homestead Assisted Living Residence in Great Bend. She was born Jan. 9, 1909, in Graham County, the daughter of George W. and Stella M. Shamburg Moye. She married Ollie F. Sickelbower June 30, 1925, in Russell. A resident of Great Bend since 1976, coming from Powell, Wy., she was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband of the home; and many close neighbors and friends. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Fryberger Mortuary Chapel in Great Bend, with the Rev. Gary Teske officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from 4-8 tonight and from 8-9:45 a.m. Thursday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 27, 2002

March 28, 2002

Norman E. Dumler 1930-2002

SUN CITY, Ariz. - Norman E. Dumler, 71, died March 8 at St. Joseph Hospital in Phoenix, Ariz. He was a graduate of Russell High School. He married Dixie Ray July 7, 1951, in Russell. A resident of Sun City, coming from Russell and California, he owned and operated his own automotive remanufacturing parts business until he retired. Survivors and memberships can be read for Dumler in the March 13 edition of the Tribune. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Pohlman's Mortuary Memorial Chapel in Russell, with the Rev. Henry Hartman officiating. Inurnment will be at Hoisington Cemetery in Hoisington. There is no visitation listed. Memorials are suggested to Norman Dumler Sports Memorial at Casa Roble High School in Orangevale, Calif., in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 28, 2002

Lloyd 'Punk' Hallett 1936-2002

RUSH CENTER - Lloyd "Punk" Hallett, 66, died March 26 in Rush Center. He was born March 17, 1936, in Rush Center, the son of Ernest G. and Zelma M. Hallett. He married Lilah Bott Oct. 28, 1956, in La Crosse. A lifelong resident of Rush Center, he worked as a telephone lineman for Great Belt Telephone until he retired in 1996. Hallett was a past member of Bakers Memorial Sportsman Club of La Crosse. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Kristi Miller and her husband, Mike Miller of La Crosse; one brother, Gene Hallett of Great Bend; four sisters, Lois Holopirek of Timken, Dotty Kober of Rush Center, Norma Kelley of Lawrence and Charlotte Peters of La Crosse; and two grandchildren, Callie Miller and Shane Miller, both of La Crosse. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at United Methodist Church in La Crosse, with the Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. Friday at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 28, 2002

Patricia 'Patsi' Joan Hampton 1940-2002

TOPEKA - Patricia "Patsi" Joan Hampton, 61, died March 27 at South Wind Hospice House in Pratt. She was born May 26, 1940, in Mount Vernon, Ill., the daughter of Earl and Lulu Belle Leslie Baucum. She married J.B. Hampton Nov. 23, 1959, in Pratt. He died Dec. 27, 1977. A resident of Topeka for the past eight years, coming from Pratt, she worked as a marketing assistant with Hampton and Hampton Accountants. Mrs. Hampton was a member of Wanamaker Woods Nazarene Church in Topeka and Elks Lodge in Pratt. Survivors include two sons, Heath Hampton of Topeka and Von Hampton of Pratt; two brothers, Douglas Baucum of Mercedes, Texas, and Brooks Baucum of Pratt; seven sisters, Janet Graven and Debbie Broker, both of Pratt, Patti Macovic of Tucson, Ariz., Karen Llano, Tina Tilley and Nancy Kelly, all of Houston, Texas and Leslie Miller of Zendra; and seven grandchildren. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Larrison Mortuary in Pratt, with the Revs. Tony Baucum and Todd Baucum officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery in Pratt. Friends may call until 8 tonight at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to South Wind Hospice, in care of the mortuary. March 29, 2002

Lavada May Reed 1910-2002

LARNED - Lavada May Reed, 91, died March 27 at Larned Healthcare and Living Center in Larned. She was born May 6, 1910, in Onie, Okla., the daughter of Joseph Benjamin and Polly Francis Wells Fine. She married John Isaac Reed May 24, 1928, in Muleshoe, Texas. He died July 15, 1975. A resident of Larned since 1971, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Reed was a member of Assembly of God Church in Larned and was a longtime Sunday School teacher. Survivors include two sons, Luther Lee Reed of Jal, N.M., and Bennie Albert Reed of Elk City, Okla.; one daughter, Georgia Mae McMillion of Bozeman, Mont.; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by six brothers, Argule Fine, Lee Fine, Jay Fine, Lloyd Fine, Delbert Fine and Vancel Fine; one sister, Levern Francis Rust; one half-sister, Jo Beth Cagle; and two grandchildren, David Reed and Mary Jane Reed. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned, with the Rev. Richard Martin officiating. Graveside service will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Kermit Cemetery in Kermit, Texas, with the Rev. Michael May officiating. Friends may call until 8 tonight at the funeral home. Memorial are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 29, 2002
Virgie V. Burton 1918-2002

TULSA, Okla. - Virgie V. Burton, 83, died March 28 at St. John Medical Center in Tulsa. She was born June 8, 1918, in Hopeton, Okla., the daughter of Harry and Effie Smith Cropp. She married Cecil M. Burton Feb. 6, 1940, in Lyons. He died Feb. 28, 1983. A resident of Tulsa for four years, coming from Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Burton was a member of First Presbyterian Church and Order of the Eastern Star, both in Great Bend. Survivors include two daughters, Jean Ann Fausser and Tammin Maloney, both of Tulsa; two sisters, Erma Townsend and Edith Tate, both of Alva, Okla.; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Sunday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 29, 2002

Betty Lou Twitchell 1922-2002

LARNED - Betty Lou Twitchell, 79, died March 27 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus in Larned. She was born April 7, 1922, in Topeka, the daughter of Charles and Marie Brewer Traylor. She married William O. Twitchell. He died April 2, 1962. A lifelong resident of Larned, she was a retired librarian. Mrs. Twitchell was a member of Presbyterian Church and charter and lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, both of Larned. Survivors include three sons, Joe William Twitchell and Charles "Chuck" Walter Twitchell, both of Larned and Bill Lewis Twitchell of Garfield; one daughter, Gia Marie Lane of New Hampshire; one sister, Hazel Seaman of Oceanside, Calif.; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Family memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at New Covenant Church in Larned, with Elder Allan Martin officiating. Private family burial was today at Pawnee Rock Cemetery. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Central Kansas, St. Joseph Campus, Long Term Care Center, in care of Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 29, 2002

L.S. Russell 1905-2002

TROUSDALE - L.S. Russell, 96, died March 28 at Golden Plains in Hutchinson. He was born Nov. 22, 1905, in Elizabeth, Ind., the son of W.S. and Laura Florence Russell. He married Marie Higbie June 7, 1931, in Fellsburg. She died April 19, 1981. A resident of Trousdale since 1924, he was a farmer and stockman. Russell was a member of United Methodist Church, 33rd degree Mason, OES and past school board member, all of Trousdale. Survivors include one son, Clinton E. Russell of Belpre; two daughters, Juanita Lowe of Manhattan and Arlene Rapp of Orange, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Lloyd Russell and Willmer Russell; and two sisters, Gertrude O'Bannon and Nola Russell. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. David Upp officiating. Burial will be at Fellsburg Cemetery in Fellsburg. Friends may call from 1-5 p.m. Saturday and from 1-8 p.m. Sunday, all at Minnis Chapel in Macksville. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 29, 2002

Roger E. Parks 1947-2002

KELLER, Texas - Roger E. Parks, 55, died March 27 in Keller. He was born in 1947. He married Becky Parks. A resident of Keller, he was technical director, V-22 with Bell Helicopter. Parks was a U.S. Air Force veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Patrick Christopher Parks and Todd Andrew Parks; one brother, Kelly D. Parks; and two grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at J.E. Foust and Son Funeral Home in Grapevine, Texas. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Hoisington Cemetery in Hoisington. Friends may call from 7-9 tonight at the funeral home. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 29, 2002

March 31, 2002

Frank Wesley Hager 1926-2002

LITTLE RIVER - Frank Wesley Hager, 75, died March 28 at Hospice Residential Care Center in Hutchinson. He was born Sept. 12, 1926, the son of Wesley Zachariah and Naomi Emilia Scott Hager. A lifetime resident of Rice County, he was a farmer and stockman. Hager was a member of Grace Lutheran church in Lyons. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Patrick Christopher Parks and Todd Andrew Parks; one brother, Kelly D. Parks; and two grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Great Bend Family Mortuary in Great Bend, with the Rev. Andy Keltner officiating. Inurnment will be at the Lyons Municipal Cemetery in Lyons. Friends may call from 8 a.m. until service time, Monday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Sandstone Heights Nursing Home or Hospice of Reno Co. Inc. in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, March 31, 2002

Amelia Dietz 1916-2002

RUSSELL - Amelia Dietz, 86, died March 28 at Russell Regional Hospital in Russell. She was born July 13, 1916 at Hoisington, the daughter of Jacob and Amelia Nuss Maier. She married Ferdinant H. Dietz, July 14, 1936, south of Russell. He died April 4, 1993. A resident of Russell, coming from Milberger, Hoisington, and Gorham, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Dietz was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Russell. Survivors include one son, Gayle Dietz of Lenexa; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Mark Dietz. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Harlan Kaden officiating. Burial will be at St. John Lutheran Cemetery in Russell. Friends may call from 3-9 p.m. today at Pohlmann's Mortuary in Russell. and from 10 a.m. until service time Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 29, 2002
LARNED - Charles Oliver Helms, 61, died March 27 at St. John's Hospital in Leavenworth. He was born Aug. 11, 1940 at Larned, the son of Oliver Tucker and Tauncie Pearl Helms. A resident of Larned most of his life, he was a contractor. Helms was of the Christian faith. Survivors include one son, Cody Helms of Great Bend; two daughters, Patricia Satterlee of Great Bend, and Kathy Warner of Blackwell, Okla.; one stepdaughter, Debbie Hinds of Great Bend; one sister, Gloria Wilks of Wichita; and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, John Fay and one sister, Beulah Nash. Private family memorial service will be held. There is no visitation, the body has been cremated. memorials are suggested to the donor's choice in care of Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, March 31, 2002

Evelyn Emma Becker  1915-2002

Evelyn Emma Becker, 86, of Great Bend, died March 30 at Central Kansas Medical Center St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born Sept. 26, 1915 at Rossville, the daughter of Van and Minnie Lucas Guion. She married Winnis A. Becker, July 18, 1938 at Carlsbad, N.M. A resident of Great Bend since 1933, coming from Topeka, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Becker was a member of First United Methodist Church in Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Gary Becker of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Bob Becker of Ponca City, Okla.; five grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Lester Guion, and one sister, Mildred Beye. Funeral will be at 1:30 Tuesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Jana Baxter officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Arthritis Foundation in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, March 31, 2002
LaVerne Louise Ellis 1918-2002

LaVerne Louise Ellis, 83, of Great Bend, died March 31 at Integrated Health Service in Great Bend. She was born April 27, 1918, in Barton County, the daughter of Herman H. and Anna Louise Mall Lewis. She married Clifford John Ellis March 20, 1937, in Great Bend. He died June 10, 1971. A lifelong resident of Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Ellis was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend. Survivors include two sons, Harvey Lewis, Billy Lewis and Cleo Lewis. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at four Ray's Funeral Home in Great Bend. Friends may call from 4-9 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, all at Ray's Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church, Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice or Central Kansas Library Talking Books, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 1, 2002

Duane Francis Meyeres 1938-2002

WICHITA - Duane Francis Meyeres, 63, died March 28 near Simla, Colo., as a result of an automobile accident. He was born July 5, 1938, in Hoisington, the son of Lawrence F. and Lenora Hitschman Meyeres. He married Sharolyn Marie Lipe April 29, 1983, in Miami, Okla. She died March 28, 2002, as a result of the same accident. A resident of Wichita for 16 years, coming from Great Bend, he worked as a contract representative for Duke Drilling Company and was formerly employed by Tretolite Company in Great Bend and Wichita. Meyeres was a member of Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association, Western Kansas Chapter of American Petroleum Institute, International Association of Drilling Contractors and Wichita Petroleum Club. Survivors include three sons, Rick Meyeres of Bakersfield, Calif., Ron Meyeres of Austin, Texas, and Rian Meyeres of Zwingle, Iowa; two daughters, Robin Wardell of Helena, Mont., and Rochelle Meyeres of Wichita; and nine grandchildren. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Central Baptist Church in Great Bend, with the Revs. Drs. Doyle Smith and Gordon E. Rhodes officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and from 9-10 a.m. Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 1, 2002

Sharolyn Marie Meyeres 1955-2002

WICHITA - Sharolyn Marie Meyeres, 46, died March 28 near Simla, Colo., as a result of an automobile accident. She was born July 28, 1955, in Hutchinson, the daughter of Raymond C. and Marian H. Pauls Lipe. She married Duane F. Meyeres April 29, 1983, in Miami, Okla. He died March 28, 2002, as a result of the same accident. A resident of Wichita for 16 years, coming from Great Bend, she worked as a administrative assistant for Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association in Wichita. Mrs. Meyeres was a member of Central Baptist Church in Great Bend. Survivors include three stepsons, Rick Meyeres of Bakersfield, Calif., Ron Meyeres of Austin, Texas, and Rian Meyeres of Zwingle, Iowa; two stepdaughters, Robin Wardell of Helena, Mont., and Rochelle Meyeres of Wichita; her parents of Hutchinson; three brothers, Michael Lipe of Ft. Collins, Colo., Gary Lipe of Barnsley, England, and Richard Lipe of Aurora, Colo.; one sister, Carol Ann Wessel of Elizabeth, Colo.; and nine grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Central Baptist Church in Great Bend, with the Revs. Drs. Doyle Smith and Gordon E. Rhodes officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and from 9-10 a.m. Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 1, 2002
Clarice Schiedeman 1917-2002

LA CROSSE - Clarice Schiedeman, 84, died March 30 in La Crosse. She was born May 7, 1917, in rural Pawnee, the daughter of Claude and Bertha Bates Williamson. She was a 1936 graduate of La Crosse High School in La Crosse. She married Arthur "Art" Schiedeman Sept. 24, 1942, in La Crosse. A lifelong resident of Rush County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Schiedeman was a member of United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, church organist for more than 40 years and Pro-Art Music Club, all of La Crosse. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Lyle Gene Schiedeman of Guthrie, Okla.; two daughters, Linda Arlene Siegrist of La Crosse and Janis Claire Mullinnix of Aurora, Colo.; two brothers, Clyde Williamson and Edward Williamson, both of Springdale, Ark.; six grandchildren; and one great-grandson. She was preceded in death by one brother, Glade Williamson. 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.

Shirley A. Hill 1932-2002

McPHERSON - Shirley A. Hill, 70, died March 31 at Memorial Hospital in McPherson. She was born Jan. 14, 1932, in York, Neb., the daughter of C.N. "Pop" and Bernice Amelia Froyck Shafer. She was a 1950 graduate of McPherson High School. She married Robert L. Hill May 20, 1950, in Albuquerque, N.M. A resident of McPherson since 1938, coming from Lindsborg, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Hill was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Naomi Guild of the church, American Legion Post 24 Ladies Auxiliary and charter member of Jolly Jills E.H.U., all of McPherson. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Craig Hill of Moundridge and David Hill of McPherson; two daughters, Debra L. "Debi" Hill of McPherson and Margaret Jean Grant, both of McPherson, and seven grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. at the church, with the Rev. Michael Fibranz officiating. Burial will be at McPherson Cemetery. Friends may call from 3-8 p.m., with family receiving friends from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Glidden-Ediger Funeral Home in McPherson. Memorials are suggested to the church or Kids With Dreams in McPherson, both in care of the funeral home.

April 2, 2002

Ona Mae Rice 1910-2002

TOPEKA - Ona Mae Rice, 92, died April 1 at a Topeka nursing facility. She was born March 21, 1910, in Olney, Texas, the daughter of Willis Samuel and Roxie Ola Oldham Rogers. She married Lloyd H. Rice Oct. 12, 1935. He died Aug. 10, 1986. She was a resident of Topeka. Survivors include one daughter, Claudia Waters of Topeka; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Memorial Park Cemetery in Topeka. Penwell-Gabel Mid Town Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Donna Lee Linke 1938-2002

VELMA, Okla. - Donna Lee Linke, 63, died March 30 at her home in Velma. She was born Oct. 12, 1938, in Hays, the daughter of Henry and Evelyn Rupp Karlin. She married B. Arlyn Linke May 5, 1955, in Great Bend. A resident of Velma, she was a retired third-grade teacher and school librarian. Mrs. Linke was a member of Assumption Catholic Church in Duncan, Okla. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Steve Linke of Duncan, Bob Linke of Norman, Okla., and John Linke of Lawton, Okla.; one daughter, Sandy Condit of Duncan; her mother; one brother, Ronnie Karlin of Great Bend; two sisters, June Hillman and Lucille Davis, both of Great Bend; and eight grandchildren. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. today at the church, with the Rev. Don Wolf officiating. Burial will be at Resthaven Memorial Gardens under the direction of Don Grantham Funeral Home in Duncan. Memorials are suggested to Velma Senior Citizens Center, in care of the funeral home.

Reva Marie Reid 1915-2002

LARNED - Reva Marie Reid, 87, died April 1 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus in Larned. She was born Jan. 3, 1915, in Ash Valley, the daughter of Clyde C. and Rebecca Francis Cook. She married Robert L. Reid in 1938 in Kansas City, Mo. He died Sept. 14, 1990. She married Richard Sellard Reid in 1950 in Wichita. He died June 24, 1984. A resident of Larned for 14 years, coming from Arkadelphia, Ark., she worked as a seamstress and homemaker. Mrs. Reid was a member of Ash Valley Methodist Church in Ash Valley. Survivors include two sons, Teddy Reid of Ft. Worth, Texas, and Parke T. Reid of Houston, Texas; two sisters, Wilma Creed of Garfield and Norma Zook of Rozel; and one grandchild. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with the Rev. Rick Clark officiating. Burial will be at Harts Chapel in Arkadelphia. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, in care of the mortuary.

Elma M. Steinle 1907-2002

DORRANCE - Elma M. Steinle, 94, died March 31 at Ellsworth County Medical Center in Ellsworth. She was born Aug. 23, 1907, in Russell County, the daughter of David and Anna Eichman Walter. She married Solomon Steinle. He died in 1986. A lifetime
resident of the Dorrance and Wilson area, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Steinle attended First Baptist Church in Wilson. Survivors include two sons, Darwin Steinle of Dorrance and Dwayne Steinle of Great Bend; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Evangelical Free Church in Ellsworth. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, preceding the memorial service, at Dorrance City Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 8-9 a.m. Wednesday at Foster Mortuary in Wilson. Memorials are suggested to Mennonite Disaster Relief Fund, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 2, 2002

Roger E. Parks 1946-2002

KELLER, Texas - Roger E. Parks, 55, died March 27 at his residence in Keller. He was born Nov. 27, 1946, in Hoisington, the son of E.W. "Pat" and Faith Arlene Holmes Parks. He was a 1964 graduate of Hoisington High School and attended Kansas State University. He married Becky Burgat in Hoisington. A resident of Keller, coming from Hoisington, he was a technical director with Bell Helicopter for 20 years. Parks was a retired Air Force fighter pilot, attaining the rank of lieutenant colonel. He served throughout the United States and Southeast Asia. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Patrick Christopher Parks and Todd Andrew Parks, both of Texas; one brother, Kelly D. Parks of Valley Center; and two grandchildren. Graveside service with full military honors by McConnell Air Force Base Honor Guard will be at 2 p.m. April 3 at Hoisington Cemetery, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Friends may call from 7-9 tonight at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. The family will receive friends at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7428 in Hoisington after 9 tonight. No memorials are suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 2, 2002

April 3, 2002

Alvin A. "Al" Billinger 1921-2002

HAYS - Alvin A. "Al" Billinger, 80, died April 1 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph's Campus in Wichita. He was born Aug. 16, 1921, in Victoria, the son of Michael and Mary Goetz Billinger. He was a 1941 graduate of St. Joseph's Military Academy in Hays and a 1945 graduate of Fort Hays State University. He married Christina Rupp on April 5, 1943, in Hays. A resident of Hays, he taught and coached basketball at St. Joseph's Military Academy, later named Thomas More Prep-Marian High School, until his retirement in 1985. Billinger was a member of St. Joseph's church, the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, all in Hays. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was named to the Fort Hays State University Sports Hall of Fame, was inducted into the Kansas State High School Activities Association Hall of Fame, was named to Kansas Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame and was a charter member of Point of Life at TMP-Marian. Survivors include his wife of the home; four sons, Alan Billinger of Hays, Steve Billinger of Casper, Wyo., Greg Billinger of Bakersfield, Calif., and Doug Billinger of Chandler, Ariz.; one daughter, Roxie VonLintel of Victoria; three brothers, W.J. Billinger, Mike Billinger and Bob Billinger, all of Hays; two sisters, Margaret Bielman and Catherine Walters, both of Hays; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Adam Billinger, Pete Billinger, Joe Billinger and Bernard Billinger; and two sisters, Lee Ann Pfeifer and Rose Mary Karlin. Parish vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at the church. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Al Billinger Fieldhouse on the campus of TMP-Marion High School with the Rev. Earl Befort officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Hays, with graveside military honors by Hays VFW. Friends may call from 3-8 p.m. Thursday at the church and from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Friday at Brock's North Hill Chapel in Hays. Memorials are suggested to TMP-Marion High School, Cancer Council of Ellis County, Oncology Department at Hays Medical Center or Masses, all in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 3, 2002

Sarah Milam 1950-2002

SOUTH WOODSTOCK, Vt. - Sarah Milam, 51, died April 1 at her home in South Woodstock following a long illness. She was born Nov. 20, 1950, in Great Bend, the daughter of Horace W.W. Jr. and Edith Scheufler Milam. A resident of South Woodstock, coming from Littleton, Colo., and Santaynez Valley, Calif., she worked with horses. Survivors include one brother, Bill Milam of Edwards, Colo.; and two sisters, Marcy Scarpati of Santaynez Valley and Mary Fernandez of San Jose, Calif. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. today at Green Mountain Horse Association in South Woodstock. Burial will be at a later date at Great Bend Cemetery. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Green Mountain Horse Association Junior Horserman Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 8, South Woodstock, VT 05071, or Norris Cotton Cancer Center, One Medical Drive, Lebanon, NH 03766. The Cabot Funeral Home in Woodstock, Vt., is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 3, 2002

Thalia May Wogmon 1931-2002

PARAGOULD, Ark. - Thalia May Wogmon, 71, died April 1 at St. Bernards Medical Center in Jonesboro, Ark. She was born March 4, 1931, in Mountain Home, Ark., the daughter of W.D. Sr. and Lois Newman. She married Avery Wogmon. A resident of Paragould, she was a factory worker for Emerson Electric Co. Mrs. Wogmon was a member of Rosewood Baptist Church. Survivors include her husband of the home; one daughter, Vivian Cook of Blytheville, Ark.; one brother, W.D. Newman Jr. of Mountain Home; one sister, Ruby Lamb of Kansas; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one stepson, Carl Wogmon. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Heath Colonial Chapel in Paragould with the Rev. Kenny Crafton officiating. Burial will be at Linwood Cemetery in Paragould. Friends may call from 6-30-9 tonight at Heath Funeral Home in Paragould. No memorials are suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 3, 2002

Carla Jane Leech 1972-2002
STAFFORD - Carla Jane Leech, 30, died March 31 at her home in Stafford. She was born Jan. 8, 1972, in Plainville, the daughter of Morris Jr. and Reva Sackett Leech. She was a resident of Stafford for 2 1/2 years, coming from Great Bend and Wichita. She was a member of American Legion Post 131, Ladies Auxiliary in Stafford. Survivors include her father of Great Bend; her mother of Stafford; three brothers, Toby Leech and Tyler Leech, both of Great Bend and Todd Leech of Stafford; three sisters, Connie Daniels and Christy Leech, both of Great Bend and Cindy Leech of Wichita; and her grandmothers, Daile Sacket of Alva, Okla. and Reva Fyffe of Great Bend. She was preceded in death by one brother, Terry Leech. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Friday in Stafford. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Memorials are suggested to the family, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 3, 2002

Catherine A. Hertel 1917-2002

DODGE CITY - Catherine A. Hertel, 84, died April 1 at Western Plains Medical Complex in Dodge City. She was born Aug. 16, 1917, in Wright, the daughter of Henry G. and Ellenora Minet Kinkelaar. She was a 1942 graduate of St. Rose School of Nursing in Great Bend. She married Edwin "Eddie" Hertel April 13, 1949, in Dodge City. A resident of Dodge City, she was a nurse. Mrs. Hertel was a member of Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Altar Society, Daughters of Isabella Saint Rita Circle and Nightengales, all of Dodge City and lifetime member of St. Rose Nursing School in Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Tom Hertel of Spearville, Marvin Hertel of Ensign and Dennis Hertel of Dodge City; one daughter, Vickie Pegram of Ensign; one brother, Bernard Kinkelaar of Dodge City; two sisters, Lucille Schroeder of Dodge City and Louise Bushnell of Carl Junction, Mo.; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother; two sisters; and one grandson, Cade Hertel. Vigil service will be at 7 tonight at Swaim Funeral Home in Dodge City. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Sacred Heart Church in Dodge City, with the Rev. Ted Skalsky officiating. Burial will be at Greencrest Cemetery in Dodge City. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Kansas Nursing Scholarship Fund or Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 3, 2002

April 4, 2002

Livona B. 'Jo' Beller 1908-2002

Livona B. "Jo" Beller, 93, of Great Bend, died March 6 at Showalter Villa in Hesston. She was born July 23, 1908, in Smith County, the daughter of Edgar and Elzora Mae Lyon Moore. She married Archie L. Beller Nov. 10, 1928, in Phillipsburg. A resident of Hesston since 1998, coming from Great Bend and Dodge City, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Beller was a member of First United Methodist Church, 20th Century Club, Pedal Pushters and Elks BPO Lodge 1127, all of Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; one daughter, Margaret L. Kraisinger of Halstead; one sister, Dorothy Campbell of Larned; and three grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 4, 2002

Emma Ida Lydia Foos 1908-2002

NORTH BEND, Wash. - Emma Ida Lydia Foos, 94, died April 1 at Mt. Si Transitional Health Center in North Bend. She was born Feb. 1, 1908, in Morgan, Minn., the daughter of Wilhelm and Wilhelmina Bethke Langholz. She married John H. Foos in 1928. He died Aug. 29, 1986. A resident of Richland, Wash., coming from Bazine and Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Foos was a member of Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Kennewick, Wash. Survivors include one son, the Rev. Randall Foos of Kennewick; one daughter, Carol Bohling of Issaquah, Wash.; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two children; eight brothers; two sisters; and one grandchild, Jay Bohling. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. today at the church. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends are invited to sign the family's online guestbook at www.flintofts.com. Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend is in charge of local arrangements. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 4, 2002

Alta M. Ellis Southards 1917-2002

HUTCHINSON - Alta M. Ellis Southards, 85, died April 2 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born Jan. 15, 1917, in Belpre, the daughter of George and Lillian Huffman Ellis. She married Walter Southards June 2, 1935. A resident of Hutchinson, she worked as a nurse's aide for Broadacres Retirement Home. She was a member of Belpre Baptist Church in Belpre. Survivors include four sons, Kenneth Southards of Hutchinson, Ronald Southards of South Hutchinson, Walter Southards Jr. of Valley Center and Bruce Southards of Partridge; two daughters, Janet Bibbs and Sharon Yoder, both of Hutchinson; one twin sister, Alcha Snook of Hutchinson; 20 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Betty Robinson; and one grandson, Mark Southards. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Johnson and Sons Funeral Home Memorial Chapel, with the Rev. Quentin Moore officiating. Burial will be at Fairlawn Burial Park. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association or American heart Association, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 4, 2002

Jane A. Hayden 1938-2002

STAFFORD - Jane A. Hayden, 63, died April 3 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born Sept. 13, 1938, in Wichita, the daughter of William and Lydia Frank Cunningham. She married Albert Hayden June 16, 1984, in Peculiar, Mo. He died Oct. 23, 2000. A long time resident of Stafford. She worked as a LPN in long term care facilities for 37
years. Mrs. Hayden was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars in Stafford. Survivors include two daughters, Sherri Meyers of Wichita and Tammy Ward of Pawnee Rock; two brothers, Bill Cunningham of Rosalia, Mo., and Edward Cunningham of New Orleans, La.; one sister, Mary McNemee of Lincoln; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Burial will be at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born Aug. 5, 1920, near Fallsburg, the son of Everett L. and Gertrude Carson Buchanan. He married Marilyn Morse June 29, 1945, in St. John. A resident of Larned since 1945, coming from Lewis, he was a retired farmer. Buchanan was a member of United Methodist Church and Masonic Lodge, both of Lewis and American Legion of Larned. He was a U.S. Coast Guard veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Michael Buchanan of Lamar, Mo. and the Rev. Jerry Buchanan of Columbia Falls, Mont.; two daughters, Lois A. Buchanan of Prescott, Ariz. and Joann L. Lavery of Shawnee; seven grandchildren; one step-grandchild; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by one brother, Everett L. Buchanan; and two sisters, Evelyn Hinderson and Maxine Buchanan. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. David Bell officiating. Burial will be at Fallsburg Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, all at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Sunday, at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to United Methodist Church Education Fund or Alzheimer’s Fund, both in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, April 5, 2002

April 5, 2002

Warren E. Buchanan 1920-2002

LARNED - Warren E. Buchanan, 81, died March 2 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. He was born Aug. 5, 1920, near Fallsburg, the son of Everett L. and Gertrude Carson Buchanan. He married Marilyn Morse June 29, 1945, in St. John. A resident of Larned since 1945, coming from Lewis, he was a retired farmer. Buchanan was a member of United Methodist Church and Masonic Lodge, both of Lewis and American Legion of Larned. He was a U.S. Coast Guard veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Michael Buchanan of Lamar, Mo. and the Rev. Jerry Buchanan of Columbia Falls, Mont.; two daughters, Lois A. Buchanan of Prescott, Ariz. and Joann L. Lavery of Shawnee; seven grandchildren; one step-grandchild; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by one brother, Everett L. Buchanan; and two sisters, Evelyn Hinderson and Maxine Buchanan. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. David Bell officiating. Burial will be at Fallsburg Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, all at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Sunday, at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to United Methodist Church Education Fund or Alzheimer’s Fund, both in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, April 5, 2002

April 5, 2002

Dorothy S. Osburn 1930-2002

PEABODY - Dorothy S. Osburn, 71, died April 4 in Marion. She was born May 15, 1930, in Latimer, the daughter of Walter Frederick Carl and Stella Buelthe Tiede. She married Willis R. Osburn Dec. 28, 1948, in Herington. A resident of Peabody, she was a homemaker and retired bookkeeper. Mrs. Osburn was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Peabody. Survivors include her husband; one son, Gary L. Osburn of Evans, Ga.; one daughter, Jeanie Grippin of Great Bend; two sisters, Lucille Will of Herington and Sylvia Winchester of Marion; and one grandson. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at St. John with the Rev. Robert Kloth officiating. Burial will be at Prairie Lawn Cemetery in Peabody. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Baker Funeral Home in Peabody. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, April 5, 2002

April 7, 2002

Hester Smith 1903-2002

STAFFORD - Hester Smith, 98, died April 4 at the Leisure Homestead in Stafford. She was born Nov. 23, 1903 at Vincinnes, Ind., the daughter of Crassie and Myrtle Potts Young. She married Earl Smith in Hutchinson. He died in 1957. A resident of Stafford, coming from Hutchinson and Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Smith attended the Methodist Church in Stafford and Great Bend. Survivors include two nieces, Helen Montgomery of Kirkland, Wash., and Glenora Roberts of Salem, Ore. She was preceded in death by one brother, Ellsworth Young, and three sisters, Mary Potts, Helen Fraser, and her twin, Esther Roberts. There is no visitation. Burial will be at Prairie Lawn Cemetery in Peabody. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the Leisure Homestead in care of Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, April 7, 2002

April 7, 2002

Helen Marie Stauth 1917-2002

ST. JOHN - Helen Marie Stauth, 84, died April 5 at Central Kansas Medical Center St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born Sept. 15, 1917 at Haviland, the daughter of Ed and Florence Kimberly. She was a 1935 graduate of Greensburg High. She married George W. Stauth, April 14, 1944. A resident of St. John, coming from Greensburg, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Stauth was a member of First United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Order of Eastern Star, and past girl scout leader. Survivors include her husband of the home; one daughter, Patty Cravens of Yukon, Okla.; one sister, Elsie L. Couch of Greensburg; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Diana Lee Stauth; one brother Dewaine Kimberly, four sisters, Faye Housholder, Nell Kerrick, Edna Obenchain, and Mary Pedigo; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by one brother, Ellsworth Young, and three sisters, Mary Potts, Helen Fraser, and her twin, Esther Roberts. There is no visitation. Burial will be at Fairlawn Cemetery in Hutchinson at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the Leisure Homestead in care of Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, April 7, 2002

April 7, 2002

Josephine Urban 1908-2002

HOISINGTON - Josephine Urban, 93, died April 6 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born June 8, 1908 at Antonio, the daughter of Gerald and Catherine Stecklein Pfannenstiel. She married Joseph August Urban Nov. 9, 1927 at Pfeffer. He died Aug. 19, 1993. A resident of Hoisington since 1942, coming from Ellis County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Urban was a member of the St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and Altar Society both in Hoisington. Survivors include five sons, Julius Urban of Hoisington, Melvin Urban of Ellinwood, Ervin Urban of Garden City. Arsenius Urban of Seward, and Joseph Urban Jr. of Dodge

April 7, 2002
Carmen Reinhardt Cook, 85, of Great Bend, died April 8 in Fayetteville, Ark. She was born May 11, 1916, in Bison, the daughter of
Francis Lee Kingston 1924-2002

HOISINGTON - Francis Lee Kingston, 77, died April 11 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born Dec. 21, 1924, in Great Bend, the son of Francis J. and Ada Mae Taylor Kingston. He married Eleanor H. Prosser Feb. 11, 1947, in Hoisington. She died May 16, 1979. A lifelong resident of Barton County, he was a farmer and stockman. Kingston was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, both of Hoisington. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Lawrence Hemphill of Salina and James M. Hemphill of Russell; one daughter, Audra Lynn Bruggeman of Atchison; one sister, Andrea Martin of Abilene; and six grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Russell High School (Amos Morris) Gymnasium in Russell, with the Rev. Dale Lane officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery in Hoisington with military graveside rites by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7428 and American Legion Post 286. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Monday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to James Arthur Deason Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 14, 2002

Earl M. Hemphill 1940-2002

RUSSELL - Earl M. Hemphill, 61, died April 11 in Russell. He was born April 19, 1940, in Ponca City, Okla., the son of Harold Clifton and Myrta Ellen Ogan Hemphill. He was a graduate of Great Bend High School. He married Eileen Boatright Sept. 2, 1962, in Russell. A resident of Russell since 1963, coming from Abilene, Texas, Great Bend and Peru, he worked as an electrician and became a full time fire chief in 1982 in Russell. Hemphill was a member of Bible Baptist Church in Russell, Kansas State Fire Fighter Association, Kansas State Fire Chiefs Association and International Fire Chiefs Association. He was a U.S. Navy veteran from 1958-1962. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Lawrence Hemphill of Salina and James M. Hemphill of Russell; one daughter, Audra Lynn Bruggeman of Atchison; one sister, Andrea Martin of Abilene; and six grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Russell High School (Amos Morris) Gymnasium in Russell, with the Rev. Dale Lane officiating. Burial will be at Russell City Cemeter in Russell. Friends may call from noon to 9 a.m. today and from 9 a.m. until noon Monday, all at
Pohlman's Mortuary in Russell. Memorials are suggested to the church or Russell Fireman's Relief Association, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 14, 2002

Correction

Carmen Reinhardt Cook obituary. Surviving daughter of deceased should be listed as Carma Jeanne Heckathorn Hughey of Fayetteville, Ark. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 14, 2002

Eunice Miller 1922-2002

Eunice Miller, 79, of Great Bend, died April 12 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 14, 2002

April 15, 2002

Gertrude B. 'Trudy' Deeds 1914-2002

WICHITA - Gertrude B. "Trudy" Deeds, 89, died April 12. She was born in 1914. A resident of Wichita, coming from Great Bend, she was a retired secretary for the Great Bend School District. Survivors include two sons, James B. Deeds of Wichita and William C. Deeds of Sioux City; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Broadway Mortuary Chapel in Wichita. There is no visitation listed and no memorials are suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 15, 2002

Verne E. Willson 1909-2002

RUSSELL - Verne E. Willson, 92, died April 13 at Russell Regional Hospital in Russell. He was born Sept. 22, 1909, in Bunker Hill, the son of Floyd Elmer and Ida Grace Ruby Willson. He married Eunice Vivian Sellens Nov. 9, 1930, in rural Russell. A lifelong resident of the Bunker Hill and Russell areas, he was a farmer and stockman and also owned and operated Texaco service stations in Russell. Willson was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Russell. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Keith Willson of Georgetown, Texas, and Kent Willson of Russell; one daughter, Donna Lee Walters of Hays; one brother, Donald Willson of Wichita; two sisters, Ida May Willson and Ruth Phillips, both of Topeka; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by six brothers, Emery Willson, Edward Willson, Duane Willson, Lawrence Willson and two infants. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Glenn Tombaugh officiating. Burial will be at Russell City Cemetery in Russell. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Pohlman's Mortuary in Russell and from 9:30 a.m. until service time Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or the hospital, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 15, 2002

Donald W. Bressler 1919-2002

CANON CITY, Colo. - Donald W. Bressler, 82, died April 14 in Canon City. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 15, 2002

April 16, 2002

Eunice Mena Maria Miller 1922-2002

Eunice Mena Maria Miller, 79, of Great Bend, died April 12 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born June 2, 1922, in Stafford County, the daughter of Eric and Ida Bunselmeyer Fischer. She married Merle Miller April 11, 1943, in Hudson. He died May 5, 1952. A lifelong resident of the Great Bend area, she was a retired EKG technician at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Mrs. Miller was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Joy Circle, Great Bend High School '39ers and Girl Scout leader, all of Great Bend, and long time volunteer of Central Kansas Girl Scout Council. Survivors include one son, Gary Miller of Laguna Beach, Calif.; two daughters, Nancy Kirschberg of San Antonio, Texas, and Judy Wolf of Austin, Texas; two sisters, Sylvia Eddingfield and Elda Mae Gunn, both of Great Bend; and five grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 16, 2002

Betty I. Huenergardt 1911-2002

HAYS - Betty I. Huenergardt, 90, died April 14 at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. She was born Oct. 15, 1911, in Bridgetown, N.J., the daughter of Harry and Sarah Bondar Markowitz. She married Floyd Leslie Huenergardt April 27, 1941, in Detroit, Mich. He died May 16, 1999. A resident of Hays since 1987, coming from Smith Center, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Huenergardt was of the Jewish faith. Survivors include two sons, John W. Huenergardt of Salina and Jim Huenergardt of Hays; one daughter, Judy Anguiano of Abilene; one brother, Herman Markowitz of Shorewood, Minn.; and one sister, Marion Greenburg
of El Paso, Texas; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, George Huenergardt; two brothers; three sisters; and one grandson. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned, with Herman Markowitz officiating. Burial will be at Shaffer Seventh Day Adventist Cemetery in Bison. Friends may call from noon to 8 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Rush County Nursing Home, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 16, 2002

Marie T. Maneth 1919-2002

ALBERT - Marie T. Maneth, 82, died April 15 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born Dec. 19, 1919, in Olmitz, the daughter of John J. and Sophie Gleissner Bahr. She married Ervin F. Maneth Oct. 17, 1939, in Olmitz. He died Dec. 25, 1974. A resident of Albert since 1952, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Maneth was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Olmitz. Survivors include two sons, Elwyn Maneth of Great Bend and John Maneth of Golden, Colo.; four sisters, Irma VonPessl of Colorado Springs, Colo., Valeria Malek of Albert, Matilda Spicka of Timken and Florence Shaffer of Great Bend; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Paul Bahr; and one sister, Margaret Wendel. Family rosary will be at 7 tonight at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Wake service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday followed by an Altar Society Rosary, both at the church. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Ultan Murphy officiating. Burial will be at St. Ann Cemetery in Olmitz. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. tonight, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, all the funeral home, and from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, at the church. Memorials are suggested to Clara Barton Foundation or Masses for the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 16, 2002

Mary Margaret Harmon 1932-2002

HOBBS, N.M. - Mary Margaret Harmon, 69, died April 12 in Hobbs. She was born Oct. 14, 1932, in Moorehead City, N.C., the daughter of Percy and Mary Virginia Springle Harkey. She married Donald R. Harmon Sr. He preceded her in death. She married Floyd M. Harmon Sr. at the Nazarene Church in Hobbs. He preceded her in death. A resident of Hobbs, coming from Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Survivors include three sons, George M. Harmon of Martinez, Ga., Donald R. Harmon of Tuscaloosa, N.M., and Floyd M. Harmon of Hobbs; four daughters, Patricia Wardlaw of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Terri J. Whitfield and Diane Gaston, both of Hobbs, and Susan Rodriguez of Plano, Texas; 22 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two daughters, Margaret Ann Harmon and Peggy Jean Harmon; three brothers; and two sisters. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Great Bend Cemetery in Great Bend, with the Rev. Dick Ogle officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Fryberger Mortuary in Great Bend. There are no memorials suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 16, 2002

Donald Worth Bressler 1919-2002

HOISINGTON - Donald Worth Bressler, 82, died April 14 at St. Thomas Moore Hospital in Canon City, Colo. He was born Sept. 19, 1919, in Norton, the son of Gehad and Mary VanSant Bressler. He married Vera Lois Lowry Nov. 28, 1940, in Great Bend. She died Oct. 4, 2000. A resident of Canon City since 1984, coming from Hoisington, he was the retired owner of Worth Heating and Electric in Hoisington. Bressler was a member of First Christian Church in Canon City and life member of American Legion Post 286, in Hoisington. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Theatre of operations. Survivors include one son, Troy Bressler of Hoisington, two daughters, Loree Achenbach of Bonner Springs and Ramona Becker of Wichita; 14 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Raymond Bressler, Evan Bressler and Irwin Bressler; and two sisters, Marguerita Leibenau and Mildred Scott. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery, with military graveside rites by American Legion Post 286 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7428. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorial services are suggested to Hoisington Ambulance Service or Hoisington Little League, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 16, 2002

Ollie F. Sickelbower 1906-2002

Ollie F. Sickelbower, 95, of Great Bend, died April 14 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born Aug. 29, 1906, in Elbing, the son of Charles and Lillie M. Moore Sickelbower. He married Dorothy L. Moye June 30, 1925, in Russell. She died March 25, 2002. A resident of Great Bend, he was a driller in the oil industry before his retirement. Survivors include two nieces, Phyllis Howell of Overland Park and Mary Lou Bateman of Merriam; and many close neighbors and friends. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Jake Sickelbower and Fred Sickelbower; and four sisters, Bonnie Laneger, Ethel Baird, Bess VanSant; and Vida Howell of Olmitz. He was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church and the Altar Society, both of Olmitz. Survivors include two sons, Elwyn Maneth of Great Bend and John Maneth of Golden, Colo.; four sisters, Irma VonPessl of Colorado Springs, Colo., Valeria Malek of Alberta, Matilda Spicka of Timken and Florence Shaffer of Great Bend; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Paul Bahr; and one sister, Margaret Wendel. Family rosary will be at 7 tonight at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Wake service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday followed by an Altar Society Rosary, both at the church. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Ultan Murphy officiating. Burial will be at St. Ann Cemetery in Olmitz. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. tonight, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, all the funeral home, and from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, at the church. Memorials are suggested to Clara Barton Foundation or Masses for the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 16, 2002

Larry J. Laing 1933-2002

LARNED - Larry J. Laing, 68, died April 10 at his home in Larned. He was born Dec. 12, 1933, in San Antonio, Texas, the son of Bry and Ida Laing. He married Phyllis Ann Depoy April 11, 1954, in Larned. She died Aug. 9, 2001. A lifelong resident of Pawnee County, he was a correctional officer for Larned State Hospital. Survivors include one son, Bryan Elden Laing of El Dorado; two stepbrothers, Bill Carson of Oklahoma and Don Carson of Tyler, Texas; one stepsister, Naidine Hilleard; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Assembly of God Church in Larned, with the Rev. Richard Martin officiating. Inurnment will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8:30 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the church or the donor's choice. Both in care of the
Harry Bleeker  1916-2002

EMERY, S.D. - Harry Bleeker, 85, died April 13 at Diamond Care Center in Bridgewater, S.D. He was born Aug. 3, 1916, in Emery, the son of Harry M. and Laura Olthoff Bleeker. He was a graduate of Emery High School in Emery. He married Rose Tschetter May 22, 1941. She died March 26, 1992. A resident of Emery, coming from California, he owned an implement business until 1946 and was involved in agriculture-related business his entire life. Bleeker was a member of First Baptist Church in Emery, where he served on the board of deacons, trustees, men's brotherhood and the building committee, served on the school board and was county chairman for the Republican Party for numerous years. Survivors include two sons, Linwood Bleeker of Pierre, S.D., and Harry Bleeker Jr. of Great Bend; three daughters, Peggy Rodgers and Harriet Berlin, both of Columbus, Neb., and Betty Spakes of Sugarland, Texas; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers; four sisters; an infant sister; and one grandchild. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Burial will be at Emery Community Cemetery. Friends may call from 6-8 tonight at Hettinger-Bittner Funeral Chapel in Emery. There are no memorials suggested.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 16, 2002

Delores G. Doll  1923-2002

ELLINWOOD - Delores G. Doll, 81, died April 15 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Long Term Care Unit, in Ellinwood. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 16, 2002

April 17, 2002

Delores Hammeke Doll  1921-2002

ELLINWOOD - Delores Hammeke Doll, 81, died April 15 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Long-Term Care in Ellinwood. She was born Feb. 10, 1921, in Great Bend, the daughter of Frank A. and Margaret E. Demrath Hammeke. She married Melvin J. Doll Oct. 4, 1938, in Great Bend. A lifelong resident of Barton County, she worked as a nurses aide at Ellinwood Hospital and was office manager at Great Bend Livestock Commission. Mrs. Doll was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and Altar Society in Ellinwood, and of the Sunshine Club. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Richard Doll of Salina, Mark Doll of Wichita and Clayton Doll of Ellinwood; one daughter, Carol Herter of Claflin; one brother, Maurice Hammeke of Great Bend; 14 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Randy Doll, and one sister, Alvera McCray. 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. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. David Flagor officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call until 5 tonight at the funeral home and from 6-8 tonight at the church. Memorials are suggested to Ellinwood Hospital Auxiliary or Area Health Care Foundation, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 17, 2002

Eunice Mena Maria Miller     Addendum

Additional memorials for Eunice Mena Maria Miller are suggested to Central Kansas Medical Center or Central Kansas Council of Girl Scouts, both in care of Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 17, 2002

Franklin W. Green  1914-2002

ST JOHN - Franklin W. Green, 88, died April 15 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born April 15, 1914, in St. John, the son of Frank Leo and Carrie R. Green. He was a 1932 graduate of St. John High School. He married Hazel Cleo Heyen Aug. 15, 1934, in Sylvia. She died Jan. 22, 1993. A lifelong resident of St. John, he was a farmer and stockman. Green was a member of Eagles Lodge of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Jim Green of St. John; one daughter, Sheryl Rasmussen of Santee, Calif.; one brother, Leo Green of St. John; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John, with the Rev. Linda Toms officiating. Friends may call from 1-7 p.m. Thursday at Minnis Chapel in St. John. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 17, 2002

Ila R. Valyer  1922-2002

EUREKA - Ila R. Valyer, 80, died April 15 at Greenwood County Hospital. She was born Jan. 24, 1922, in Fowler. She married Richard Valyer. He preceded her in death. A resident of Eureka, she worked in the Coffeyville and Benton areas in the restaurant business. Survivors include two sons, James Lee Valyer of Olathe and John Lee Valyer of Great Bend; one sister, Laura Walker of Eureka; numerous grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters and two brothers. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Stanley. There is no visitation and no memorials are suggested. W.L. Frye and Son Mortuary and Crematory in Olathe are in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 17, 2002
April 18, 2002

Maude E. Budge  1901-2002

ST. JOHN - Maude E. Budge, 100, died April 16 at Southwind Hospice Guest House in Pratt. She was born July 14, 1901, in Rockbridge, Mo., the daughter of Edgar and Lydia Catherine Souder. She married Bogue Basil Budge Oct. 1, 1922, in St. John. He died Feb. 22, 1972. A lifelong resident of St. John, she worked as a clerk for Tudor's, Pansy's, Kathleen's and Lois's stores. Mrs. Budge was a member of Church of Jesus Christ and American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, both of St. John. Survivors include one sister, Voyne Doris Gros of Salina; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, James Robert Budge; four brothers, Aubra Souder, Ralph Souder, Raymond George Souder and Wesley Edward Souder; and three sisters, Daphnia Brown, Ola Merryfield and Golda Wicks. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Minnis Chapel in St. John with the Rev. Tom Harrison officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to Southwind Hospice Guest House, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 18, 2002

Marquita Chism  1939-2002

STERLING - Marquita Chism, 63, died April 17 at Lyons District Hospital. She was born Sept. 1, 1939, in Artisia, N.M., the daughter of Elmer and Betty Ogden Casey. She married Al "Chis" Chism July 20, 1957. A resident of Sterling since 1973, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Chism was a member of Chase Baptist Church. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Jack Chism of Sterling; one daughter, Sharol Wagerle of Sterling; three brothers, Richard Casey and Ronnie Casey, both of Hartford and Jim Casey of Lyons; and one sister, Pam Capps of Olathe. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Lori Ann Chism. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church in Chase, with the Rev. Charles Kirk officiating. Burial will be at Chase Springdale Cemetery. Friends may call from 2-5 p.m. Friday at Stilin Funeral Home in Sterling. Memorials are suggested to First Baptist Church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 18, 2002

Shaun Eric Garwood  1967-2002

MACKSVILLE - Shaun Eric Garwood, 34, died March 30 in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was born Dec. 20, 1967, in Ellsworth Air Force Base, Rapid City, S.D., the son of Jay and Dawn Lynn Miles Garwood. A resident of Macksville, he worked as a truck driver. Garwood was a U.S. Army Reserves veteran. Survivors include his mother, Dawn Lynn Bell of Macksville; his father and his wife, Jay and Rhonda Garwood of Sierra Vista, Ariz.; one brother, James Bell of Macksville; and one sister, Voyne Doris Gros of Salina; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Cleo Flanders; and three sisters, Ethel Haddon, Pearl Harris and Ruby Craine. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Larrison Mortuary in Pratt, with the Rev. Scott Buller officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery. Friends may call from 2-5 p.m. Friday at Minnis Chapel in St. John with the Rev. Tom Harrison officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to Ronald McDonald House Sleepy Hollow, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 18, 2002

Albert L. 'Al' Flanders  1918-2002

PARSONS - Albert L. "Al" Flanders, 83, died April 16 at Beverly Care Center in Smithville, Mo. He was born Oct. 24, 1918, in Barton County, the son of Milo and Nannie Becker Flanders. He was a graduate of Stafford High School, Hutchinson Junior College and Emporia State Teachers College. He married Bonnie Robyler Aug. 5, 1956, in El Reno, Okla. A resident of Kansas City, Mo. for a few month, coming from Parsons, where he resided for more than 50 years, he was a retired school teacher from East Junior High School and Parsons Junior High School. Flanders was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church and American Legion, both in Parsons, life member of National Education Association and Kansas National Education Association. Survivors include his wife of the home; three daughters, Mary Anne Denning of Kansas City, Mo., Nancy Orrick of Overland Park and Kristi Newland of Cordova, Tenn.; one brother, Mervin Flanders of Hutchinson; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandson. He was preceded in death by one brother, Cleo Flanders; and three sisters, Ethel Haddon, Pearl Harris and Ruby Craine. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Peggy Hillmon officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Hillside Cemetery in Sedgwick. Friends may call from 7-8 tonight at Carson-Wall Funeral Home in Parsons. Memorials are suggested to the church or Alzheimer's Disease Association, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 18, 2002

April 19, 2002

Destiny Paige Bettes  2002-2002

PRATT - Destiny Paige Bettes, 23 days, died April 17 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. She was born March 25, 2002, at Pratt Regional Medical Center in Pratt, the daughter of Mark Allen and Jessica Mae Adringnola Bettes. She was a resident of Pratt. Survivors include her parents of the home; one brother, Alexander Bettes of the home; her grandparents, Kenneth and Rebecca Bettes of Pratt, Brenda Duffy and Charles Adringnola, both of Missoula, Mont., and Eric and Jan Gould of Oklahoma; and her great-grandparents, Lela Bettes of Great Bend, Anthony and Marie Adringnola of Rawlins, Mont., and Jerith Dorland of Libby, Mont. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Larrison Mortuary in Pratt, with the Rev. Scott Buller officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery in Pratt. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Ronald McDonald House Sleepy Hollow, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 19, 2002
Erwin E. Major 1918-2002

LYONS - Erwin E. Major, 84, died April 18 at Lyons District Hospital in Lyons. He was born Jan. 12, 1918, in Rice County, the son of Edward E. and Charlotte Jackson Major. He was a 1936 graduate of Lyons High School. He married Leona D. Donley Dec. 6, 1941. A resident of Lyons since 1945, coming from the Mitchell Community, he worked as a production foreman for Energy Reserve Group in Great Bend before retiring in 1982. Major was of the Methodist faith and was a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars of Great Bend, 50 year member of American Legion of Lyons, Eagles Lodge of Hutchinson and American Pencil Collectors Society. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Linn Major of Dodge City; one daughter, Luanne Smith of Lansing; one sister, Madaline Rickard of Lyons; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Clarence Dale Major. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons, with the Rev. Cindy Watson officiating. Burial will be at Lyons Municipal Cemetery in Lyons with full military honors by Ft. Riley Honor Guard. Friends may call from 2-7 p.m. today, with the family receiving friends from 5-7 p.m. today, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to United Methodist Church or Bell and Star Fund, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 19, 2002

April 21, 2002

David Gene Eberhart 1944-2002

David Gene Eberhart, 57, of Great Bend, died April 19 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Sept. 12, 1944, in Syracuse, the son of Clarence and Vida Eberhart. He married Kay Lents Jan. 10, 1976, in Oklahoma City, Okla. A resident of Great Bend for 24 years, coming from Oklahoma City, he was a driver for Logistics Express Inc. Survivors include his wife of the home; five daughters, Linda Brown of Garnett, Kim Kershner of Great Bend, Joy Eberhart of New York, N.Y., Sherry Kyle and Loreen Hughes, both of Colorado; and five grandchildren. Memorial service was held Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Cremation has taken place, inurnment will take place at a later date. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 21, 2002

Richard Dean Boger 1936-2002

ELLINWOOD - Richard Dean Boger, 66, died April 19 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was born Jan. 29, 1936, in Hoisington, the son of Ludwig "Louie" and Anna K. Lust Boger. He married Ilse Victoria "Vicky" Bauder April 29, 1960, in Columbus, Ga. A resident of Ellinwood since 1975, coming from Great Bend, he was a pharmacist and owner of Boger Pharmacy and Gifts in Ellinwood, before he retired in 1999. Boger attended the Lutheran church. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Debbie R. Lang of Great Bend; and two grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call 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 American Heart Association or American Lung Association, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 21, 2002

Louis A. Ellis 1911-2002

BURDETT - Louis A. Ellis, 91, died April 9 at Red River Healthcare in Bogata, Texas. He was born March 13, 1911, in Nekoma, the son of Elmer and Ora Watts Ellis. He was a 1929 graduate of Rozel High School. He married Nellie Marie Zahn July 15, 1933, in Burdett. She died Dec. 1, 1973. He married Lorrainey Smith Shiedman Nov. 14, 1979, at Rozel. She died in 1984. He married Vera Watson Bradford Beash Dec. 10, 1986, in Blossom, Texas. A longtime resident of Burdett and winter resident of Phoenix, Ariz., and Blossom, he was a retired farmer. Ellis was a member of United Methodist Church and past member of Lions Club, both of Burdett, and a 53-year member of Masonic Lodge 15 of Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Louis Sheldon Ellis of Huntsville, Texas, and Kendall Ellis of Arvada, Colo.; one daughter, Beverly Bennett of Canyon, Texas; one brother, Raymond Ellis of LaCrosse, Wis.; one sister, Helen Gilbert of Topeka; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Guy Ellis, Leonard Ellis and Harry Ellis; three sisters, Mildred Bruntzel, Edna Routh and Vera Watson Bradford Beash Dec. 10, 1986, in Blossom, Texas. A longtime resident of Burdett and winter resident of Phoenix, Ariz., and Blossom, he was a retired farmer. Ellis was a member of United Methodist Church and past member of Lions Club, both of Burdett, and a 53-year member of Masonic Lodge 15 of Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Louis Sheldon Ellis of Huntsville, Texas, and Kendall Ellis of Arvada, Colo.; one daughter, Beverly Bennett of Canyon, Texas; one brother, Raymond Ellis of LaCrosse, Wis.; one sister, Helen Gilbert of Topeka; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Guy Ellis, Leonard Ellis and Harry Ellis; three sisters, Mildred Bruntzel, Edna Routh and Dorothy Sprieder; two grandsons, Jeffery Scott Ellis and Craig Michael Ellis; twin granddaughters, Domilne Dawn Hedgpeth and Danille Dawn Hedgpeth; and one great-grandson, Brice Richard Hedgpeth. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. Burial will be at Browns Grove Cemetery in Burdett. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 21, 2002

Deborah Lee Feist 1952-2002

WEBB CITY, Mo. - Deborah Lee Feist, 49, died April 18 at St. John's Regional Medical Center in Joplin, Mo. She was born June 20, 1952, in Springfield, Mo., the daughter of Harold and Norma Vandegrift. She was a graduate of Cosmetology School in Springfield and of Missouri Southern State College in Joplin. She married Douglas J. Feist Feb. 18, 1999, in Miami, Okla. A resident of Webb City, she was employed at Contract Freighters Inc. in Joplin. Survivors include her husband of the home; one daughter, Shannon Ivy of Joplin; her parents of Greenfield, Mo.; one brother, Dennis Vandegrift of Independence, Mo.; one sister, Deanna Vandegrift of Greenfield; her grandmother, Zeta Friend of Greenfield; and one grandson. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Hedge-Lewis Chapel in Webb City, with the Rev. Bob Feist officiating. Burial will be at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Webb City. Family will receive friends from 3-4 p.m. today at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes
Ferrell W. Stamback 1924-2002

HOLYROOD - Ferrell W. Stamback, 78, died April 18 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was born Feb. 17, 1924, in Halstead, the son of Charles and Susie Kaiser Stamback. He married Phyllis Hendrickson July 16, 1949, in Conway, Ark. A resident of Holyrood for the past 24 years, coming from the Wichita area, he was owner of Stamback Construction and Welding and was a refrigeration technician for Excel Packing for 35 years. Stamback was a member of Evangelical Free Church in Ellsworth. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Becky Dirks of Topeka and Marilyn Massey of Wichita; one brother, Max Stamback of Wilcoxon, Ariz.; three sisters, Mary Mace Kruger and Clarice Dyer, both of El Dorado, and Jame Milne of Sedgwick; and three grandchildren. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Parsons Funeral Home in Ellsworth, with the Rev. Tom Richards officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Hillside Cemetery in Sedgwick. Friends may call from 1-6 p.m. today and from 8 a.m. until service time Monday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Holyrood Ambulance Service, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 21, 2002

Sister Aquinata Penka 1910-2002

Sister Aquinata Penka, 91, of Great Bend, died April 19 at the Dominican Sisters' convent infirmary in Great Bend. She was born Sept. 10, 1910, in Redwing, the daughter of Emil and Hedwig Heger Penka. She entered the Dominican Sisters' Community May 19, 1926, and pronounced her first vows Aug. 20, 1929. She celebrated 70 years of religious profession in 1999. She was a lifelong resident of Barton County. Sister Aquinata began her ministry as an elementary teacher. However, after completing her nursing education she gave the rest of her ministerial life to health care and instruction of student nurses. She was director of nurses at St. Rose Hospital and Dominican School of Nursing, both in Great Bend. She also served as a councilor of the Dominican Sisters' leadership team, and as director of the associate nursing program at the college in Garden City. After completing a life of ministry in healthcare, she cared for shrines and gardens at the Dominican Sisters' motherhouse in Great Bend. There she retired and at the time of her death was in the convent infirmary. Survivors include one brother, Julius Penka of Hoisington; and two sisters, Sister Eleanor of Great Bend and Helen Kalina of Hoisington. Sister Aquinata's body will be brought to the hospitality area of the Dominican Chapel of the Plains in Great Bend at 4 p.m. today where it will lie in state until the Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Monday at the convent, with the Revs. Gerald Hammeke and Eugene Kenny officiating. Wake service will be at 7 tonight at the convent. Burial will be at the Sisters' Resurrection Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Dominican Sisters' Retirement Fund or Sister Aquinata Penka Endowment Scholarship Fund, both in care of Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 21, 2002

Ila Rose Valyer Correction

The surviving sons of Ila Rose Valyer, who died April 15 at Greenwood County Hospital in Greenwood County, are James Lee of Olathe and John Lee of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 21, 2002

Edgar Milton 'Pat' Patterson 1911-2002

Edgar Milton "Pat" Patterson, 90, of Great Bend, died April 20 in Great Bend. He was born Sept. 19, 1911, in Ft. Towson, Okla., the son of George and Lizzie Fitzgerald Patterson. He married Eva Cole March 10, 1956, in Clayton, N.M. A resident of Great Bend since 1951, coming from Stilwater, Okla., he was a water well driller for Rosencrantz-Bemis before retiring in 1973 and also owned and operated, with his wife, Little Chef Diner in Great Bend in the 1960s. Patterson was a member of First Baptist Church in Hugo, Okla., and Fraternal Order of Eagles in Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Jill Ann Irwin of Sheldon, Wis.; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother; and four sisters. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. John Grummon officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-9 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 Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 21, 2002

Thelma M. Brokar 1916-2002

KINSLEY - Thelma M. Brokar, 86, died April 19 at Edwards County Hospital and Healthcare Center in Kinsley. She was born Jan. 21, 1916, in Larned, the daughter of Henry and Essie Fox Cummings. She married Emery W. Brokar in 1982 in Kinsley. A resident of Kinsley since 1979, coming from Great Bend, she worked as a certified nurses aide at Larned State Hospital for 27 years. Mrs. Brokar was a member of Assembly of God Church in Great Bend and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary of Kinsley. Survivors include four sons, Larry of Walnut Springs, Texas, Vernon of Long Beach, Calif., David and Bill, both of Kinsley; two daughters, Diana Eastman of Kinsley and JoAnn Keys of Shamrock, Texas; 31 grandchildren; and 37 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Ora Gene; and three brothers, Gale Cummings, Harry Cummings and Chester Cummings. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Larned Cemetery in Larned, with the Rev. Richard Martin officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Monday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to Kinsley Public Library Children's section, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 21, 2002

April 23, 2002
Virginia C. Henderson  1938-2002

Virginia C. Henderson, 63, of Great Bend, died April 21 at her home. She was born Aug. 7, 1938, in Maunie, Ill., the daughter of Orval and Gladys Hucker Bloodworth. She married Howard Henderson June 7, 1958, in Plentywood, Mont. A resident of Great Bend for 41 years, she worked as a customer service representative for Centel Electric in Great Bend before retiring in 1995. Mrs. Henderson was a member of First Southern Baptist Church and Eagle's Ladies Auxiliary, both in Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; two daughters, Jacquie Disque of Great Bend and Karla Henderson of Wheat Ridge, Colo.; two stepsons, David Henderson of Woodward, Okla., and Curtis Henderson of Anaheim, Calif.; her mother of Great Bend; two grandchildren; and seven step-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Dr. Doyle Smith officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today, and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Family will receive friends from 7-8 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice or Central Kansas Medical Center Foundation, 5 North Oncology Clinic, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 23, 2002

Bobby Kent Blankenship  1942-2002

HOUSTON, Miss. - Bobby Kent Blankenship, 59, died April 16 at his home in Houston. He was born Aug. 15, 1942, in Great Bend, the son of Arnold Ray and Ina Cleone Hunting Blankenship. A resident of Houston, he worked in the oil fields. Survivors include three sons, Allen Blankenship, Kent Blankenship and Tyson Blankenship, all of Atchison; one daughter, Karen Fakhir of Malden, Mass.; one brother, Monte Blankenship of Texas; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Raymond Blankenship. There will be no services or visitation. There are no memorials suggested. Memorial Funeral Home in Houston is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 23, 2002

LeRoy Russell Hester  1931-2002

LAKE OF THE PINES, Calif. - LeRoy Russell Hester, 70, died April 11 at his home in Lake of the Pines. He was born Sept. 21, 1931, in Los Angeles, Calif. He was a graduate of Coachella Valley High School and from Fort Hays State College. He married Merrilee Keeley Sept. 17, 1953. A resident of Lake of the Pines, he worked in the aerospace industry and in research and development for the videotape manufacturing industry. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Merrilee Gayle and Melanie Chase; one brother, Kirby E. Hester; and four grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Grass Valley, Calif. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery in Larned. Memorials are suggested to Sutter Auburn Faith Hospice, in care of Neptune Society of Northern California in Sacramento, Calif. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 23, 2002

Irene Dreiling  1917-2002

BRISTOW, Okla. - Irene Dreiling, 85, died April 21 in Bristow. She was born March 11, 1917, the daughter of George and Appolonia Burgardt Schmidt. She married William Otto Dreiling. He preceded her in death. A resident of Depew, Okla., coming from Hays, she worked as a bookkeeper and clerk for Otasco for more than 15 years. Mrs. Dreiling was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Depew. Survivors include two sons, Neil W. Dreiling of Hays and Larry F. Dreiling of Cottage Grove, Ore.; one daughter, Judy Lynn Freeman of Depew; one brother, John Robert Schmidt of Alliance, Ohio; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, George Schmidt. Wake service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Schumacher Funeral Home Chapel in Bristow. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Chris Daigle officiating. Burial will be at Stroud City Cemetery. There is no visitation listed. Memorials are suggested to Stroud Health Care Center Activity Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 23, 2002

Emily Alice Ruth Blair  1910-2002

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. - Emily Alice Ruth Blair, 91, died April 20 at Rochier Heights Nursing Center in Fayetteville. She was born Dec. 26, 1910, in Manhattan, the daughter of Warren W. and Ella Mae Barnard Scofield. She married Sherman Cyrus Blair. He died in 1967. A resident of Fayetteville, she was a homemaker and volunteer at Northwest Medical Center Thrift Shop. Mrs. Blair was a member of Robinson Avenue Church of Christ in Springdale, Ark. Survivors include two sons, Richard Blair of Springdale and David Blair of Colorado Springs, Colo.; three daughters, Shirley Othmer of Springdale, Bonnie Panzer of St. Louis, Mo., and Virginia Blair of Denver, Colo.; one brother, Donald W. Scofield of Kansas City, Mo.; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at La Crosse City Cemetery in La Crosse, with the Rev. Troy Schroeder officiating. There is no visitation listed. Memorials are suggested to the donor's choice, in care of Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 23, 2002

April 24, 2002

Caris A. Greathouse  1932-2002

LARNED - Caris A. Greathouse, 70, died April 22 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was born Feb. 13, 1932, in Jefferson County, Ala., the son of Rufus H. and Lillie Mae Fortenberry Greathouse. He married Betty Beltz Jan. 10, 1976, at South Lake Tahoe. Nev. A lonetime resident of Larned . he was a licensed mental health technician at Larned State Hospital. Survivors
include his wife of the home; six sons, John Greathouse, Ronald Greathouse, Robert Groves, Joseph Groves, Thomas Groves and Shawn Akins; four daughters, Elaine Groves, Donna Fehrenbach, Jean Fear and Jaqueline Hale; one brother, Kerry Greathouse; three sisters, Joyce Sucht, Ann Wilcox and Barbara Erway; and 18 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Jerry Greathouse, Ralph Greathouse and Charles Greathouse. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Burial will be at a later date. Friends may sign the register until 8 p.m. today, 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 Caris Greathouse Memorial Fund, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 24, 2002

Lora J. Weber

TOLEDO, Ohio - Lora J. Weber died April 12 at Toledo Hospital in Toledo. She was born in Great Bend, the daughter of Edward and Rachel Stenzel. She married Max O. Weber. He preceded her in death. A resident of Toledo, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Weber was a member of Olivet Lutheran Church. Survivors include one son, Mark E. Weber of St. Louis, Mo.; one daughter, Cathy Matthews of Raleigh, N.C.; one sister, Elizabeth Pivonka of Kansas; and three granddaughters. Graveside service was today at Toledo Memorial Park Cemetery in Toledo. Memorials are suggested to the church, American Cancer Society or American Heart Association, all in care of Foth-Dorfmeyer Mortuary in Toledo. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 23, 2002

John Wayne Connor  1926-2002

CASA GRANDE, Ariz. - John Wayne Connor, 75, died April 19 at his home in Casa Grande. He was born July 30, 1926, in Hoisington, the son of William T. and VaLeda Simpson Connor. He was a 1945 graduate of Great Bend High School and 1949 graduate of Kansas State University. He married Marilyn Herzog Sept. 3, 1950, in Great Bend. A long time resident of Loveland, Colo., moving to Casa Grande after his retirement in 1993, he was an accountant and co-owner of Continental Homes of Loveland. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Kendal Connor of Wichita, Craig Connor of Casa Grande and Scott Connor of Loveland; one daughter, Laura Lee Ballard of Loveland; one brother, Richard Maurice Connor of New Bern, N.C.; one sister, Irene Commer of Joplin, Mo.; and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, William E. Connor. Memorial services will be Saturday in Casa Grande and May 19 in Loveland. Cremation has taken place and there will be no visitation. No memorials are suggested. Simes Funeral Home in Casa Grande is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 24, 2002

April 25, 2002

Carmen Reinhardt Cook  1916-2002

Carmen Reinhardt Cook, 85, of Great Bend, died April 8 in Fayetteville, Ark. Full obituary ran April 11 in the Tribune. Graveside memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Lone Star Cemetery in Bison. Friends may call from 5-8 p.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with family greeting friends. Memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church in Great Bend, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 25, 2002

Curtis E. Clutter  1944-2002

LARNED - Curtis E. Clutter, 58, died April 23 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was born Feb. 17, 1944, in Great Bend, the son of Charles E. and Norma Hofsess Clutter. He married Cheryl Clutter. A lifelong resident of Larned, he was a farmer and was manager of Garvey Grain Elevator in Larned. Clutter was a member of First Presbyterian Church and past member of Masonic Lodge, both of Larned. Survivors include his wife of Larned; one brother, David Clutter of Littleton, Colo., and two sisters, Cydney Pearce of Houston, Texas, and Alison Caro of Larned. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. at the church, with the Revs. Jim Hawthorne and Jack Singer officiating. A private family funeral will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to Humane Society in Great Bend, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 25, 2002

Lloyd F. Horton  1936-2002

WICHITA - Lloyd F. Horton, 65, died April 23 at Riverside Hospital in Wichita. He was born Aug. 27, 1936, in Denton, Texas, the son of Rufus L. and Johnnie I. Roberts Horton. He married Louise T. Batty Jan. 20, 1964, in Montgomery County, Tenn. She died May 24, 2000. A resident of Wichita, he was retired from the U.S. Army. Horton was a veteran of the U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force and National Guard. Survivors include two daughters, Evette Fox of Wichita and Nicole Cook of Maize; two sisters, Patricia Kastrin of El Paso, Texas, and Linda Martinez of Antioch, Calif.; and four grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. There is no visitation listed. Memorials are suggested to the family, in care of Minnis Chapel in St. John. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 25, 2002

Velma Herthel Beetz  1912-2002

HOISINGTON - Velma Herthel Beetz, 89, died April 24 at Life Care Center in Osowatomie. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 25, 2002
April 26, 2002

Velma Herthel Beetz 1912-2002

HOISINGTON - Velma Herthel Beetz, 89, died April 24 at Life Care Center in Osowatomie. She was born Dec. 18, 1912, in Hoisington, the daughter of Walter H. and Mae J. Mowery Winter. She was a graduate of Hoisington High School and from Fort Hays State University where she received bachelor's and master's degrees. She married Franklin L. Herthel May 2, 1937, in Hoisington. He died May 12, 1967. She married James "Ivan" Beetz Aug. 5, 1976, in Wichita. He died Feb. 20, 1987. A lifelong resident of Hoisington, moving to Osowatomie a year ago, she was a retired teacher, having taught in Barton County Schools from 1931 to 1937 and later teaching in the Hoisington School District from 1957 to 1977. Mrs. Beetz was a member of First United Methodist Church, Methodist Women's Circle, Order of Eastern Star, Past Worthy Matron and S.A.C.S., all of Hoisington, Golden Belt Community Concert Association of Great Bend, national, state and local Education Associations, Barton County Retired Teachers, Association of University Women and Fort Hays State Alumni Association. Survivors include one son, Douglas L. Herthel of Olathe; one daughter, Karen G. Nicholson of Hoisington; three brothers, Calvin C. Winter of Hoisington, Dr. Walter H. Winter of Arvada, Colo., and Glen Winter of Lenexa; one sister, Dorothy Dowse of Claflin; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Harold R. Winter and Dr. R. Wayne Winter; and one granddaughter, Becky Nicholson. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery in Hoisington. Friends may call until 9 tonight, with family receiving friends from 7-8 p.m., all at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to the church or Kans For Kids Fighting Cancer, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 26, 2002

April 28, 2002

Kenneth H. Evans, Ph.D 1931-2002

PORTLAND, Ore. Kenneth H. Evans, Ph.D., 70, died April 23. He was born Aug. 8, 1931 at Great Bend. He married Nancy Evans. A resident of Portland Metro area since 1996, he was a facilities manager for Department of Defense. Evans was a member of American Institute of Architects and was awarded National Defense Service medal. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Andrew Hood and David Hood; five daughters, Deborah Kuiper, Denise Rosensteel, Cristin Reed, Lisa Miles and Susan Haller; one sister, Phyllis Beckvar; and 16 grandchildren. Funeral was held Saturday at Lincoln Memorial Chapel in Portland. There are no memorials suggested. Lincoln Memorial was in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, April; 28, 2002

Helen L. Hall 1912-2002

HUTCHINSON - Helen L. Hall, 89, died April 25 at Hospice Residential Care Center in Hutchinson. She was born Nov. 11, 1912 at Victoria, the daughter of Herman Joseph and Mary Weigel Linnenberger. She was a 1931 graduate of Hays Girl's Catholic School and a 1936 graduate of Nurses Training at Great Bend. She married Edd B. Hall April 3, 1937 at Great Bend. He died Sept, 19,1977. Survivors include two sons, Patrick Hall and Michael Hall both of Hutchinson; one sister, Hattie Pundsack of Great Bend; four grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and two step-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother and two sisters. There is no visitation listed. Cremation has taken place. A private service and inurnment will take place at St. Fidelis Cemetery in Victoria at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Golden Years Retirement Home in care of Johnson and Sons Funeral Home in Hutchinson. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, April; 28, 2002

Dorothy Mae Roof 1924-2002

ELLINWOOD Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, April; 28, 2002

April 29, 2002

Dorothy Mae Roof 1924-2002

ELLINWOOD - Dorothy Mae Roof, 77, died April 27 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Aug. 11, 1924, in Mexia, Texas, the daughter of H. L., D. and Hattie Lanan Scott. She married George L. Roof Dec. 31, 1948, in Mt. Hope. He died June 21, 2001. A resident of Ellinwood, she worked as a greeter at Wal-Mart in Great Bend, had been a sales clerk at Montgomery Ward and Gibson's Discount, both in Great Bend, and at H&H IGA, Western Auto, Banner Variety and Huschka Liquor, all of Ellinwood. Mrs. Roof was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, Rebekah Lodge and American Legion Auxiliary, all of Ellinwood. Survivors include one son, Eric Roof of Pawnee Rock; two daughters, Sharon Simpson of Hutchinson and Diana Weiser of Champaign, Ill.; one brother, John Logan Scott of Wichita; one sister, Sue Brower of Lyons; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Theo Scott; two sisters, Lona Potter and Mary Helm; and one grandson, Chris Roof. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Kimple Funeral Chapel in Ellinwood, with the Rev. Ray Willis officiating. Burial will be at Lyons Cemetery in Lyons. Friends may call until 8 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Legion
Irvin O. Teichman 1911-2002

STAFFORD - Irvin O. Teichman, 91, died April 27 at Leisure Homestead in Stafford. He was born Feb. 18, 1911, in Hudson, the son of Karl and Anna Wittrock Teichman. He was a 1930 graduate of Stafford High School. He married Mildred Russell Dec. 31, 1932, in Stafford. A lifelong resident of Stafford County, he was a farmer. Teichman was a member of United Methodist Church, where he was a lay leader and served on the pastor parish committee and administrative board, Stafford Lions Club, and helped establish Jolly Worker's 4-H Club, all of Stafford, German Valley School Board, Hays Township Board, Sunday school teacher, past member of Stafford County Fair Board and past member of Soil Conservation Board. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Dennis Teichman of Stafford; one daughter, Cibyl Ronen of St. John; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Hulda Brensing and Leona Siefkes. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday 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. Tuesday at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 29, 2002

Elizabeth Lee Lichte 1914-2002

STAFFORD - Elizabeth Lee Lichte, 88, died April 27 at Leisure Homestead in Stafford. She was born March 15, 1914, in Russell, the daughter of Elvis and Mary Eastland Carter. She was a graduate of Russell High School. She married Edwin Lichte Feb. 27, 1943, in Wichita. He died Sept. 20, 1992. A resident of Stafford since 1945, coming from Wichita, she worked as a beautician and for Beech Aircraft. Mrs. Lichte was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Stafford. Survivors include two daughters, Mary Morris of Olathe and Margie Ritter of Great Bend; and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers; and three sisters. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford, with the Rev. Dave Vetter officiating. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to the church or Leisure Homestead, both in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 29, 2002

Charles R. Clingenpeel 1934-2002

WOODWARD, Okla. - Charles R. Clingenpeel, 67, died April 26 at his home in Woodward. He was born Sept. 28, 1934, in Stroud, Okla., the son of John William and Annabelle Smith Clingenpeel. He was a 1953 graduate of Stroud High School. He married Bernice Schiegel Sept. 28, 1954, in Hoisington. A resident of Woodward since 1973, coming from Hoisington, he worked in the oil fields as a tool pusher. Clingenpeel was a member of Woodward Church of the Nazarene. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Ray Clingenpeel and Kent Clingenpeel, both of Enid, Okla., and Mark Clingenpeel of Lake City, Fla.; one daughter, Kristi Maxwell of Edmond, Okla.; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Billy Joe Clingenpeel; one sister, Dorothy Bunce; and one great-grandson, Tyler Clingenpeel. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. today at the church, with the Rev. Clark Struebing officiating. Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery. There are no memorials suggested. Funeral arrangements are by Good Samaritan Funeral Service of Woodward. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 29, 2002

Eldred L. Plumb 1920-2002

LARNED - Eldred L. Plumb, 83, died April 27 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital, Long Term Care in Larned. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 29, 2002

Carrie Lee Pekarek 1930-2002

Carrie Lee Pekarek, 72, of Great Bend, died April 28 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 29, 2002

April 30, 2002

Wilma G. Stecklein 1915-2002

ARKANSAS CITY - Wilma G. Stecklein, 87, died April 14 at South Central Kansas Regional Medical Center. She was born Feb. 15, 1915, the daughter of William Berry and Lucy Jenette Fain Harwell. She was a 1932 graduate of Arkansas City High School and attended Cowley County Community College and business school in Tulsa, Okla. She married Jack Kinsey. He died in 1947. She married John Stecklein in May 1967. He died in 2001. A resident of Arkansas City, coming from Great Bend, she worked as an accountant for Fuller Brush Company. Mrs. Stecklein was a member of Business Professional Women and St. Rose Altar Society, both in Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Jack Wayne Kinsey; one daughter, Lillian Jenette "Jenny" Kinsey Pappan; one sister, Edna Mae Harwell Hamm; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Miller Harwell; and two sisters, Lovie Fry and Melissa Harwell. Funeral was at 10 a.m. today at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Arkansas City with the Rev. John Brunsgardt officiating. Burial will be at Riverview Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals or Humane Society, both in care of Rindt-Edman Funeral Home in Arkansas City. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 30, 2002
**Carrie Lee Pekarek** 1930-2002

Carrie Lee Pekarek, 72, of Great Bend, died April 28 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Jan. 22, 1930, in Gorham, the daughter of Alois and Cecelia Lederhos Mermis. She married Kenneth H. "Bud" Pekarek June 16, 1947, in Gorham. A resident of Great Bend since 1974, coming from Holyrood, she was a retired secretary for Brougher Oil Incorporated and the Lorraine School District. Mrs. Pekarek was a member of American Legion Auxiliary of Holyrood, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary of Russell and attended the Catholic church. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Kent L. Pekarek of Shawnee and Kevin G. Pekarek of Ellinwood; one brother, Emanul Mermis of Crane Hill, Ala.; four sisters, Lucille Strecker of Denver, Colo., Norma Kite and Alice Walker, both of Great Bend and Betty Ingram of Manhattan; and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Alois "Shorty" Mermis and Cletus "Pete" Mermis; and one sister, Isabel Cornell. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Dick Ogle officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer's Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 30, 2002

**Helen Louise Phillips** 1922-2002

Helen Louise Phillips, 80, of Great Bend, died April 29 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Jan. 26, 1922, in White Deer, Texas, the daughter of Lee Roy and Julia Marian Wright Powers. She married Dale V. Phillips Sept. 6, 1945, in Longview, Texas. A resident of Great Bend since 1933, coming from White Deer, she was a registered nurse at CKMC for 13 years. Mrs. Phillips was a member of First United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, RSVP, Red Cross volunteer and Meals on Wheels volunteer, all of Great Bend. She was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Randal S. Phillips of Great Bend; one daughter, Renee L. Patterson of Great Bend; one brother, Dr. Gene R. Powers of Austin, Texas; one sister, Josephine Milikien of Port Aransas, Texas; two grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Lee Roy Powers. Memorial service will be announced at a later date by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Sunflower Shrine Travel Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 30, 2002

**Eldred L. Plumb** 1918-2002

LARNED - Eldred L. Plumb, 83, died April 27 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Long Term Care Unit, in Larned. He was born Aug. 12, 1918, in Larned, the son of Etysel E. and Agnes Brandt Plumb. A lifelong resident of Pawnee County, he was a farmer. Survivors include numerous cousins. 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 the donor's choice, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 30, 2002
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May 1, 2002

Peggy Summers 1951-2002

WICHITA - Peggy Summers, 51, died April 28. She was born Jan 24, 1951, the daughter of Wilbur and Lela Mabel Bettes. She married Wesley Summers Feb. 13, 1971. A resident of Wichita, coming from Great Bend and raised in Burdett, she was retired as an assistant director of nurses at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Darrel Summers of Wichita; three daughters, Sandra Palmer, Cathie Mooney and Renee Summers, all of Wichita; her mother of Great Bend; five brothers, Clyde Bettes and Alvin Bettes, both of Salina, Jim Bettes of Greensburg, Kenny Bettess of Pratt and Donnie Bettess of Great Bend; two sisters, Mary Thompson of Dodge City and Nancy Garland of Ukiah, Calif.; and four grandchildren, Kara, Kurtis, Krista and Sean, all of Wichita. She was preceded in death by her father, Wilbur Bettes. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at River of Life Church, 1219 Main St., in Great Bend. There is no visitation. Send flowers and cards to the church. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 1, 2002

Joseph B. Rohling 1911-2002

CUNNINGHAM - Joseph B. Rohling, 90, died April 29 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus, in Wichita. He was born Sept. 21, 1911, at Waterloo, the son of Herman and Anna Kruep Rohling. He married Lucy Ebencamp Aug. 27, 1935, at Cunningham. A longtime resident of Cunningham, he was a retired production and drilling superintendent for Skelly Oil. Rohling was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and St. Leo Knights of Columbus, both of Cunningham. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Richard Rohling of Pratt; four daughters, Mary Kummer of Great Bend, Marlene Miller of Ingalls, JoAnn Clouse of Goodland and Janet Schield of Spearville; one brother, Herman Rohler of Kingman; one sister, Pauline Depenbusch of Zenda; 18 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Henry Rohler, Leo Rohler, Raymond Rohler and Vic Rohler; three sisters, Anna Detmer, Mary Meng and Cecilia Epp; and one grandson, Christopher Miller. Funeral was at 10:30 a.m. today at the church in Cunningham with the Rev. John Miller officiating. Burial was at the church cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church or Pratt Regional Medical Center Home Health, both in care of Livingston Funeral Home in Kingman. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 1, 2002

Florene B. Bradshaw 1932-2002

JETMORE - Florene B. Bradshaw, 70, died April 28 at Wesley Medical Complex in Wichita. She was born Jan. 1, 1932, at Okmulgee, Okla., the daughter of Abe and Sallie Maloney Smith. She married Paul I. Bradshaw Sr. Aug. 12, 1950, at independence. A longtime resident of Jetmore, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Bradshaw was a member of Riverside Church of God in Christ of Garden City. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Rodney Bradshaw of Jetmore; seven daughters, Corellia Sue Johnson and Debra Weaver, both of Wichita, Janice Hamilton of Houston, Texas, Pamela Bell of Sterling, Carole Middlton of Wichita Falls, Texas, Cheryl Buckner of Dodge City and Joyci Bradshaw of Jetmore; one brother, Leo Gullick of Independence; two sisters, Pauline Boyce and Flossie Jones, both of Wichita; and 30 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Paul Bradshaw Jr., and several brothers and sisters. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at United Methodist Church in Jetmore with Bishop J.C. Gilkey officiating. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore. Friends may call until 8 tonight, from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, all at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to Hodgeman County Long Term Care Center of Jetmore, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 1, 2002

May 2, 2002

Virginia McNeil 1924-2002

LARNED - Virginia McNeil, 77, died May 1 at her home in Larned. She was born Nov. 15, 1924, at Larned, the daughter of T. Oscar and Lulu F. Christian Lowery. She married Virgil E. McNeil Aug. 8, 1975, at Larned. He died Feb. 8, 1994. A lifetime resident of Larned, she was a retired secretary at Larned State Hospital. Mrs. McNeil was a member of First Christian Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and Larned Country Club, all of Larned. Survivors include two daughters, Diana Fell Gibson of Larned and Keyna Fell Schlieffert of Great Bend; one sister, Maxine Shaffer of Kinsley; one granddaughter; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Marvin Lowery. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Larned Cemetery with the Rev. Dan Lundgren officiating. Friends may call until 8 tonight, and from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. Friday, all at Beckwith Mortuary Chaoel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home and
Helen Marie Wren 1945-2002

LA CROSSE - Helen Marie Wren, 56, died April 28 at Ottawa, Ohio. She was born Sept. 8, 1945, at La Crosse, the daughter of James William and Ethel Myrtle Owens Whalen. A resident of Ottawa, coming from La Crosse, she was a computer expert. Survivors include one daughter, Kimberly King; her mother of La Crosse; two brothers, William Newell Whalen of Gresham, Ore., and Ervin E. Whalen of Manasses, Va.; two sisters, Murlene M. Stradt of La Crosse and Ardith A. Tallman of Dayton, Ohio; and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Donald Whalen and Everett Whalen. There will be no services. No memorials are suggested. Janousek Funeral Home of La Crosse is in charge of local arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 2, 2002

May 5, 2002

Edith Abbie Darr Milberger 1910-2001

AUBURN, Wash. - Edith Abbie Darr Milberger, 91, died July 24, 2001, 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, moving to Auburn in 1995, she was a homemaker. Survivors include two sons, Leslie Roger Milberger of Sacramento, Calif., and Curt Milberger of Auburn; two daughters, Judy Sonnenburg of Hot Springs Village, Ark., and Janet Schartz of Irvine, Calif.; two sisters, Edaree 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 memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 3400 21st, Great Bend. A private family service was previously held. Memorials are suggested to the church. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 5, 2002

Isack Litzenberger 1910-2002

JETMORE - Isack Litzenberger, 91, died May 2 at Hodgeman County Long Term Care Center in Jetmore. He was born Nov. 20, 1910, at Otis, the son of Henry and Elizabeth Michael Litzenberger. He married Marie Birt Fulton, Aug. 4, 1977, at Jetmore. A lifelong resident of Jetmore, he was co-owner of Litzenberger Motor Company of Jetmore. Litzenberger was a member of United Presbyterian Church, St. Bernard Lodge No. 222 AF &AM, American Legion Chester Hawkins Post 290, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6237 of Hanston, County Club and Senior Center, both of Jetmore. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two stepdaughters, Ramona Mae Jackson of Rotonda West, Fla., and Dorothy Fulton of Hays; one brother, Wesley Litzenberger of Jetmore; one sister, Elma French of Reston, Va.; four step-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandsons. He was preceded in death by one brother, Henry "Hank" Litzenberger; and four sisters, Mary Jane Litzenberger, Leah Litzenberger, Kathryn Halling and Mildred Bacon. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church in Jetmore, with the Rev. Bill McConnelee officiating. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to the church or the Hodgeman County Long Term Care, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 5, 2002

Grace Bland 1919-2002

STAFFORD - Grace Bland, 83, died May 3 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born Feb. 24, 1919, at Hudson, the daughter of Joseph and Josephina Frenzl Willinger. She married Wilbur Bland in 1971. He died Feb. 6, 1993. A resident of Stafford since 1993, coming from Hutchinson, she worked for Sears in Hutchinson for 20 years before her retirement. Mrs. Bland was a member of American Legion Auxiliary. Survivors include one stepson, Steve Evans of Kansas City, Mo.; two stepdaughters, Ramona Mae Jackson of Rotonda West, Fla., and Dorothy Fulton of Hays; one brother, Wesley Litzenberger of Jetmore; one sister, Elma French of Reston, Va.; four step-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandsons. She was preceded in death by one brother, Henry "Hank" Litzenberger; and four sisters, Mary Jane Litzenberger, Leah Litzenberger, Kathryn Halling and Mildred Bacon. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Memorial Park Cemetery in Hutchinson. Memorials are suggested to Stafford District Hospital, in care of Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 5, 2002

Heather McClary Dawn Peters 1964-2002

LINDSBORG - Heather McClary Dawn Peters, 37, died May 2 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. She was born Sept. 15, 1964, at Meade, the daughter of Robert and Patsy Barnett McClary. She married Jeffrey Peters Sept. 28, 1999, at Lindsborg. A resident of Lindsborg since 1994, coming from Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Mrs. McClary was a member of Episcopal Church of Incarnation in Salina, and Moms and Tots in Lindsborg. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Kaden Peters of Lindsborg; one daughter, Keri Schmidt of Lindsborg; one stepson, Cole Peters of Palco; her parents of Great Bend; and one brother, Eric McClary of Lawrence. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Johns Episcopal Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. Kevin Schmidt officiating. Funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the church in Lindsborg. with the Revs. Kevin Schmidt and May Kav Bond officiating. Burial will be at Smoky Hill Cemetery in
Lindsborg. Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday, with family receiving friends from 7-8 p.m. at Hays-Christians Funeral Home in Lindsborg. Memorials are suggested to Breast Cancer Foundation, the children's education fund or Friendship Inn of Kansas City, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 5, 2002

Gene Nathan Waters 1938-2002

ST. JOHN- Gene Nathan Waters, 63, died May 3 at Stafford District Hospital in Stafford. He was born Sept. 6, 1938, in Stafford, the son of Ralph H. and Madge B. Butler Waters. He was a lifetime resident of St. John. Waters was a member of Free Methodist Church in Macksville, and attended Pathways Residential Care Center in Macksville. Survivors include two sisters, Cathleen Sullivan of Oak Harbor, Wash., and Ann Weaver of San Francisco, Calif. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Minnis Chapel in St. John. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Monday at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to the church or Camp Pride, The Arc of Wichita, both in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 5, 2002

Sue Ann Lawrence 1958-2002

WICHITA - Sue Ann Lawrence, 44, died May 3 at her home in Wichita. She was born March 3, 1958, at La Crosse, the daughter of Howard and Jo Ann Montgomery Lawrence. A resident of Wichita since 1979, coming from Albert, she was employed at Center Industries in Wichita. Lawrence attended church services at the Timbers Chapel. Survivors include her parents of Albert; two brothers, Brent Lawrence of Columbia, Mo., and Bruce Lawrence of Great Bend; and one sister, Shirley Deege of Kinsley. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Jana Baxter officiating. Burial will be at Albert Cemetery in Albert. 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 Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 5, 2002

May 6, 2002

Donnell G. Baugher 1916-2002

JETMORE - Donnell G. Baugher, 86, died May 5 at Hodgeman County Long Term Care Center. He was born Feb. 25, 1916, at Jetmore, the son of Albert and Maude Shay Baugher. He married Ruby Gibbs July 1, 1941, at Arnold. A lifetime area resident, he was a businessman. Baugher was a member of International Order of Odd Fellows, Gun Club and Country Club, all of Jetmore. Survivors include his wife of the home. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Dillwyn Baugher and Roy Baugher; and one sister, Elsie Cripe. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at United Methodist Church in Jetmore 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. Memorial services are suggested to Jetmore Senior Center, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 6, 2002

Sister Virginia Stoecklein ASC

WICHITA - Sr. Virginia Stoecklein ASC, 75, died May 4. A resident of Wichita, she was a professional nurse. Survivors include five brothers, Melvin Stoecklein of Independence, Mo., Leonard Stoecklein of Ness City, Jim Stoecklein of Hutchinson, Don Stoecklein of Springhill and Martin Stoecklein Jr. of Eufala, Okla.; six sisters, Sr. Darlene Stoecklein ASC of El Paso, Texas, LuVera Rohr and Donna Werth, both of Great Bend, Cleo Werth of Hutchinson, Mary Ann Pavlu of Brownell and Betty Gassman of Manhattan. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Harvey Stoecklein and Gary Stoecklein; and two sisters, Judith and Dorothy Mae. Wake service will be at 7 tonight at Adorers of the Blood of Christ, Wichita Center. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Adorers of the Blood of Christ. Memorials are suggested to Retirement of Sisters, ASC, in care of DeVorss Flanagan-Hunt Mortuary in Wichita. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 6, 2002

Willus "W.P." Ladenburger 1926-2002

GRAINFIELD - Willus "W.P." Ladenburger, 75, died May 4 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. He was born Dec. 19, 1926, in Sheridan County, the son of Peter J. and Caroline Wehner Ladenburger. He married Marianne Baalman Dec. 28, 1949, at Seguin. A lifetime area resident of Grainfield, he was co-owner of Midway Realty in Grainfield and was engaged in the grain business, farming and real estate. Ladenburger was a member of St. Agnes Catholic Church in Grainfield, Third Degree Knights of Columbus, Park Council No. 2538, Grainfield Lions Club and Hoxie Elks Club. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Robert W. Ladenburger of Grand Junction, Colo., and Jay T. Ladenburger of Topeka; three daughters, Dixie Heinrich of Great Bend, M. Cheryl Patrick of Sugar Land, Texas, and Patricia Kennedy of Hoxie; one brother, George Ladenburger of Oakley; one sister, Lorena McConnell of Westminster, Colo.; and 14 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Richard Ladenburger, Kenneth Ladenburger and Maurice Ladenburger; and one sister, Bernadette Bahm. Rosary will be at 7:30 tonight at Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home in Oakley. Funeral will be at
10:30 a.m. at the church with the Rev. Mark Berland officiating. Burial will be at Grainfield Cemetery in Grainfield. Friends may call until 9 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Gove County Healthcare Endowment Foundation or Grainfield Opera House Restoration Fund, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 6, 2002

May 7, 2002

Cammie A. Baldwin 1900-2002

HUTCHINSON - Cammie A. Baldwin, 102, died May 5 at Mennonite Manor in Hutchinson. She was born March 9, 1900, at Clinton, Mo., the daughter of John and Katherine Irene Barbee Justus. She married Norbin Jones Baldwin Sr. Feb. 8, 1919, at Kinsley. He preceded her in death. A resident of Hutchinson for nine years, coming from Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Baldwin was a member of Christian Church of Kinsley, a former RSVP member and a member of the Kitchen Band. Survivors include three sons, Norbin J. Baldwin Jr. and Jack D. Baldwin; and one daughter, Phyllis Diest. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Great Bend Cemetery with the Rev. Bill Johnson officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until noon Thursday at Fryberger Mortuary in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Mennonite Friendship Manor, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 7, 2002

Albert J. Birzer 1913-2002

OFFERLE - Albert J. Birzer, 88, died May 6 at Edwards County Hospital in Kinsley. He was born Oct. 20, 1913, at Ellinwood, the son of Joseph and Mathilda Beran Birzer. He married Agnes R. Hoffman April 23, 1941, at Seward. A longtime resident of Offerle, he was a retired farmer. Birzer was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Offerle; charter member of Offerle Lions Club, former member of Offerle Co-op and Trenton Township Boards and former mayor of Offerle. Survivors include his wife of the home; four daughters, Janey Clark of Norman, Okla., Betty Peterson of Hugoton, Rebecca Hornung of Offerle and Ella Haskell of Kinsley; eight sisters, Anna Penka of Great Bend, Clara Bahr of Olmitz, Laura Tinkle of Clifton, Margaret Reichuber of Odin, Eleanor Penka of Healy, Cecilia Denning of Russell, Inez Giessel of Larned and Bertha Achatz of Ellinwood; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers and three sisters. Vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the church. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Nicanor Ferangco officiating. Burial will be at St. Nicholas Cemetery in Kinsley. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Wednesday, all at McKillip Memorial Funeral Home in Kinsley. Memorials are suggested to St. Nicholas Endowment Fund, Edwards County Healthcare Foundation or to the church, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 7, 2002

Valerie L. Schurr 1950-2002

OSBORNE - Valerie L. Schurr, 51, died May 4 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. She was born Sept. 6, 1950, at Great Bend. She married Dick Schurr. A resident of Osborne, coming from Great Bend, she was a paraprofessional teacher at Osborne High School and Osborne Grade School. Mrs. Schurr was a member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Osborne. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Doran Schurr of Osborne; one daughter, Raegan Schurr of McPherson; her mother, Theresa Fisher of Great Bend; one brother, Terry Esfeld of Great Bend; two sisters, Virginia Rabenstein of Pittsburgh, Penn., and Vicki Duncan of Grand Junction, Colo.; and three grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. today at Osborne United Methodist Church in Osborne with the Rev. Gary Davison officiating. Cremation will follow. Memorial Mass will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Osborne Baseball Complex, in care of Clark-Gashaw Mortuary, Inc., in Osborne. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 7, 2002

May 8, 2002

Doris M. Wheeler 1930-2002

Doris M. Wheeler, 72, of Great Bend, died May 6 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. She was born March 30, 1930, in Los Angeles County, Calif., the daughter of Lee Everett and Ethel Irene Marsee Guyett. She married Robert L. Wheeler March 13, 1948 in Los Angeles County. He died Oct. 7, 1988. A resident of Great Bend for more than 50 years, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Wheeler was a member of Eagles Ladies Auxiliary. Survivors include one son, Robert M. Wheeler of Idaho; two daughters, Roberta M. Goodwin of Hutchinson and Jackie J. Hughly of Lakewood, Colo.; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Leora I. Lea; one brother, William Guyett; and one grandson, Larry E. Goodwin II. Graveside service will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at Great Bend Cemetery in Great Bend with the Rev. Thomas Swain officiating. Friends may call from 5-8 p.m. tonight at Fryberger Mortuary in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hosice of Great Bend. In care of the funeral home. Great Bend
Lucille Mae Galyardt Kasselman 1923-2002

LARNED - Lucille Mae Galyardt Kasselman, 78, died May 7 at Integrated Health Services in Great Bend. She was born Oct. 7, 1923, in Ellinwood, the daughter of Alex and Elizabeth Stroh Galyardt. She married Orville H. Kasselman May 5, 1945, at Newton. He died May 12, 1972. A longtime resident of Larned, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Kasselman attended United Methodist Church in Ellinwood. Survivors include two sisters, Delores Arnold and Elanor Christianson, both of Ellinwood. She was preceded in death by seven brothers and two sisters. Funeral service will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Kimple Funeral Chapel in Ellinwood, with the Rev. Larry Young officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 8, 2002

M. Myrlene Brungardt 1940-2002

M. Myrlene Brungardt, 61, of Great Bend, died May 7 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born Sept. 8, 1940, at Okmulgee, Okla., the daughter of Charles W. and Erple E. Weaver Castor. A resident of Great Bend for three years, coming from Russell, she worked in food service for USD 428 in Great Bend. She attended St. Patrick Catholic Church in Great Bend, and was a 4-H leader and board member of Ellis County Rainbow Girls of Natoma. Survivors include two daughters, Amanda Oxenford of Hays and Cindy Pottorff of Lawrence; her companion, Maurice Nordman of Great Bend; her parents of Okmulgee; one brother, Kevin Castor of Hutchinson; four sisters, Charlene Rathbun of Hays, and Cindy Postell of Lawrence; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, James Castor. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Great Bend Family Mortuary in Great Bend with the Rev. Joel Rathbun officiating. Inurnment will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 8, 2002

Helen Louise Phillips 1922-2002

Helen Louise Phillips, 80, of Great Bend, died April 29 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Jan. 26, 1922, at White Deer, Texas, the daughter of Lee Roy and Julia Marian Wright Powers. She was a graduate of Parkland Hospital School of Nursing in Dallas, Texas. She married Dale V. Phillips on Sept. 6, 1945, at Longview, Texas. A resident of Great Bend since 1945, coming from White Deer, she was a registered nurse at CKMC for 13 years. Mrs. Phillips was a member of First United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Sunday school teacher, RSVP, Red Cross volunteer, Meals on Wheels volunteer, Cub Scout den-mother and Brownie Scout leader, all of Great Bend. She was an Army nurse serving in World War II as a second lieutenant. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Randall S. Phillips of Great Bend; one daughter and son-in-law, Renee L. and David E. Patterson Sr. of Great Bend; one brother, Gene R. Powers of Austin, Texas; one sister, Josephine Miles of Port Aransas, Texas; two grandsons, Nicholas Kruse of Hays and Justin Kruse of Great Bend; three step grandchildren; four step great-grandchildren; five nephews; and seven nieces. She was preceded in death by one brother, Jimmy Lee Powers. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with Loren Dyke officiating. Her body was donated to science upon her request. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 9, 2002

Samuel "Sam" Osborne 1935-2002

Samuel "Sam" Osborne, 66, of Great Bend, died May 7 at his residence. He was born Sept. 20, 1935, at Beaver City, Okla., the son of Louis and Bernice Davis Osborne. He married Sharon A. Navarro on Oct. 9, 1988, in Mexico. He was a graduate of Great Bend High School. A resident of Great Bend, he was a former teacher, former owner of Arthur Murray Dance Studios and the retired owner of Sam's Mexican Restaurant. Osborne was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in the Korean War. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Jim Osborne of Columbus, Miss.; one stepson, Pete Vieyra of Wichita; two stepdaughters, Suzanne Vieyra of Hays and Debra Astle of St. John; one brother, Jim Osborne of Grove, Okla.; two grandchildren; and seven step grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 9 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Dr. Kevin Baxter officiating. There is no visitation, cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Sunflower Shrine Travel Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 9, 2002

Bessie R. Renner 1903-2002

LA CROSSE - Bessie R. Renner, 98, died May 7 at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. She was born Sept. 12, 1903, at Bushton, the daughter of James and Grace Roelfs Rumley. She married Grover C. "Clevie" Smith in 1927. at La Crosse. He preceded her in death. She then married Frank O. Renner in 1949. at
La Crosse. He died Dec. 13, 1984. A resident of La Crosse for more than 75 years, she was a retired treasurer for Rush County. Mrs. Renner was a member of United Methodist Church and Sixty Plus, both of La Crosse, and Eastern Star and Gay Gingham Club, both of Rush Center. Survivors include two sons, Duane G. Smith of Palestine, Texas, and Grover D. Smith of Houston, Texas; 10 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her step-father, John W. Dolson; one brother, Cecil Rumley; and one sister, Nina Beneke. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Kathy Bannister officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. Friday at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. 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, May 9, 2002

Jason Lee Battaglear 1972-2002

Jason Lee Battaglear, 29, of Great Bend, died May 6 in Meade County. He was born Dec. 29, 1972, at Wichita, the son of Jerry Battaglear and Dona M. Fowler Bender. He married Heather A. Orth Oct. 23, 1998, at Garden City. A resident of Garden City for six years, coming from Great Bend and Garden City, he was a tong operator for Francis Casing Crews in Great Bend and Garden City. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Jason Lee Battaglear Jr. and Danyan Michael Battaglear; both of Great Bend; his father, of Wichita; his mother and step father, Larry L. Bender of Russell; one brother, Eric Battaglear of Hoisington; his grandmothers, Juanita Battaglear of Wichita and Lyla Fowler of Marion. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Great Bend with the Rev. Warren Stecklein officiating. Cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Battaglear Children Educational Fund, in care of Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 9, 2002

Ila Mae Dodson 1925-2002

NATOMA - Ila Mae Dodson, 77, died May 7 at Cherry Village in Great Bend. She was born March 15, 1925, at Natoma, the daughter of Albert and Wilda Pruter Schloh. She was a graduate of Natoma High School. She married Charles E. Dodson July 24, 1946, at Russell. He died July 3, 1972. A longtime resident of the Natoma community, coming from Bazine and Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Survivors include one son, Ronald Dodson of Hays; one daughter, Linda Haberman of Great Bend; one sister, Norene Thornton of Osborne; five grandchildren; four step grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and four step great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by an infant son. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Natoma Methodist Church. Burial will be at Mt. Herman Cemetery in Paradise. Friends may call until 9 p.m. tonight at Pohlman's Mortuary in Natoma and from 9:30 a.m. until service time Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 9, 2002

Martha Ann Van Gundy 1926-2002

SALINA - Martha Ann Van Gundy, 75, died May 7. She was born Sept. 3, 1926, at Great Bend, the daughter of Arthur S. and Ellen Gibson. She was a 1948 graduate of the University of Kansas. She married Richard G. Van Gundy on Aug. 29, 1948, at Great Bend. A resident of Salina, coming from Ellsworth, Pratt and Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Van Gundy was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority, AAUW, ACBL, and hospital auxiliary. Survivors include her husband of the home; two daughters, Sue Kruger of Austin, Texas, and Diane Van Gundy of Mansfield, Texas; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Steven Van Gundy, in 1950, and one brother, Carl Gibson. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Sunrise Presbyterian Church in Salina. Graveside service will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Great Bend Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call until 8 p.m. tonight at Ryan Mortuary in Salina. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 9, 2002

May 10, 2002

Turner Hall Baker 1916-2002

BLACKWELL, Okla. - Turner Hall Baker, 86, died May 5. A resident of Blackwell, he was a retired master mechanic for Northern Natural Gas Company. Survivors include his wife, Sara C. Baker, of the home; eight daughters, Sondra L. Zinn and Eleanore Adolph, both of Great Bend, Linda Bozarth of Liberal, Nancy Brecheisen of Pine Bush, N.Y., Carolyn Baker, Cindy McClain, Deborah Patterson and Michelle Silvas, all of Blackwell; two brothers, Ralph Baker of Liberal and Rodney Baker of Silver City, N.M.; one sister, Mary Ellen Cook of Amarillo, Texas; 37 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Blackwell. Broadway Mortuary Inc., of Wichita is in charge of the arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 10, 2002

Lowell D. Scribner 1909-2002

EL DORADO - Lowell D. Scribner, 92, died May 7 at Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital. He was born June 25, 1909, in Chelsea Township, the son of Glick and Esther Miller Scribner. He was a 1928 graduate of Rosalia High School. He attended El Dorado Junior College. He married Sadie Picer on Nov. 6, 1937. at Belle Plaine.
John Howard Nation 1914-2002

WINFIELD - John Howard Nation, 87, died May 8 at his residence in Winfield. He was born July 17, 1914, at Delaware, Okla., the son of William Reed and Addie Mae DeVan Nation. He was a 1932 graduate of Caney High School. He married Betty Wasson March 28, 1926, at Independence. A resident of Winfield since 1962, he worked for Republic Oil & Refining, Shell Oil and Cooperative Refining Association of Great Bend, and was the founder of Petroleum Enterprise Inc., retiring in 1986. Nation was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving at Clearfield Naval Supply Depot in Clearfield, Utah. He was a member of Winfield Masonic Lodge and American Legion Post No. 10, past director of Eastern Kansas Oil & Gas Association and served on the board of directors for Habitat for Humanity. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Robert J. Nation of Winfield; one daughter, Nancy Nation Heinz of Winfield; one brother, Charles Nation of Winfield; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, William Nation and Robert Nation. Gravestones service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Highland Cemetery in Winfield. Memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at First United Methodist Church in Winfield. The family will receive friends from 7-8 tonight. Memorials are suggested to the St. Francis Hospice, First United Methodist Church or American Heart Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 10, 2002

Trinidad P. Ruiz 1933-2002

LARNED - Trinidad P. Ruiz, 68, died May 9 at Via Christi St. Joseph Campus in Wichita. She was born May 17, 1933, at Satanta, the daughter of Clemente and Lucia Perez. She married Augustine Ruiz Jr. July 8, 1957 at Kinsley. He died Dec. 3, 1998. A lifetime resident of Larned, she was a certified nurses aide and certified medication aide at Hammond Holiday Home in Larned. Mrs. Ruiz was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Larned. Survivors include three sons, Robert A. Ruiz of Wichita, John C. Ruiz of Great Bend, and Richard Ruiz of Larned; three daughters, Lucille Sickles, Theresa Wright, and Rose Marie Weisensee all of Larned; eight brothers, Lupe Perez, Frank Perez, John Perez, Manuel Perez, Raymond Perez, Terry Perez, and Tony Perez all of Larned, and Felix Perez of Hutchinson; two sisters, Eleanor Sanders and Linda Garcia both of Larned; and 12 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Pete Perez, one sister Jane Bronson, and one grandson, Robert Francis Ruiz. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church in Larned, with the Rev. Nicanor Serengco officiating. Burial will be at Larned cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Trinidad Ruiz memorial fund in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, May 12, 2002

Walter Andrusi 1935-2002

LARNED - Walter Andrusi, 67, died May 8 at Via Christi St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born Jan. 18, 1935, at Lundington, Mich., the son of Matthew Bernard and Catherine Olaveh Andrusi. A resident of Medicine Lodge since 1994, coming from Larned, he was a former dry waller for Hanson Dry Wall Company. Andrusi was a member of Worldwide Church of God in Salina. Survivors include two sons, David Andrusi of Otis, and Paul Andrus of Claflin; two daughters, Sandy Medenhall of Perkins, Okla., and Karen Andrus of Russell; one brother, Clark Andrusi of Hubbard, Mich.; ten grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son Michael Andrusi: one daughter Patricia: two brothers. Roos Andrusi, and Art
Andrulis; and one grandchild. There is no visitation, cremation has taken place. A family memorial service will be announced at a later date by Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, May 12, 2002

Ruby A. Lambrechtse 1937-2002

WICHITA - Ruby A. Lambrechtse, 67, died May 10 at her residence in Wichita. She married Cornelis "Dutch" Lambrechtse. A resident of Wichita, she was a retired cashier. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Steven D. Coffee of Phoenix, Ariz., David E. Coffee of Torrance, Calif., and Jerry L. Coffee of Mariposa, Calif.; two stepsons, Russell Lambrechtse of Wichita, and Wesley Wiggins of Oregon; one stepdaughter, Vicki Ross of Wichita; two brothers, Bill Jacobs of Silverlake, and Larry Jacobs of Wellington; two sisters, Mildred Werner of Great Bend, and Esther Smith of Houston, Texas; 13 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at West Haysville Baptist Church. There is no visitation listed. Memorials are suggested to Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice, in care of All Faith Funeral Services in Wichita. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, May 12, 2002

Edna I. Orebaugh 1918-2002

Edna I. Orebaugh, 84, of Great Bend, died May 11 at Integrated Health Services in Ellinwood. She was born Feb. 27, 1918 at Barton County, the daughter of Edward and Lena Kazimaier Jurgensen. She married Leo Orebaugh April 24, 1941, at Albert. A lifetime resident of Barton County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Orebaugh was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Albert, and American Legion Ladies Auxiliary. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons Jerry D. Orebaugh of Ashland, and Randy L. Orebaugh of Great Bend; two daughters, Ulanda S. Stiebben of Pratt and Jolene R. Houseman of Great Bend; three Brothers, Donald Jurgensen and Merle Jurgensen, both of Great Bend, and Edward Jurgensen of Wichita; one sister, Alverna Holoporkie of La Crosse; 12 grandchildren; five step grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Leonard Jurgensen, one infant brother; and two infant sisters. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Paul Clifton officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, and 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association or American Diabetes Association both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, May 12, 2002

May 13, 2002

Thelma C. Irion 1915-2002

LARNED - Thelma C. Irion, 86, died May 11 at her home in Larned. She was born July 21, 1915, at Larned, the daughter of Allen C. and Vena Easley Palmer. She married William M. Irion July 20, 1939, at Larned. He died April 2, 1971. A lifetime resident of Larned, she taught third and fourth grade at the elementary school in Garfield for more than 50 years. Mrs. Irion was a member of First Christian Church, Christian Women's Fellowship, Walnut Extension Unit and past member of Li Ar Mu Club, all of Larned. She was also a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority and the American Association of University Women. Survivors include one sister, Doris Sapp of Larned. Funeral service will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned with the Rev. Dan Lundgren 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 funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, May 13, 2002

May 14, 2002

Irene Pfannenstiel 1928-2002

DODGE CITY - Irene Pfannenstiel, 73, died May 11 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus in Wichita. She was born Dec. 25, 1928, at Ness City, the daughter of Joseph and Rosa Pfannenstiel Graf. She married Elmer Pfannenstiel May 24, 1949, at Ness City. He died Dec. 4, 1991. A resident of Dodge City since 1946, coming from Ness City, she was a bookkeeper for Kustom Auto Radio and many other businesses in Dodge City. Mrs. Pfannenstiel was a member of Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Daughters of Isabella, both of Dodge City. Survivors include one brother, Edwin Graf of Great Bend. She was preceded in death by eight brothers, Isidor Graf, Rudolph Graf, Constantine Graf, Gregory Graf, Peter Graf, Alexander Graf, Alban Graf and Aloysius Graf; and two sisters, Roberta Graf and Catherine Brown. Daughters of Isabella rosary will be at 4 p.m. today and vigil service will be at 7:30 tonight, both at Burkhart-Ziegler Funeral Chapel in Dodge City. Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. John J. Maes officiating. Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery in Dodge City. Friends may call until 7:30 tonight at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to Sacred Heart School Endowment Fund, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, May 14, 2002

Esther Faye Schroeder 1906-2002

HOLYROOD - Esther Faye Schroeder. 95, died May 12 in Dallas, Texas. She was born Nov. 25, 1906 in
Claflin. She married Arthur Schroeder. He preceded her in death. A resident of Texas since 1996, coming from Holyrood, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Schroeder was a member of St. Paul United Church of Christ and the women’s guild, both of Holyrood. Survivors include one daughter, Joan Walker of Carrollton, Texas; three grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at the church. Burial will be at St. Paul United Church of Christ Cemetery. Friends may call from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at Sparkman/Hillcrest Funeral Home in Dallas and from 2-3 p.m. Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 14, 2002

Victor E. Penka 1921-2002

HEALEY - Victor E. Penka, 80, died May 11 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. He was born Sept. 1, 1921, in Barton County, the son of W.W. and Anne C. Meyers Penka. He married Eleanor Birzer May 22, 1946, at St. Peter and Paul Church north of Elinwood. He attended a welding school in Lincoln, Neb. A resident of Lane County since 1947, he was a farmer and stockman. Penka was a member of St. Theresa Catholic Church in Dighton, 3rd Degree of Knights of Columbus Council 3210, Bishop Forest 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, life member, longtime director and past vice-president of Kansas Czechs Inc. and Midwestern Polka Club of Kansas. He was U.S. Army veteran, serving in the 5th Army in Africa and Italy during World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; four sons, Larry Penka of Garden City, Eugene Penka of Healy and William Penka and Terry Penka, both of Dighton; two daughters, Vicki Menzer of Silver City, N.M., and Eloise Doran of St. John; 22 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Bill Penka and Clem Penka; and one grandson, Nicholas Menzer. Funeral was today at the church with the Rev. Francis Khoi Nguyen officiating. Burial was at Dighton Memorial Cemetery with military graveside rites by American Legion Post 190 of Dighton. Memorials are suggested to the church or Lane County Hospital, both in care of Boomhower Funeral Home of Dighton. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 14, 2002

May 15, 2002

The Rev. Galen W. Unruh 1916-2002

HUTCHINSON - The Rev. Galen W. Unruh, 85, died May 13 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was born Nov. 13, 1916, at Pawnee Rock, the son of Benjamin C. and Susan Pauline Unruh. He married Doris Elizabeth Naim on Aug. 31, 1934, at Lyons. She died July 16, 2001. A resident of Hutchinson since 1981, coming from Pawnee Rock, he was a retired clergyman of New Jerusalem Church in Pawnee Rock. Unruh was a member of New Jerusalem Church, a charter member of Pawnee Rock Lions Club, past mayor of Pawnee Rock and a member of Rosicrucian Order. Survivors include 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; one brother, Virgil A. Unruh of Garland, Texas; 18 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Geneva Douglas. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Revs. John Billings, Renee Billings-Machinak and Kit Billings officiating. Burial will be at Pawnee Rock Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or American Cancer Society, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 15, 2002

Harold Gordon Leeburg 1922-2002

MILLER - Harold Gordon Leeburg, 79, died May 9 at Newman Memorial Hospital in Emporia. He was born Nov. 13, 1922, at Miller, the son of Victor Albin and Edna Holmberg Leeburg. He was a 1940 graduate of Miller High School. He married Helen Louise Lyon on April 16, 1950, at Osage City. A lifetime resident of the Miller community, he was a farmer and cattleman. Leeburg was a member of Miller United Methodist Church, served on the church board, the Miller School Board, Miller 4-H as a beef leader and was auctioneer for the United Methodist Women Bazaar for several years. Survivors include his wife of the home; three daughters, Janice Reinhardt of Bison, Jane Ellen Lashbrook of Bonner Springs and Jill Lynn Megredy of Winfield; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Joyce Louise Leeburg on Aug. 6, 1960. Funeral services were May 13. Burial was at Osage City Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Crabile Funeral Home in Osage City. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 15, 2002

Ellen Marjorie Smith 1920-2002

SEWARD - Ellen Marjorie Smith, 81, died May 12 at her residence in Seward. She was born June 11, 1920, at Radium, the daughter of William Lawrence and Elsie Fern Carr Smith. A resident of Seward, she was a hospital medical records secretary. She was a member of St. Mary Episcopal Church in Larned. Survivors include one son, Robert Kent Schulz of Tulsa, Okla.; two daughters, Kay Ellen Schulz-Foss of Rowlett, Texas, and Anne-Marie Hartory of Garland, Texas; one stepson, Michael Brannan of Venice, Calif.; one brother, William Lawrence Smith Jr. of McKinney, Texas; one sister, Caroline Anne Ives of St. John; five grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. Funeral service was today at St. John Episcopal Church in Great Bend. Inurnment was at Eden Valley Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Seward City Park, in care of Great Bend Family Mortuary & Crematory. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 15, 2002
Harry Horyna 1918-2002

TIMKEN - Harry Horyna, 84, died May 12 at Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse. He was born March 13, 1918, at Timken, the son of Frank Sr. and Grace R. Stejskal Horyna. He married Viola Schwindt on July 10, 1943, at Hays. A lifetime resident of Rush and Hodgeman counties, he was a farmer and custodian for Bison School District. Horyna was a member of United Methodist Church in Bison, Western Fraternal Life Association and Bison-Timken Men's Club. Survivors include his wife of the home; four daughters, Joyce Hartling of Derby, Novia Mays of Edmond, Okla., Jonea Hartshorn of Timken and Neysa Ummel of Topeka; and nine grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Revs. Kathy Bannister and Dr. Arlyn Thielenhaus officiating. Inurnment will be at Bohemian National Cemetery in Timken. Family will receive friends at the church following the service. Memorials are suggested to Rush County Amusement Company for the purchase of a ferris wheel for the Rush County Fair, in care of Tony Rues, P.O. Box 780, La Crosse, KS 67548, or Timken Community Center, in care of Melva Pivonka, RR2 Box 82240, Timken, KS 67575. Great Bend Family Mortuary & Crematory is in charge of the arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 15, 2002

Clarence Cunningham 1913-2002

PRATT - Clarence Cunningham, 89, died May 14, at Pratt Regional Medical Center in Pratt. He was born Feb. 24, 1913, at Belpre, the son of Lucy W. and Laura Hanzlick Cunningham. He married Vera Imogene Mullen on June 23, 1940, at La Crosse. She died May 24, 1988. A lifetime resident of Rush County, he was the Rush County Engineer for 42 years, retiring in 1978. Cunningham was a member of United Methodist Church in La Crosse, charter member of La Crosse Lions Club, council member of Boy Scouts, and also a member of National Republican Committee and Kansas State Board of Technical Profession as an engineer and surveyor. Survivors include one son, Glen Cunningham of Pratt; one daughter, Karen Legleiter of Kansas City; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Laura Cunningham-Heit, five brothers, Orval Cunningham, Lacy Cunningham, George Cunningham, Charlie Cunningham and Alvie Cunningham; and one sister, Juanita Shoemaker. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the church with the Revs. Kathy Bannister and Thomas D. Sutter officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 9:30-10:45 a.m. Friday the church. Family will receive friends from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Memorial services are suggested to the church or The Vera Cunningham Scholarship, in care of the church. Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 15, 2002

Lorene Miller 1916-2002

CLEARWATER - Lorene Miller, 85, died May 13 in Clearwater. She was born May 21, 1916, at Mannford, Okla., the daughter of William and Marie Minda Suit Whittle. She married Clarence Miller. He preceded her in death. She was a homemaker. Survivors include three sons, Harold Miller of Ellinwood, and Ronald Miller and Charles Miller, both of Haysville; two daughters, Peggy McGee and Carolyn Engelbrecht, both of Wichita; one brother, Bobby Whittle of Wichita; two sisters, Bethel McIntosh of Phoenix, Ariz., and Opal Richardson of Wichita; 22 grandchildren; 55 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one infant daughter, Cathy Ann Miller; one granddaughter, Christina Maus; and three brothers, Frank Whittle, Doris Whittle and Junior Whittle. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Smith Mortuary in Haysville. Friends may call until 8 tonight at the mortuary. Memorial services are suggested to Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice, 313 South Market, Wichita, KS 67202. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 15, 2002

May 16, 2002

Jack B. Kurtz 1927-2002

LAKEPORT, Calif. - Jack B. Kurtz, 74, died May 13 at Napa, Calif. He was born Aug. 7, 1927, at Fellows, Calif. A Lake County, Calif., resident for 30 years, he was a technician for the Presidio of Monterey for 12 years and the manager of Perks Mobile Home Park in Lakeport. Kurtz was a member of Sunrise Assembly Church in Lucerne, Calif. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served during World War II. Survivors include his wife, Alice, of the home; one son, Larry P. Kurtz of Great Bend; one daughter, Jackie I. Kurtz of Bakersfield, Calif.; two stepsons, Mike Cope and John Cope, both of Stevinson, Calif.; one stepdaughter, Anne Large of Phoenix, Ariz.; one sister, Pat Blair of Oxnard, Calif.; 20 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one stepson, Kenneth E. Miller; four brothers; and four sisters. Memorial services were held. Memorials are suggested to the church or donor's choice, in care of Chapel of the Lakes Mortuary of Lakeport. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 16, 2002

John F. Gant 1925-2002

WICHITA - John F. Gant, 77, died May 14. He was born April 17, 1925, the son of John M. and Sybilla Freisberg Gant. He was a retired teacher. Survivors include one daughter, Rachelle Widener of Ellinwood; two brothers, Robert Gant of Petrolia and William Gant of Tipton, Mo.; four sisters, Marie Schoonmaker of New Hartford, Conn., Wanita Bonanno of Annandale, Va., Margaret Bestgen of Tipton, and Mary Matkin of Arcadia, Mo.; and two grandchildren. Rosary will be at 7:30 o.m. Friday at St. Jude Catholic Church in Wichita. Funeral
service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church. Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Lakin Commanche
Cemetery in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of DeVorss Flanagan-Hunt Mortuary in
Wichita. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 16, 2002

May 17, 2002

JaNeva June Hart 1935-2002

DOWNS - JaNeva June Hart, 67, died May 15 at her residence in Downs. She was born March 26, 1935, at
Hoisington. A resident of Downs, she was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband of the home, James
Harten; one stepson, Phillip Downs of Hart; two stepdaughters, Belinda Thull of Pagosa Springs, Colo., and Julie
Haden of Salina; one brother, Bill Bortz of Downs; three sisters, JaNelda Bodnarchuk of Davie, Fla., Jane
McKemey of Russellville, Ark., and Zoe Ann Goheen of Downs; and five grandchildren. She was preceded in
death by one brother, Elmer LeRoy Bortz. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Downs United Methodist
Church. Burial will be at Downs Cemetery. Friends may call from 7-8:30 tonight at Domoney Funeral Home in
Downs. Memorials are suggested to the church foundation fund or House Calls Unlimited of Downs, both in
care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 17, 2002

May 19, 2002

Samuel 'Sam' Osborne 1935-2002

Samuel "Sam" Osborne, 66, of Great Bend, died May 7 at his residence. He was born Sept. 20, 1935, at
Beaver City, Okla., the son of Louis and Bernice Davis Osborne. He married Sharon A. Navarro on Oct. 9,
1988, in Mexico. He was a graduate of Great Bend High School. A resident of Great Bend, he was a former
teacher, former owner of Arthur Murray Dance Studios and the retired owner of Sam's Mexican Restaurant.
Osborne was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in the Korean War. He was a member of First United
Methodist Church in Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Jim Osborne of Columbus,
Miss.; one stepson, Pete Vieyra of Wichita; two stepdaughters, Suzanne Vieyra of Hays and Debra Astle of St.
John; one brother, Jim Osborne of Grove, Okla.; two grandchildren; and seven step grandchildren. Funeral
service has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Samuel Lynn Osborne Fund, in care of Bryant Funeral
Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 19, 2002

Carmen L. Dayton 1928-2002

Carmen L. Dayton, 74, of Great Bend, died May 16 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. She was
born Jan. 17, 1928, at Oakwood, Okla., the daughter of Elmer and Jennie Harris Addis. She married Glen G.
Dayton on Aug. 18, 1946, at Whitefish, Mont. A resident of Great Bend since 1995, coming from Lyons, she
was a homemaker. Mrs. Dayton was a member of First Church of the Nazarene in Great Bend, Quilt Guild and
Honor Society at East High School of Wichita. Survivors include her husband of Great Bend; two sons, Norman
L. Dayton of Hoisington and William "Bill" Dayton of Great Bend; two daughters, Lily Mehl of Bristow, Va., and
Laura Ragon of Oklahoma City, Okla.; one brother, John Addis of Sikeston, Mo.; one sister, Eileen Schmidt of
Lyons; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Norman
Addis; and one sister, Dora Chase. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Revs. Mark
Pennington and David Belzer officiating. Burial will be at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Lyons Municipal Cemetery in
Lyons. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Monday at Fryberger Mortuary in Great Bend, with the family receiving
friends from 5-7 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the church music fund, in care of the funeral home. Great
Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 19, 2002

Elwood L. Sellens 1921-2002

ST. JOHN - Elwood L. Sellens, 81, died May 17 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in
Wichita. He was born May 10, 1921, in Russell County, the son of Chester C. and Dorothy E. Sellens. He
married Bertha Ehrlich Dec. 25, 1941, in Russell. A recent resident of Wichita, coming from St. John, Kingman,
Russell, Beloit and Hill City, he was a retired police chief, serving 21 years in law enforcement. Sellens was a
member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Great Bend, American Legion William Roe Post 99 and Veterans of
Foreign Wars Post 6240, both of Russell, and served on several church boards. He was an U.S. Army Air
Corps veteran, serving from 1943-1945. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Darrel D. Sellens of
Wichita; one daughter, Dalene Lauderdale of North Little Rock, Ark.; one brother, Melvin Sellens of Wichita;
two sisters, Melba Jean Cochran of Colwich and Maxine Goodheart of Russell; three grandchildren; and two
great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Anita Wagner; and two brothers, Charles
Quentin Sellens and Glen Dale Sellens. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Garry
Dassow officiating. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Russell City Cemetery. Friends may call today at Minnis
Chapel in St. John. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.)
Tribune, May 19, 2002
May 20, 2002

Angelina 'Angie' M. Kraisinger 1938-2002

TIMKEN - Angelina "Angie" M. Kraisinger, 64, died May 18 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. She was born April 18, 1938, in rural Barton County, the daughter of William M. and Helen Kittel Krmela. She married Robert L. Kraisinger on April 23, 1958, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Olmitz. A lifetime resident of Rush County, she was a dietary aide in the health care profession and received a 20 year service pin from Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. Mrs. Kraisinger was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church and past member of Holy Trinity Altar Society, both of Timken. She was a member of Eagles Women's Auxiliary of Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Richard D. Kraisinger of Otis; one daughter, Rhonda L. Brown of Garfield; three sisters, Lorraine Serpan of Timken, Peggy Olson of Russell and Jane Behr of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and eight grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Raymond Krmela. Prayer service and Altar Society rosary will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Ultan Murphy officiating. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery in Timken. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Family will receive friends from 6-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Rush County Memorial Hospital Cancer Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 20, 2002

Dorothy Wedge

LARNED - Dorothy Wedge, 87, died May 20 at St. Joseph Hospital in Larned. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 20, 2002

Milton Ralph Rusco 1909-2002

ST. JOHN - Milton Ralph Rusco, 93, died May 19 at Stafford District Hospital. He was born May 9, 1909, in rural Hudson, the son of Archibald Henry and Margaret Helen Zimmeht Rusco. He was a 1928 graduate of Hudson High School. He married Eleanor Jean Hahn on Oct. 12, 1941, at Great Bend. A lifetime resident of St. John, he was a farmer and past distributor for Oil Burning Furnaces. Rusco was a member of First United Methodist Church in St. John, had a private pilot's license and was a member of Flying Farmers Association. Survivors include his wife of the home; five daughters, Jean Harrison of St. John, Leah Chadd of Macksville, Angela Johnson of Minneola, Anita Hatton of Kansas City and Mary Kathleen Sizer of Renton, Wash.; 17 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Dan Rusco; one brother, Ray Rusco; and two sisters, Helen Walter and Mildred Krug. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday 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. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Southwind Hospice, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 20, 2002

Kenneth Dale Springer 1924-2002

OFFERLE - Kenneth Dale Springer, 77, died May 19 at his residence in Offerle. He was born June 17, 1924, at Arkansas City, the son of William and Amy Azumbia Stegall Springer. He was a 1947 graduate of Osawatomie High School. He married Thelma Maxine Stone in 1947 at Osawatomie. A resident of Offerle since 1969, coming from Great Bend and Osawatomie, he retired after 35 years of service for Natural Gas Pipeline Co. of America. Springer was a member of Zion Lutheran Church of Offerle and served as church elder for one year and head elder for five years. He was also a member of Osawatomie High School Alumni Association. He was a veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Michael Wayne Springer of Dodge City, Terry Lee Springer of Omaha, Neb., and Jerry Dee Springer of Lewis; two daughters, Linda Sue DeBey of Cawker City and Nancy Lynn Kregar of Offerle; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by one brother and two granddaughters. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Revs. Randall Jahnke and David Parks officiating. Burial will be at Zion Lutheran Cemetery in Offerle. Friends may call from 5-8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday, all at Swaim Funeral Home in Dodge City. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 20, 2002

May 21, 2002

J. Howard Morse Jr. 1935-2002

LA CROSSE - J. Howard Morse, 67, died May 19 at La Crosse. He was born March 15, 1935, at La Crosse, the son of J. Howard and Edna Arlene Kraisinger Morse. He married Victoria Ajemian. She died in October 1983. He married Diane on Aug. 28, 1987, in Great Bend. A lifetime resident of Rush County, he was a farmer. Morse was a member of United Methodist Church of La Crosse, past Master of the Masonic Lodge, member of Fort Hays Shrine Club, Jaycees and president of The EUB Trust. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard. Survivors include his wife of the home: four sons, Wade A. Morse of La Crosse. Tim J. Morse of Rush
Center, Clay H. Morse of Wichita and Darrin W. Hall of Joplin, Mo.; two daughters, Janine Ingle of Wichita and Desiree D. Rome of Victoria; one sister, Carole J. Jecha of Timken; and 12 grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Kathy Bannister officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 tonight at the church. The family will receive friends from 5:30-8 tonight. Memorials are suggested to J. Howard Morse Jr. Memorial Fund, in care of Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 21, 2002

Bertha R. Krug 1908-2002

RUSSELL - Bertha R. Krug, 93, died May 20 at St. John Nursing Home in Victoria. She was born Sept. 22, 1908, near Milberger, the daughter of George and Emma Wegele Dumler. She married Alex Krug Jr. on July 28, 1936, at Russell. He died Jan. 4, 1985. A lifetime resident of Russell, she was a homemaker and served as an in-home caregiver. Mrs. Krug was a member of Faith Lutheran Church of Russell. Survivors include one daughter, Mae Ralls of Evergreen, Colo.; and three brothers, Benjamin Dumler of Hoisington, Alvin Dumler and Victor Dumler, both of Russell. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Paul A. Dumler and Solomon Dumler; and one sister, Agnes Radke. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Donald P. Wichmann officiating. Burial will be at Russell City Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. until noon Thursday, all at Pohlman's Mortuary in Russell, and from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 21, 2002

Lydia G. Dreiling 1904-2002

LARNED - Lydia G. Dreiling, 97, died May 19 at Dignity Care in Salina. She was born Sept. 25, 1904, in Victoria, the daughter of Peter A. and Catherine Goetz Quint. She married Robert R. Dreiling on Feb. 7, 1985, at Victoria. A resident of Salina since 1989, coming from Larned, she was a teacher and sales clerk. Mrs. Dreiling was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and a charter member of Altar Society, both of Larned; and Daughters of Isabella of Victoria. Survivors include one son, Oscar Dreiling of New Braunfels, Texas; one daughter, Jeanette Pieschl of Salina; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by seven brothers, John Quint, Leonard Quint, Peter H. Quint, Seraphine Quint, Peter A. Quint, Bernard Quint and James Quint; and four sisters, Mary, Theresa, Adolphine and Josephine. Vigil service will be at 7 tonight at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Dennis Reed officiating. Friends may call until 8 p.m. today at the mortuary. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Salina Hospice or the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 21, 2002

Dorothy L. Wedge 1915-2002

LARNED - Dorothy L. Wedge, 87, died May 20 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Larned. She was born March 13, 1915, at Larned, the daughter of Albert "Bert" Nelson and Lola Yoder Wedge. She was a 1932 graduate of Larned High School. A lifetime resident of Larned, she retired in 1977 as a telephone operator for AT&T and Southwestern Bell for both Great Bend and Larned. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church and Ft. Larned Historical Society, both of Larned; and Great Bend chapter of Telephone Pioneers of America. Survivors include one nephew, Dan Fox of San Diego, Calif.; and one great-nephew, Dan R. Fox of San Diego. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Helen Wedge and Ferne Fox. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Larned Cemetery with the Rev. Jim Hawthorne officiating. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 21, 2002

May 22, 2002

Beulah Lee King 1908-2002

LARNED - Beulah Lee King, 93, died May 20 at Crestview Nursing Home in Waco, Texas. She was born Nov. 19, 1908, at Larned, the daughter of Walter C. and Florence Hulet Pinkstaff. She married Richard A. King on Dec. 30, 1928. He died Feb. 13, 1978. A longtime resident of Larned, she was a homemaker. Mrs. King was a member of First United Methodist Church, a past Worthy Matron, past district aide of White Cross Chapter and Order of the Eastern Star, all of Larned. Survivors include one son, Richard King and his wife Marcia of Larned; one daughter, Virginia Helms of Waco; one brother, Kenneth Pinkstaff and his wife Alberta of Wichita; eight grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with the Rev. Ronald J. Fontenot officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Thursday at the mortuary. The family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m. Thursday. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 22, 2002

Anna Mildred Salmans 1917-2002
HANTSON-Anna Mildred Salmans, 85, died May 21 at Hodgeman County Long Term Care Center in Jetmore. She was born May 13, 1917, at Hanston, the daughter of Walter and WaNeta Heimer Hickman. She married Loren W. Salmans May 9, 1934, at Cimarron. He died June 4, 1980. She was a homemaker. Mrs. Salmans was a member of United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women of Hanston and Rebekah Lodge of Jetmore. Survivors include two sons, Gary L. Salmans of Wright, Nolan D. Salmans of Hanston and Arlyn K. Salmans of Cimarron; four daughters, Joyce Boor of Great Bend, Barbara C. Rohr and Janine K. Clark, both of Hutchinson and Margery F. Kirby of Larned; one sister, Myrna Overton of El Cajon, Calif.; 34 grandchildren; 68 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Anthony Unrein Jr.; three brothers, Frank Sauer, Edward Sauer and Virgil F. Hickman and one sister, Maxine Phillips. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. Burial will be at Hanston Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, all at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. The casket will be closed. Memorials are suggested to the church or Hodgeman County Long Term Care Center in Jetmore, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 22, 2002

Letha Zed Canon 1926-2002

Letha Zed Canon, 76, of Great Bend, died May 21 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born March 9, 1926, at Okemah, Okla., the daughter of Jed and Grace Fox Wilson. She married Albert Canon in 1964 at Wichita. He died in 1991. She was a resident of Great Bend for eight years, coming from Wichita. Survivors include two sons, Robert Deschino of Highlands Ranch, Colo. and Richard Deschino of Overgaard, Ariz.; three daughters, Gracanna Wilson of Harrah, Wash.; Marie Fleming of Dodge City and Paula Canon of Wichita.; and 11 grandchildren. Memorial service was held at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Warren Stecklein officiating. Memorials are suggested to the High Rise of Great Bend, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 22, 2002

Virginia Powell Schmidt 1919-2002

STAFFORD-Virginia Powell Schmidt, 83, died May 20 at Stafford District Hospital. She was born April 25, 1919, at Meade, the daughter of Loren Burton and Edith Virginia Steele Sutherland. She married Clifford L. Powell on Dec. 11, 1937, at Riverside, Calif. He died June 15, 1982. She married Emery Schmidt on Dec. 8, 1990, at Stafford. He died Sept. 6, 2001. A longtime resident of Stafford, she was a homemaker and dietician for the Stafford District Hospital and Leisure Homestead. Mrs. Schmidt was a member of the Nazarene Church and Friends Church, both at Stafford, and the Ladies Missionary Society. Survivors include two sons, Jerry L. Powell and James R. Powell, both of Topeka; three daughters, Mary Ellen Moore of Great Bend, Edith Ann Lance of Davenport, Iowa, and Nancy Jean Anton of Plains.; two stepsons, Gerald Schmidt and Larry Schmidt, both of Sylvia; one stepdaughter, Nadine Fuller of McPherson; one sister, Ruth E. Timmons of Coldwater; 23 grandchildren; and 38 great-grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Burial will be at Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Friday at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to the Nazarene Church Mission Fund, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 22, 2002

Pauline Unrein 1907-2002

Pauline Unrein, 94, of Great Bend, died May 21 at Dodge City Manor of the Plains. She was born Oct. 2, 1907, in rural Antonino, the daughter of Fidelis and Rosa Wasinger Sauer. She married Anthony P. "Tony" Unrein on Sept. 7, 1932, at Schoenchen. He died May 6, 1991. A resident of Dodge City for five years, coming from Great Bend and La Crosse, she was a homemaker and housekeeper for St. Rose Rectory. Mrs. Unrein was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Great Bend. Survivors include two sons, Lee Unrein of Edmond, Okla., and Jerry Unrein of Gravois Mills, Mo.; one daughter, LaVada Gjerstad of Dodge City; one brother, Fred R. Sauer of Wichita; six sisters, Sister Anna Sauer of Concordia, Germaine Barker of Calif., Regina Bartlett of Mo., Florine Giessler of Ore., Eleanor Crowell of Cheyenne Wells, Colo., and Pholomena Sims of Wichita; 14 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Anthony Unrein Jr.; three brothers, Frank Sauer, Edward Sauer and Virgilius Sauer; and three sisters Anna M. Dreher, Mary Eve Wolf and Seraphine Depperschmidt. Altar Society Rosary will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday 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. Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Dodge City Manor of the Plains Good Samaritan Fund, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 22, 2002

May 24, 2002

Thomas "Edwin" Karst 1911-2002

GALATIA - Thomas "Edwin" Karst, 91, died May 22 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus, in Great Bend. He was born Feb. 13, 1911, in Winnipeg, Canada, the son of Benjamin and Mary E. Uffelman Karst. He married Nora Viola Manke Feb. 18, 1931, in Barton Countv. A lifetime resident of Barton Countv. he
was a farmer, car dealer and retired owner of Karst Oil Company. Mr. Karst was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Galatia; former president of Galatia State Bank; Mayor of Galatia and Galatia city councilman, former board member of Hoisington Lutheran Hospital and of Golden Belt Home Health. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Merrily Kathleen Collins of Great Bend and Winona Grace Thomas of Salina; four grandchildren, six step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; 15 step-great-grandchildren; and two step-great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Alex Karst, Ben Karst, Edd Karst and Ted Karst; five sisters, Millie Karst, Molly Clayton, Lydia Ohman, Marie Funk and Pauline Becker. Prayer service will be 7:30 tonight at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington.

Burial will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Shannon Taylor officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Galatia. Friends may call until 9 tonight at the funeral home and from 11:30 a.m. until service time Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, Fairview Cemetery, Integrated Health Services of Great Bend, or the resident unit of hospice in Salina, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 24, 2002

Ruth E. Hagelgantz 1917-2002

BAZINE-Ruth E. Hagelgantz, 85, died May 22 at Lane County Long Term Care Center in Dighton. She was born Feb. 8, 1917, at LaCrosse, the daughter of John E. and Mollie Ruger Miller. She married Wesley H. Hagelgantz May 3, 1937, at Bison. He died June 18, 1997. A resident of Bazine since 1994, coming from Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Hagelgantz was a member of Bazine Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Survivors include two sons, Robert Hagelgantz of Bazine and Calvin Hagelgantz of Garden City; one daughter, Elaine Johnson of Bazine; one brother, Samuel A. Miller of LaCrosse; seven grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Alex Miller and David Miller; one sister, Martha Smith; one infant daughter, Luanne Hagelgantz; and one granddaughter, Paula Hagelgantz. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Ed Jumper officiating. Burial will be at Bazine Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday, all at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City. Memorials are suggested to Three Angels Broadcasting Network. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 24, 2002

Elonora Dupont 1934-2002

CHASE-Elnora Dupont, 68, died May 23 at her home in Chase. She was born March 26, 1934, at rural Chase, the daughter of Henry and Lavera Tedford Dupont. A lifetime resident of Chase, she was a homemaker. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Ellinwood and VFW Auxiliary of Lyons. Survivors include one son, Larry Dupont of Chase; three brothers, Merle Dupont of Chase, Delbert Dupont of Wazola, Mo., and Harold Dupont of Granite City, Ill.; and two sisters, Marilyn Allman of Denver, Colo., and Arlene Coffman of Elko, Nev.; one grandchild; and one great-grandchild. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Andy Keltner officiating. Burial will be at Lutheran Cemetery in Silica. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, all at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to the church or the Hospice of Reno County, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 24, 2002

May 26, 2002

Brett Robert Bowman 1979-2002

MACKSVILLE - Brett Robert Bowman, 22, died May 23 as a result of an automobile accident near Macksville. He was born Aug. 9, 1979, at Atica, the son of Gerald D. and Kay Jean Eck Bowman. He was a graduate of North Central Kansas Technical College of Beloit, where he studied carpentry and brick-laying. A resident of Larned for one year, coming from Macksville, he worked for Hopper Construction of Goddard for one year and was an assembler for Cross Mfg. of Lewis. Bowman was a member of St. Bernard's Catholic Church of Belpre. Survivors include his parents of Macksville; one brother, Craig S. Bowman of Wichita; two sisters, Amy L. McGuire of Goddard and Kari L. Bowman of Macksville; and his grandparents, Steve and Helen Eck of Sharon. Funeral Mass will be at 1:30 today at the church with the Rev. Dennis L. Reed officiating. Burial will be at 4:30 today at St. Boniface Cemetery in Sharon. Memorials are suggested to Brett R. Bowman Playground Equipment Fund or the church, both in care of Minnis Chapel Inc., of Macksville. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 26, 2002

Milton "Stubby" Anthony Gabel 1933-2002

NESS CITY - Milton "Stubby" Anthony Gabel, 68, died May 23 at Ness County Hospital in Ness City. He was born Nov. 14, 1933 at Ness City, the son of Pete and Martina Meis Gabel. A lifetime resident of Ness City, he was a retired Mail Carrier for the Postal Service. Gabel was a member of Sacred Heart Church in Ness City. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. Survivors include his companion, Albina Besperat of La Crosse; six sons, Ronnie Gabel, Donnie Gabel, and Terry Gabel all of Ness City, Gary Gabel of Great Bend, Kelly Gabel of Oakley, and Tim Gabel of Garden City; two daughters, Debbie Overocker of Garden City, and Sherry Castor of Ness City; four brothers, Pete Gabel of Portsmouth, R.I., "Cactus" Gabel of Ablineo, Leo T. Gabel of Forsyth, Mo. and Gene Gabel of Ness City; and four sisters, Nita Brackney of Ness City, Marge Leiker of Aurora, Colo., Patti Weigle of Lakewood, Colo., and Bonnie Rebel of Ness City. He was preceded in death by two daughters, Theresa Gabel.
Viola Dorothy Weber 1922-2002

GREAT BEND Viola Dorothy Weber, 80, of Great Bend, died May 23 at her residence. She was born Jan. 18, 1922 at Beaver, the daughter of Robert A. and Anna M. Reif Lang. She married Nicholas Mathias Weber, Oct. 22, 1948 at Beaver. He died Sept. 3, 2001. A resident of Great Bend for 15 years, coming from Dubuque, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Weber was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and St. Rose Altar Society both of Great Bend, she was a former member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Dubuque and the St. Catherine Christian Mothers and Daughters of Isabella. Survivors include two sons, Nicholas "N.R." Weber and Roy J. Weber both of Dubuque; two daughters, Karen K. Weber of Great Bend, and Shirley Zink of Newton; three brothers, August Lang of Hoisington, Vernon Lang of Derby, and Marvin "Spank" Lang of Hays; two sisters, Susanna Redetzke and Elfrieda Woydziak both of Claflin; and six grandchildren. Vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the St. Catherine Catholic Church in Dubuque, with the Rev. Angel Dy officiating. Burial will be at St. Catherine Cemetery in Dubuque. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Dubuque Heritage Association, Dubuque Catholic Cemetery Trust or Sunflower Diversified Services all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 26, 2002

May 27, 2002

Rosalee Johanson 1941-2002

SYLVIA - Rosalee Johanson, 61, died May 25 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born Jan. 27, 1941, at Jamestown, the daughter of James and Isabel Werts Hill. She married LaVern W. Johanson on Dec. 19, 1958, in Kansas. He died Dec. 25, 2000. A resident of Sylvia since 1995, coming from Hutchinson, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Johanson was a member of First United Methodist Church of Sylvia. Survivors include one son, Christopher Johanson of Linwood, N.C.; three daughters, Tina Harbert of Harper, Marcee Johanson of Sylvia and Wendy Johanson of Burrton; three brothers, James Eugene Hill of Pretty Prairie, Leland Hill of Udall and Bobby Hill of Jamestown; one sister, Wanda Peterson of Wichita; and eight grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Sylvia Cemetery with the Rev. Harry Graves officiating. Memorials are suggested to the family, in care of Minnis Chapel of Stafford. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 27, 2002

George Joseph Schwager 1919-2002

George Joseph Schwager, 83, of Great Bend, died May 25 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus, in Wichita. He was born March 15, 1919, in Kingman County, the son of A.J. and Elizabeth Schommer Schwager. He married Luella P. Burhenn on Nov. 7, 1940, at Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend since 1935, coming from Kingman County, he was employed by Wells Furniture and was a farmer. Schwager was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church of Great Bend and American Legion. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in World War II, Survivors include his wife of the home; five sons, Robert Schwager of Wichita, Raymond Schwager of Hays, Roger Schwager of Ellinwood, and Ricky Schwager and Ronald Schwager, both of Great Bend; three daughters, Jeanette Soper, Diana Sanders and Shirley Headley, all of Great Bend; two sisters, Vernelia Williams and Dorothy Mueller, both of Great Bend; 21 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Sylvester Schwager and Gerald Schwager; and one grandson, Jerry Emerson. Vigil service will be at 7 tonight at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Burial will be at a rosary. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Gerald Hammelke officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 27, 2002

John LaVerne "Bud" Drew 1921-2002

John LaVerne "Bud" Drew, 81, of Great Bend, died May 25 at his residence. He was born Jan. 23, 1921, in Stafford County, the son of John Boyd and Mina Geneva Clark Drew. He married Evelyn De Haan on May 18, 1946, at Waukegan, Ill. A resident of Great Bend since 1951, coming from Stafford County, he was a farmer and stockman. Drew was a member of American Legion, Elks Lodge, former director of Radium Co-op and Pleasant Ridge Cemetery board of directors. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; four sons, Ronald De Haan of Pawnee Rock, Steven Charles De Haan of Hays, John David Drew of Great Bend and Todd Alan Drew of Wichita; two daughters, Diana Marie Pinar of Juneau, Alaska, and Lynn Rene Hurst of Boulder, Colo.; 15 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister. Grace Essmiller: and one granddaughter, Nicole Sue
De Haan. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Dr. Doyle Smith officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home and Hospice or Radium Senior Center, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 27, 2002

Agnes Merrington 1912-2002

Agnes Merrington, 89, of Great Bend, died May 25 at Integrated Health Services of Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 27, 2002

Carl Lloyd Duntz 1927-2002

Carl Lloyd Duntz, 74, died May 25 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Dec. 16, 1927, at Smith Center, the son of Cornelius Earl and Alma Lillie Grothaus Duntz. He married Glenda Turner April 1, 1969, in Bentonville, Ark. A resident of Rice and Barton counties for more than 30 years, he was a retired construction carpenter. Duntz was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. Survivors include his wife of the home; seven sons, Paul Duntz and David Duntz, both of Crete, Neb.; Rick Duntz of Odessa, Texas, Mark Duntz of Garfield, Rick Ketch of Ellinwood and David Ketch of Great Bend; three daughters, Sheri LaFollette of Syracuse, Neb., Belinda Menges of Ellinwood and Debra Rousey of Independence; two brothers, Vernon Duntz of Raymond and Darrel Duntz of Lincoln; six sisters, Beulah Buis of Fort Collins, Colo., Irene Lutkin of Windsor, Colo., Dorothy Haack of Beatrice, Neb., Doris Rulla of Greeley, Colo., Deloris Savard and Norma Brinkman, both of Lincoln; 32 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Terri Duntz. Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Kimple Funeral Chapel in Ellinwood with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. The body was cremated. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until service time Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the family, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 27, 2002

Blanche Alene Douglas 1908-2002

LARNED - Blanche Alene Douglas, 93, died May 25 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. Born Dec. 15, 1908, at Bogard, Mo., she was the daughter of John Franklin and Alice Virginia Smith Freeman. She married Clyde W. Douglas Aug. 5, 1928, at Larned. He died Nov. 3, 1988. A resident of Larned since 1930, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Douglas was a member of Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Donald Douglas of Boise, Idaho; one daughter, Tava Toland of Orem, Utah; one sister, Delpha Douglas of Phoenix, Ariz.; 12 grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, LeRoy Douglas and LaMond Douglas; and five brothers, Boots Freeman, Cop Freeman, Harvey Freeman, Tom Freeman and Howard Freeman. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned with the Rev. Cliff Summers officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Leukemia Society of America, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 27, 2002

Rita Marie Decker 1940-2002

Rita Marie Decker, 62, died May 25 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born May 10, 1940, in La Crosse, the daughter of Martin and Irene Meier Knoll. She married Fred Decker June 14, 1958. A resident of Great Bend for 40 years, coming from La Crosse, she was a waitress at the Holiday Inn Restaurant of Great Bend. Mrs. Decker was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church of Great Bend. Survivors include two sons, Fred L. Decker of Roosevelt, Utah, and Melvin J. Decker of Great Bend; three daughters, Delores Gates of Salida, Colo., Maxine Wilkinson of Great Bend and Pauline A. Greene of Pawnee Rock; two brothers, Richard Knoll and Donald Knoll, both of Great Bend; one sister, Mary Kingston of Odessa, Texas; and 13 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Cecilia Ann Schneider. Altar Society rosary will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home 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. Jun Mangulabnan officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery north of Great Bend. Friends may call from noon until 9 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the family, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 27, 2002

May 28, 2002

Ramona J. Keenan 1930-2002

Ramona J. Keenan, 72, died May 26 at Kansas Heart Hospital in Wichita. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 28, 2002
Amanda Gail Nash 1983-2002

LARNED—Amanda Gail Nash, 19, died May 25 near Rozel. She was born March 10, 1983, at Elkhart, the daughter of Roger and Brenda Sue Caldwell Nash. A resident of Larned for two years, coming from Garden City, she was a cook for Larned State Hospital. Survivors include her father and stepmother, Roger and Laura Nash of Larned; her mother, Brenda Sue Copeland of Cookeville, Tenn.; one sister, Susan Sentel of Sparta, Tenn.; two stepbrothers, Randall Wesley and Clifton Wade Rodriguez, both of Larned. Memorial service will be at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at Morell Funeral Home of Larned with Lee Bird officiating. The body was cremated. Memorials are suggested to the Humane Society, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 28, 2002

Walter John Schroeder 1912-2002

KINSLEY—Walter John Schroeder, 89, died May 26 at Good Samaritan Center in Dodge City. He was born May 28, 1912, at Breda, Iowa, the son of Henry and Frances Knobbe Schroeder. A resident of Kinsley, he was a laborer. Schroeder was a U. S. veteran of World War II. Survivors include one nephew, Richard Schroeder of Jetmore. He was preceded in death by one brother, William "Bill" Schroeder. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore with the Rev. Nick Ferangeo officiating. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to Good Samaritan Center in Dodge City, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 28, 2002

Grace Evelyn Crist 1919-2002

PAWNEE ROCK - Grace Evelyn Crist, 82, died May 27 at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. She was born Aug. 14, 1919, in Ellis County, the daughter of Fred and Florence Carter Mickelson. She married Walter Earl Crist Jan. 7, 1945, at Bentonville, Ark. A resident of rural Great Bend for nine years, coming from Pawnee Rock, she worked for the laundry department at Central Kansas Medical Center and was an Avon sales representative. Mrs. Crist was a member of Community Christian Church of Great Bend and was a meals on wheels volunteer. Survivors include the husband of the home; four sons, Dale Edmond Carr Jr. of Pawnee Rock, John Carr of Great Bend, Edward Earl Crist of Pawnee Rock and Gordon Ray Crist; five daughters, Jan Flimp of Great Bend, Sandra Newkirk of Hoisington, Gloria Jean Calloway of Pratt, Tonya Apple of Larned and Karen Kay Gilkey of Hutchinson.; one brother, Clarence Mickelson of North Platte, Neb.; seven sisters, Olive, Bonnie and Betty, all of Ellis, Florence of Florida, Hazel of Hesston, Thelma of Manhattan, and Millie of Houston, Texas; numerous grandchildren; many great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Everett Mickelson and Ralph Mickelson; and three sisters, Alice, Evelyn and Elma. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend with the Revs. Jack Sweany and Kevin Ingram officiating. Burial will be at a later date at Pawnee Rock Cemetery. Service may call from noon until 9 p.m. Wednesday, from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Grace Evelyn Crist Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 28, 2002

May 29, 2002

Ramona 'Mona' J. Keenan 1930-2002

Ramona "Mona" J. Keenan, 72, of Great Bend, died May 27 at Kansas Heart Hospital in Wichita. She was born April 6, 1930, at Kingman, the daughter of Jacob L. and Olga V. Schrag Goering. She was a graduate of Kingman High School and University of Kansas with a degree in music. She married Larry E. Keenan on Dec. 22, 1952, at Wichita. A resident of Great Bend since 1958, coming from Junction City, she was a musician and a homemaker. Mrs. Keenan was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Altar Society and was church organist. She was also involved in many musical and civic endeavors including Parnassus, PEO and the Concord Group. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Timothy R. Keenan and Martin J. Keenan, both of Great Bend and Matthew D. Keenan of Leawood; two daughters, Katherine A. Miller of Wichita and Elizabeth J. Hudak of Prairie Village; and 13 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Victor Goering. Vigil service will be at 7 tonight at the church. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Eugene P. Kenny officiating. Private burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call until 5:30 tonight at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend and from 6 p.m. until vigil service time tonight at the church. Memorials are suggested to Victor Goering Memorial Park, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 29, 2002

Agnes Merrington 1912-2002

Agnes Merrington, 89, of Great Bend, died May 25 at Integrated Health Services of Great Bend. She was born Dec. 11, 1912, at Great Bend, the daughter of Perry and Gertrude Hoadley Flory. She married Kenneth Clawson on June 9, 1928, at Hoisington. He died March 17, 1988. She married Vi Cal Merrington on Oct. 5, 1953, at Long Beach, Calif. He died March 10, 1967. A resident of Great Bend for 64 years, she was a floral designer at Long Beach and a clerk for Montgomery Ward in Great Bend. Mrs. Merrington was a member of First United Methodist Church. Central Kansas Thread Benders Quilt Guild and a lifetime member of Order of
Eastern Star, all of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Floyd L. Clawson of Ventura, Calif.; one daughter, Betty Banks of Great Bend; one sister, Dorothy Hagen of Sapulpa, Okla.; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren. Cremation has taken place. A private family inurnment will be held at Great Bend Cemetery at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 29, 2002

Erma L. Disque 1928-2002

LYONS - Erma L. Disque, 73, died May 27 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born Sept. 7, 1928, at White Cloud, the daughter of Clem and Minnie McBee Cogdill. She was a 1946 graduate and valedictorian of White Cloud High School, a 1948 graduate of Highland Community College and a graduate of Kansas City General Hospital School of Medical Technology. She married Herman A. Disque on Aug. 15, 1954, at Ellsworth. A resident of Lyons since 1954, she was a retired registered medical laboratory technologist at Ellsworth Hospital and Clinic. Mrs. Disque was a member of First Presbyterian Church, church elder, Order of Eastern Star, Pleasantview EHU, former finance committee member and former choir member, all of Lyons. She was also a member of Russell Shrine Club Wives and former president of New Voice Club. Survivors include her husband of the home; three daughters, Jeanette Disque of Stafford, and Lynne Watts and Denise Wise, both of Elizabeth, Colo.; and two grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Tom Robson officiating. Burial will be at Lyons Municipal Cemetery. Friends may call from 2-7 tonight at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. The family will receive friends from 5-7 tonight. Memorials are suggested to the Center for Basic Cancer Research at Kansas State University or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 29, 2002

Grace Evelyn Crist 1919-2002

PAWNEE ROCK - A surviving daughter of Grace Evelyn Crist, 82, who died May 27, is Jan Flint of Pawnee Rock, not Jan Flimp. Mrs. Crist was a member of Pawnee Rock for 30 years, coming from Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 29, 2002
June 2, 2002

Huey P. 'Jinx' Whitman 1931-2002

NEKOMA - Huey P. "Jinx" Whitman, 71, died May 30 at his residence in Nekoma. He was born May 24, 1931, at Choudrant, La., the son of Idus and Mary Lee Green Whitman. He married Bonnie Mae Summers on June 14, 1974, at Coppell, Texas. A resident of Nekoma for nine months, coming from Elko, Nev., he was a retired maintenance superintendent in the mining business. Whitman was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, having served in the Korean War, with the 94th Platoon, 2nd Battalion. He was awarded two purple hearts, a U.N. medal and a Good Conduct medal. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Huey P. Whitman Jr. of Elkhart, Ind., and Allen R. Whitman of Lewisville, Texas; two daughters, Peggy A. Lively of Torrington, Conn., and Mary Ruth Hamden of Shreveport, La.; two stepsons, Jay Cupp of Leadville, Colo., and Todd Cupp of Coos Bay, Ore.; two stepdaughters, Pam Sanford of Douglas, Wyo., and Kam Wilson of Rickman, Tenn.; one brother, Allen L. Whitman of Eros, La.; one sister, Ruth Avery of Austin, Texas; 18 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild He was preceded in death by one son, George I. Whitman; two brothers, W.H. Whitman and Robert D. Whitman; and one sister, Thesta Stark. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Janousek Funeral Home Chapel in La Crosse with the Rev. Frank Summers officiating. Burial with military honors will be at noon Monday at La Crosse City Cemetery. No visitation or memorials are suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 2, 2002

Lewis Gilbert Thomas

JETMORE - Lewis Gilbert Thomas, 81, died May 31 at Hodgeman County Long Term Care Center in Jetmore. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 2, 2002

Joseph A. "Joe" Andrasek 1938-2002

Joseph A. "Joe" Andrasek, 64 of Great Bend, died May 30 at his residence in Great Bend. He was born May 29, 1938, at Oakley, the son of Bohuslov and Matilda Besperat Andrasek. He married Elke Chastain, Dec. 13, 1969, at Hoisington. A resident of Great Bend for most of his life, he was a mechanic and mechanical supervisor at Great Bend Packing in Great Bend. Andrasek was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and Eagle Lodge 646, both of Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Carl Andrasek, Joe Andrasek and Travis Andrasek, all of Great Bend; one daughter, Shelly Dalton of Great Bend; two brothers, Louis Andrasek of Garden City and Bobby Andrasek of Fort Collins, Colo.; two sisters, Mildred Peter of Fort Collins, and Marie Cofar of Ransom; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Frank Andrasek; and two sisters, Anna Griffith and Rosie Engle. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Robert Fairchild officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today, and from 9 a.m. till service time Monday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Victory in the Valley of Wichita or Golden Belt Hospice, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 2, 2002

Cassandra Elaine Koehn 2002-2002

JETMORE - Cassandra Elaine Koehn, infant, died May 30, at Western Plains Women Center in Dodge City. She was born May 30 at Dodge City, the daughter of Keith and Candice Klein Koehn. Survivors include her parents of the home; two brothers, Clayton Klein and Erik Koehn, both of the home; grandparents, Leon and Janice Kreger of Jetmore, and Floyd and Gladys Koehn of Macon, Miss.; great-grandparents, Geneva Glunt of Jetmore and Lena Koehn of Montezuma. She was preceded in death by one grandfather, Richard Klein. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore, with the Rev. Kirk Larson officiating. Friends may call until 8 p.m. tonight at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to her brothers' educational fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 2, 2002

Agnes A. Kratky Lamer 1951-2002

HAYS - Agnes A. Kratky Lamer, 50, died May 31, at Kansas City. A resident of Hays, she was a day care provider. Survivors include her companion, Bill Burton of Hays; two brothers, Arnold Kratky of Wilson and Joe Beatty of Hays; and three grandchildren. Vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Foster Mortuary Chapel in Wilson. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Wilson. Burial will be at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church Cemetery in Wilson. Friends may call until 8 p.m. today at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church, Ellsworth County Hospice or Evangelical Central Church, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 2, 2002

Ethel M. Miller Macek 1904-2002

WILSON - Ethel M. Miller Macek, 97, died May 31. She was born July 17, 1904, at Wilson. She married Edward Macek. He died
Feb. 7, 1966. A resident of Wilson, she was a homemaker. Survivors include one son, Eugene Macek of Wilson; one daughter, Edna Klima of Great Bend; one brother, Steve Miller of Kanopolis; three sisters, Frances Adamek of Ellsworth, Adeline Vondra of Glendale, Ariz., and Martha Hill of Arkansas City; five grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Joseph Miller and George Miller; and three sisters, Lucy Kottas, Elizabeth Stumpff and Dorothy Adamek. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Foster Mortuary Chapel in Wilson. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Wilson. Burial will be at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church Cemetery in Wilson. Friends may call from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, and 8 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church cemetery fund, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 2, 2002

Winifred ‘Winnie’ Irene DeGarmo 1909-2002

ST. JOHN - Winifred “Winnie” Irene DeGarmo, 92, died May 31 at Leisure Homestead in St. John. She was born Nov. 4, 1909, in St. John, the daughter of William “Billie” Arthur and Agnes Ellen Smith. She was a 1928 graduate of St. John High School. She married Ben DeGarmo on Jan. 1, 1931, at rural St. John. He preceded her in death. A lifetime resident of St. John, she was a homemaker. Mrs. DeGarmo was a member of First United Methodist Church, Martha Rebekah Lodge 425 and Saddle Club, all of St. John. Survivors include one daughter, Barbara Jean Erickson of Walnut Creek, Calif.; one grandchild; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Keith DeGarmo; one brother, Roy Smith; and one grandchild, Shelley Diane Erickson. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Minnis Chapel Inc. of St. John with the Rev. Tom Harrison officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to Southwind Hospice, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 2, 2002

June 3, 2002

Dean D. Dirks 1924-2002

LARNED - Dean D. Dirks, 77, died June 1 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. He was born June 5, 1924, at Larned, the son of Elmer and Alyce Nelson Dirks. He married Dorrace Jantz June 9, 1946, at Larned. A longtime resident of Pawnee County, he was a farmer. Dirks was a member of First United Methodist Church, ASCS and American Legion, all of Larned; Sanford Co-op board, and Sanford School board. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Carol Vrooman of Tulsa, Okla., and Judy Cole of Mission; one brother, Bruce Dirks of Larned; and two grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 10 a.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 at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church scholarship fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 3, 2002

Lewis Gilbert Thomas 1921-2002

JETMORE - Lewis Gilbert Thomas, 81, died May 31 at Hodgeman County Long Term Care Center in Jetmore. He was born May 16, 1921, at Hill City, the son of Sam and Edith Davidson Thomas. He married Lucille B. Rynerson on July 31, 1942, at Jetmore. She died June 29, 2001. A longtime area resident, he was a custom cutter. Thomas was a veteran of World War II. Survivors include one son, Doug Thomas of Hanston; two sisters, Louise Ambrosier of Hanston and Juanita Repshire of Russell Springs; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Slim Thomas and John Thomas. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at United Methodist Church in Jetmore with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore, with military graveside rites. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to Hodgeman County 4-H Fair, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 3, 2002

Zetta Marie Hillman 1934-2002

RUSSELL - Zetta Marie Hillman, 67, died May 31 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born Nov. 19, 1934, at Natoma, the daughter of Elmer Martin and Maggie Gladys Ruble Camp. She was a graduate of Natoma High School. She married Leland Eugene Hillman on Jan. 11, 1957. He died Aug. 31, 1963. A resident of Russell, coming from Zurich and Linden, Neb., she was a cook, nurse aide and receptionist. Mrs. Hillman was a member of Otterbein United Methodist Church in Russell. Survivors include one son, Leland Hillman of Salina; two brothers, Curtis Camp of Modesto, Calif., and Rowan Camp of Russell; and one grandchild. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Plainville Cemetery with the Rev. Carl Haggard officiating. Friends may call from 6-9 p.m. and from 9 a.m. until noon Tuesday, all at Pohlman's Mortuary in Russell. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 3, 2002

Charlotte Riedel 1906-2002

Charlotte Riedel, 96 of Great Bend, died June 3 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 3, 2002

Correction

WILSON - Ethel M. Macek. 97. died May 31 in Wilson. Her surviving daughter is Edna Klema, not Klima as reported in Sunday's
June 4, 2002

Mirl Qualls 1930-2002

HOLYROOD - Mirl Qualls, 71, died June 1 in rural Ellsworth County. He was born Aug. 5, 1930, at New Madrid County, Mo., the son of Arthur and Zetta Coleman Qualls. A resident of Holyrood, coming from Claffin, he was owner of Qualls Construction and a retired depot agent for Missouri-Pacific Railway. Qualls was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include one son, Richard Qualls of Wichita; two daughters, Pamella Morrisey of Castleton, Colo., and Deborah Tid of Lyndon; four brothers, Raymond Qualls of Orlando, Fla., James Qualls of Lincoln Park, Mich., Irr Qualls of Las Vegas, Nev., and Luther Qualls of Doniphan, Mo.; five sisters, Florence Hutchison of Heber Springs, Ark., Mary Holder of Monroe, Ga., Melba Graham of Colorado Springs, Colo., Francis Brashear and Mildred Burns, both of St. John, Mo.; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Jerry Lee Qualls. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Parsons Funeral Home in Ellsworth with the Rev. Mary Lou Klein officiating. There will be a private family burial. The body was cremated and there is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Holyrood American Legion, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune June 4, 2002

Vivian Hamett 1917-2002

LYONS - Vivian Hamett, 85, died June 3 at her home in Lyons. She was born May 3, 1917, at Pawnee, Okla., the daughter of Hiram and Beulah McMann Hicks. She married Jack Worley in 1940. He preceded her in death. She married Buford Hamett in 1967. A resident of Rice County for 40 years, she was a homemaker. Survivors include two sons, Dennis Worley of Wichita and Courtney Worley of Hurst, Texas; one daughter, Tonya Worf of Geneseo; one sister, Wanda "Boots" Yeisly of Oklahoma City, Okla.; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Genesee Cemetery with the Rev. Robert Fleenor officiating. There is no visitation. No memorials are suggested. Parsons Funeral Home of Ellsworth is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune June 4, 2002

Charlotte T. 'Lottie' Riedel 1906-2002

Charlotte T. "Lottie" Riedel, 96, died June 3 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Jan. 4, 1906, in Barton County, the daughter of Joseph and Theresia Kober Schneider. She married Edward A. Riedel on May 8, 1928, at Olmitz. He died Oct. 24, 1958. A lifetime area resident, living at Alterra Sterling House for seven years, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Riedel was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church of Olmitz, St. Ann's Altar Society, Daughters of Isabella Circle No. 744, auxiliary member of the Legion of Mary and was Sacristan of St. Ann's Parish for 28 years. Survivors include three daughters, Mary Jo Schenk of Great Bend, Marcella Maneth of Olmitz and Carol A. Thomas of West Chester, Ohio; 13 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Joseph Schneider, Bernard Schneider, Leonard Schneider and Ervin Schneider; two sisters, Mary Bahr and Frances Bahr; and one granddaughter, Geralyn Schenk. Vigil service will be at 7 tonight, followed by Daughters of Isabella rosary, at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Revs. Ultan Murphy and Joseph Bahr officiating. Burial will be at St. Ann's Cemetery in Olmitz. Friends may call until 9 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family School Endowment Fund or Capuchin Fathers of Mid-America, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune June 4, 2002

June 5, 2002

Fidelis Basgall 1907-2002

LA CROSSE - Fidelis Basgall, 94, died June 3 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born June 24, 1907, at Loretta, the son of John and Catherine Schoenfeld Basgall. He married Rose Urban on Nov. 20, 1934, at Loretta. She died Sept. 21, 1995. A lifetime resident of Rush County, he was a retired auto mechanic. Basgall was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in La Crosse. Survivors include three sons, Leon Basgall and Kenny Basgall, both of La Crosse, and Larry Basgall of Larned; three daughters, Angela Basgall of La Crosse, Elvira Scheuerman and Sandra Dixon, both of Ellinwood; one brother, John Basgall of La Crosse; three sisters, JoAnn Schuckman of La Crosse, Florence Koerner of Hays and Frances Schuckman of Gorham; 10 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson. He was preceded in death by one son, Arvin Basgall; one daughter, Velma Rose Basgall; seven brothers; Sylvester Basgall, Jerome Basgall, Henry Basgall, Everett Basgall, Arthur Basgall, Clarence Basgall and Maurice Basgall; two sisters, Mary Urban and Helen Holzheimer; and one granddaughter, Melissa Dixon Greathouse. Rosary will be at 7 tonight, followed by Daughters of Isabella rosary, at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Revs. Ultan Murphy and Joseph Bahr officiating. Burial will be at St. Ann's Cemetery in Olmitz. Friends may call until 9 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family School Endowment Fund or Capuchin Fathers of Mid-America, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune June 5, 2002

Edgar Theodore Preston 1918-2002

MACKSVILLE - Edgar Theodore Preston, 84, Macksville, passed away June 4 at Great Bend. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Grace Methodist Church in Macksville with the Revs. David Upp and Carey Haner officiating. Burial will be at Farmington Cemetery in Macksville. Visitation will be until 8 tonight at Minnis Chapel in Macksville. Memorials may be sent to the donor's choice in care of Minnis Mortuary in St. John or Alzheimer's Association c/o Sunflower Chapter, 347 S. Laura, Wichita, KS. 67211. Ed Preston was born Jan. 18, 1918, near Burdett. He was the son of Harold Glasgow Preston and Lena Mav Barnes
Preston. During his childhood years, he lived much of the time with his grandparents, Theodore and Nettie Barnes in Kinsley, and on a farm west of Macksville, where he graduated from high school in 1936. Following graduation he worked on several farms and also for the government Civilian Conservation Corps helping to build a rail line through the Rocky Mountains in Colorado. In 1939 he moved to Los Angeles, Calif., where he became a modification and assembly line foreman for Douglas Aircraft Co. of Santa Monica. On June 6, 1941, he married Monica Irene DeBusk in Hutchinson. The couple lived in California until 1946 when they moved back to Macksville to go into farming and livestock production. They had four sons. He retired from farming in 1988. He was a 50-year member of Masonic Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Kansas. He served on the Macksville Christian Church Board, was a director of the Farmer's Co-op of Macksville and served as vice-president of the Stafford County Wheat Growers Association from 1977-1979. He served selflessly on the Farmington Cemetery Board for 49 years, much of that time as its president. He became a member of the Grace Methodist Church in 1972. He married E. Irene Fenwick Lightle on Nov. 23, 1972. She survives. Other survivors include his sons: Dr. Richard C. Preston and wife, Marilyn, of Great Bend, David J. Preston and wife, Karen, of Lee's Summit, Mo., Michael K. Preston and wife, Teresa, of Hutchinson, and Dr. Kevin L. Preston and wife, Terry, of Sioux City, Iowa; step-sons, Larry D. Fenwick and wife, Lyn, of Aledo, Texas, and Kenneth C. Fenwick and wife, Beverly, of Larned; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; eight step-great-grandchildren; nephew Tom Tucker and wife, Marilyn, of Houston, Texas, and six other nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by an infant brother; his mother; his sister, Doris Preston Tucker; his father; and Monica DeBusk Preston. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune June 5, 2002

Correction

HOLYROOD - Vivian Hamett, 85, died June 3 at her home in Lyons. Her mother was Beulah McMahan Hicks, not Beulah McMann Hicks. She had seven grandchildren. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 5, 2002

June 6, 2002

Willard Ray Dickson 1922-2002

STAFFORD - Willard Ray Dickson, 79, died June 4 at his home in Stafford. He was born July 22, 1922, at Stafford, the son of James Victor and Lora E. Dunn Dickson. He was a 1942 graduate of Stafford High School. He married Alice Oneta Combs on Dec. 28, 1947. A lifetime resident of Stafford, he was a farmer. Dickson was a member of Friends Church and First Christian Church, both of Stafford. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving with the Army Tank Battalion. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Rodney Dickson, Jaye Dickson and Edwin Dickson, all of Stafford; one daughter, Alice Juline Pettijohn of Stafford; one brother, Wayne Dickson of Stafford; three sisters, Lora Mae Hargett of Ventura, Calif., Mildred Webring of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Mary O'Brien of Lewis; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Edgar Dickson, Herman Dickson and infant Charles Dickson. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford with the Rev. Karen Ault officiating. Burial will be at Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 tonight at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to Southwind Hospice, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 6, 2002

Sandra Sue Cuzick 1955-2002

Sandra Sue Cuzick, 47, of Great Bend, died June 4. She was born June 4, 1955, in Great Bend, the daughter of Joseph Clair and Wilma Jean Yetschke Cuzick. A resident of Great Bend, she was a machine operator at Fuller Brush. Survivors include her mother of Great Bend; and one brother, Stan Cuzick of Great Bend. No services will be held. No memorials are suggested. Arrangements are in care of Cochran Mortuary in Wichita. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 6, 2002

Robert W. Johnson 1944-2002

BOTHELL, Wash. - Robert W. Johnson, 58, died June 3 at his residence in Bothell. He was born Feb. 24, 1944, at Pittsburg, the son of Melvin and Ruth Carlyn Johnson. He was a graduate of Pittsburg High School. He married Cynda Walker on Feb. 6, 1993, at Council Grove. A resident of Bothell for four years, coming from Kansas City, he was a carpenter for a national construction company. Johnson was a member of Canyon Hills Community Church in Bothell. He was a U. S. Marine Corps veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Walker Ray Johnson, Ody Wayne Johnson and Tristan Lee Johnson, all of the home; six daughters, Robin, Kristi, Bobbi, Biff, Shannon and Kar; two brothers, Ed Johnson and Richard Johnson; one sister, D.J. Whaley; and 11 grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Pawnee Rock Cemetery in Pawnee Rock, with the Rev. John Grummon officiating. Friends may call from 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Children's Education Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 6, 2002

June 7, 2002

Harvey Cenek Sekavec 1921-2002

BROWNELL - Harvey Cenek Sekavec, 80, died June 6 at his residence in Brownell. He was born Nov. 13, 1921, at Brownell, the son of Cenek and Marie Malir Sekavec. He married Dorothy Ehrlich, July 10, 1943, at Bazine. A lifetime resident of Brownell, he was a farmer and cattleman. Sekavec was a member of St. Paul Congregational Church and American Legion Olin Cole Post 392, both of Bazine, and Ransom Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home: four sons. Dale Sekavec of Hoxie, Ron Sekavec of Ness City. Marvin Sekavec of Brownell and Gerald Sekavec...
Eleanor F. Cole 1915-2002

Eleanor F. Cole, 87, of Great Bend, died June 5 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Feb. 15, 1915, at Girard, the daughter of Samuel Gilbert and Martha Jane Hennessey Kennedy. She married Reldan A. Cole Sr. on March 14, 1937, at Great Bend. He died Jan. 30, 1994. A longtime resident of Stafford, she was employed by Minneapolis Moline for 31 years. Brown was a member of First Baptist Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars, both of Stafford. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II serving as a staff sergeant in the South Pacific. Survivors include one son, Alan Ray Brown of Peoria, Ill.; two daughters, Edna May Wood of Caldwell, Idaho, and Patricia Ann McCaleb of Hutchinson; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Minniss Chapel in Stafford with the Rev. Guy Elliott officiating. Burial will be at Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call from 4-8 tonight at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to Leisure Homestead, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 7, 2002

Celesta Schartz Bennett

HURST, Texas - Celesta Schartz Bennett, 69, died May 26 at her residence in Hurst. She was the daughter of Nick and Aileen Schartz. She married Virgil Bennett. A resident of Hurst, coming from Great Bend and Ellinwood, she was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Gary Bennett of Amarillo, Texas; two daughters, Sharon Bigham and Susan Bennett, both of Fort Worth, Texas; seven brothers, Kenneth Schartz of Sacramento, Calif., Vernon Schartz of Grants Pass, Ore., Norbert Schartz of Sutter Creek, Calif., Gerald Schartz of Hays, Loren Schartz of Great Bend, Tom Schartz of Phoenix, Ariz., and Patrick Schartz of Ellinwood; two sisters, DeSales Feist and Mary Lowes, both of Ellinwood; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles Schartz and Leon Schartz. Funeral was held at St. John the Apostle Catholic Church in Fort Worth. Burial was at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Fort Worth. Mount Olivet Funeral Home of Fort Worth was in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 7, 2002

Joseph F. Reif 1912-2002

HOISINGTON - Joseph F. Reif, 90, died June 6 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 7, 2002

Benton Brown 1914-2002

STAFFORD - Benton Brown, 87, died June 5 at Leisure Homestead in Stafford. He was born Oct. 11, 1914, at Dennison, Texas, the son of Charles and Eva May Rundell Brown. He married Mary Pearl Suedekum on Dec. 6, 1936, at Stafford. She died May 4, 1990. A longtime resident of Stafford, he was employed by Minneapolis Moline for 31 years. Brown was a member of First Baptist Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars, both of Stafford. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II serving as a staff sergeant in the South Pacific. Survivors include one son, Alan Ray Brown of Peoria, Ill.; two daughters, Edna May Wood of Caldwell, Idaho, and Patricia Ann McCaleb of Hutchinson; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Minniss Chapel in Stafford with the Rev. Guy Elliott officiating. Burial will be at Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call from 4-8 tonight at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to Leisure Homestead, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 7, 2002

June 9, 2002

Joseph F. Reif 1912-2002

HOISINGTON - Joseph F. Reif, 90, died June 6 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born April 24, 1912, at rural Odin, the son of Joseph and Aurelia Zorn Reif. He married Genevieve M. Tauscher on Dec. 30, 1941, at Hoisington. A resident of Hoisington, he was a farmer and stockman. Reif was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus Council 1521, Nocturnal Adoration Society, life member of American Legion Post 286 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7428, all of Hoisington. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Alan F. Reif of Olathe; one daughter, Susan J. Richardson of Hutchinson; two sisters. Ann Brockel and Eleanor Avlland. both of Hoisington: and
four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Finger and Mathilda Brockel. Vigil will be at 7 tonight followed by a Knights of Columbus rosary, both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at the church cemetery, with military graveside rites by American Legion Post 286 and VFW Post 7428. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today 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, June 9, 2002

Lois I. Blattner 1931-2002

ROZEL - Lois I. Blattner, 70, died June 6 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. She was born Sept. 11, 1931, in Larned, the daughter of Thomas and Fidelis Wimberly. She married Calvin Blattner on March 1, 1953, in Larned. A lifetime area resident, she was a nurse and homemaker. Mrs. Blattner was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Larned, Altar Society and Rozel Extension Homemakers Unit. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Thomas Blattner of Lenexa and Matthew Blattner of Wichita; four daughters, Deborah Conover of Tampa Bay, Fla., Key Blattner of Manhattan, Mary Reasoner of Goodland and Nancy Lloyd of Arkadelphia, Ark.; one sister, Nina Vratil of Larned; and 11 grandchildren. Vigil service will be at 7 tonight at Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Warren Stecklein officiating. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore. Friends may call until 8 tonight at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Diabetes Association, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 9, 2002

Ray Pinkerton Jr. 1936-2002

LARNED - Ray Pinkerton Jr., 66, died June 5 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born April 26, 1936, at Kingman, the son of Ray Sr. and Iona Stucky Pinkerton. A resident of Larned since 2000, coming from Haviland, he was a retired farm laborer. Pinkerton was a member of the Baptist Church and Saddle and Ropers Club of Kingman. Survivors include one son, Randall Pinkerton, Spokane, WA; two daughters, Robin Pinkerton of Larned and Ronda Scheuerman of Pawnee Rock; his mother of Kingman; two brothers, Jerry Pinkerton of Pratt and Larry Pinkerton of Kingman; one sister, Margaret Harbert of Kingman; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Livingston Funeral Home in Kingman. Burial will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery. Friends may call until 5 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Kingman First Baptist Church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 9, 2002

Wilma Darlene Sauer Fox 1932-2002

ELLIS - Wilma Darlene Sauer Fox, 70, died June 5 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. She was born April 10, 1932, in Trego County, the daughter of Joseph and Carolina Wagg Sauer. She married Jackie J. Fox on Nov. 24, 1956, in Great Bend. A member of Peace Lutheran Church at Albert and Kansas Hospital Association. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Linda Pfeifer and Debra Hazen, both of Ellis; one brother, Ernest R. Sauer of Ellis; one sister, Eleanor Grout of Winterset, Iowa; and four grandchildren. Prayer service will be at 7 tonight at the church. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Lyle M. Knuth officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery in Ellis. Friends may call from 2-5 p.m. today at Wasinger Funeral Chapel in Ellis and from 6:30-8 tonight at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 9, 2002

Harley Benjamin Appel 1936-2002

LARNED - Harley Benjamin Appel, 66, died June 6 at his home in rural Larned. He was born Feb. 26, 1936, at rural Albert, the son of Benjamin Franklin and Edna G. Behrens Appel. He married Suzanne Marie Osborne on Aug. 1, 1974, at Marysville. A resident of rural Larned since 2000, coming from Marysville, he was the chief executive officer for Community Memorial Hospital in Marysville for 26 years, hospital administrator at Kinsley Hospital for 14 years and Minneola Hospital for eight years. Appel was a member of Peace Lutheran Church at Albert and Kansas Hospital Association. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Steven Appel of Larned and Kenton Appel of Hutchinson; five daughters, Terri Lewis and Kelli Appel, both of Hutchinson, Sherri Baugh of Mesa, Ariz., Jill Karleen and Jodi Oneil, both of Beatrice; two brothers, Ben Appel Jr. of Larned and Robert Appel of Orange, Texas; two sisters, Bonnie Larkin of Greensburg and Shirley Stephens of Mount Hope; eight grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. He was preceded in death by one brother, Kenneth George Herman Appel. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Charles Ledin officiating. Burial will be at the church cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to Kansas Hospital Education and Research Foundation, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 9, 2002

James "Jim" L. Blackwell 1935-2002

LARNED - James "Jim" L. Blackwell, 66, died June 7 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. He was born Nov. 11, 1935, the son of George and Ruth Parker Blackwell. A longtime area resident, he was a restaurant manager. Survivors include one son, James G. Blackwell of Hoisington; and seven grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with the Rev. Dan Lundgren officiating. Burial will be at Garfield Cemetery in Garfield. Friends may call until 8 tonight at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 9, 2002

Elsie O. Panning 1909-2002

ELLINWOOD - Elsie O. Panning, 92, died June 7 at Ellinwood District Hospital Long Term Care in Ellinwood. She was born Oct. 26. 1909, at Clifton. the daughter of Henry William and Emma Katherine Steineke Bortz. She married Alfred G. Pannino on June
1, 1929, at Ellinwood. He died Sept. 18, 1976. A lifetime resident of Barton County, she was a housewife. Mrs. Panning was a member of St. John’s Lutheran Church, LWML and Grove Park Golf Club and Bridge Clubs, all of Ellinwood. Survivors include one son, Larry Panning of Ellinwood; one sister, Laura Rugan of Ellinwood; five grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Andy Keltner officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to St. John’s Remodeling Project, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 9, 2002

Elsie E. Riley 1909-2002

HOISINGTON- Elsie E. Riley, 92, died June 7 at Integrated Health Services of Great Bend. She was born Aug. 13, 1909, at Russell County, the daughter of Henry and Joanna Maier Schwein. She married Mitch Riley April 13, 1951, at Raton, New Mexico. He died April 28, 1982. A longtime Hoisington resident, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Riley was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, both of Hoisington. Survivors include one brother, Herman Schwein of Macksville; and one sister, Thelma Hagner of Wichita. She was preceded in death by seven brothers, Emanuel Schwein, Jake Schwein, Emil Schwein, Leo Schwein, Raymond Schwein, Paul Schwein, and Leroy Schwein. Prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Kelly Taylor-Schaus officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery in Hoisington. Friends may call from 3-9 p.m. today, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday all at the funeral home, and from 9:30 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or the Great Bend Humane Society, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 9, 2002

June 10, 2002

Ethel Louise Gary 1907-2002

HOISINGTON - Ethel Louise Gary, 94, died June 8 at Hoisington Rehabilitation Center in Hoisington. She was born Nov. 16, 1907, at New York, N.Y., the daughter of Charles and Regina Flick Hertle. She married Prem Gary on Sept. 1, 1929, at Toronto, Ontario, Canada. He died in June, 1976. A resident of Barton County for four years, coming from Otis and Fort Lauderdale, Fla., she was a professional long distance swimmer and homemaker. Mrs. Gary was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Albert and a volunteer for American Red Cross in New Jersey. Survivors include two daughters, Leslie Gary of Hoisington and Margaret Gary of Otis; one brother, Charles Hertle; and one grandson. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Evelyn Hertle and Edna O’Brien. Funeral service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the church. Cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to LJW Developmental Services, in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 10, 2002

June 11, 2002

Paul Jack Perkins 1917-2002

GLADSTONE, Mo. - Paul Jack Perkins, 84, died June 10 at his residence in Gladstone. He was born July 24, 1917, at Granbury, Texas, the son of Marion and Jetta Paramore Perkins. He married Virginia Baer Dec. 27, 1953, at Riley. A resident of Gladstone, coming from Riley, he was a supply clerk at Fort Riley for 20 years until his retirement in 1982. Perkins was a member of Riley United Methodist Church and Riley Lions Club. He was a U.S. Army Corp veteran, of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Eugene Perkins of Great Bend and Craig Perkins of Kansas City, Mo.; one sister, Dorothy Jane Carruthers of Ventura, Calif.; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, David Perkins. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Kevin Larson officiating. Burial will be at Riley Cemetery. Friends may call anytime Wednesday at Holmes-Pfeifley Funeral Home in Riley. The family will receive friends from 7-8 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 11, 2002

Woodrow W. Robinson 1918-2002

Woodrow W. Robinson, 83, of Great Bend, died June 10 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 11, 2002

Roy E. Lindsey 1908-2002

Roy E. Lindsey, 94, died June 9 at his residence in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 10, 2002

June 11, 2002

Woodrow W. Robinson 1918-2002

Woodrow W. Robinson, 83, of Great Bend, died June 10 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 11, 2002

Roy E. Lindsey 1908-2002

Roy E. Lindsey, 94, of Great Bend, died June 9 at his residence. He was born March 15, 1908, in McDonald County, Mo., the son of Edward and Cora Day Lindsey. He married Marie Hodgen Oct. 16, 1927, at Stinnett, Texas. She died Jan. 9, 1992. A resident of Great Bend since 1947, coming from Jefferson City, Mo., he was a petroleum engineer for Phillips Petroleum for 45 years, until his retirement in 1970. Lindsey was a member of First Southern Baptist Church and Eagles Lodge No. 646, both of Great Bend. He was also a member of Masonic Lodge of Jefferson City, receiving his 50-year pin. Survivors include one son, Roy Lindsey of
Great Bend; three daughters, Joyce Koons of Lindsborg, Susie Snider of Dennison, Texas, and Sandy Monroe of Great Bend; 16 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and 24 great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Joan Johnson; and six brothers. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Dr. Doyle Smith 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. With the family will receive friends from 7-8 tonight. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health & Hospice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 11, 2002

June 12, 2002

Woodrow Wilson Robinson 1918-2002

HOISINGTON - Woodrow Wilson Robinson, 83, died June 10 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Sept. 10, 1918, at Crowville, La., the son of Ernest R. and Cora V. Flowers Robinson. He married Leona C. Zorn on May 15, 1946, at Meadville, Miss. Recently moving to Great Bend, coming from Hoisington, he was employed by Sears & Roebuck for 27 years and was a brake man for Missouri Pacific Railroad for 13 years before his retirement. Robinson was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Great Bend, National Association Railroad Veteran Employees, and a former local and county 4-H leader in Hoisington and Barton County. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Judi Drake of Great Bend and Brenda Webb of St. Louis, Mo.; one sister, Alberta Haddox of Redding, Calif.; three grandsons; eight step grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and 23 step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Lamar Robinson, Morrell Robinson and Whitfield Robinson; and two sisters, Mary Alice Byrd and Donis Richardson. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery with military graveside rites by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7428 and American Legion 286. Friends may call from 1-9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Thursday, all at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. The family will receive friends from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday. Memorials are suggested to the church, American Heart Association or Hoisington Ambulance Fund, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 12, 2002

Bohumil Frank ‘B.F.’ Vsetecka 1928-2002

SCOTT CITY - Bohumil Frank "B.F." Vsetecka, 74, died June 10 at Scott County Hospital in Scott City. He was born Feb. 16, 1928, at Ash Valley, the son of Emil and Amelia Zaboj Vsetecka. He married June L. LaVone Newcomer, April 6, 1948, at La Crosse. A resident of Scott City since 1948, coming from Great Bend, he was a manager at Quick Mix Concrete for more than 44 years. Vsetecka was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, both of Scott City, and a member of Western Bohemian Lodge. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Tom Vsetecka of Wichita, Galen Vsetecka of Garden City and Rob Vsetecka of Lawrence; two daughters, Terri Jantz of Holcomb and Kayla Steffens of Imperial, Calif.; three brothers, Joe Vsetecka of Wakeeny, Bill Vsetecka of Hutchinson and Leonard Vsetecka of Brunswick, Ga.; and one sister, Helen Suchy of Great Bend. He was preceded in death by three brothers. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Price & Sons Funeral Home in Scott City. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. David H. Kraus officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Holy Cross Cemetery in Timken with the Rev. Utaan Murphy officiating. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to B.F. Vsetecka Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 12, 2002

June 13, 2002

Winifred Ella Strassburg 1912-2002

EL DORADO - Winifred Ella Strassburg, 90, died June 11 at Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital in El Dorado. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 13, 2002

Seth William Contreras 1998-2002

BISON - Seth William Contreras, 3, died June 11 at Wakeeny. He was born Aug. 22, 1998, at Hoisington, the son of Ismael Joel Contreras and Teresa Cathrine Owen. Survivors include his father of Wellfleet, Neb., his mother, of Bison; two brothers, Sebastian J. Contreras and Levi J. Contreras, both of Bison; one sister, Farrah S. Schroeder of Bison; two half sisters, Saline Moore and Christy Contreras, both of Great Bend; grandparents, Hector and Lee Contreras of Wellfleet and Richard and Beverly Owen of Bison. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at First Church of God in Great Bend with the Rev. Thomas R. Swain officiating. Burial will be at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Stafford County. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Memorials are suggested to Seth W. Contreras Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 13, 2002

Agnes Louise Warlop 1916-2002

HOLOYROOD - Agnes Louise Warlop, 85, died June 11 at Ellsworth County Hospital. She was born July 21, 1916, at Bushton, the daughter of Chris J. and Emma Feist Stumps. She married Jules Frank Warlop on Aug. 22, 1940, at Lyons. He died Jan. 25, 1974. A resident of Bushton since 1951, she was a beauty operator. Mrs. Warlop was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Holroyd. Survivors include two daughters, Sharon Stahl of Kailua, Hawaii, and Carol Bradford of Bushton; two brothers, Walter Stumps of Bushton and Jerome Stump of Los Angeles, Calif.; three sisters, Dolores Emmerich of Hastings, Neb., Teresa Shipley and Joan Breford, both of Holroyd; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at
**June 14, 2002**

**Helen D. Menzer 1924-2002**

HOISINGTON - Helen D. Menzer, 77, died June 13 at her residence in Hoisington. She was born Aug. 30, 1924, at Kansas City, Mo., the daughter of Archie and Ida MacDonald Cockrell. She married Edwin Menzer Dec. 8, 1945, at Olmitz. He died July 2, 1984. A resident of Hoisington for 14 years, coming from Olmitz, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Menzer was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church in Olmitz. Survivors include seven sons, Alan "Buck" Menzer and Paul E. Menzer, both of Cherryvale, Edwin B. Menzer and Ronald L. Menzer, both of Hoisington, David M. Menzer of Independence, John P. Menzer of Claflin and Michael "Pinky" Menzer of Great Bend; four daughters, Yvonne West of Great Bend, Ann Marie Wiley of Biglow, Ark., Dorothy Goodman of Jonesboro, Ark., and Susan G. McLearen of Hoisington; one brother, Donald Cockrell of Idaho; one sister, Betty Brack of Colorado; 25 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. Memorial service will be held at a later date. The body has been donated to the University of Kansas Medical Center. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 14, 2002

**Emily Elizabeth Mills 1992-2002**

STORY CITY, Iowa - Emily Elizabeth Mills, 9, died June 11 at Laramie, Wyo., as the result of an automobile accident. She was born June 22, 1992, at Manhattan, the daughter of Walter F. and Cami G. Hofmeister Mills. A resident of Story City, she was a fourth grade student. Mills was a member of Cornerstone Church in Ames, Iowa. She was involved in soccer and basketball in city recreation league in Iowa and was active in community service with Helping Hands of Iowa. Survivors include her mother of Story City; one brother, Hunter F. Mills of Story City; her grandparents, Fred and Paula Hofmeister of Claflin and Ron and Charla Mills of Pueblo, Colo.; and her great-grandparents, Elmer and Menta Hofmeister of Claflin and Esther Horting of Tescott. She was preceded in death by her father, Walter F. Mills. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at United Methodist Church in Claflin with the Rev. Janet Myers officiating. Burial will be at Dubuque Cemetery in Barton County. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Rosary will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Dan Sheets officiating. Burial will be at Claflin Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Holyrood Ambulance or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 14, 2002

**Harry L. 'Brick' Achenbach 1914-2002**

ATTICA - Harry L. "Brick" Achenbach, 88, died June 12 at Harper. He was born April 23, 1914, in Clay County, the son of Ralph and Ethel Gudgel Achenbach. He married Ruby Thompson Oct. 2, 1945. A resident of Attica, he was a retired truck driver for Ames Oil Co. Achenbach was a member of United Methodist Church in Attica. Survivors include his wife of the home; three daughters, Janice Troyer of Leavenworth, Connie Peetoom of Attica and Gloria Bily of McPherson; seven grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Harry Betts officiating. Burial will be at Attica Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Attica Senior Center or the church, both in care of Elliott Mortuary in Anthony. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 14, 2002

**Vera M. Curtis 1912-2002**

UTICA - Vera M. Curtis, 89, died June 13 at Alterra Sterling House in Great Bend. She was born Oct. 19, 1912, in Lane County, the daughter of James and Ola Alexander Conner. She married Willie Curtis March 3, 1934, at Dodge City. He died Oct. 3, 1963. A lifetime resident of Lane and Ness Counties, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Curtis was a member of the Church of Christ in Utica. Survivors include two sons, Bill Curtis of Scott City and Robert Curtis of Ransom; one daughter, Patricia Steffens of Imperial, Calif.; two sisters, Hazel Basinger of Burlington, Colo., and Leora Lockard of Louisville, Ky.; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Utica Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, all at Fitzhaur Court House in Ness City. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune.
June 14, 2002

Mayme Marie Jumper 1909-2002

LA CROSSE - Mayme Marie Jumper, 92, died June 12, at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. She was born Dec. 1, 1909, near Lake Andes, S.D., the daughter of Theodore and Paulina Buchholz. She married Merle Flemming Jumper, June 1941. He died April 1947. A resident of La Crosse since May 2001, coming from Chanute, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Jumper was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist, in Mitchell, S.D. Survivors include one son, Merle Edward Jumper of Rush Center; one step-son Kenneth Jumper of Portland, Ore.; one sister, Dorothy Sorenson of Sioux Falls, S.D.; six grandchildren; and five great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five brothers, five sisters, and three grandsons. Memorial service will be held at a later date in South Dakota. There is no visitation, cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to the Hays Seventh-day Adventist Church School in care of Morrell Funeral home in Larned. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, June 16, 2002

Mark R. Emerson 1953-2002

Mark R. Emerson, 48, of Great Bend, died June 15 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, June 16, 2002

Dr. Jack D. Bronson 1935-2002

Dr. Jack D. Bronson, 66, of Great Bend, died June 14, at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was born July 7, 1935, at Fredonia, the son of Louie W. and Ruth J. Dodge Bronson. He was a graduate of Independence Junior College, Pittsburg State University, Emporia State University, and received his Ph.D. from St. Louis University. He married Dorothy Dean Vahrenberg, Aug. 13, 1961 , at New Franklin, Mo. A resident of Great Bend, he was a principal for schools in Overbrook, Emporia, Nickerson-South Hutchinson, Haysville, and Great Bend; Director of Secondary Education at Hillsboro, Mo.; and Superintendent of schools in Hoisington before retiring after 34 years. Bronson was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Great Bend, WBCCI Airstream Club, Masonic Lodge in Fredonia, and the American Legion Post 180 in Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; three daughters, DeAnn Jenkins and Kyla Tibbetts both of Wichita, and Rhonda Slava of Overland Park; one sister, Jill Cott of San Antonio, Texas, and three grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church in Great Bend, with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. Burial will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at The Walnut Grove Cemetery, in Boonville, Mo. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Monday, at Fryberger Mortuary in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Dr. Jack D. Bronson Memorial College Scholarship Fund in care of the church in Great Bend. Arrangements are in care of Fryberger Mortuary in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, June 16, 2002

Elois Coreen McBride Tidwell 1916-2002

Elois Coreen McBride Tidwell, 85, died Friday, June 14, 2002, at Hutchinson Hospital, at Hutchinson. She was born in Shamrock, Okla., Nov. 23, 1916, the daughter of Alva J. and Stella Viola Owensby McBride. She lived all her early life in the Shamrock community, graduating from High School there in 1934. She was a member of the Free Methodist Church, Macksville, where she was a Sunday School Teacher for over 15 years. She also belonged to the V.I.P. Center of Macksville. She was a homemaker and also the owner and operator of the This N' That craft shop in Macksville since 1972. On Sept. 14, 1935 she married Van Tidwell of Commanche, Okla. at Drumright, Okla. He died Oct. 4, 1985. Survivors include one daughter, Carol Stambaugh of Hutchinson; two grandchildren, Susan Baxter Bean of Great Bend, and Steve Stambaugh of Wichita; one sister, Alma Olt of Spearman Texas; and five great grandchildren, Taasha, Stasha, and Marisha Richter, and Annaleesha and Addison Baxter. Burial will be at Farmington Cemetery in Macksville. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Monday at Minnis Chapel in Macksville. Memorials are suggested to the Foundation of Fighting Blindness in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, June 16, 2002

June 17, 2002

Larry Ray Schriner 1944-2002

LARNED - Larry Ray Schriner, 57, died June 14 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born Oct. 23, 1944, at Russell, the son of Lawrence and Esther F. Wagner Schriner. A resident of Larned since 1987, coming from Hoisington, he was an auto body technician for Ron's Auto Body Shop in Larned. Schriner was a member of Assembly of God Church in Larned. Survivors include two sons, Mickey and Dean; and one daughter, Tammie; one sister, Marilyn Oyler of Medicine Lodge; and one grandson. He was preceded in death by one sister, Shirley Schriner. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned with the Rev. Richard Martin officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight 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, June 17, 2002

Mark Raymond Emerson 1953-2002
Arthur R. Hickel, 83, died June 17 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Dec. 20, 1953, at Great Bend, the son of Luther Raymond and Margie R. Vance Emerson. He was a 1971 graduate of Great Bend High School, a 1973 graduate of Barton County Community College and a 1975 graduate of Pittsburg State University. He married Sarah Guardia on July 7, 1975, at Pittsburg. A longtime resident of Great Bend, coming from Colorado and Oklahoma, he was a sports editor for Broken Arrow Ledger newspaper in Oklahoma from 1980-1988. Emerson was a member of St. Johns Episcopal Church in Great Bend, where he served as financial secretary and vestry. He was also a member of Elk's Lodge, National Champions Argonne Rebels Drum and Bugle Corps, former treasurer for the Barton County Democrats and was a notary public. Survivors include two daughters, Andrea Carter Emerson and Elizabeth Ann Emerson, both of Great Bend; his mother of Great Bend; two brothers, Max R. Emerson of Great Bend and Mitchell R. Emerson of Overland Park. Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Kevin Schmidt officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. The family will receive friends from 7-8 tonight. Memorials are suggested to Mark R. Emerson Medical Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 17, 2002

Melvin R. Garrett 1929-2002

RUSSELL - Melvin R. Garrett, 73, died June 15 at Salina Regional Medical Center in Salina. He was born March 21, 1929, at Dorrance, the son of Adam Joseph and Chloe Marie Essig Garrett. He married Eunice M. Claussen on May 31, 1953, at Dorrance. A resident of Russell since the 1950s, coming from Dorrance, he was owner and operator of a building construction business for many years. Garrett was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and Shrine Club, all of Russell. He was also a member if ISIS Shrine and consistory in Salina. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Ronald D. Garrett of Quakertown, Pa.; one daughter, Bonnie K. Neal of Russell; one sister, Vivian Betts of Russell; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one infant son; and one brother, Duane Garrett. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Henry Hartman and Harlan Kaden officiating. Burial will be at Dorrance City Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9-11 a.m. Tuesday, all at Pohlmans Mortuary in Russell, and from 1 p.m. until service time Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 17, 2002

June 18, 2002

Patricia L. Slattery 1946-2002

DODGE CITY - Patricia L. Slattery, 55, died June 16 at Western Plains Medical Complex in Dodge City. She was born Nov. 10, 1946, at Great Bend, the daughter of Martin S. and Mathilda Demel Schneider. She was a graduate of the nursing program at Dodge City Community College. She married Alvin F. Slattery on Aug. 17, 1968, at Olmitz. A resident of Dodge City since 1964, coming from Olmitz, she was a licensed practical nurse at the former St. Anthony Hospital in Dodge City and a homemaker. Mrs. Slattery was a member of Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, treasurer of Coronado Car Club, and former member of Sacred Heart Cathedral and Altar Society, all of Dodge City. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Ray Slattery and Don Slattery, both of Dodge City; one brother, Larry Schneider of Olmitz; and two granddaughters. Vigil service will be at 7 tonight at Burkhardt-Ziegler Funeral Chapel in Dodge City. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Dodge City with the Rev. Ted A. Skalsky officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery in Spearville. Friends may call until 7 tonight at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to Victory in the Valley, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 18, 2002

Rose Tomrdle 1914-2002

HAYS - Rose Tomrdle, 87, died June 16 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. She was born Oct. 29, 1914, at Fairport, the daughter of Charles and Victoria Belle Altman. She was a 1932 graduate of Sharon Springs High School. She married Richard Tomrdle on March 14, 1943, at Hays. He died in 1976. A resident of Hays, she was the owner and operator of a beautician shop. Mrs. Tomrdle was a member of First Baptist Church in Hays. Survivors include one daughter, Susan Kay Tomrdle of Hays. She was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Mt. Allen Cemetery in Hays with the Rev. William C. Miller officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday at Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home in Hays. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 18, 2002

Fred G. Kaiser Jr. 1955-2002

KANSAS CITY - Fred G. Kaiser Jr., 47, died June 15 at Research Medical Center in Kansas City, Mo. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 18, 2002

June 19, 2002

Arthur R. Hickel 1919-2002

ELLINWOOD - Arthur R. Hickel. 83, died June 17 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center. St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was
August M. "Slim" Klusener 1920-2002

August M. "Slim" Klusener, 82, died June 19 at his residence in Great Bend. He was born May 19, 1920, at Dubuque, the son of Edward E. and Mary Feltes Klusener. He married Lois D. Orr on Sept. 21, 1947, at Great Bend. She died Oct. 20, 1995. A veteran, having served during World War II as a 52nd Armored Infantry Battalion tech sargeant in the European Theatre at the Battle of the Bulge, receiving a Purple Heart. Survivors include two sons, Michael Hickel of Salina and Dennis Hickel of Great Bend; one daughter, Patricia Blair of Great Bend; one brother, Joe Hickel of Ellinwood; one sister, Dorothy Hickel of Lanexa; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, George Hickel and Martin Hickel; and three sisters, Louise Doll, Lavonne Graves and Helen Zink. Altar Society rosary will be at 3 today at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Burial will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. John Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until noon Thursday, all at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to Larned Recreation, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 19, 2002

June 20, 2002

August M. "Slim" Klusener 1920-2002

August M. "Slim" Klusener, 82, died June 19 at his residence in Great Bend. He was born May 19, 1920, at Dubuque, the son of Edward E. and Mary Feltes Klusener. He married Lois D. Orr on Sept. 21, 1947, at Great Bend. She died Oct. 20, 1995. A resident of Great Bend since 1946, coming from Dubuque, he was a carpenter, bricklayer and custodian for USD 428, working at Roosevelt Junior High School. Klusener attended St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend. He was a U.S. Army and Air Corps veteran, having served during World War II. Survivors include two sons, Curtis Klusener and Tim Klusener, both of Great Bend; three daughters, Mary Riemann and Kathi Heine, both of Great Bend, and Vicki Kasselman of Colorado; one brother, Leonard Klusener of Great Bend; four sisters, Christina Klusener, Bernadine Homolka and Delores Steuri, all of Great Bend, and Mildred Pridaux of Waynesville, Ohio; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one infant sister, Mary Gory. Graveside services were held today at Park Cemetery in Jasper, Mo. Memorials are suggested to a local humane society. Weng Funeral Chapel Inc. of Jasper was in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 19, 2002
Emil August Haberman 1909-2002

LARNED - Emil August Haberman, 92, died June 19 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. He was born June 20, 1909, at Olmitz, the son of Joseph and Mary Weiser Haberman. He married Hulda Ruth Boese on Dec. 3, 1933, at Pratt. A resident of Larned since 1934, he was a custodian for Pawnee County Courthouse for 36 years. Haberman was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Larned. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Roger Haberman of Salina, Bob Haberman of Meade and Don Haberman of Lacey, Wash.; one daughter, Betty Hulsey of Larned; one sister, Frances Gasser of Larned; 18 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by six brothers, Frank Haberman, Leo Haberman, Joe Haberman, Antone Haberman, Julius Haberman and Henry Haberman; three sisters, Mary Kevan, Amilia Gumbir and Helen Boyd; one grandchild, Don Hulsey; and one great-grandchild, Matthew Hulsey. Parish vigil will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Dennis Reed officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from noon until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 20, 2002

Lester L. Hildebrand 1922-2002

STAFFORD - Lester L. Hildebrand, 79, died June 16 at his residence in Stafford. He was born Nov. 11, 1922, at Stafford, the son of Louis and Dena Burhenn Hildebrand. He married Wilma Jeane Vice on Sept. 9, 1945, at Stafford. She died May 3, 1985. A lifetime resident of Stafford, he was a farmer and carpenter. Hildebrand was a member of Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford, Elks Lodge of Pratt and past member of Stafford Co-op Board of Directors. Survivors include two daughters, Gretchen Newell of Kernersville, N.C., and Dee Anna McCune of Leawood; two sisters, Minnie Haney of Sterling and Hulda Kruse of Great Bend; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Edward Hildebrand, Clarence Hildebrand and Walter Hildebrand; and one granddaughter. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford, with Carl Feril officiating. Burial will be at Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Friday at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to Larabee Library, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 20, 2002

Paul E. Harris 1943-2002

LARNED - Additional survivors for Paul E. Harris, 58, who died June 18, are his parents, John T. and Eleanor L. Harris. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 20, 2002

June 21, 2002

Tamie Renea Davis 1959-2002

TOPEKA - Tamie R. Davis, 43, died June 3 at Stormont-Vail Hospital in Topeka after a sudden illness. She was born May 8, 1959, at Dodge City, the daughter of Jim and Jean Robbins Davis. She attended high school in Haven. A resident of Topeka, coming from Oklahoma, she worked in the lodging industry in several cities in Kansas and Oklahoma. Survivors include one son, Brandon Bruner of Wyoming; her parents of Forsyth, Mo.; and two brothers, Mike Davis of Wichita and Mark Davis of Castle Rock, Colo. A private family service was held in Topeka. Cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Halstead Emergency Medical Services, 303 N. Main, Halstead. Parker-Price Mortuary of Topeka was in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 20, 2002

Bertha M. Manley 1927-2002

LARNED - Bertha M. Manley, 75, died June 20 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 20, 2002

Dorothy Westmacott 1919-2002

SALINA - Dorothy Westmacott, 83, died June 20 at her residence in Dodge City. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Ryan Mortuary in Salina. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 20, 2002

Ray V. Cromwell 1913-2002

HOISINGTON - Ray V. Cromwell, 89, died June 20 at Veterans Administration Medical Center in Wichita. He was born March 28, 1913, at Hope, the son of Denver Newton and Ettie Stephenson Cromwell. He married Opal Thatcher on April 15, 1944, at La Junta, Colo. A lifetime resident of Hoisington, he was a farmer and ran a maintainer for the South Homestead Township in Barton County. Cromwell was a member of American Legion Post 286 in Hoisington. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Cecil Cromwell of Clay Center and James Cromwell of Ponca City, Okla.; three daughters, Pat Miller of Topeka, Sandy Cromwell and Betty Chism, both of Great Bend; one sister, Lenora Donovan of Hoisington; special friend, Otha Robinson of Great Bend; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and two
Margaret E. Scott 1914-2002

GROVE, OKLA. - Margaret E. Scott, 88, died June 20. She was born April 18, 1914 at Cowley Co., the daughter of Elmer and Maggie Smith. She was a 1932 graduate of Latham High School. She married Hoyt Scott, May 10, 1937 at Cowley Co. He died March 15, 1992. A resident of Grove, coming from Raymond and Winfield, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Scott was a member of First Baptist Church of Winfield. Survivors include one son, Jerry Scott of Dallas, Texas; one daughter, Sharon Milsap of Grove; one sister, Helen Long of Alva, Okla.; three grandchildren; and six great grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church in Winfield. Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery in Winfield. Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. Monday at the Swisher-Taylor and Morris Funeral Home in Winfield. Memorials are suggested to the church or Good Shepard Hospice in Grove both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, June 23, 2002

Dorothy Buss Westmacott 1918-2002

DODGE CITY - Dorothy Buss Westmacott, 83, died June 20. She was born Nov. 30, 1918 at Ellinwood, the daughter of Wes and Emma Kahler Buss. She married James R. Westmacott. He died in 1972. A resident of Dodge City, coming from Salina, she was a homemaker. Survivors include one stepson, John Westmacott of Dodge City, and three grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Paul's Church of Christ Cemetery in Holyrood. Friends may call from 1 to 7 p.m. today at Ryan Mortuary in Salina. Memorials are suggested to the Trinity Center Apartments in Dodge City in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, June 23, 2002

Simon Bollig 1916-2002

ELLIS - Simon Bollig, 85, died June 20 at the Hays Medical Center in Hays. He was born June 22, 1916, at Ellis, the son of Jacob P. and Eva Spies Bollig. He married Mary Kuhn July 31, 1939, at Ellis. A resident of Ellis, he was a farmer and rancher. Bollig was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ellis, former member of the Ellis Saddle Club, and American Quarter Horse Association. Survivors include one stepson, John Westmacott of Dodge City, and three grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Paul's Church of Christ Cemetery in Holyrood. Friends may call from 1 to 7 p.m. today at Ryan Mortuary in Salina. Memorials are suggested to the church or Junior Free Fair in Ellis both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, June 23, 2002

Bertha Marie Manley 1926-2002

LARNED - Bertha Marie Manley, 75, died June 20 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. She was born Aug. 28, 1926, at Topeka, the daughter of Quincy A. and Mabel Maye Todd Hartzell. She was a 1954 graduate of Lyons High School and attended Barton County Community College. She married Francis C. Manley, June 3, 1946 at Topeka. A long time resident of Larned, she was a retired Licensed Mental Health Technician for the Larned State Hospital Youth Center and an Avon Consultant. Mrs. Manley was a member of Church of the Nazarene. Survivors include two sons, Martin Allen Manley of Overland Park, and Michael Gene Manley of El Paso, Texas; one daughter, Barbie Jolene Marrs of Topeka; and two step grandchildren. Memorial service was held Saturday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned, with the Rev. Rick Clark officiating. Memorials are suggested to the church or the Larned High School Scholarship Fund both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, June 23, 2002

Margaret Mary 'Peggy' Hass 1936-2002

LYONS - Margaret Mary "Peggy" Hass, 66, died June 21 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. She was born June 5, 1936 at Lyons, the daughter of Oscar and Ethal Hedges Laudick. She was a 1954 graduate of Lyons High School and attended Barton County Community College. She married Kenneth V. Hass, April 25, 1955 at Lyons. A lifetime resident of Lyons, she was a homemaker, owner of Law's Office Supply, and former employee of Hollinger Antiques. Mrs. Hass was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church; current President of Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Treasurer and board member of Friendship Meals, board of directors of Friends of Animals, Thrift Shop Volunteer, and Lyons Community Theater all of Lyons, and American Legion Auxiliary of Geneseo. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, K. Joseph Hass of Albuquerque, N.M., and Chris J. Hass of Lyons; one daughter, Christine Conner of Independence; two brothers, Jack Laudick. and Mike Laudick both of Lyons:
three sisters, Joanne Arie, Ellen Hawkins both of Lyons, and Pat Baker of Hutchinson; and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Cecilia Hass Dietzschold; and one brother, Robert Laudick. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Monday at the church. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Thomas Leland officiating. Burial will be at Lyons Municipal Cemetery in Lyons. Friends may call from 2-6:30 p.m. Monday at Sinn Funeral Home in Lyons, and from 6:30-8 p.m. at the church. Memorials are suggested to Friends of Animals, Bell and Star Fund, and Lyons Public Library all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, June 23, 2002

June 24, 2002

Eva Mae Prosser 1916-2002

MEDICINE LODGE - Eva Mae Prosser, 85, died June 21 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born July 29, 1916, at Crescent, Okla., the daughter of Jacob and Annie Harned Campbell. She married Marl L. Prosser on Jan. 1, 1935, at Crescent. He died July 8, 2001. A resident of Medicine Lodge for 36 years, coming from Bushton, she was a homemaker. Survivors include two daughters, Marlene of Wichita and Linda of Mission; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Gary L. Prosser; three brothers; and three sisters. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Highland Cemetery in Medicine Lodge with the Rev. Bill Evans officiating. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Larrison-Forsyth Funeral Home in Medicine Lodge. Memorials are suggested to Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, June 24, 2002

Elton Lawrence Kuhlman 1914-2002

Elton Lawrence Kuhlman, 88, of Great Bend, died June 22 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born May 29, 1914, at Lydia, the son of August and Clara Preusch Kuhlman. He married Mary Esther Whitaker on July 14, 1935, at Garden City. A resident of Great Bend for 60 years, coming from Wichita, he was an insurance and securities agent. Kuhlman was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Masonic Lodge AF & AM No. 15, Golden Belt Country Club and past president of Great Bend Lions Club, all of Great Bend. He was also a member of Scottish Rite of Southern Jurisdiction of Valley of Salina. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Keith and Carol Kuhlman of Wichita, Ken and Judy Kuhlman of Stevensville, Mich., and Jim Kuhlman of Great Bend; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Tuesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, June 24, 2002

Sister Celestine Henning OP 1915-2002

QUEENS, N.Y. - Sister Celestine Henning, 86, died June 23 at Queens, N.Y. She was born Florence Rose Henning on June 28, 1915, at Willowdale, the daughter of Nick and Katie Marx Henning. She entered the Dominican Sisters' Community on July 13, 1930, and pronounced her first vows on Aug. 17, 1933. Sr. Henning ministered most of her life in domestic work in the community's missions and hospitals. She also ministered in the convent sewing room, in home health and reflexology and as an assistant gardener on the convent grounds. She was in the 68th year of her religious profession. Survivors include one brother, George Henning of Spivey; and one sister, Sister Romana Henning of Great Bend. Wake service will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Dominican Chapel of the Plains in Great Bend. Liturgy of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the chapel. The body will be brought to the hospitality area of the chapel at 4 p.m. Tuesday, where it will lie in state. Burial will be at Sisters’ Resurrection Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Wednesday at the convent. Memorials are suggested to Dominican Sisters Mission and Ministry Fund, in care of Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, June 24, 2002

Marie Emma Bieber 1902-2002

Marie Emma Bieber, 99, of Great Bend, died June 21 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. She was born Aug. 1, 1902, at Garden Plain, the daughter of George and Sophia Meta Elling Beltz. She married George Gilbert Bieber on Sept. 20, 1927, at Lyons. He died May 23, 1975. A resident of Great Bend since 1997, coming from Bazine, where she had lived since 1910, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Bieber was a member of St. Lukes Lutheran Church, Lutheran Women’s Missionary League and Golden Years Club, all of Bazine. Survivors include two sons, Albert Leroy Bieber of Overland Park and Joel Gilbert Bieber of Guthrie, Okla.; one daughter, Delores Irene Grose of Great Bend; eight grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Wilfred Elton Bieber; eight brothers, Bill Beltz, George Beltz, Albert Beltz, Herman Beltz, Fred Beltz, Henry Beltz, Ernest Beltz and infant John Beltz; and two sisters, Lizzie Schmidt and Martha Beltz. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Webster officiating. Burial will be at Bazine Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City, and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to The Lutheran Hour or Bazine EMT, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, June 24, 2002

Leo Wondra 1930-2002

CLAFLIN - Leo Wondra, 72, died June 23 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 (Kans.) Tribune, June 24.
June 25, 2002

Roxanne Teel 1954-2002

GERALD, Mo. - Roxanne Teel, 47, died June 23 at Missouri Baptist Medical Center in St. Louis, Mo. She was born July 2, 1954, at Stafford, the daughter of Milton R. and Darlene Mae Bowden. She was a 1972 graduate of St. John High School and a 1974 graduate of Brown Mackey College in Salina. She married Walter Lee Teel on Sept. 20, 1975, at St. John. He died Sept. 28, 1986. A resident of Gerald since 1999, coming from St. John, Oklahoma and Wyoming, she was a transcriptionist for 20 years at Sweetwater Community Memorial Hospital in Missouri. Mrs. Teel was a member of Hilltop Baptist Church in Green River, Wy. Survivors include her father and stepmother, Milton R. and Estella Bowden of St. John; two brothers, Rick Bowden of Topeka and Rex Bowden of Hutchinson; and one sister, Rita Shain of Gerald. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John with the Rev. W. Harlan Rittgers officiating. Friends may call from 4-8 tonight at Minnis Chapel in St. John. Memorials are suggested to the Rev. Billy Graham Foundation, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 25, 2002

Harriet Elizabeth Ford 1915-2002

LARNED - Harriet Elizabeth Ford, 87, died June 24 at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. She was born June 11, 1915, in Pawnee County, the daughter of Harry and Edna Louise McDowell Grandy. She married Malvin Wilhelm Ford on Sept. 18, 1938, at Garfield. He died Oct. 4, 1983. A lifetime resident of Larned, moving to La Crosse three years ago, she was a secretary for Larned State Hospital for 25 years until her retirement. Mrs. Ford was a member of United Methodist Church of Rozei and Fairfield Grange of Larned. Survivors include two sons, Edward Ford of Great Bend and Artyn Ford of Ft. Lupton, Colo.; five daughters, Sandra McNennaughhay of Kechi, Nelda Pakkeiber of Rush Center, Treva Johnson of Littleton, Colo., Twyla Holley of Kingman and Oveta Ford of Hays; one sister, Dorothy Shottenkirk of Salina; 15 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Truman Grandy; and two sisters, Glenna Dougan and Mary Carden. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with the Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. Burial will be at Garfield Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association or donor's choice, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 25, 2002

Leo A. Wondra 1930-2002

CLAFLIN - Leo A. Wondra, 72, died June 23 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus, in Wichita. He was born May 29, 1930, at rural Odin, the son of Alfred and Regina Kirmer Wondra. He married Rose Ann Bahr on Aug. 29, 1956, at Olmitz. A lifetime resident of the Odin and Claflin areas, he was a self-employed contract pumper and worked many years as assistant manager of Holyrood Co-op, until his retirement in 1995. Wondra was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, past member of Claflin Fire Department and an emergency medical technician with the Claflin Ambulance service, all of Claflin. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Gary Wondra of Olmitz; three daughters, Lois Demel of Claflin, Cheryl Klepper of Ellinwood and Bernetta Burkhart of Hutchinson; his mother of Ellinwood; four brothers, Bernard Wondra of Hoisington, Ambrose Wondra and Jerome Wondra, both of Claflin, and Norbert Wondra of Erie, Pa.; five sisters, Mary Rose Oberle and Ann Oberle, both of Claflin, Leona Canfield of Great Bend, Theresa Schremmer and Doris Morgan, both of Wichita; and eight grandchildren. Family rosary will be at 7:30 tonight at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. David Flagor officiating. Burial will be at Claflin Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, Claflin Ambulance Fund or Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 25, 2002

June 26, 2002

Sister Camillus Bayer 1926-2002

Sister Camillus Bayer, 75, of Great Bend, died June 24 at the Dominican Sisters' convent infirmary in Great Bend. She was born Sept. 12, 1926, at Willowdale, as Clara Cora Bayer, the daughter of William and Margaret Gehlen Bayer. She entered the Dominican Sisters' Community on Aug. 24, 1943, and pronounced her first vows on Aug. 13, 1946. She celebrated 50 years of religious profession in 1996. Sister Camillus was a registered nurse and pioneer physical therapist in the Dominican Sisters' Community. For much of her ministerial life she was very active in ministry to the handicapped and to the visually impaired. She received her Library of Congress certification in Braille transcribing in 1980. Sister Camillus was a member of Central Kansas Association for the Visually Impaired, Kansas Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the American Council of the Blind and Lions Club Evening. She was instrumental in starting CKAVI in Great Bend in 1985 and served as its first president. In 1991 she received the Eleanor A. Wilson award for her accomplishments in the ministry to the visually impaired. Survivors include six brothers, Daniel Bayer of Great Bend, Walter Bayer of Norwich, Ralph Bayer of Laurens, Iowa, Herman Bayer of Mountain Grove, Mo., Leonard Bayer and Marion Bayer, both of Kingman; and four sisters, Sister Corona Bayer of Great Bend, Genevieve Klein of Charleston, Ark., Joan Payne of Lyndon and Martina Young of Satanta. Sister Camillus's body will be brought to the hospitality area of the Dominican Chapel of the Plains in Great Bend at 3 p.m. Thursday, where it will lie in state until the Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Friday at the convent. A wake service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the convent. Burial will be at the Sisters' Resurrection Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from 3-9 tonight at Brvant Funeral Home in Great Bend and from
3-9 p.m. Thursday at the convent. Memorials are suggested to Dominican Sisters Retirement Fund or CKAVI, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 26, 2002

Floyd T. Ramsey 1907-2002

BUSHTON - Floyd T. Ramsey, 95, died June 24 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born April 12, 1907, at Stillwater, Okla. He married Agnes. She died May 10, 1988. A resident of Bushton, coming from Wichita and Valley Center, he was a retired Local Union 83 boilermaker. Ramsey was a member of Boilermakers Local 83 in Kansas City, Mo. Survivors include two sons, Roger Ramsey of Valley Center and Stan Ramsey of Bushton; three grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and many great-great-grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Rethaven Mortuary in Wichita. No memorials are suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 26, 2002

Terry Joe 'T.J.' Suchy 1952-2002

EMPORIA - Terry Joe "T.J." Suchy, 49, died June 25 at his residence in Emporia. He was born Nov. 8, 1952, at Great Bend, the son of Elmer and Esther Ruth Daubert Suchy. He married Faye Ellen George on Nov. 27, 1989, in Emporia. A resident of Emporia since 1966, coming from Great Bend and Westphalia, he was a heating and air conditioning technician for Burlington Comfort Center of Emporia. Suchy was a member of Rock of Life Church in Emporia. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Samuel Suchy of the home and James Suchy of Emporia; three daughters, Crystal Suchy of the home, Maranda Suchy and Jamie Gurney, both of Emporia; one brother, Robert Daubert of Virginia; two sisters, Shirley Weimer and Sharon Meyer, both of Emporia; and one grandchild. A private family service will be held at a later date. Memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the church. Cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Charter Funerals of Emporia. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 26, 2002

June 27, 2002

Charles W. Sessler 1919-2002

ELLINWOOD - Charles W. Sessler, 82, died June 25 at Ellinwood District Hospital. He was born Nov. 9, 1919, at Ellinwood, the son of Charles August and Rosa Kaufman Sessler. He was a 1937 graduate of Ellinwood Rural High School. He married LaVon C. Soeken on Jan. 21, 1940, at Ellinwood. A lifetime resident of Ellinwood, he was a farmer. Sessler was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Rotary Club, Optimist Club, Lions Club, Gideon's International, International Flying Farmers and Lutheran Laymen's League. He was also a former Barton County commissioner, former member of Barton County Rural Schools Board of Education, former member of USD 355 Board of Education and former member of Wheatland School 105 School Board. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Marvin Sessler of Ellinwood; one daughter, Rosalyn Borchers of Great Bend; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Jolene Brauer; three brothers, Martin Sessler, Everett Sessler and Lawrence Sessler; and one sister, Johanna Rinker. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church in Ellinwood with the Rev. Andy Keltner officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to the church building fund or The Lutheran Hour, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 27, 2002

Diana M. Kirkham 1952-2002

Diana M. Kirkham, 50, of Great Bend, died June 24 at her residence in Great Bend. She was born Feb. 2, 1952, at Larned, the daughter of Loris E. and Joyce Lamb Kirkham. A resident of Great Bend, she was owner of All-Way's Mobile Pet Grooming. Kirkham was a member of Livingway Christian Church in San Antonio, Texas. Survivors include nieces, nephews and cousins, via long term friendships. She was preceded in death by her stepfather, Clyde Snyder. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Free Methodist Church in Osborne with the Rev. Roberta Ganzer officiating. Burial will be at Kill Creek Cemetery in rural Osborne. Friends may call from 2-8 tonight at Clark-Gashaw Mortuary in Osborne. Memorials are suggested to Great Bend Animal Shelter, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 27, 2002

June 28, 2002

Agnes Eda Meinen 1910-2002

HILLSBORO - Agnes Eda Meinen, 92, died June 27 at Parkside Nursing Home in Hillsboro. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at La Crosse City Cemetery. Survivors will be announced by Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 28, 2002

Eddythe Marie Cochrane 1945-2002

TULSA, Okla. - Eddythe Marie Cochrane, 57, died May 29 at her residence in Tulsa. She was born Jan. 4, 1945, at Great Bend, the daughter of George and Ruth Pohlmian Whitsel. A resident of Tulsa for 10 years, coming from Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Cochrane was a member of Pentecostal Way Church of Tulsa. Survivors include one son, Larry Cochrane of Tulsa;
two daughters, Sonja King of Monet, Mo., and Sally Potts of Ellensburg, Wash.; two sisters, Evelyn Allen of Siloam Springs, Ark., and LeaAnn Gruber of Tulsa; and seven grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Great Bend Cemetery with the Rev. David Leroy officiating. Cremation has taken place by Cremation Society of Oklahoma in Tulsa. No memorials are suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 28, 2002.
July 1, 2002

Ronald Rey Palacio 1964-2002

Ronald Rey Palacio, 37, died June 29 at his residence in Great Bend. He was born Nov. 4, 1964, at Great Bend, the son of Manuel Palacio and Louise Bryant Rodriguez. He was a lifetime resident of Great Bend. Palacio was a member of Cornerstone Fellowship Church in Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Caleb Larson of Hoisington; one daughter, Ronice Palacio of Susank; two stepsons, Chet Whetham and Brett Whetham, both of Susank; his father of Kansas City, Mo.; his mother of Great Bend; two brothers, Jeff Palacio and James Bolt, both of Great Bend; and one sister, Shella Bolt of Great Bend. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend with the Rev. Curtis Reinhardt officiating. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the family, in care of the funeral home.

Janet L. Holloway M.D. 1917-2002

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. - Janet L. Holloway, 84, died June 28 at Winter Haven Hospital. She was born July 9, 1917, the daughter of Joseph Henry and Nellie Dilling Holloway. She was a 1939 graduate of Friends University in Wichita and a 1941 graduate of the University of Kansas Medical School. A resident of Winter Haven, coming from Detroit, Mich., and Wichita, she was an anesthesiologist for 20 years at Hutzel and Harper Hospital in Detroit. Holloway was a member of the Catholic faith. Survivors include one nephew, Gene Holloway of Great Bend; and one great-nephew, Jay Holloway of Great Bend. Funeral arrangements were handled by Crisp-Coon Funeral Homes in Winter Haven. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 1, 2002

Joshua Evan Black 1981-2002

BAZINE - Joshua Evan Black, 20, died June 30 at Grisell Memorial Hospital in Ransom. He was born Dec. 19, 1981, at Ness City, the son of Bobby Black and Leona Oborny Black Benedict. A lifetime resident of Bazine, he was a student at Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland. Black was a member of Bazine Christian Fellowship. Survivors include his father of Bazine; his mother of Ness City; one brother, Preston Black of Tulsa, Okla.; and his grandparents, Barbara Black of Hoxie, and Leonard and Alice Oborny of Rush Center. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Vernon Black. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Bazine Grade School Auditorium with the Rev. Stan Bryant officiating. Burial will be at Bazine Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the school. Memorials are suggested to Josh Black Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 1, 2002

July 2, 2002

Alice Marie Gerritzen 1922-2002

Alice Marie Gerritzen, 79, of Great Bend, died June 30 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus, in Wichita. She was born July 26, 1922, at Dorrance, the daughter of Henry J. and Charlotte E. Lilak Kepka. She was a graduate of Dorrance High School. She married Anthony Gerritzen on Sept. 3, 1946, at Wilson. He died Jan. 13, 1988. A resident of Great Bend for 43 years, coming from Odin, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Gerritzen was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and St. Rose Altar Society, both of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Edward A. Gerritzen of Williamsport, Pa.; two daughters, Patricia Hicks of Phoenix, Ariz., and Jeanette Marie Jackson of Boise, Idaho; two brothers, Raymond Kepka of Dorrance and Leonard Kepka of Great Bend; two sisters, Adeline Bechard of Grinnell and Betty Mattas of Wilson; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Harold Kepka. St. Rose Altar Society Rosary will be at 3 today at Fryberger Mortuary in Great Bend. Vigil service and rosary will be at 8 tonight at the mortuary. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Angel Dy officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-9 tonight at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Renal Care Group of Great Bend or the church, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 2, 2002

Donald A. Wilkens 1927-2002

ELLSWORTH - Donald A. Wilkens, 74, died June 30 at CLC in Salina. He was born Nov. 4, 1927, at Little River, the son of August J. and Rosa Janzen Wilkens. He married Margaret Herb on Nov. 25, 1951, at Hudson. A resident of Ellsworth since 1988, coming from Lorraine, he was a retired farmer. Wilkens was a member of First Baptist Church in Lorraine. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Jerry Wilkens of Houston, Texas; two daughters, Carol Miller of Overland Park and Connie Wilkens of Hutchinson; one brother, Harlan Wilkens of Hutchinson; one sister, Wilma Janssen of Scott City; two grandsons; and one great-granddaughter. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Jim Moreford officiating. Burial will be at Lorraine Baptist Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-9 tonight and from 8-11 a.m. Wednesday, all at Parsons Funeral Home in Ellsworth, and from 1-2 p.m. Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Victory Villa of Hutchinson.
Carole A. Mead 1938-2002

PAWNEE ROCK - Carole A. Mead, 64, died July 1 at Hutchinson Hospital. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 2, 2002

Ronald Rey Palacio 1964-2002

Additional survivors of Ronald Rey Palacio, 37, of Great Bend, include his stepfather, Jose Rodriguez of Great Bend; and one brother, Jesse Palacio of Great Bend. Funeral arrangements were handled by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 2, 2002

Peggy J. Hearn 1923-2002

ST. JOHN - Peggy J. Hearn, 79, died July 1 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Minnis Chapel of St. John. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 2, 2002

Elizabeth 'Elsie' David 1928-2002

LA CROSSE - Elizabeth "Elsie" David, 74, died June 30 at Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse. Rosary will be at 10:40 a.m. Wednesday at St. Michael's Catholic Church in La Crosse. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Survivors will be announced by Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 2, 2002

Lawrence D. "Larry" Staab 1945-2002

Lawrence D. "Larry" Staab, 56, died July 1 at his residence in Great Bend. He was born Sept. 5, 1945, at Hays, the son of Seraphin and Isabelle Schmeidler Staab. He was a 1963 graduate of Stafford High School and a graduate of St. Rose School of X-Ray Technology in Great Bend. He married Donna Sue Harrison on Nov. 20, 1965, at Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend since 1963, coming from Stafford, he was an account representative for Health Science Division for Eastman Kodak of Rochester, N.Y., former chief of radiology at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend and office manager for Western Kansas Radiology LLC. Staab was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, both of Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Jeffrey S. Staab of Malibu, Calif., and Jeremy D. Staab of Lawrence; one daughter, Angela Staab Maddy of Ellinwood; his parents of Stafford; two brothers, Jerry Staab of Derby and Dean Staab of Pratt; one sister, Diana Pistole of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Gerald Staab. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the church, followed by a K of C rosary. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Revs. Robert Schremmer and Angel Dy officiating. Graveside service will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call from 3-9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Wednesday, all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Central Kansas CASA of Great Bend or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 2, 2002

July 3, 2002

Peggy J. Hearn 1923-2002

ST. JOHN - Peggy J. Hearn, 79, died July 1 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Jan. 10, 1923, at Belpre, the daughter of John and Holly May McNutt. She was a graduate of Belpre High School. She married Jack D. Hearn on Oct. 22, 1945, at Belpre. He died June 1, 1994. A resident of St. John, she was a bookkeeper for English Oil Company. Mrs. Hearn was a member of First United Methodist Church, Martha Rebekah Lodge, Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary, Stafford County Country Club, Ida Long Goodman Memorial Library Board and Sunflower Senior Citizens, all of St. John. Survivors include two sons, Vance R. Hearn of Shell Knob, Mo., and Joe D. Hearn of St. John; one sister, Darlene Shrauner of Stafford; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, John McNutt; and four sisters, Beth Breitenbach, Ruth Chaney, Laverne Miles and Eva Ramey. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Minnis Chapel Inc., in St. John with the Rev. Kasey Crosby officiating. Burial will be at Faithview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 1-8 tonight at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to Ida Long Goodman Library, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 3, 2002

Edward E. Nauert 1925-2002

LARNED - Edward E. Nauert, 77, died July 1 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. He was born Feb. 25, 1925, at Larned, the son of John Peter and Edna Ruth Wood Nauert. He married Betty Seibel on May 25, 1948, at Larned. A lifetime resident of Larned, he was a retired postal carrier. Nauert was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus Council 3273, Veterans of Foreign Wars 7271 and American Legion 106, all of Larned. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; five daughters, Carol Mott of Pratt, Cathy Kuhn of Hays, Connie Lett of Phoenix, Ariz., Cherie Berndt of Denver, Colo., and Cristi Mourn of Colorado Springs, Colo.; four sisters, Grace Sloan of Larned,
Ruth Wilson of Odessa, Texas, Dorothy Moyer and Helen Broadbooks, both of Wichita; and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four sisters, Nadine Deets Gilmore, Esther Rickert, Mary Riddle and infant sister, Margaret Nauert. Vigil service will be at 7 tonight at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church 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 Sacred Heart Endowment Fund or American Legion Baseball, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 3, 2002

Carole A. Mead 1938-2002

PAWNEE ROCK - Carole A. Mead, 64, died July 1 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born Feb. 2, 1938, at Garden City, the daughter of Guy Carlton and Ruth Lorine Cronenberg. She married Bob J. Mead on Sept. 18, 1955, at Great Bend. A resident of Pawnee Rock for 37 years, coming from Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Mead was a member of First Christian Church in Pawnee Rock. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Alan K. Mead of Newton; one daughter, Karla K. Hartzell of Beverly; her mother, Ruth Buehler of Great Bend; two sisters, Connie Harsha of Garden City and Janet Adams of Larned; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Burial will be at Pawnee Rock Cemetery. Friends may call from 5-9 tonight, from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 3, 2002

Elizabeth 'Elsie' David 1928-2002

LA CROSSE - Elizabeth "Elsie" David, 74, died June 30 at Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse. She was born April 12, 1928, at Rush Center, the daughter of Ludwig and Mary A. Bouchal David. A resident of La Crosse, coming from Manhattan, she was a retired hospital chaplain. David was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church of La Crosse and Walnut Valley Senior Center of Rush Center. There are no survivors. She was preceded in death by one sister, Ann David. Funeral service was today. Memorials are suggested to the church or Walnut Valley Senior Center, both in care of Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 3, 2002

David Allen Marcum 1940-2002

David Allen Marcum, 61, of Great Bend, died July 2 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 3, 2002

July 4, 2002

David Allen Marcum 1940-2002

David Allen Marcum, 61, of Great Bend, died July 2 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Dec. 3, 1940, at Omaha, Neb., the son of Arlie and Evelyn Redman Marcum. He married Karen M. Janing on Sept. 27, 1958, at Logan, Iowa. A resident of Great Bend for 38 years, coming from Omaha, he was a printer, salesman and owner of Precision Printing & Supply Co. Inc. Marcum was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Foundry Methodist Church, Eagle Scout, Master Mason and past president of Sunflower Shrine Club, all of Great Bend. He was involved in scouting for 25 years and was a member of Sand Hills Gun Club of Stafford County. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Robert E. Marcum of Independence and David M. Marcum of Lawrence; two daughters, Deborah K. Eyestone and Susan A. Pafford, both of Great Bend; his mother of Omaha; one brother, James D. Marcum of Omaha; one sister, Shirley A. Swanson of Apopka, Fla.; and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Kathleen L. Marcum; and one brother, Robert E. Marcum. Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Trinity United Methodist Church in Great Bend with the Rev. Dr. Kevin Baxter, and the Revs. Jana Baxter and Mary Al Titus officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery with Masonic graveside rites by Great Bend Masonic Lodge AF & AM 15. Friends may call from 1-9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until noon Friday, all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Sunflower Shrine Children’s Travel Fund, Foundry Methodist Church or Trinity United Methodist Church, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 4, 2002

July 5, 2002

Charlie Pozalek 1915-2002

LA CROSSE - Charlie Pozalek, 87, died June 29 at Western Plains Medical Complex in Dodge City. He was born Jan. 10, 1915, at Timken, the son of Adolph and Anna Hamrdla Pozalek. A lifetime resident of Rush County, he was a farmer. Pozalek served with the 103rd Combat Engineers in Wales, England, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. He was awarded five Battle Stars, a good conduct medal and an American defense service ribbon. Survivors include two sisters, Ann Hendricks of Tulsa, Okla., and Ella Kucera of Republic, Mo. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Harry Pozalek and Eddie Pozalek; and one sister, Helen Pozalek. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Janousek Funeral Home Chapel in La Crosse with the Rev. Troy Schroeder officiating. Burial will be at Bohemian National Cemetery in Timken. Friends may call from 1-8 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Bohemian National Cemetery, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 5, 2002
Lucy Agnes Moffat 1915-2002

HUTCHINSON - Lucy Agnes Moffat, 87, died July 3 at Thorne Care Center in Hutchinson. She was born Feb. 6, 1915, at Coats, the daughter of Edward Kelley and Mittie Pearle Vaught Moss. She was a 1933 graduate of Coats High School. She married James W. "Red" Moffat on June 1, 1936, at McPherson. A resident of Hutchinson since 2000, coming from Great Bend, she was a homemaker and managed the family farm. Mrs. Moffat was a member of First United Methodist Church in Great Bend, Chi Omega Sorority, Great Bend Petroleum Club and Great Bend Country Club. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Dr. Robert Moffat of Prairie Village, David Moffat of Park City, Utah, and Larry Moffat of Derby; one daughter, Marilyn Atkinson of Hutchinson; nine grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, James Richard Moffat; and two brothers, Kelley Vaught Moss and Richard Edward Moss. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Elliott Chapel in Hutchinson with the Rev. Nick Warner officiating. Burial will be at Wichita Park Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church in Great Bend or Trinity United Methodist Church in Hutchinson, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 5, 2002

July 7, 2002

Virgil A. 'Curly' Jacobs 1933-2002

LA CROSSE - Virgil A. "Curly" Jacobs, 69, died July 4 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Prayer service and rosary will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Michael's Catholic Church in La Crosse. Friends may call from 5-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 7, 2002

Ezra J. Deyoe Jr. 1928-2002

JETMORE - Ezra J. Deyoe Jr., 74, died July 4 at Center for Long Term Care of Olathe. He was born March 26, 1928, at Jetmore, the son of Ezra and Lena Anderson Deyoe. He married Joan Paul May 13, 1948, at Dodge City. A lifetime resident of Jetmore, moving to Olathe recently, he was a retired farmer and cattleman. Deyoe was a member of United Presbyterian Church, Jetmore. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Jack Deyoe of Olathe and Ted Deyoe of Chetopa; one daughter, Sheri Boro of Springfield, Neb.; one sister, Eula Fern Lang of Dodge City; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Carroll; and one sister, Lola Shelton. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Mitch Reece and Chuck Merriner officiating. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9-11 a.m. Monday at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Hodgeman County Long Term Care Center or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 7, 2002

Ella Lynch 1911-2002

Ella Lynch, 90 of Great Bend, died July 4 at her home. She was born Oct. 26, 1911, in Barton County, the daughter of Herman L. and Anna Erb Petersen. She married Ralph R. Lynch in 1952 in Colorado. He died February 1975. A lifetime resident of Barton County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Lynch was a member of First Bible Baptist Church in Great Bend. Survivors include two sons, Allen Lee Ukens of Pawnee Rock and Kenneth Don Ukens of Great Bend; one daughter, Beverly Juergensen of Great Bend; 10 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one brother, Edward Petersen. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Robert Morris officiating. Burial will be at Peace Lutheran Church Cemetery in Albert. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Monday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Ella Lynch Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 7, 2002

Charles E. McHenry 1941-2002

SYLVIA - Charles E. McHenry, 60, died July 4 at his home. He was born Dec. 25, 1941, at Fort Scott, the son of Cornelius Clark and Bertha McHenry. He attended Abilene Wesleyan College. He married Maxine Wilson on Oct. 26, 1964, in Newkirk, Okla. A resident of Sylvia for six years, he was a truck driver for Mid Continent LP. Survivors include his wife of the home; five sons, Gary L. Marlow, Raymond L. Marlow, Clay E. McHenry and Alva E. McHenry, all of Great Bend, and Charles E. McHenry Jr. of Sylvia; two daughters, Cathy E. Streul of Great Bend and Carol E. Armstrong of Tunon; his mother, Bertha Brown of Wellington; two brothers, Tommy McReynolds and Clayton McHenry of Oklahoma City, Okla.; three sisters, Caroljean of Independence, Evelyn McReynolds of Colorado and Lou McReynolds of Wellington; and 21 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Christine E. McHenry; one brother, Sunny McHenry; and one grandson, Darren Gindlesberger. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Elliott Chapel in Hutchinson, with the Chaplain Reta Joy Campbell officiating. Burial will be at Haven Priest Cemetery in rural Haven. Friends may call until 9 tonight at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 7, 2002

Edith N. Brush 1912-2002

LARNED - Edith N. Brush. 90. died July 4 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. She was born Jan. 19. 1912. in Pawnee
Richard K. Ramsey 1923-2002

HOISINGTON – Richard K. Ramsey, 78, died July 6 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 7, 2002

July 8, 2002

Dona Faye Smith 1928-2002

ST. JOHN - Dona Faye Smith, 74, died July 7 at Hutchinson Hospital. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Minnis Chapel of St. John. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 8, 2002

Mark Wayne Sharkey 1960-2002

BENNINGTON - Mark Wayne Sharkey, 41, died July 3 in Wichita as a result of a truck accident. He was born Oct. 14, 1960, in Garden City, the son of Jean and Marion Sharkey. He married Tina Marie Canada Aug. 22, 1992, in Las Vegas, Nev. A resident of Salina since 1989, he was a truck driver for Williams Insulation Company. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Joseph Wayne Sharkey and Brett Alan Sharkey, both of Geneva, Neb.; one daughter, Nicole Diane Sharkey of Albert; his parents of Weskan; two brothers, Mike Sharkey of Otis and Chris Sharkey of Weskan; and two sisters, Sharon King of Sharon Springs. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at First Southern Baptist Church in Salina with the Revs. Mike Murray and Gary O'Flannagan officiating. Burial will be in Gypsum Hill Cemetery in Salina. Friends may call from noon until 8 tonight at Ryan Mortuary in Salina. Memorials are suggested in honor of Mark Sharkey, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 8, 2002

Richard K. Ramsey 1923-2002

HOISINGTON - Richard K. Ramsey, 78, died July 6 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born Sept. 14, 1923, at Lincoln, the son of Carl Alvin and Mildred Ruth Diven Ramsey. He married Doris Vaughn Lancaster on March 6, 1947, at Manhattan. A resident of Hoisington since 1963, coming from La Crosse, he was an editor for the Oakley Graphic, Rush County News and editor and publisher of Hoisington Dispatch for 11 years. Ramsey was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7428, American Legion Post 286 and Lake Barton Golf Club, all of Hoisington. He was a member of Faith Community Church in Great Bend and former president of Kansas Press Association. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in the South Pacific during World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Meredith A. Kitch of Scott City and Bethanie L. Baker of Manhattan; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Paula L. Blossom. Funeral will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Fred Kirkpatrick officiating. Burial will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Lincoln Cemetery in Lincoln, with military flag presentation by VFW Post 7428 and American Legion Post 286. Friends may call from 1-9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday, all at the funeral home. The family will receive friends after the service at the funeral home on Tuesday. Memorials are suggested to Clara Barton Foundation, Hoisington Ambulance Service or the church, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 8, 2002
Raymond E. Miller 1915-2002

HOISINGTON - Raymond E. Miller, 86, died July 7 at Russell Regional Hospital. He was born Sept. 29, 1915, in Barton County, the son of E.J. and Elizabeth Mai Miller. He married Ruth E. Karst on Jan. 4, 1943, at Reno, Nev. A lifetime resident of Barton County, he was a farmer and stockman. Miller was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Milberger, American Legion Post 99 of Russell and Sunflower Polka Club. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran, having served during World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Byron K. Miller of Denver, Colo., Randall R. Miller and Richard K. Miller, both of Russell; one daughter, Janice L. McCubbins of Grainfield; one brother, Edwin Miller of Great Bend; two grandchildren; one step-grandchild; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four sisters, Lydia Boxberger, Martha Stricker, Pauline Karst and Elma Deckert. Prayer service will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Nicholson-Rike Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Henry Hartman officiating. Burial will be at Russell City Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Raymond Miller Memorial Fund, in care of Citizens State Bank in Russell. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 8, 2002

Dwight R. Kershner 1929-2002

MCCracken - Dwight R. Kershner, 72, died July 6 at Select Specialty Hospital of Wichita. Born Oct. 5, 1929, at Nekoma, he was the son of George E. and Maude Wells Kershner. He married Alta Hall May 17, 1948, at La Crosse. A lifetime resident of Rush County, he was a farmer. Kershner was a state spokesman for American Agriculture Movement. He was a U. S. Army veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Scott K. Kershner of Rush Center; one daughter, Michele Whitcomb of La Crosse; two brothers, George Kershner of Great Bend and Frank Kershner of Rush Center; one sister, June Moeller of Loveland, Colo.; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Ashley Whitcomb. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Janousek Funeral Home Chapel in La Crosse with the Rev. Maurice Shaus officiating. Burial will be at Alexander Cemetery in Alexander. Friends may call from 4-9 p.m. Tuesday and from 9-9:45 a.m. Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Dwight R. Kershner Memorial, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Monday July 8, 2002

Clara Scheuerman 1902-2002

La Crosse - Clara Scheuerman, 99, died July 6 at Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse. Born Aug. 8, 1902, she was the daughter of John C. and Katie Steitz Scheuerman. She married George P. Scheuerman June 17, 1920, at Otis. He died March 8, 1972. A lifetime resident of the Bison area, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Scheuerman was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Otis, Joy Club of Bison and Evangelical Lutheran Church Women of Otis. Survivors include two sons, Glenn Scheuerman of Bison and Gary Scheuerman of Garden City; one daughter, Elorna Steitz of Great Bend; one sister, Rachel Skidmore of Great Bend; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, William Scheuerman; two sisters, Hilda Tracy and Bertha Scheuerman; and one grandson, David Scheuerman. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Jeri Dexheimer officiating. Burial will be at Otis Lutheran Cemetery. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home and from 9:30-10:15 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Central Rush County EMTs of La Crosse or donor's choice, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Monday July 8, 2002

July 9, 2002

Muriel Ruth McGuire 1919-2002

Portland, Ore. - Muriel Ruth McGuire, 83, died July 4 at her home in Portland. She was born Jan. 26, 1919, at Mason City, Iowa, the daughter of Olin Lester and Era Arnita Redding Wright. She married Russell Virgil McGuire on June 19, 1938, at Arlington, Texas, and Christopher Wright McGuire of Ellinwood; two daughters, Rebecca C. Torrans Green of Portland and Kelley Sweet Adelines, member of the garden club and Daughters of Isabella. Survivors include two sons, Micheal Stephen McGuire of Arlington, Texas, and Christopher Wright McGuire of Ellinwood; two daughters, Rebecca C. Torrans Green of Portland and Kelley Ann Marlow of Great Bend; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters. Rosary and prayer vigil will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at the church. Funeral will be 10 a.m. on Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Autumn Burial and Cremation in Portland is in charge of cremation. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Monday July 8, 2002

Leo Christoph 1912-2002

Lenexa - Leo Christoph, 89, died July 3 at his residence. He was born July 29, 1912, at Ellinwood, the son of John and Agnes Danier Christoph. He married Dorothy Hickel in 1938. A resident of Lenexa since 1950, she was a homemaker and worked with her husband in the family business. Mrs. McGuire was member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Ellinwood, a former member of Sweet Adelines, member of the garden club and Daughters of Isabella. Survivors include two sons, Micheal Stephen McGuire of Arlington, Texas, and Christopher Wright McGuire of Ellinwood; two daughters, Rebecca C. Torrans Green of Portland and Kelley Ann Marlow of Great Bend; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters. Rosary and prayer vigil will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at the church. Funeral will be 10 a.m. on Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Autumn Burial and Cremation in Portland is in charge of cremation. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Monday July 8, 2002
Dona Faye Smith 1927-2002

ST. JOHN - Dona Faye Smith, 74, died July 7 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born Sept. 16, 1927, at Stafford County, the daughter of Chester Roosevelt and Pansy Iona Leatherman. She was a graduate of Antrim High School. She married Donald D. Smith on Feb. 19, 1946, at Lyons. A lifetime resident of St. John, she was a homemaker, school bus driver and farmer. Mrs. Smith was a member of Eden Valley Church of the Brethren, Martha Rebekah Lodge, Extension Homemakers Unit and Mothers Club, all of St. John. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Randy D. Smith of Dodge City; one daughter, Kathie Howell of Hutchinson; four sisters, Betty Barker of Pratt, Bernice Shrum of Hutchinson, Joyce Roweley of Dodge City and Connie Mawhirter of St. John; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Darlene Bowden and Berneda Magie. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Revs. Matthew Spurgin and David Albright officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 1-8 tonight at Minnis Chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 9, 2002

Virgil A. "Curly" Jacobs 1933-2002

LA CROSSE - Virgil A. "Curly" Jacobs, 69, died July 4 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Feb. 12, 1933, at Cordia, the son of Adam and Augustina Wasinger Jacobs Jr. He was a 1952 graduate of La Crosse High School. A lifelong resident of Rush County, he was a farmer. Jacobs was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church of La Crosse. Survivors include one brother, Anthony Jacobs of Godfrey, Ill.; and one sister, Sharon Swann of Oklahoma City, Okla. He was preceded in death by six brothers, LeRoy Jacobs, Donald Jacobs, Darald Jacobs, Romeo Jacobs, Larry Jacobs and Wilfred Jacobs. Funeral service was this morning at the church with the Rev. Benjamin Martin officiating. Burial was at La Crosse Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 9, 2002

July 10, 2002

Gary Harris 1942-2002

STAFFORD - Gary Harris, 59, died July 8 at Stafford District Hospital. He was born Sept. 20, 1942, at Great Bend, the son of Warren and Wilma Lovette Harris. He married Vicky Sims on June 17, 1964, at Hutchinson. A longtime resident of Stafford, he worked in the parts department of Allis Chalmers in Stafford. Harris was a member of Larned Methodist Church and National Rifle Association. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Cary Whitlock of Clearwater, Larry Harris of Dodge City and James J. Harris of Stafford; his mother of Hutchinson; one brother, Keith Harris of Shawnee Mission; one sister, Marsha Hicklin of Hutchinson; and six grandchildren. Graveside memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Stafford Cemetery with Darrel Murphy officiating. Memorials are suggested to Stafford Youth Wrestling Club, in care of Minnis Chapel of Stafford. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 10, 2002

Helen Davis 1910-2002

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Helen Davis, 91, died July 6 at Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse. She was born Oct. 10, 1910, at McCracken, the daughter of Lester Adrian Sr. and Eva C. Campbell Davis. She was a graduate of La Crosse High School and University of Kansas in Lawrence where she completed her undergraduate and graduate studies. A longtime resident of Kansas City, she was an office administrator in the automotive industry. Survivors include two brothers, Paul H. Davis of Midland, Texas, and Lester A. Davis of Phoenix, Ariz. She was preceded in death by one sister, Ruth Ellen Davis. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Janousek Funeral Home Chapel in La Crosse with the Rev. Kathy Bannister officiating. Burial will be at McCracken City Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Rush County Nursing Home, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 10, 2002

Elmer 'Jiggs' W. Crowley 1908-2002

DIGHTON - Elmer "Jiggs" W. Crowley, 93, died July 8 at Lane County Long Term Care Unit in Dighton. He was born Aug. 11, 1908, at Vibbard, Mo., the son of John Christopher and Martha Ann O'Donnell Crowley. He was a graduate of Dighton High School. He married Pauline Faye Lofland Dec. 7, 1945, at St. John. A resident of Dighton, he was a retired mason, Crowley was a member of Fraternal Order of the Eagles 646, American Legion Post 190, Veteran of Foreign War Post 7773. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and was a member of U.S. Army Reserves, retiring in 1968 as a master sergeant. Survivors include his wife of the home; four sons, Ellsworth Crowley of Amarillo, Texas, W. Leon Crowley of Moberidge, S.D., and Gary Crowley and Kim Crowley, both of Dighton; one daughter, Doris Lee larossi of Topeka; one sister, Esther Grady of Armand Beach, Fla.; 13 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by five brothers, Clarence Crowley, Earl Crowley, Hubert Crowley, Lester Crowley and Forest Crowley; and three sisters, Lena Smith, Goldie Crowley and Lucy Katherine Doris. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at United Methodist Church in Dighton with the Rev. Ben Friesen officiating. Burial will be at Dighton Memorial Cemetery with American Legion Post 190 military rites. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Boomer Funeral Home in Dighton. Memorials are suggested to the Elmer W. Crowley Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 10, 2002
July 12, 2002

Charley R. Foreman 1911-2002

HANSTON - Charley R. Foreman, 90, died July 11 at Manor of the Plains in Dodge City. He was born Aug. 14, 1911, at Eugene, Ore., the son of Fred and Nona Salmans Foreman. He married Bonnie McMillen May 15, 1971 at Kinsley. She died Sept. 26, 1996. A lifetime resident of the Hanston area, he was a farmer. Foreman was a member of United Methodist Church and a 50 year member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, both of Hanston. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include one stepdaughter, Judi Harris of Independence; and two stepgrandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Henry Foreman; and one sister, Myrtle Wade. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Mark Durham officiating. Burial will be at Hanston Cemetery, with military graveside rites. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, all at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to VFW of Hanston, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 12, 2002

Dessie Myrtle Robertson 1924-2002

LARNED - Dessie Myrtle Robertson, 77, died July 10 at St. Catherine's Hospital in Garden City. She was born July 30, 1924, at Ash Valley, the daughter of Porter and Myrtle Smiley. She married Charles "Hank" Jr. Robertson May 18, 1945, at Larned. A resident of Larned since 1960, coming from Garden City, she was a bookkeeper. Mrs. Robertson was a member of United Methodist Church of Larned. She was a volunteer at the Senior Center, St. Catherine's Hospital and Garden City Community College, all in Garden City. Survivors include her five sons, Delmar Desmarteau of Great Bend; two sisters, Genevive Patterson-Till of Bellevue, Iowa, and Juanita Newcomer's Sons Noland Road Chapel of Independence. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 12, 2002

Marvin M. 'Bill' Woodward 1911-2002

SEWARD - Marvin M. "Bill" Woodward, 91, died July 9 at his residence in Seward. He was born Feb. 20, 1911, at Leavenworth, the son of John and Lydia Woodward. He married Mary Louise Jaedicke May 25, 1933, at Leavenworth. She died Feb. 20, 1996. A longtime resident of Seward, coming from Leavenworth, he was a machinist and owner of Woodward Machine Shop at Seward. Woodward was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Gilbert Woodward, Glen Woodward, Melvin Woodward and Ray Woodward; and two sisters, Evelyn Bleistein and Neoma Gleason. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Minnis Chapel in St. John with the Rev. Rick Stanley officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 4-8 tonight at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to Seward Fire Department, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 12, 2002

Rev. William C. Bessmer 1912-2002

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. - The Rev. William C. Bessmer, 90, died July 10 at Lee's Summit Hospital. He was born June 19, 1912, in Platte County, Missouri. He was a graduate of William Chrisman High School, Eden Seminary of Webster Groves, Mo., and Elmhurst College in Elmhurst, Ill. He married Evelyn. She died in 1999. A resident of Platte County, Mo., since 1982, he was a reverend in full standing, Western Association, Missouri Mid-South Conference, and United Church of Christ. The Rev. Bessmer was a student of St. Luke's United Church of Christ and the Kiwanis Club in Independence. He served in several congregations in Missouri, Iowa, Illinois and Kansas. Survivors include one son, Reginald K. Bessmer of Rockville, Md.; one daughter, Karen B. Wayland of Dallas, Texas; and three grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Luke's United Church of Christ. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until service time Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to St. Luke's Education Endowment Fund, in care of the church. Arrangements are being handled by D.W. Newcomer's Sons Noland Road Chapel of Independence. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 12, 2002

Katherine V. Saindon 1919-2002

PLAINVILLE - Katherine V. Saindon, 82, died July 11 at Plainville Rural Hospital. She was born Nov. 26, 1919, at Damar, the daughter of Hector and Delia Plomondon Desmarteau. She married Lawrence W. Saindon on Nov. 16, 1937, at Zurich. He died June 28, 1997. A resident of Plainville, coming from Zurich, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Saindon was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church of Zurich and St. Ann's Sodality. Survivors include three sons, LeRoy Saindon of Great Bend, Robert Saindon of Tescott and Melvin Saindon of Zurich; three daughters, Virginia Hull of El Dorado, Bonita Shubert and Susan Maddox, both of Plainville; one brother, Delmar Desmarteau of Great Bend; two sisters, Genevive Patterson-Till of Bellevue, Iowa, and Juanita Sheffler of Hutchinson; 10 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Walter Desmarteau; and three sisters, Celina Jurgenson, Florence Senesac and Bona Levingston. Parish vigil will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Moore-Overlease Funeral Chapel in Plainville, followed by a St. Ann's Sodality rosary. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Joseph Popelka officiating. Burial will be at St. Ann's Catholic Church Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. all at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to the church. in care of the
funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 12, 2002

**July 14, 2002**

**George Troy 'G.T.' Crockett 1987-2002**

SHARON - George Troy "G.T." Crockett, 15, died July 11 as the result of an automobile accident north of Sawyer. He was born Feb. 3, 1987, at Great Bend, the son of Randy W. Crockett and Lucinda Melea Bartlett Fredrick. A resident of Sharon for one year, coming from Byers, he was a student. Survivors include his father of Sharon; his mother of Pratt; two brothers, Jeremy Keith Crockett of St. John and Caleb Krankenberg of Hudson; three sisters, Jenna Michelle Crockett of Pratt, Morgan Krankenberg of Hudson and Dana Marie Mowery of Lompoc, Calif.; and his grandparents, Bernard and Barbara Bartlett of Stafford and Gene and Chiemi Krankenberg of Hudson. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Larrison Mortuary in Pratt with the Rev. Tom Walters officiating. Burial will be at Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. today at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Pratt Humane Society or Medicine Lodge High School Athletic Department, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 14, 2002

**Albert A. Hlaus 1919-2002**

WILSON - Albert A. Hlaus, 83, died July 11. He was born Jan. 21, 1919, at Wilson. He married Mary. She died in 1994. A resident of Wilson, he was a retired farmer and stockman. Survivors include one stepson, Richard Rezac of Kennewick, Wash.; and one stepdaughter, Sharon Soukup of Garden City. He was preceded in death by five brothers, Joseph Hlaus, James Hlaus, Frank Hlaus, Charles Hlaus and Emil Hlaus; and three sisters, Anna Staudinger, Mary Hlaus and Agnes Hlaus. Rosary will be at 5 p.m. tonight at Foster Mortuary in Wilson. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Wilson. Burial will be at St. Wenceslaus Cemetery in Wilson with military honors by John F. McManus American Legion Post 262. Friends may call until 8 p.m. tonight at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 14, 2002

**Ralph E. Linke 1942-2002**

CHASE - Ralph E. Linke, 60, died July 11 at Hutchinson Hospital. He was born Jan. 11, 1942, at Ellsworth, the son of Austin M. and Georgia R. Michells Linke. He married Mary L. Loutzenhiser on Nov. 25, 1963 at Chase. A lifetime resident of Chase, he was a pumper and trucker. Linke was a member of Chase Presbyterian Church. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Thomas L. Linke and Joseph R. Linke, both of Chase, and Matthew L. Linke of Hutchinson; one brother, Jerry Linke of Geneseo; and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one infant sister. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Chase Springdale Cemetery with Johnnie Hardie officiating. Friends may call from 2-5 p.m. today at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 14, 2002

**Shirley Kaye Sprout**

GODDARD - Shirley Kaye Sprout, 57, died July 12 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus in Wichita. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 14, 2002

**Hugo Harold Damm 1931-2002**

Hugo Harold Damm, 71, died July 12 at his residence in Great Bend. He was born April 5, 1931, at Great Bend, the son of Hugo L. and Louise Shepherd Damm. He married Nancy R. Jennings on Dec. 27, 1958, at Pomeroy, Wash. A lifetime resident of the Great Bend area, he was a farmer. Damm was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Lee Damm and Jeff Damm, both of Great Bend; one brother, Maurice Damm of Great Bend; one sister, Louise Witte of Denver, Colo.; and four grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Warren Stecklein officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 14, 2002

**Margaret Jane Tucker 1914-2002**

MACKSVILLE - Margaret Jane Tucker, 88, died July 12 at Stafford District Hospital in Stafford. She was born Jan. 10, 1914 at Macksville, the daughter of Carl W. and Loui Neill. She was a 1932 graduate of Macksville High School, and attended cosmetology school at Wichita. She married Walter Scott Tucker Jr., Aug. 7, 1935 at Ashland. He preceded her in death. A lifetime resident of Macksville and Valley Center communities, she was a beautician and homemaker. Mrs. Tucker was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, past treasurer of United Methodist Women, Rose of Sharon Chapter 356, past Worthy Matron, and 50 year member of Order of Eastern Star. Survivors include one daughter, Karen Coblelz of Hutchinson; one sister, Betty McGowan of Bethany, Okla.; and one brother, Bernard Neill of Springfield, Colo.; two grandchildren; and three great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Larry Dean Tucker; and one brother, Dorsey Dean Neill. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the church in Macksville, with Dr. David Upp officiating. Burial will be at Farmington Cemetery in Macksville. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. on Monday at Minnis Chapel in Macksville. Memorials are suggested to the Macksville Ambulance fund in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 14, 2002
July 15, 2002

Shirley Kaye Sprout 1943-2002

LARNED - Shirley Kaye Sprout, 57, died July 12 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus, in Wichita. She was born Dec. 11, 1943, at Macksville, the daughter of Martin D. and Nellie I. Hart Suiter Sprout. She married Leonard E. Sprout on Jan. 30, 1960, at Larned. A resident of Larned, coming from Goddard, she was a Navy wife. Mrs. Sprout served as ombudsman for the USS Brewton. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, David E. Sprout of Goddard; one daughter, Debra K. Cauble of Larned; her mother of Hutchinson; two brothers, Richard Suiter of Hutchinson and Lee Suiter of Macksville; two sisters, Jennie Aves of Macksville and Louise McCuller of White Oak, Texas; and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Arlene Shelton. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with the Rev. Dan Lundgren officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight, from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Great Bend Humane Society, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 15, 2002

Irene 'Renee' Shoemaker 1910-2002

Irene "Renee" Shoemaker, 92, of Great Bend, died July 13 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born May 21, 1910, at Newton, the daughter of Peyton Ira and Ellen Alveeda Larson Perkins. She married H.E. "Pat" Shoemaker on Sept. 6, 1936. A resident of Great Bend since 1963, she was a co-owner of Renee Photography Studio in Newton. Mrs. Shoemaker was a member of Kansas and National Photographers Associations, Order of the Eastern Star, 20th Century Club and a Red Cross volunteer in Newton. Survivors include one daughter, Victoria K. Berryman of Great Bend; two sisters, Rose Marie Strafelda of Saratoga, Calif., and Eleanor Smith of Independence; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brother, Carroll Perkins. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Greenwood Cemetery in Newton with the Rev. David E. Carlson officiating. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to American Lung Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 15, 2002

Frank Munoz 1921-2002

Frank Munoz, 81, of Great Bend, died July 13 at his residence in Great Bend. He was born Feb. 5, 1921, at San Antonio, Texas, the son of Fructoso Quentonilla. He married Katherine M. on May 8, 1943, at Great Bend. She died Nov. 24, 1996. A resident of Great Bend, he was a parts delivery person for Big A Auto Parts. Munoz was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran. Survivors include two sons, Carl Munoz and Dennis Munoz; his father; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Fryberger Mortuary Chapel in Great Bend with the Rev. Julius C. Ellis officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the mortuary. No memorials are suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 15, 2002

July 16, 2002

Lucile S. Fischer 1913-2002

Lucile S. Fischer, 89, of Great Bend, died July 15 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 16, 2002

Hiram F. Smith 1910-2002

STERLING - Hiram F. Smith, 92, died July 14 at Presbyterian Manor in Sterling. He was born June 14, 1910, in Ness County, the son of William and Effie Henry Smith. He married Marceline Tener in 1934. She died in 1959. He married Lillie Schrader in 1960. She died in 1976. He then married Anna Smisor in 1977. A resident of Sterling since 1960, he was a laborer for American Salt Co. Smith was a member of United Presbyterian Church in Sterling. He was a veteran of the Kansas National Guard. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Franklin Earl Smith of Baltimore, Md.; two daughters, Sharon Palmgren of Lyons and Jeannine Hefley of Grove, Okla.; one sister, Irene Cowles of Sheridan, Ore.; 11 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Duane Smith; one daughter, Dolores Nevil; six brothers; three sisters; and one great-granddaughter, Kayla Demoret. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Glen Holman officiating. Burial will be at Lyons Municipal Cemetery. Friends may call from 2-5 today at Sillin Funeral Home in Sterling. Memorials are suggested to the church, Sterling Presbyterian Manor or American Cancer Society, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 16, 2002

Tevin Duane Wilson 1980-2002

SUSANK - Tevin Duane Wilson, 22, died July 14 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born March 15, 1980, at Hoisington, the son of Richard and Diana Boese Wilson. He was a 1999 graduate of Hoisington High School. He married Crystal Fick on July 10, 1999, at Hoisington. A lifetime resident of Susank, he worked as a cook for Three Geese Restaurant in
Robert B. Korf 1921-2002

BULLHEAD CITY, Ariz. - Robert B. Korf, 81, died July 8 at Garden Rehab and Care Center in Kingman, Ariz. He was born April 22, 1921, at Hoisington, the son of William and Mary Thompson Korf. He married Marian Sue Murphy on Nov. 14, 1945, at Yuma, Ariz. A longtime resident of Bullhead City, he was a retired automobile parts delivery person. Korf was a member of the Catholic Church. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marines, having served in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Kathleen Dadourian of Long Beach, Calif.; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Tom Korf; four brothers, Henry Korf, James Korf, Charles Korf and William Korf; and five sisters, Mary Demel, Elizabeth Newkirk, Adelia Spanier, Theresa Birzer and Sister Kathleen Patricia Korf. Cremation has taken place. No memorials were suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 16, 2002

Lucille Sallie Fischer 1913-2002

Lucille Sallie Fischer, 89, of Great Bend, died July 15 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born June 2, 1913, at Great Bend, the daughter of John K. Anderson and Georgia A. Anderson. She married John Karl Fischer on April 25, 1935, at Great Bend. He died Aug. 11, 1981. A lifetime resident of the Stafford and Barton County area, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Fischer was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and St. Rose Altar Society, both of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Stephen R. Fischer and his wife Nancy of Fruitland Park, Fla.; two daughters, Merlyn L. Stoecklein and her husband Jerry, and JoAnn Simpson and his wife Lynn, all of Great Bend; six grandchildren, Lea Ann LeRoy and her husband Mark, and Gordan Simpson and his wife Cheryl of Bay St. Louis, Miss., and Connie Fischer and her husband Jon Sadowsky of Martinez, Calif.; and four great-grandchildren, Tyler Simpson, Brice Simpson, Kyle LeRoy and Caleb Simpson. She was preceded in death by one son, Tom Korf; four brothers, Henry Korf, James Korf, Charles Korf and William Korf; and five sisters, Mary Demel, Elizabeth Newkirk, Adelia Spanier, Theresa Birzer and Sister Kathleen Patricia Korf. Cremation has taken place. No memorials were suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 17, 2002

Oretta Elma Lesley 1921-2002

THORNTON, Colo. - Oretta Elma Lesley, 81, died July 14 at Thornton. She was born Nov. 15, 1920, at Pratt. She married Bernard Leroy Lesley. He preceded her in death. A resident of Thornton, coming from Wichita, Great Bend, Scott City and Pratt, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Lesley was a member of the Church of Christ. Survivors include one son, Jon Lance Lesley of Colorado Springs, Colo., two daughters, Dana Rice of Manassas, Va., and Lisa Lesley-Barker of Wichita; one sister, Donna Moran of Thornton; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother and six sisters. Funeral was held July 16. Burial was at Green Lawn Cemetery in Pratt. Arrangements were handled by Aspen Mortuaries in Arvada, Colo. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 17, 2002

Dorothy E. Zeilinger 1916-2002

LINDSBORG - Dorothy E. Zeilinger, 86, died July 15 at Bethany Home in Lindsborg. She was born May 16, 1916, at Coleridge, Neb., the daughter of Konrad and Elizabeth Boleken Sandrock. She married the Rev. Otto L. Zeilinger on June 6. 1943. at
Carmel Barlotti 1905-2002

JETMORE - Carmel Barlotti, 97, died July 18 at Hodgeman County Long Term Care Center in Jetmore. She was born July 16, 1905, at New York, N.Y., the daughter of Amable and Henrietta Rosario Barlotti. A resident of Jetmore for the past few years, coming from Los Angeles, Calif., she was an accountant. She was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Jetmore. Survivors include one niece, Joyce Shriwise of Jetmore; and several great-nephews and great-nieces. She was preceded in death by one brother, James Vincent Barlotti; and one niece, Delores Burke. Funeral Mass was Saturday at the church in Jetmore, with the Rev. Henry Hildbrandt officiating. Burial was at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 21, 2002

Lila Jean Thomas 1942-2002

Lila Jean Thomas, 59 of Great Bend, died July 19 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Sept. 6, 1942, at Ness City, the daughter of Glenn A. and Mary L. Talbert Ryersee. She married Steve R. Thomas on April 6, 1984, in Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend since 1980, coming from Ness County, she was a certified nurses' aide and had worked for Integrated Health Services of Great Bend. Mrs. Thomas was a member of First United Methodist Church in Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Tod L. Ryersee of Bazine; one daughter, Laura J. Stevenson of Great Bend; one stepdaughter, Heather R. Wiehl of Great Bend; her mother of Great Bend; and seven grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. David Huslig officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. to service time Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 21, 2002

Walter Cartwright 1918-2002

Walter Cartwright, 84 of Great Bend, died July 18 at his daughter's residence in rural Pawnee Rock. Funeral and burial will be at Rush Springs, Okla. Callaway-Smith-Cobb Funeral Home will be in charge of arrangements. Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend is in charge of local arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 21, 2002

Pat L. Malone 1945-2002

WICHITA - Pat L. Malone, 56, died July 18 at Wesley Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Oct. 26, 1945, in Great Bend, the son of Steve E. and Thelia Belle Smith Malone. He married Sharon Boldt on June 13, 1964, at Lyons. A resident of Wichita, coming from Great Bend and Lyons, he was an Advantage sales and marketing division manager. Survivors include his wife of the home; his stepfather, Mace Scott of Chase; two brothers, George M. Malone of Devine, Texas, and Steve E. Malone of Wichita; and one sister, Thelia J. Ford of Great Bend. Rosary will be at 7 tonight at Downing and Lahey Mortuary West Chapel of Wichita. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church of Wichita. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Hilltop Cemetery in Raymond. Memorials are suggested to Leukemia Society of America, 555 N. Woodlawn, Bldg. 1, Suite 113, Wichita, KS 67208. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 21, 2002

Cloudia Franklin Adamson 1919-2002

GOLETA, Calif. - Cloudia Franklin Adamson, 83, died July 16 at his home. He was born March 19, 1919, in Nowata, Okla. A resident of Goleta since 1968, coming from Hoisington, he was retired from Phillips Petroleum Company and had operated a board-and-care facility in his home. Adamson was a veteran of World War II. Survivors include one stepson, George Spainhoward of Goleta; one stepdaughter, Carla Zimmermann of Anacortes, Wash.; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Louraine. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Faith Baptist Church in Santa Barbara, Calif. Burial will be at Goleta Cemetery. No memorials are suggested. Welch-Rye-Haider Funeral Chapels of Santa Barbara is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 21, 2002

Dolores M. Kirkman 1918-2002

Dolores M. Kirkman, 83 of Great Bend, died July 19 at her residence. She was born Aug. 8, 1918, at Ellinwood, the daughter of Michael and Theresa Aurburoer Schartz. She married Edward A. Murohv. He died July 17, 1939. She married K.W. Pete
Kirkman. He died Feb. 20, 2000. A lifetime area resident, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Kirkman was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Altar Society and Daughters of Isabella, all of Great Bend. Survivors include two sons, Roger F. Murphy and Donald K. Kirkman, both of Great Bend; one daughter, Jill M. Elason of Overland Park; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Douglas J. Kirkman DDS; six brothers, Gerald Scharzt, Joseph Scharzt, Donald Scharzt, Raymond Scharzt, Frederick Scharzt and James Scharzt; and four sisters, Margaret Rickert, Elizabeth Maes, Theresa Barnes and Katherine Rusco. Altar Society rosary will be at 4 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Vigil will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. John J. Maes officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family School Endowment Fund or Eldercare, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 21, 2002

July 22, 2002

Cole Garrett Luce 2002-2002

Cole Garrett Luce, six weeks and three days, died July 20 at Columbia Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was born June 5 at Great Bend, the son of Kenneth W. Luce and Leslie E. Cherry. Survivors include his father of Hutchinson; his mother of Great Bend; his grandparents, Betty and Bob Baird of Pratt, Wallace and Denise Cherry of Great Bend, Sandra and Sherman Lambert and Bob Luce, all of Hutchinson; and his great-grandparents, Theresa Lewis and Dorothy Jordan, both of Great Bend, Mary Lou Bronson of Pratt, Wallace and Betty Cherry Sr. of Lamed, Eva Tracy of Hutchinson and Chuck and Mary Luce of Arkansas. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Dick Ogles officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Cole Garrett Luce Memorial Fund or Sleepy Hollow Ronald McDonald House in Wichita, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 22, 2002

Marie Schauf Thomas 1904-2002

ELLINWOOD - Marie Schauf Thomas, 98, died July 20 at Woodhaven in Ellinwood. She was born April 19, 1904, at Dubuque, the daughter of Michael and Mary Ney Schauf. She was a graduate of St. Mary's Xavior College and Academy at Leavenworth. She married William A. Thomas on Oct. 28, 1930, at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Dubuque. He died Dec. 1, 1989. A resident of Ellinwood, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Thomas was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Altar Society, Daughters of Isabella, Heritage Club and Study Clubs, all of Ellinwood. Survivors include two sons, William P. Thomas and Robert G. Thomas of Ellinwood; 10 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Michael Thomas; and two sisters, Germaine Schauf and Evelyn Jacobs. Altar Society rosary followed by Daughters of Isabella rosary will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Parish rosary will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. David Flager officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph's School Endowment Fund or Ellinwood Ambulance Fund, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 22, 2002

Sherman 'Jack' Legg 1922-2002

ST. JOHN - Sherman "Jack" Legg, 79, died July 21 at Pratt Regional Medical Center. He was born Sept. 15, 1922, at Hendricks, Okla., the son of Harrison and Nell Kimmel Legg. He was a high school graduate of Clayton, Okla. He married Magada Ruth Robbins. She died in 1974. He then married Dorothy Dennis on Jan. 2, 1980, at Eufaula, Okla. A resident of St. John for 11 years, coming from Eufaula, he was a postal worker at Oklahoma City, Okla. Legg was a member of Carpenter's Union and Southern Baptist Church in Eufaula. Survivors include his wife of the home; nine children; 19 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at First Southern Baptist Church in St. John with the Rev. Ron Miller officiating. The body has been cremated. A private inurnment will take place at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Pratt Regional Medical Center, in care of Minnis Chapel in St. John. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 22, 2002

July 23, 2002

Ronald J. Zehr 1943-2002

ROCKWELL CITY, Iowa - Ronald J. Zehr, 59, died July 12 at Lakeville, Minn. He was born March 3, 1943, at Manson, Iowa. He married Gaylene Dietz on May 14, 1963, at Elk Point, S.D. A resident of Rockwell City, he was owner and operator of Ronald Zehr Trucking. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Rick Zehr of Enid, Okla.; one daughter, Tawn Sempek of Liberty, Mo.; two brothers, Eldon Zehr of Anderson, S.C., and Eddie Zehr of Manson; three sisters, LaDonna Stoltzfus and Norma Schroock, both of Buehler, and Phyllis Vogt of Ellinwood; and two stepgrandchildren. Funeral services were held July 17. Burial was at Rose Hill Cemetery in Manson. Funeral arrangements were handled by Palmer & Swank Funeral Home in Rockwell City. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 23, 2002

Leonard W. Lewis 1918-2002

LARNED - Leonard W. Lewis, 83, died at his residence in Belpre. He was born Dec. 25, 1918, in Stafford County, the son of Andrew and Susie Ratscliff Lewis. He married Roberta M. Martin on Nov. 26, 1947. at Larned. She died Feb. 1, 1998. A lonetime
Eunice Steinle Barton 1923-2002

RUSSELL - Eunice Steinle Barton, 78, died July 21 at Russell Regional Hospital. She was born Dec. 27, 1923, at Bunker Hill, the daughter of George Sr. and Molly Keller Steinle. She married Don Eugene Barton on June 19, 1946, at Great Bend. He died Aug. 18, 2000. A resident of Russell, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Barton was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Russell. Survivors include one son, Alan Don Barton of Russell; one daughter, Margie Deem of Meade; one brother, Albert Steinle of Russell; two sisters, Helen Wilhelm of Dorrance and Violet Stone of Great Bend; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Sam Steinle and Ben Steinle; and two sisters, Ella Mae Moser and Wilma Belk. A private family vigil will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Russell Funeral Home in Russell. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with the Rev. John Hestor officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery with military rites. Friends may call until 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 23, 2002


LARNED - Tanya R. Nicholson Potter, 32, died July 22 at South Crest Hospital in Tulsa, Okla. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 23, 2002

July 24, 2002


LARNED - Tanya Renee Nicholson Potter, 32, died July 22 at South Crest Hospital in Tulsa, Okla. She was born March 29, 1970, at Larned, the daughter of William "Bill" and Betty Smith Nicholson. She married Ron Potter on Jan. 1, 1996, at Wichita. A resident of Tulsa since 1996, coming from Larned, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Potter was a member of First Christian Church in Larned. Survivors include her husband of the home; one daughter, Sara Nicole Marie Potter of the home; her parents of Larned; one brother, Kerry Nicholson of Larned; one sister, Tamara Beckwith of Jetmore; and her grandparents, Irene Nicholson and Roy and Lenora Smith, all of Larned. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with the Rev. Dan Lundgren officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Sara Potter Educational Fund, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 24 2002

Dennis Mark Schartz 1938-2002

LARNED - Dennis Mark Schartz, 64, died July 19 at Allen, Texas. He was born Sept. 20, 1938, at Larned, the son of Julius and Hazel Posey Schartz. He married Sharon Smith. She preceded him in death. A resident of Allen, coming from Larned, he was a manager for J.C. Penney Company. Schartz was a member of the Catholic faith. Survivors include one son, Mark Schartz of Joplin, Mo.; two daughters, Teresa Dodson of League City, Texas, and Cara Schartz of Wichita; two brothers, Peter Schartz of Franklin, Ind., and Weston Schartz of Wichita; one sister, Hazel May Fackler of Leavenworth; and eight grandchildren. Funeral Mass will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Larned with the Rev. Dennis Reed officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 24 2002

David Hollis LaTourell Jr. 1955-2002

LYONS - David Hollis LaTourell Jr., 46, died July 22 in McPherson County, as the result of an automobile accident. He was born Dec. 3, 1955, at Blue Earth, Minn., the son of David H. and Janice A. Halvorson LaTourell. He was a 1974 graduate of Emmetsburg High School. A resident of Lyons since 1976, coming from Emmetsburg, Iowa, he was a printer assistant. LaTourell was a member of the Catholic faith. Survivors include his parents; and three brothers, Jim LaTourell and Paul LaTourell, both of Lyons, and Dan LaTourell of Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons with the Rev. Allen J. Woelkle officiating. Burial will be at Lyons Municipal Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 4-7 tonight at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the church or Bell & Star Fund, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 24 2002

Tommy Elton Hopkins 1941-2002

Tommy Elton Hopkins, 60, of Great Bend, died July 22 at his residence in Great Bend. He was born Dec. 1, 1941, at Garden City, the son of Floyd Earl and Inez Craton Green Hopkins. He married Beverly M. Winters on Dec. 14, 1988, at Topeka. She died Feb.
16, 1998. A resident of Great Bend for 48 years, coming from Garden City, he worked for Russ’ Roofing Company for 20 years. Survivors include three sons, Leslie W. Hopkins and Tommy Ray Hopkins, both of Great Bend, and Darren Lynn Hopkins of Hutchinson; one daughter, Pamela Marie Hopkins of Hutchinson; one stepson, Harold S. Winters of Great Bend; three brothers, Floyd Hopkins of Ellinwood, William J. Hopkins of Walnut Grove, Mo., and Loren Hopkins of Ellsworth; one sister, Shirley Steimetz of Garden City; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Robert Earl Hopkins; and one sister, Jean Geary. There will be no services. Cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Tommy Hopkins Memorial Fund, in care of Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 24, 2002

Rose Arlene Tucker 1920-2002

SEWARD - Rose Arlene Tucker, 82, died July 22 at Golden Plains Care Home in Hutchinson. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Minnis Chapel in St. John. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 24, 2002

Hilda A. Stoss 1907-2002

HUTCHINSON - Hilda A. Stoss, 95, died July 22 at Dillon Living Center in Hutchinson. She was born June 3, 1907, in rural Barton County, the daughter of Louis Fleischer and Anna Marie Ohnmacht Kober. She was a 1925 graduate of Great Bend High School and a 1951 graduate of Emporia State University. She married Fred B. Stoss on Jan. 12, 1928, at Ellsworth. He died Aug. 14, 1976. A resident of Hutchinson since 1952, coming from Dodge City, she was a homemaker and teacher. Mrs. Stoss was a member of First Baptist Church, AARP and Queen Esther Keystone Sunday School Class. Survivors include four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Major Fred B. Stoss Jr.; five stepbrothers, Frank Kober, Leo Kober, Alexander Kober, Gerome Kober and Gustav Kober; and one stepsister, Elsie Kober Maddock. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Elliott Mortuary in Hutchinson with the Rev. Robert E. Fly officiating. Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Reno County, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 24, 2002

Nick Shull 1967-2002

DIGHTON - Nick Shull, 35, died July 22 at St. Catherine Hospital in Garden City. He was born July 10, 1967, at Scott City, the son of Horton and Beverly Burghart Shull Jr. He was a 1986 graduate of Great Bend High School. A resident of Dighton since 1994, coming from Great Bend, he was a cook at Pioneer Inn and Black Angus, both in Great Bend, and head cook at American Legion Post 190. Survivors include his mother of Great Bend; three brothers, Mark Shull of Plano, Texas, Chris Shull of Harper and Jeff Shull of Great Bend; and one sister, Ann Shull of Great Bend. He was preceded in death by one brother, Tim Shull. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Dighton Memorial Cemetery with Milton Raymer officiating. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, in care of Boomhower Funeral Home in Dighton. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 24, 2002

Kenneth Ray Cox 1943-2002

SOUTH HUTCHINSON - Kenneth Ray Cox, 59, died July 23 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center in Wichita. He was born Jan. 28, 1943, at Hutchinson, the son of Tom E. and Florence LeeAnna Larson Cox. He was a graduate of Hutchinson High School. He married Lois Horyna on June 10, 1976, at McPherson. A lifetime resident of Hutchinson, he was a machine operator for J&J Drainage in Hutchinson, until his retirement in January 2002, and was lead singer for Country Pride for several years. Cox was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served on the USS Sunbachi. Survivors include his wife of the home; and two brothers, Bob Lawson of South Hutchinson and Billy Earneit Cox of El Dorado. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Lois Jane Railback and LeeAnna Mae Cox. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Johnson and Sons Memorial Chapel in Hutchinson with Robert Raigoza officiating. Memorials are suggested to Elmdale Senior Center, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 24, 2002

Irene Rose Lamoree Pack 1914-2002

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - Irene Rose Lamoree Pack, 88, died July 10 at her residence in Colorado Springs. She was born April 30, 1914, at Russell, the daughter of Arza and Marie Pekarek Lamoree. She married Glenn H. Pack on Oct. 3, 1937. He died in 1964. A resident of Colorado Springs, she was the manager of Ft. Bliss Officers Wives Thrift Shop for several years. Survivors include one daughter, Judith I. Conser of Colorado Springs; one sister, Norma M. Hammeke of Great Bend; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Floyd E. Lamoree. Memorial service will be held Thursday at Flintridge Retirement Center in Colorado Springs. Funeral service was held July 17 at El Paso, Texas. Burial was at Fort Bliss National Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Kaster-Maxon & Futrell Funeral Home in El Paso. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 24, 2002

July 25, 2002

Rose Arlene Tucker 1920-2002

SEWARD - Rose Arlene Tucker, 82, died July 22 at Golden Plains Care Home in Hutchinson. She was born Feb. 6, 1920, at St. John. the daughter of Ralph William and Alta Belle Mvers Hall. She married Martin Junior Tucker on Oct. 27, 1937. at Pratt. He
died Jan. 13, 1990. A longtime resident of Seward, she was a homemaker, cook and nurse's aide at St. John District Hospital.

Mrs. Tucker was a member of HDU, Peace Church of Hudson and Martha Rebekah Lodge of St. John. Survivors include two sons, Robert Tucker of Santa Clara, Calif., and Randall Tucker of St. John; three daughters, Kay Myrick of San Mateo, Calif., Jeannene Muci of Hutchinson and Kathleen Bright of Salina; one brother, Ronald Hall of Kelso, Wash.; four sisters, Carol VanLieu of Denver, Colo., Lorraine Bothum of Klamath Falls, Ore., Beverly Adams of Dewey, Okla., and Charlotte Schmidt of Duncan, Okla.; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Martin Eldean Tucker; three brothers, Chester Hall, Verle Hall and Wilford Hall; and one granddaughter, Suzette Marie Fosnough. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Minnis Chapel in St. John with the Rev. Larry Dodge officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Saturday at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 25, 2002

Hazel Mae Ingersoll 1924-2002

FORT MORGAN, Colo. - Hazel Mae Ingersoll, 77, died July 21 near Wheatland, Wyo., as the result of an automobile accident. She was born Sept. 21, 1924, at Keya Paha County, Neb., the daughter of Ernest and Florence Gossard. She married Garold Papke on Jan. 14, 1944, at Bassett, Neb. He died Nov. 28, 1992. She then married Delbert Ingersoll on Sept. 14, 1993, at Brush, Colo. He died July 12, 2001. She was a resident of Great Bend for less than a year, coming from Fort Morgan, where she had lived for more than 30 years. Mrs. Ingersoll was a member of the New Testament Baptist Church in Brush. Survivors include three daughters, Jeroldine Humphrey of Buffalo, Wyo., Jackie Hastings of Great Bend and Connie McMillan of Casper, Wyo.; two stepdaughters, Deby French and Lorraine Lavar, both of Ft. Morgan; one brother, Lester Gossard of Diamondville, Wyo.; four sisters, Lillian Jacox of Scottsbluff, Neb., Marie Domino of New Castle, Wyo., Wilma Painter of Rupert, Idaho, and Shirley Dillon of Topeka; nine grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son and two grandchildren. Funeral was today at Heer & Jolliffe Mortuary Chapel in Ft. Morgan. Burial was at Memory Gardens. Memorials are suggested to First Christian Church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 25, 2002

Zesper Marie Franz 1917-2002

LARNED - Zesper Marie Franz, 84, died July 23 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus, in Wichita. She was born Oct. 13, 1917, in rural Alexander, the daughter of Robert Eli and Celia Weber Skelton. She married LaVern E. Franz on Aug. 8, 1936, at Kinsley. He died April 4, 1993. A lifetime resident of Pawnee County, she was a sales clerk for Oliver Shoe Store and other retail stores in Larned. Mrs. Franz was a member of Christian Women Fellowship and Business and Professional Women, both of Larned. Survivors include one son, Dennis Franz of Salina; one daughter, Phyllis Jean Roudy bush of Annandale, Va.; four brothers, Russell Skelton of Great Bend, Robert Skelton of Fresno, Calif., Leo V. Skelton of Larned and Dale F. Skelton of Grand Junction, Colo.; two sisters, Virginia Sallee of Great Bend and Maxine Nelms of Larned; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with the Rev. Dan Lundgren officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and from 9 a.m. until service time Monday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to First Christian Church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 25, 2002

July 28, 2002

Melvin Ray Folk 1924-2002

BUSHTON - Melvin Ray Folk, 78, died July 26 at his residence in Bushton. He was born Jan. 1, 1924 at Lorraine, the son of Perry Russell and Carrie Augustina Drogemeier Folk. He married Mary Perkins, Dec. 29, 1951, at Wellington. A resident of the Bushton area, he was a driver's license examiner for the state of Kansas. Folk was a member of First Baptist Church in Lorraine, Masonic Lodge 146 in Ellisworth, American Legion Post 200 in Holyrood, and Veterans of Foreign Wars post 7428 in Hoisington. He was a U.S. Navy veteran having served in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Jerry Folk of Bushton, and Bob Folk of Great Bend; one daughter, Marsha Folk of Lyons; two brothers, Roy Folk and Max Folk both of Holyrood; and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Parsons Funeral Home in Ellisworth, with the Revs. David Trott and Janet Myers officiating. Burial will be at Lorraine Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Monday and from 8 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to BCDD building in Bushton in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, July 28, 2002

Benjamin E. Mills 1927-2002

HOISINGTON - Benjamin E. Mills, 75, died July 27, at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, July 28, 2002

Maxlyn Schmidt 1922-2002

PAWNEE ROCK - Maxlyn Schmidt, 80, died July 25 in Wichita. She was born May 26, 1922 at Great Bend, the daughter of Max and Effie Urruh Smith. She was a graduate of Bethel College. She married Earl Alvin Schmidt Oct. 12, 1946 at Pawnee Rock. A resident of Pawnee Rock, she was a school teacher in Pawnee Rock and Larned. Mrs. Schmidt was a member of Berghal Mennonite Church in Pawnee Rock, a Sunday School teacher, trustee treasurer, and Peace and Social Concerns Committee of Western District Conference. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son Robert Schmidt of Little Rock, Ark.; one daughter Ann Pasnick of Elmhurst Ill.; one sister Ruth Graber of Moundridge; and five grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 10
a.m. Tuesday at the church. Burial will be at Mennonite Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at
Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the family receiving friends from 6-8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to
the church in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, July 28, 2002

July 29, 2002

Benjamin 'Benny' E. Mills 1927-2002

HOISINGTON - Benjamin "Benny" E. Mills, 75, died July 27 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born June
5, 1927, at Bristow, Okla., the son of Harry T. and Sarah Eldon Mills. He was a 1945 graduate of Hoisington High School. He
married Merna B. Houchin on June 26, 1949, at McLeansboro, Ill. A resident of Hoisington for 55 years, he was a car man for
Union Pacific Railroad until his retirement in 1990. Mills was a member of First Assembly of God Church in Great Bend, and
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7428 and American Legion Post 286, both of Hoisington. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, having
served in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Ben Mills of Hoisington; one brother, Melvin Eugene Mills
of Salem, Ill.; one sister, Ruth Adams of Hoisington; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one infant son, Jimmie
Allen Mills; one infant daughter, Sylvia Jeanine Mills; and two brothers, J.D. Mills and Harry Mills Jr. Funeral service will be at 10
a.m. Tuesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Dwight Dozier officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington
Cemetery with military rites. Friends may call until 9 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care
of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, July 29, 2002

Victoria S. Parks 1918 - 2002

MACKSVILLE - Victoria S. Parks, 84, of Macksville, had three surviving great-grandchildren, not two as reported. The Tribune
regrets the error. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, July 29, 2002

July 30, 2002

Paulette Bahr 1945-2002

OLMITZ - Paulette Bahr, 57, died July 29 at her residence in Olmitz. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by

Hobert Leroy Fowler 1916-2002

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. - Hobert Leroy Fowler, 85, died July 26. He was born Dec. 29, 1916, at Holdenville, Okla., the son of
Jim and Bertha Adams Fowler. He married Raye in 1939. A resident of Oklahoma City, he was a superintendent for Tri State
Building and Supply Company. Fowler was a veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; four daughters,
Patsy Ann Williams of Oklahoma City, Cheryl Yvonne Herr of McKinney, Texas, Ramona Dawn Conover of Midwest City, Okla.,
and Pamela Jean Varone of Arma; one brother, L.C. "Pete" Fowler of Seminole, Okla.; and Pamela Jean Varone of Arma; one brother, L.C. "Pete" Fowler of Seminole, Okla.; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and
one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by one brother, James Fowler; and two sisters, Hazel Gosey and
Thelma Pearl Fowler. Graveside services were today at Arlington Memory Gardens. Barnes & Johnson Funeral Home of Midwest
City was in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, July 30, 2002

Robert 'Harley' Yancey 1928-2002

BELLA VISTA, Ark. - Robert "Harley" Yancey, 73, died July 27 at his residence in Bella Vista. He was born Dec. 19, 1928, at
Asher, Okla., the son of Joe and Isabelle Yancey. He married Miriam Cowley. She preceded him in death. He then married
Norma Curry Shafer. A resident of Bella Vista since 1988, coming from Great Bend, he was an oil well tester for Lane Wells Co.,
and owner and operator of Petro Log Inc. Yancey was a Mason and member of Nomad Shrine Club, a 50-year member of
American Legion and attended St. Theodore's Episcopal Church in Bella Vista. Survivors include his wife of the home; two
stepsons, Kevin Shafer of Pleasant Hill, Calif., and Stu Shafer of Oskaloosa; two stepdaughters, Melinda Huston of Lawrence and
Karen Johnson of Iowa City, Iowa; two sisters, Betty Jo St. Germaine of Tucson, Ariz., and Mary Belle Ahnert of Great Bend; and
10 stepgrandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Clyde Yancey. A memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Aug.
12 at the church with the Rev. Craig E. Gavin officiating. Arrangements are being handled by Bella Vista Funeral Home and
Crematory. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to St. Mary's Hospice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.)
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Kermit C. Knudson 1913-2002

WICHITA - Kermit C. Knudson, 89, died July 30 at Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice in Wichita. He was born April 14, 1913, at Gem. He married Helen Fausett Logan in 1986. A resident of Wichita for 16 years, coming from Colby, he was a retired sheep rancher, grain farmer and owner of Colby Motel. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Jay Knudson of Great Bend, Jon Knudson of Guthrie, Okla., and Jeff Knudson of Phoenix, Ariz.; three daughters, Kerma Kutz of Beach City, Ohio, Jana Logan of McCook, Neb., and Judy Barridge of Harrison, Ark.; one stepdaughter, Dorothy Seacat of Oklahoma City, Okla.; four sisters, Thelma Neff of Billingham, Wash., Juanita Cox of Colby, Lee Turner of Chicago, Ill., and Eunice Dechert of California; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday at White Chapel Cemetery in Wichita with the Rev. Keith Koch officiating. Memorials are suggested to Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice, in care of Broadway Mortuary in Wichita. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 1, 2002

Rosa Carole Staub 1920-2002

ST. JOHN - Rosa Carole Staub, 82, died July 31 at Lakewood Heights Care Home in Wichita. She was born Feb. 10, 1920, the daughter of Ted and Phoebe Risk Drake. She married Godfrey Staub on July 16, 1938, at St. John. He died April 24, 1978. A resident of Wichita, coming from St. John, she was a homemaker. Survivors include two sons, Kenny Staub and Randy Staub, both of Wichita; three brothers, Billy Drake of St. John, Ralph Drake of Ft. Dodge and Teddy Drake of Ford; two sisters, Martha Smith of San Diego, Calif., and Dorothy Lewis of Wichita; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Melvin Drake and Don Drake; and two sisters, Vila Byer and Nancy Drake. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Minnis Chapel in St. John with the Rev. Tom Hawks officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 4-8 tonight at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 1, 2002

Loeva P. Neff 1921-2002

Loeva P. Neff, 81, of Great Bend, died July 30 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born June 1, 1921, at Shamrock, Okla., the daughter of Robert and Anna Ricks Brittain. She married Frank A. Neff on July 6, 1946, at Bristow, Okla. A resident of Great Bend since 1947, coming from Stroud, Okla., she was former owner of Loeva’s Bra Salon. Mrs. Neff was a member of Grace United Church of Christ. She was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels. Survivors include her husband of the home; two daughters, Marlene Harrison of Buckhannon, W.Va., and Sonja Phillips of Tulsa, Okla.; one brother, Orval Brittain of Griffin, Ga.; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson. She was preceded in death by one son, Alvin Ray; five sisters, Mary, Clara, Phyllis, Betty and Alberta; and one grandson, Nathaniel Adams Jacobs. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Dick Ogle officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from noon until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association or donor’s choice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 1, 2002

August 2, 2002

Marjorie A. Jacobs 1932-2002

JETMORE - Marjorie A. Jacobs, 70, died July 31 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus, in Wichita. She was born May 12, 1932, at Douglas, the daughter of Walter Zeke and Bessie Leola Morrison Essex. She married Melvin R. Jacobs on June 9, 1956, at Plains. A resident of Jetmore for 39 years, she was a music teacher for 32 years until her retirement. Mrs. Jacobs was a member of Saint Lawrence Catholic Church in Jetmore, Kansas Music Educational Association, Kansas National Educational Association, National Educational Association, Altar Society, Parish Council, Delta Pi and the church choir. Survivors include her husband of the home; four sons, Rob Jacobs of Kinsley, Evan Jacobs and Philbert Jacobs, both of Jetmore, and Nathaniel Jacobs of Dodge City; two daughters, Vanessa Bamberger and Amy Rudzik, both of Jetmore; one brother, Robert Essex of Loveland, Colo.; and 17 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Raymond Jacobs and Harold Jacobs; five sisters, Mary, Clara, Phyllis, Betty and Alberta; and one grandson, Nathaniel Adams Jacobs. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at the church. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Bob Schremmer officiating. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore. Friends may call until 8 tonight, from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Saturday, and from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Sunday, all at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to Jetmore Music Department, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 2, 2002

Carlee Jessica Linenberger 2002-2002

HAYS - Carlee Jessica Linenberger. 3 months. died Julv 31 at Havs Medical Center. She was born April 27 at Havs. the daughter
of Chris and Kimberly Kern Linenberger. Survivors include her parents of Hays; one sister, Kenzie, of the home; her grandparents, Ruth and Mike Johnson of Great Bend and Roger and Virginia Linenberger of Hays; and her great-grandparents, Mary Ann Linenberger of Hays and Melvin and Veronica Barry of Manhattan. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays with the Rev. Ben Colucci officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday at Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home in Hays. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 2, 2002

Edith Grumbein 1908-2002

LA CROSSE - Edna Grumbein, 94, died July 31 at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 2, 2002

August 4, 2002

Eugene Warner Hall 1920-2002

LARNED - Eugene Warner Hall, 81, died Aug. 1, at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. He was born Sept. 11, 1920 at Garfield, the son of Clarence Warner and Erma Mae Wolfe Hall. He married Cecilia Amelia Penka, Aug. 7, 1947. A lifetime resident of Pawnee County, he was a retired stockman and farmer. Hall was a member of United Methodist Church, past member of Garfield Lyons Club, Pleasant Ridge Township trustee for 30 years, and served on the Garfield Co-op Board for nine years, all of Garfield. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Steven E. Hall of Garfield; four daughters, Annette J. Buehler of Seminole, Fl., Mary Beth Norris of Largo, Fla., Cynthia S. Cline of Garfield and Karen M. Stacey of Ashland; three sisters, Virginia Goldsberry, Betty Nan Williams and Wanda Johnson, all of Larned; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Brett Hall and Amy Buehler. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned, with the Rev. Ken Walker officiating. Burial will be at Garfield Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 8 p.m. today, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, and until service time Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or American Heart Association, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, August 4, 2002

Cheryl R. Clinesmith 1943-2002

DODGE CITY - Cheryl R. Clinesmith, 59, died July 31 at Select Specialty Hospital in Wichita. She was born April 15, 1943, at Pratt, the daughter of Charles and Minnie Kuhn Dipman. She was a graduate of Pratt High School. She married Ted Clinesmith Feb. 9, 1963, at Pratt. A resident of Dodge City since 1967, coming from Pratt, she was a customer relations representative for Sunflower Bank. Mrs. Clinesmith was a member of Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe and former member of Sweet Adelines, both of Dodge City. Survivors include her husband of the home; three daughters, Tresha Clinesmith-Wilhelm of Viola, Karen Walsh of Garden Plain, and Cetra Calleros of Parker, Colo.; her parents of Pratt; three brothers, Cliff Dipman of Manhattan, David Dipman of Olathe and Mark Dipman of Pratt; three sisters, Ann Ferwicz of Wichita, Norma Voss of Pratt, and Penni Gard of Kokomo, Ind; and six grandchildren. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. tonight at the church. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Ted Skalsky officiating. Graveside service will be at 3:30 p.m. Monday at Greenlawn Cemetery in Pratt. Friends may call from noon to 6 p.m. today at Swaim Funeral Home in Dodge City. The casket will remain closed. Memorials are suggested to Select Specialty Educational Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, August 4, 2002

Hazel Osborn Bird 1910-2002

MCPHERSON - Hazel Osborn Bird, 91, died Aug. 1 at Pleasant View Home in Inman. She was born Sept. 1, 1910 at Oklaha, Okla., the daughter of George Henry and Mary Neoma Prene Mitchell. She was a graduate of Augusta High School in Augusta. She married Earnest David Osborn, April 29, 1931, at Wichita. He died Aug. 5, 1973. She married Vernon T. Bird, May 1, 1983, at McPherson. He died Sept. 7, 1984. A resident of Inman, coming from McPherson and Windom, she was a homemaker and head cook for Windom School in Windom. Mrs. Bird was a member of First Baptist Church, Fidelis Sunday School Class, Afterglow Circle, Christian Women's Club, Church Women United and Jolly Workers Club, all of McPherson, American Baptist Women Ministries, former member of the Friendly Hour Club and Conway Co-workers Unit. Survivors include two sons, Raymond G. Osborn of Inman and Richard D. Osborn of Sutherland, Neb.; four daughters, Betty Mohr of Wichita, Mary J. Millam of Goddard, Linda Bethel of Ellinwood and Anita Leach of McPherson; 19 grandchildren, 51 great grandchildren, and eight great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Glen Mitchell and Leonard Mitchell; two grandchildren, Landis Osborn and Scott Daniel Osborn; and one great-great grandson, Christopher Scott Osborn. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Les Cantrell officiating. Burial will be at Windom Cemetery in Windom. Friends may call from 1-5 p.m. today, with the family receiving friends from 3-5 p.m., at Glidden-Ediger Funeral Home in McPherson. Memorials are suggested to the church or the First Baptist Church Youth Group, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, August 4, 2002

Edith K. Davis 1906-2002

LARNED - Edith K. Davis, 96, died Aug. 2 at Foxwood Springs Care Center in Raymore, Mo. She was born April 17, 1906, at Kansas City, Mo., the daughter of Samuel Willis and Kate D. Smith Hibbs. She was a 1927 graduate of University of Kansas in Lawrence. She married Dr. D. Homer Davis on June 11, 1930, at Kansas City. He died Aug. 11, 1988. A longtime resident of Larned, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Davis was a member of First Christian Church, Christian Women Fellowship and past member of PTA, all of Larned, and the American Association of University Women. Survivors include one son, Glen E. Davis of Leawood; three daughters, Kathleen Swihart of Arlington, Va., Virginia Moore of Primohar, Iowa, and Elaine Shanlev of Wakefield.
LARNED - Perry L. Gugins, 44, died Aug. 1 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born April 22, 1958, in Wichita, the son of David and Donna Bryant Gugins. He married Rose M. Gugins on Feb. 2, 1976, in Larned. A resident of Kinsley for 26 years, he was a machinist. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Gary Lynn Gugins of Medicine Lodge; his mother, Donna Ramirez of Lewis; and three sisters, Betty Ann Haney and Janet Marie Tauscher, both of Larned, and Karen Lou Weiser of Scottsdale, Ariz. He was preceded in death by one brother, Gary Gugins. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Larned Cemetery with the Rev. Dennis Reed officiating. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. to service time Monday, both at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to Perry Gugins Memorial Fund, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Aug. 5, 2002

Edna M. Grumbein 1908-2002

LA CROSSE - Edna M. Grumbein, 94, died July 31 at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. She was born Feb. 24, 1908, in Rush County, the daughter of John and Elizabeth Scheuerman Rothe. She married Aubrey E. Grumbein. He died May 17, 1978. A lifetime resident of Rush County, she was a working farm wife until her retirement. Survivors include one daughter, Shirley Corbet of Raleigh, N.C.; one sister, Emma Schaben of La Crosse; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three sisters, Selma Weisner, Juanita Allen and Dora Serpan. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Janousek Funeral Home Chapel in La Crosse with the Rev. Maurice Schaus officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 4-8 tonight at the funeral home. The family will receive friends from 5-6:30 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, Aug. 5, 2002

Otto William Lang Jr. 1919-2002

Otto William Lang Jr., 83 of Great Bend, died Aug. 4 at Integrated Health Services of Great Bend. He was born April 8, 1919, at Washington, D.C. A resident of Great Bend since 1945, coming from New York, he was an oil field contractor until his retirement from Halliburton Services in July 1983. Lang was a member of First Church of the Nazarene. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Donald E. Lang of Great Bend and Alvin W. Lang of Wichita; one daughter, Mary Beth Bolyard of Pratt; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Elmer Marker, Cleo Marker and Ralph Marker. Friends may call from noon until 8 p.m. Tuesday and until service time Wednesday, all at St. Paul United Methodist Church Children's Ministries, 2130 W. Okmulgee, Muskogee, OK 74401. Ninde Funeral Directors of Tulsa were in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Aug. 5, 2002

Janet Rose Campbell Thompson 1926-2002

TULSA, Okla. - Janet Rose Campbell Thompson, 77, died July 31 at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa. She was born April 4, 1926 in Grant, the daughter of Orville Richard and Frances Barbara Chlumsky Campbell. She was a graduate of Great Bend High School. She married James C. Thompson. She was a resident of the Brookside area of Tulsa. Mrs. Thompson was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Thomas L. Thompson and Rob V. Thompson, both of Tulsa, and James C. Thompson of Fort Gibson, Okla.; one brother, Orville R. Campbell of Hoisington; one sister, Virginia Weeks of Great Bend; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Geneva Reader. Memorial service was Saturday in Chapel of Saints Valley at Memorial Park Cemetery in Tulsa. Memorials are suggested to St. Paul United Methodist Church Children's Ministries. Friends may call from 2-7 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Aug. 5, 2002

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Lloyd A. Marker 1920-2002

STERLING - Lloyd A. Marker, 82, died Aug. 4 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus, in Wichita. He was born Feb. 7, 1920, at Drumright, Okla., the son of Elva and Dessie Landis Marker. He married Sylvia Van Norman on Oct. 30, 1937, at Lyons. A resident of Sterling for 63 years, he was an oil field driller for 25 years, operator of Sterling Power Plant for 17 years and was employed as power plant operator for the Hutchinson Reformatory for four years. Marker was a former charter president for Mid-K Campers. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Bob A. Marker of Hutchinson and Larry E. Marker of Wilson; three sisters, Alberta Howery of Nickerson, Ruth Ogden of Great Bend and Lorene Bush of Buckner, Mo.; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Elmer Marker, Cleo Marker and Ralph Marker. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Sillin Funeral Home in Sterling with Jerry Fenwick officiating. Burial will be at Sterling Community Cemetery. Friends may call from 2-7 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday. all at the funeral home.
Correction: Perry Lee Gugins 1958-2002

LARNED - The family has changed the date for service for Perry Lee Gugins, 44, who died Aug. 1. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Larned Cemetery with the Rev. Dennis Reed officiating. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday, all at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to Perry Gugins Memorial Fund, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 5, 2002

August 6, 2002

Severin A. Scheck 1918-2002

WALKER - Severin A. Scheck, 84, died Aug. 4 at Hays Medical Center. He was born Feb. 2, 1918, at Walker, the son of Andrew J. and Barbara Vonfeldt Scheck. He married Isabelle Dechant on Feb. 20, 1939, at Walker. She died April 14, 1967. A lifetime resident of the Walker area, he was a farmer. Scheck was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Walker. Survivors include three daughters, Jeneice Rohr and Sharon Schoendaller, both of Walker, and Carol McAdoo of Russell; one brother, Julius Scheck of Great Bend; three sisters, Evelyn Scheck of Great Bend, Mary Ann Elliott of Teague, Texas, and Helen Woodword of Wichita; 12 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four infant children, Gerald Scheck, Joseph Scheck, Severin Scheck Jr., and Cindy Scheck; five brothers, Andrew Scheck, Richard Scheck, Raymond Scheck, John Scheck and infant, Joseph Scheck; two sisters, Amelia Lang and Regina Miller. Vigil service will be at 7 tonight at Cline's Mortuary in Victoria. Funeral service will be at 9 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. David Gottschalk officiating. Burial will be at St. Ann's Cemetery in Walker. Friends may call from 1-9 tonight and from 8-8:45 a.m. Wednesday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church or Masses, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 6, 2002

Donald E. Burnett 1906-2002

LARNED - Donald E. Burnett, 95, died Aug. 5 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Aug. 8, 1906, in Stafford County, the son of Ray and Laura Metz Burnett. He married Edith Helen Lowrey on Feb. 14, 1932, at Larned. A resident of Larned since 1930, coming from Great Bend and Dodge City, he was an owner and operator of a theater and a farmer. Burnett was a member of Presbyterian Church, Kiwanis, Masonic Lodge 167 and Consistory, all of Larned. He was also a member of Midian Shrine of Wichita and building chairman for Community Hospital Committee in Larned. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Donald L. Burnett of Larned; one brother, Loren Burnett of Reno, Nev.; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by one son, Frederick Allen Burnett; two brothers, Dale Burnett and Vernon Burnett; and one sister, Dorothy Davis. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with the Rev. Jim Hawthorne 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 funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Larned Emergency Medical Service or the church, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 6, 2002

Donald D. Jurgensen 1930-2002

Donald D. Jurgensen, 72, of Great Bend, died Aug. 5 in Great Bend. He was born Feb. 5, 1930, in Barton County, the son of Edward and Lena Jurgensen. He married Celina E. "Cy" on Oct. 28, 1957, at Las Cruces, N.M. She died April 15, 1995. A lifetime resident of Barton County, he was a bricklayer and journeyman. Jurgensen was a member of Eagles Lodge. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Survivors include six stepdaughters, Betty Hejny of Olmitz, Sandy Janki of Texas, Cheryl Smith, Beverly Herrod and Judy Cregger, all of Great Bend, and Linda Jones of Hutchinson; two brothers, Merle Jurgensen of Great Bend and Edward Jurgensen of Wichita; and one sister, Alverna Holopirek of La Crosse. He was preceded in death by one stepdaughter, Freda Smith; one brother, Leonard Jurgensen; and one sister, Edna Orebaugh. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home with the Rev. Stuart Lundahl officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 3-9 tonight, 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 Eagles Lodge Auxiliary, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 6, 2002

Correction

STERLING - Lloyd A. Marker, 82, who died Aug. 4, was preceded in death by one sister, Marie Shaw, in addition to three brothers. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 6, 2002

August 8, 2002

Kenneth Scheideman 1929-2002

Kenneth Scheideman, 72, died Aug. 7 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Sept. 29, 1929, at Timken, the son of Ben and Katie Lohrey Scheideman. He married Dorothy L. Renner on May 8, 1955, at La Crosse. A resident of Great Bend since 1991, coming from Colorado Springs, Colo., and Rush County, he was a farmer. Scheideman was a lifetime member
Charles "Charlie" Barrett 1926-2002

WICHITA - Charles "Charlie" Barrett, 76, died Aug. 7 at Wichita. He was born March 22, 1926, at Caney, the son of Donald Ray and Cornelia Harris Barrett. He married Carol Ann Doss on Dec. 7, 1948, at Cooan, Okla. A resident of Wichita, he was a
Donald J. Riedlinger 1937-2002

DODGE CITY - Donald J. Riedlinger, 65, died Aug. 8, at his residence in Dodge City. He was born April 5, 1937 at Ford County, the son of Joe and Helen Hornbug Riedlinger. He married Janice Stegmen April 28, 1962, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Ellinwood. A resident of St. John for 44 years, he was an oil pumper and woodworker/restorer. Riedlinger was a member of First Baptist Church, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, all of St. John. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Tim Ditch of Odessa, Texas; two daughters, Jennifer Gillespie and Jessie LeRoy, both of St. John; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Lois Rae Songer. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. David Ford officiating. Friends may call from 1-8 tonight at Minnis Chapel in St. John. Memorials are suggested to the church or American Lung Association, both in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Aug. 9, 2002

Steven B. Beason 1955-2002

TOPEKA - Steven B. Beason, 47, died Aug. 9, at Topeka hospice house. He was born June 1, 1955, at San Diego, Calif., the son of Steve Cass and Joan Mullen Beason. He was a graduate of Emporia State University with a B.S. in Physical Education and a Master's Degree in Political Science. He married Denise, June 25, 1983 at Emporia. A resident of Topeka, coming from California, he was a teacher and coach at Bushton, Whit-tier, Calif., San Luis Obispo, Calif., and Topeka. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Ashley D. Beason, and Laura B. Beason both of the home; his parents Steve Cass Beason of Manhattan, and John and Werner Sitz of Centerville, Va.; and three sisters, Stace Nunz of Mission Viejo, Calif., Candace Beason of LaCanda, Calif., and Paige Wesley of Maryland. Memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Aug. 25 at the Heritage Hall at the Expo Center. There is no visitation, cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to the Beason Children's Education Fund in care of Education Credit Union. 2808 SW Arrowhead Rd., Topeka. KS. 66614. Davidson Funeral Home in Topeka are in charge of the funeral arrangements.
Shirley Ruth Piper 1925-2002

Shirley Ruth Piper, 77, of Great Bend, died Aug. 10 at her residence. She was born April 14, 1925 at Superior, Wis., the daughter of Ward and Amy Falk Young. She married Harold Piper, April 16, 1948. A resident of Great Bend since 1962, coming from Pratt, she was a Registered Nurse, and teacher of nursing at Central Kansas Medical Center and Barton County Community College. Piper was a member of King Methodist Church, 50 year member of Eastern Star, and American Red Cross volunteer, all of Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; four daughters, Ann Lawrence of Crosby, Texas, Katharine Piper of Topeka, Sally McGuire of Arlington, Texas, and Stephanie Jacobs of Great Bend; one brother, Dr. W.M. Young of Taylors Falls, MN; eight grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Shawn Piper, and one brother Spencer Young. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Mary Ohlemeier officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 3-9 p.m. today, and from 9 a.m. until service time on Monday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Great Bend Public Library in care of the funeral home.

Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Aug. 11, 2002

Francis H. Ramsey 1917-2002

Francis H. Ramsey, 84, of Great Bend, died Aug. 10 at Integrated Health Services of Great Bend. He was born Sept. 22, 1917 at Towanda, the son of Hiram Robert and Dilla Myrtle Mulvany Ramsey. He was a graduate of El Dorado High School. He married Jewel I. Hilliard on May 14, 1950 at Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend, he was an oil field driller. Ramsey was a member of First United Methodist Church. Survivors include his wife of Great Bend; one daughter, Debby Bilyew of Great Bend; one brother, Maurice E. Ramsey of Hutchinson; and two sisters, Allene Kraft, and Roberta Keil both of Galatia. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today, and from 9 a.m. until service time on Monday, all at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to Great Bend Humane Society or the church both in care of the funeral home.

Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Aug. 11, 2002

August 12, 2002

Evelyn Thersia Schlegel 1931-2002

NESS CITY - Evelyn Thersia Schlegel, 70, died Aug. 9 at her residence in Ness City. She was born Aug. 19, 1931, northeast of Ness City, the daughter of Joseph and Mary Rabenseifener Langer. She married Walter Schlegel on May 26, 1953, at Ness City. He died Jan. 13, 1981. A lifetime resident of Ness County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Schlegel was a member of Sacred Heart Church, Altar Society, American Legion Auxiliary Frank Stull Post 152 and Ness County Historical Society, all of Ness City. Survivors include one son, Doug Schlegel of Ness City; two daughters, Lynette Gumblein of Alexander and Bonnie Guevara of Garden City; one brother, Edwin Langer of Ness City; two sisters, Anna Weilert of Ness City and Helen Koestner of Hoisington; and eight grandsons. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Leonard Langer, Adolph Langer and Alvin Langer; and one sister, Marie McDonald. Funeral service was today at the church with the Rev. Gregory LeBlanc officiating. Burial was at the church cemetery in Ness City. Memorials are suggested to Ness County Historical Society, in care of Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City.

Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Aug. 12, 2002

August 13, 2002

Raleigh Bristor 1920-2002

DODGE CITY - Raleigh Bristor, 81, died Aug. 12 at Minneola District Hospital in Minneola. He was born Sept. 6, 1920, at Odell, Neb., the son of Albert and Maude Green Bristor. He married Elaine R. Upton in 1941 at Marysville. She died Jan. 6, 1989. A resident of Dodge City since 1965, coming from Great Bend and Nebraska, he was a corrosion technician for Natural Gas Pipeline Company in Great Bend for 38 years, and co-owner of Roth Jewelers of Dodge City from 1974-1988. Bristor was a member of First United Methodist Church, a lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and Moose Lodge, all of Dodge City. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include one son, Randy J. Bristor of Dodge City; three daughters, Leslie Martin of Moundridge, Evelyn Mead of Herndon, Va., and Brenda Schmidt; 19 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by six sisters. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Swarm Funeral Home in Dodge City with Jeffrey S. Hiers officiating. Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery in Dodge City with military graveside rites by VFW Howard Gotschall Post 1714. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Minneola Nursing Home, in care of the funeral home.

Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Aug. 13, 2002

Robin Gail Scheufele Flavin 1952-2002

HUTCHINSON - Robin Gail Scheufele Flavin, 50, died Aug. 9 at Good Samaritan Village in Hutchinson. She was born July 7, 1952, at Prairie Village, the daughter of Glen C. and Shirley M. O'Connor Scheufele. She was a 1970 graduate of Hall High School in Little Rock, Ark. A resident of Hutchinson, coming from St. Louis, Mo., she was a sales clerk for Dillard's and Fashion Bar department stores. Mrs. Flavin was a member of First Church of Christ Scientist of Boston, Mass., and First Church of Christ Scientist of Clarkson Valley of Clarkson, Mo. Survivors include one son, James Matthew Flavin of St. Louis; two daughters, Amanda Flavin and Molly Flavin, both of St. Louis; and one sister, Lynne Bush of Sterling. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m.
Mildred Lorene Bilbrey 1922-2002

LAS VEGAS, Nev. - Mildred Lorene Bilbrey, 79, passed away Aug. 10 in Las Vegas. She was born Oct. 31, 1922, at Barnsdall, Okla., the daughter of Arvy U. and Opal E. Morelan. She married Fern R. Bilbrey on Feb. 5, 1946, at Ellinwood. A resident of Ellinwood since 1946, coming from Marion, he was parts manager for Staab Motors and Gaughn Motors, former owner of Waxy's Cafe, former office manager of Ellinwood Welding, salesman for Caseys Office Supply and Mid Kansas Produce, both of Great Bend and retired in 1978 after owning H&H IGA for 25 years. LoBurgio was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans. He was a school basketball coach, recreation program baseball coach, served on the city council, hospital board and school board. He was also a high school football announcer for more than 40 years, was granted the Distinguished Citizen Award in 1981 and was the 2002 Parade Grand Marshal of Ellinwood After Harvest Festival. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran, having served in World War II at the Great Bend Air Base. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Nicholas J. LoBurgio of Littleton, Colo., and Michael F. LoBurgio of Great Bend; three daughters, Trudy L. Fry of Beaumont, Texas, Jeanette Emerson of Great Bend and Susie Petz of Ellinwood; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Memorial graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Fairview Cemetery in St. John. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to National VFW Home, in care of VFW Auxiliary in Great Bend. Arrangements were handled by Hites Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 13, 2002

August 14, 2002

Lawrence E. Boy

Lawrence E. Boy of Great Bend, formerly of Raymond, died Aug. 13. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Fryberger Mortuary in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 14, 2002

Duane 'Sandy' Hann

HANSTON - Duane "Sandy" Hann died Aug. 13 at his residence in Hanston. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 14, 2002

Nicole June Wamsley 1976-2002

AURORA, Colo. - Nicole June Wamsley, 25, died Aug. 9, the result of a pedestrian accident in Aurora. She was born Nov. 8, 1976, at Wichita, the daughter of Bob and Sandra Burroughs Wamsley. She was a 1994 graduate of Aurora High School. A resident of Colorado since 1979, she was a courtesy clerk at Albertson's in Aurora. Wamsley was a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Aurora. Survivors include her father and stepmother, Bob and Mary Wamsley of Conway Springs; her mother and stepfather, Sandra Wamsley and Dino D'Angelo of Aurora; one brother, Ryan Wamsley of Aurora; one sister, Jeniffer Tirrell of Aurora; one half brother, Rob Wamsley of Aurora; one half sister, Danielle Wamsley of Castle Rock, Colo.; one stepbrother, Bo May of Conway Springs; two stepsisters, Kelly May and Rose May, both of Conway Springs; her grandfather, Earl Burroughs of Denver, Colo.; and her grandmother, Marie Prilliman of Conway Springs. She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Don Wamsley, and her grandmother, Betty Burroughs. A memorial service was held today at the church in Aurora. A second memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at United Methodist Church in Ellinwood. A resident of Ellinwood since 1946, coming from Marion, he was parts manager for Staab Motors and Gaughn Motors, former owner of Waxy's Cafe, former office manager of Ellinwood Welding, salesman for Caseys Office Supply and Mid Kansas Produce, both of Great Bend and retired in 1978 after owning H&H IGA for 25 years. LoBurgio was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans. He was a school basketball coach, recreation program baseball coach, served on the city council, hospital board and school board. He was also a high school football announcer for more than 40 years, was granted the Distinguished Citizen Award in 1981 and was the 2002 Parade Grand Marshal of Ellinwood After Harvest Festival. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran, having served in World War II at the Great Bend Air Base. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Nicholas J. LoBurgio of Littleton, Colo., and Michael F. LoBurgio of Great Bend; three daughters, Trudy L. Fry of Beaumont, Texas, Jeanette Emerson of Great Bend and Susie Petz of Ellinwood; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Memorial graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Good Samaritan Village Dining Room in Hutchinson or ArtisTree in Hutchinson on, all in care of Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 13, 2002

Nick LoBurgio 1923-2002

ELLINWOOD - Nick LoBurgio, 79, died Aug. 13 at Lyons District Hospital in Lyons. He was born Feb. 9, 1923, at Marion, Ill., the son of Joe and Jennie LaSusa LoBurgio. He married Betty J. Robl on Feb. 5, 1946, at Ellinwood. A resident of Ellinwood since 1946, coming from Marion, he was parts manager for Staab Motors and Gaughn Motors, former owner of Waxy's Cafe, former office manager of Ellinwood Welding, salesman for Caseys Office Supply and Mid Kansas Produce, both of Great Bend and retired in 1978 after owning H&H IGA for 25 years. LoBurgio was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans. He was a school basketball coach, recreation program baseball coach, served on the city council, hospital board and school board. He was also a high school football announcer for more than 40 years, was granted the Distinguished Citizen Award in 1981 and was the 2002 Parade Grand Marshal of Ellinwood After Harvest Festival. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran, having served in World War II at the Great Bend Air Base. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Nicholas J. LoBurgio of Littleton, Colo., and Michael F. LoBurgio of Great Bend; three daughters, Trudy L. Fry of Beaumont, Texas, Jeanette Emerson of Great Bend and Susie Petz of Ellinwood; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Memorial graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Good Samaritan Village Dining Room in Hutchinson or ArtisTree in Hutchinson on, all in care of Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 13, 2002

Crystal Dawn Harris Delgado 1986-2002

Crystal Dawn Harris Delgado. 16. of Great Bend. died Aug. 13 in Stafford Countv. near St. John. She was born Jan. 15. 1986. at
Great Bend, the daughter of Aaron Delgado and Karen Harris. She was a student at Great Bend High School. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, she was employed as an interior decorator at Cornerstone Interiors Distinctive Draperies. Delgado was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and Great Bend High School Drama Club. She was an Oakland Raider and Nebraska Cornhusker fan, an avid snow skier, had a love for animals and loved to hunt and fish. Survivors include her father and stepmother, Aaron and LeAnne Delgado of Great Bend; her mother and stepfather, Karen and Todd Millsap of Great Bend; two brothers, Jacob Delgado and Colton Delgado, both of the home; one sister, Janay Delgado of the home; her grandparents, Frank and Gwini Delgado, Thomas and Shirley Harris, LeRoy Saindon, Jane Saindon and Margaret Millsap, all of Great Bend; and two great-grandmothers, Alberta Delgado and Wilma Martin, both of Great Bend. She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Carol Ann Delgado. Vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Angel Dy officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Great Bend Humane Society, in care of the funeral home. The life she lived was as pure and pristine as her name, Crystal Dawn. Rest in peace our beautiful child. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 14, 2002

James H. Farmer 1909-2002

STAFFORD - James H. Farmer, 92, died Aug. 10 at Handmaker Hospice in Tucson, Ariz. He was born Sept. 21, 1909, in Colorado, the son of Fred and Eva G. Price Farmer. He was a graduate of Kansas State University, with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. He married Mynette Coder on June 10, 1935, at Manhattan. A resident of several Arizona communities, he was a former chief executive officer of Brunner's Furniture in Oakland until his retirement. Farmer was a member of the KSU Alumni Association. Survivors include his wife. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Stafford Cemetery. Minnis Chapel in Stafford is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 14, 2002

Marna May Staats 1915-2002

SYLVIA - Marna May Staats, 86, died Aug. 12 at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa, Okla. She was born Oct. 10, 1915, near Great Bend, the daughter of Milton and Etta Hooton Mark. She was a 1933 graduate of Stafford High School. She married Walter Staats on Nov. 10, 1938, at Hutchinson. He died Oct. 27, 1996. A resident of Tulsa since 1995, coming from Sylvia, where she had resided for 57 years, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Staats was a member of United Methodist Church in Sylvia, United Methodist Women and Order of the Eastern Star. She was also a Sunday school teacher and served on various church boards. Survivors include one son, Pat Staats of Ulysses; one daughter, Glencie Dame of Tulsa; one brother, Milton Mark of Medford, Okla.; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford with the Rev. Allan Patterson officiating. Burial will be at Sylvia Cemetery. Friends may call from 6-8 tonight at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to the church or American Heart Association, both in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 14, 2002

Winnifred "Winnie" Mae Burbach 1894-2002

ENTERPRISE - Winnifred "Winnie" Mae Burbach, 107, died Aug. 10 at Enterprise Estate Nursing Center in Enterprise. She was born Dec. 23, 1894, at Quinter, the daughter of Breece and Viola Chamberlain VanScyoc. She attended Fort Hays State College in Hays. She married George Burbach on Nov. 29, 1916, at Collyer. He died in December 1972. A resident of Enterprise Estates for seven years, she was a homemaker and taught elementary school in Trego and Gove counties until her retirement. Mrs. Burbach was a member of Seventh Day Adventist Church. Survivors include one son, Marvin "Imo" Burbach of Wichita; three grandsons; and five great-grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Collyer Cemetery with the Rev. Ed Jumper officiating. Morell Funeral Home of Larned is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 14, 2002

Keith Aaron McKinney 2002-2002

LARNED - Keith Aaron McKinney, infant, died Aug. 12 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was the son of Kenneth McKinney and Sandie E. Rouse. Survivors include his parents; and grandparents, Keith and Sandra Robinson of Larned and Carl and Marge McKinney of Lewis. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Larned Cemetery with the Rev. Jack Singer officiating. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday, all at Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 14, 2002

August 15, 2002

Lawrence E. Boy 1926-2002

Lawrence E. Boy, 76, of Great Bend, died Aug. 13 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born June 3, 1926, at Raymond, the son of Adolph Ottie and Nora Gordon Boy. He was a graduate of Raymond High School. He married Frances H. Hamby on Feb. 13, 1954, at Lyons. A lifetime resident of the Raymond and Great Bend communities, he was a farmer. Boy was a member of Bell Township Board for 32 years and was a former member of Sterling Bowling League. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Gary W. Boy of St. John and Brian E. Boy of Great Bend; two daughters, Carolyn S. Valenzuela and Anna M. Boy, both of Great Bend; one sister, Gladys Starr of Raymond; nine grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Fryberger Mortuary Chapel in Great Bend with Mike Yagel officiating. Burial will be at Hilltop Cemetery in Raymond. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at the mortuarv. The family will receive friends from 6-8 o.m. Friday at the mortuarv. Memorials are suosted to American
Lawrence E. Boy, 76, of Great Bend, died Aug. 13 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born June 3, 1926, at Raymond, the son of Adolph Ottie and Nora Gordon Boy. He was a graduate of Raymond High School. He married Frances H. Hamby on Feb. 13, 1954, at Lyons. A lifetime resident of the Raymond and Great Bend communities, he was a farmer. Boy was a member of Bell Township Board for 32 years and was a former member of Sterling Bowling League. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Gary W. Boy of St. John and Brian E. Boy of Great Bend; two daughters, Carolyn S. Valenzuela and Anna M. Boy, both of Great Bend; one stepson Jimmy Hamby of Larned; one stepdaughter, Janet Hamby of San Angelo, Texas; one sister, Gladys Starr of Raymond; nine grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and eight step-great-grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Fryberger Mortuary Chapel in Great Bend with Mike Yagel officiating. Burial will be at Hilltop Cemetery in Raymond. Friends may call until 6 tonight at the mortuary. The family will receive friends from 6-8 tonight at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or American Diabetes Association, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 16, 2002
Clarence B. Vesecky 1915-2002

TIMKEN - Clarence B. Vesecky, 87, died Aug. 15 at Timken. He was born Aug. 3, 1915, in rural Timken, the son of Frank and Sophie Blazek Vesecky. He married Louise Josephine Pechaneck on Sept. 1, 1936, at Timken. A lifetime resident of Timken, he was a farmer until his retirement. Vesecky was a member of Catholic Workman and Knights of Columbus. Survivors include one son, John Vesecky of Baldwin City; four daughters, Mary Boone of El Dorado, Rosalee Reichcheck of Hoisington, Margaret Klassen of Olathe and Lois Niemann of Nortonville; one sister, Sister Sophia Vesecky of Great Bend; 13 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, John Vesecky; and two sisters. Vigil service and rosary will be at 7:30 tonight at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Holy Trinity Church in Timken with the Revs. Charles Mazouch and Ullan Murphy officiating. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery in Timken. Friends may call from 2-7:30 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Shriners Hospital for Children, in care of the funeral home.

Aurelia Ann Hitschmann 1907-2002

Aurelia Ann Hitschmann, 95, died Aug. 14 at Integrated Health Services in Great Bend. She was born July 18, 1907, at Odin, the daughter of Alois F. and Hedwig T. Habiger Debes. She married Louis A. Hitschmann on Oct. 22, 1940. He died Dec. 19, 1953. She was a lifetime resident of the Great Bend area. Mrs. Hitschmann was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and St. Rose Altar Society, both of Great Bend. Survivors include one daughter, Shirley Lytle of Great Bend; two brothers, Otto Debes of Ness City and Tony Debes of San Francisco, Calif.; one sister, Florentine Tina Bachand of Manhattan; one grandson; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Albert Debes, the Rev. Leo Debes, Lawrence Debes, Joe Debes and Walter Debes; and four sisters, Sister Pia Debes, Sister Emanuel Debes, Eleanor Debes and Laura Reif. Altar Society rosary will be at 3 today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Vigil service will be at 7:30 tonight at the funeral home. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Revs. Angel Dy, Warren Stecklein and Ted Skalsky officiating. Burial will be at Holy Family Cemetery in Odin. Friends may call until 9 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Catholic Social Services, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 16, 2002

August 18, 2002

Lucille M. Haynes 1928-2002

WICHITA - Lucille M. Haynes, 74, died Aug. 13. She was born Aug. 8, 1928, at Decatur County, Iowa, the daughter of Dillon and Jennie Manchester. She married Gene E. Haynes. He preceded her in death in 1990. A resident of Wichita, she was a homemaker, and retired State of Kansas SRS employee. Survivors include one son, Brian Haynes of Larned; three daughters, Dr. Debbie Haynes and Barbara Haynes both of Wichita, and Lori Morgan of Chicago, Ill.; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Memorial service was held Aug. 16 at the Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Wichita. Memorials are suggested to Via Christi Foundation in care of Broadway Mortuary in Wichita. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 18, 2002

Leoda Emma Nolte 1906-2002

Leoda Emma Nolte, 96, of Great Bend, died Aug. 16 at Integrated Health services of Great Bend. She was born June 6, 1906, at Barton County, the daughter of Arthur John and Katie Hammer Barrow. She married Otto Herman Nolte, Jan. 23, 1938, at Great Bend. He died Aug. 9, 2000. A lifetime resident of Great bend, she was a homemaker, and retired State of Kansas SRS employee. Survivors include one son, Alvin K. Nolte of Denver, Colo.; one sister, Katherine Ruth Thompson of Newton; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Loren Lee Nolte; one brother, Elmer Lawrence Barrow; and one sister, Ethel T. Haak. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today, and from 9 a.m. until service time on Monday all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church building fund in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 18, 2002

Bertie Barbara Wassinger

TOPEKA - Bertie Barbara Wassinger died Aug. 16 at Plaza West Regional Health Care Center in Topeka. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 18, 2002

August 19, 2002

Phyllis Morgenstern 1930-2002

RUSSELL - Phyllis Morgenstern, 72, died Aug. 17 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born March 18, 1930, at Russell, the daughter of John Jr. and Amelia Herdt Dumler. She married John C. "Cal" Morgenstern on Feb. 13, 1949, at Russell. He died Oct. 20, 1979. A lifetime resident of the Russell community, she was a clerk at Bankers Department Store and Klema’s grocery store. Mrs. Morgenstern was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Russell, American Legion Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars...
Elmer J. Leiker, 75, of Great Bend, died Aug. 19 at his residence. He was born Sept. 10, 1926, at Victoria, the son of Pius and Anna Sander Leiker. He married Ada M. Keplinger on Oct. 24, 1953, at Macksville, she was a licensed mental health technician at Larned State Hospital. Mrs. Beamer was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Altar Society, Daughters of Isabella, an honorary member of Girl Scouts and a scout leader. Survivors include one son, Laridean Wassinger of Topeka; one daughter, Alberta 'Bertie' Barbara Wassinger of Aurora, Colo.; one sister, Julia Mapel of Wichita; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two daughters, Carolyn Mead and Janice Fisher, both of Larned; two brothers, Eddie Walker of Macksville and Vernon Walker of Hill City and Rosalie Wiesner of Punta Gordi, Fla.; and six grandchildren. Vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the church. Memorial Mass will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday at the church. 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. 19, 2002

Kelly Rae Meyeres Petry 1971-2002

LAWRENCE - Kelly Rae Meyeres Petry, 31, died Aug. 17 at Lawrence Memorial Hospital. She was born Feb. 18, 1971, at Great Bend, the daughter of James L. and Rose M. Huslig Meyeres. She was a 1989 graduate of Great Bend High School and a 1994 graduate of Kansas State University, with a business education and computer science degree. She married David Petry on July 11, 1998, at Great Bend. A resident of Lawrence since 1994, she was a business teacher at Lawrence High School until 1997 and a business teacher at Free State High School in Lawrence until 1999. Mrs. Petry was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Lawrence, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, a cheerleader sponsor at LHS and FSHS, sponsor for Business Professional of America and co-sponsor of the student council at FSHS. Survivors include her husband of the home; one daughter, Katelyn Anne Petry of the home; her mother of Great Bend; and her grandmother, Mary E. Huslig of Great Bend. A parish wake service will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the church. Funeral Mass will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday at the church. Burial will be at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lawrence. Memorials are suggested to Kelly Petry Memorial Scholarship Fund to be used for her daughter's education, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 20, 2002

August 20, 2002

Elmer J. Leiker 1926-2002

Elmer J. Leiker, 75, of Great Bend, died Aug. 19 at his residence. He was born Sept. 10, 1926, at Victoria, the son of Pius and Anna Sander Leiker. He married Ada M. Keplinger on Oct. 24, 1953, at Victoria. A resident of Larned since 1939, coming from Macksville, she was a licensed mental health technician at Larned State Hospital. Mrs. Beamer was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Altar Society, Daughters of Isabella, an honorary member of Girl Scouts and a scout leader. Survivors include one son, Laridean Wassinger of Topeka; one daughter, Alberta 'Bertie' Barbara Wassinger of Aurora, Colo.; one sister, Julia Mapel of Wichita; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two daughters, Carolyn Mead and Janice Fisher, both of Larned; two brothers, Eddie Walker of Macksville and Vernon Walker of Hill City and Rosalie Wiesner of Punta Gordi, Fla.; and six grandchildren. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, followed by a Knights of Columbus rosary, at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Warren Stecklein officiating. Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at St. Fidelis Cemetery in Victoria. Friends may call from 4-9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, Relay for Life or American Diabetes Association, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 20, 2002
Cletus J. Scharzt 1922-2002

Cletus J. Scharzt, 80, died Aug. 18 at Salina Regional Health Center in Salina. He was born April 5, 1922, at Ellinwood, the son of Alphons and Caroline Auchtetter Scharzt. He married Pauline Strobel on April 28, 1943, at Seward. A resident of Great Bend since 1984, coming from Kanopolis, he was a farmer, welder, electrician and former partner of MacClet Electric in Great Bend. Scharzt was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Marilyn Scharzt of Great Bend; two brothers, Warren Scharzt of Ellinwood and Orville Scharzt of Kingman; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Malvern Scharzt and Arden Scharzt. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the church. Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Angel Dy officiating. Burial will be at St. Francis Xavier Cemetery in Seward. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend and from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 20, 2002

Harold E. Dewey 1921-2002

Harold E. Dewey, 80, died Aug. 18 at Integrated Health Services in Great Bend. He was born Nov. 13, 1921, in Stafford County, the son of Wilbert W. and Ella Josephine Sims Dewey. He married Flossie P. Burhenn on May 18, 1947, in Stafford County. A lifetime resident of the Great Bend area, he was a farmer, steel cutter for Oneil Tank Service and road maintainer for South Bend Township. Dewey was a lifetime member of Eagles Lodge. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served during World War II in the European Theatre. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Jeffrey Dewey of Great Bend; five daughters, Carolyn Dewey of Lamar, Vivian Watkins and Marlene Dewey, both of Great Bend, Janis Chase of Valley Center and Catherine Chase of Marquette; one brother, Wayne Dewey of Grand Junction, Colo.; four sisters, Venita Newlin of Wichita, Gladys Mueller of Ellinwood, and Marjorie Keller and Marie Rogers, both of Great Bend; three grandsons; two step grandsons; and one step great-grandson. He was preceded in death by two infant sons and one brother, Devon Dewey. Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. William F. Johnson 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 Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Lung Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 20, 2002

August 23, 2002

Carol Beth Henry 1925-2002

TULSA, Okla. - Carol Beth Henry, 77, died July 7 at Tulsa. She was born May 16, 1925, at Elmdale, the daughter of William and Beth Ward. She married Miles Henry. A resident of Tulsa, she was a teacher. Survivors include her husband of the home. Funeral arrangements were handled by Reynolds Funeral Service in Tulsa. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 23, 2002

Grace Elizabeth Merten Weaver 1908-2002

MANHATTAN - Grace Elizabeth Merten Weaver, 93, died Aug. 19 at her residence in Manhattan. She was born Sept. 8, 1908, at Albert, the daughter of Albert N. and Ida Coss Merten. She was a graduate of Great Bend High School and the College of Emporia, with an A.B. and bachelor of music degrees and a certificate in public school music. She married David “Dave” J. Weaver on Sept. 20, 1940, at Hutchinson. He died Sept. 27, 1997. A resident of Hutchinson, she taught music, French and Latin at Syracuse. Mrs. Weaver was a member of United Methodist Church of Great Bend, First Presbyterian Church in Junction City, where she sang in the choir, and attended the American Association of University Women and Ladies Reading Club. She also volunteered at the Geary County Historical Society. Survivors include one son, David Weaver of Manhattan; one daughter, Jerri Campbell of Golden, Colo.; and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three sisters, Bessie Merten, Elsie Pascoe and Maisie Schroeder. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Great Bend Cemetery with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. Memorials are suggested to Geary County Historical Society, in care of Johnson Funeral Chapel in Junction City. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 23, 2002

Orville K. Warner 1918-2002

HAYS - Orville K. Warner, 83, died Aug. 20 at Hays Medical Center. He was born Oct. 3, 1918, in Barton County, the son of Howard R. and Pearl U. Davis Warner. He was a 1937 graduate of Great Bend High School. He married Thelma I. Hawkins Doan on Jan. 1, 1947, at Great Bend. She died Dec. 26, 1995. A resident of Hays, he was employed by Dari-maid dairy and then the United States Postal Service from 1950 until his retirement in 1976. Warner was a member of High Plains Baptist Church in Hays, National Association of Retired Federal Employees Chapter 1709, a lifetime member of Morrison-McFadden Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111 and lifetime member of American Legion Post 180. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in World War II, during the European Theater of Operations as a forward observer for section 81 mortars, Company H, 137th Infantry, 35th division. Survivors include two sons, Robert K. Warner of Ontario, Calif., and C.W. “Bill” Doan of Houston; six daughters, Mary Bowsky of Lafayette, Colo., Cynthia Harbaugh of Topeka, Alice Amerine and Darlene Queen, both of Great Bend, and Beverly Campbell and Kathy Burgardt, both of Hays; two sisters, Verla L. Jig of Great Bend and Hazel L. Jig of El Dorado; 16 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one infant daughter, Elizabeth Ann Warner; and one sister, Lela A. Robinson. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Ben Lowery officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. at Golden Belt Memorial Park Cemetery, north of Great Bend, with military honors. Friends may call from 4-8 tonight at Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home in Hays. Memorials are suggested to High Plains Christian School, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 23, 2002
Coleen V. Gates 1934-2002

OTTAWA - Coleen V. Gates, 67, died Aug. 20 at her home in Ottawa. She was born Dec. 29, 1934, at Falls City, Neb., the daughter of Herman and Amanda (Hartman) Zimmerman. She graduated in 1952 from Falls City High School and attended Brown Mackie Business College in Salina. She moved to Ottawa in 1971, coming from Morrill, Glasco, Russell and Ponca City, Okla. She was employed by Stouse Sign and Decal Company in Gardner in 1994 and a former employee with Franklin County Clerk's Office and Parmlee Industries. She is survived by two sons, Rick Gates of Russell and Mark Gates of Great Bend; one brother, Willard Zimmerman of Omaha, Neb.; four grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Lamb-Roberts-Heise Funeral Home in Ottawa. Graveside inurnment will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday at the Steele Cemetery in Falls City. Memorials may be made to the Bea Martin Peck Animal Shelter in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 23, 2002

August 25, 2002

Lawrence Eugene Lyman 1930-2002

Lawrence Eugene Lyman, 71, of Great Bend died Aug. 23 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Sept. 26, 1930 at Healy, the son of Sidney J. and Pauline Kuehn Lyman. He married Maria K. Goehler, Dec. 17, 1953 at Boeblinger, Germany. A resident of Great Bend for 33 years, coming from Healy, he was a retired farmer and machine operator. Lyman was a member of American Legion in Great Bend. He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Larry E. Lyman of Ventura, Calif.; one daughter, Jeannie Montgomery of Temecula, Calif.; two brothers, Richard L. Lyman of Lenexa, and Neil L. Lyman of Larned; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one grandchild, Zachariah Lyman. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at The First Church of God in Great Bend, with the Revs. Dick Ogile and Thomas Swain officiating. Burial will be at 3:30 p.m. Monday at Dighton Memorial Cemetery in Dighton. There is no visitation suggested. Memorials are suggested to Benevolent Fund in care of the church. Funeral arrangements are in care of Fryberger Mortuary in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 25, 2002

Bonnie E. Hemken 1917-2002

LA CROSSE - Bonnie E. Hemken, 85, died Aug. 22, at La Crosse. She was born June 22, 1917 at Glen Elder, the daughter of David G. and Lydia Grosch Zimmerman. She was a 1935 graduate of Hays High School, and received her Bachelor's Degree in violin performance from Fort Hays State University in 1939. She married Martin Hemken, Aug. 23, 1942 at Hays. He died Jan. 22, 2002. A lifetime resident of Kansas, she was a music teacher at Lorraine, Otis, and La Crosse. Mrs. Hemken was a member of Sal Music Fraternity, American Guild of Organists, a charter member of Pro Art, and a 40 year plus member of Fort Hays State College Community Symphony Orchestra. Survivors include several nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by three brothers: David J. Zimmerman, Raymond Paul Zimmerman, and Homer Phillip Zimmerman. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Hope Lutheran Church in Rush Center, with the Rev. Maurice Schaus officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. A prayer service will be at 7 p.m. today at Janousek Funeral Home. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. today, with family receiving friends from 6-7 p.m. all at the funeral home; and from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Fort Hays State University Endowment Association care of the Music Department of Rush County Nursing Home, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 25, 2002

Larry G. Buehler 1936-2002

BOULDER, COLO. - Larry G. Buehler, 65, died Aug. 22 at Boulder Community Hospital in Boulder. He was born Oct. 28, 1936 at Russell, the son of Leo and Helen Rassette Buehler. He was a graduate of Russell High School. He married Lavonne Barton, Nov. 12, 1954 at Russell. A resident of Boulder, coming from Russell, he was an oil field worker and engineer for IBM. Buehler was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Russell, Masonic Lodge in Buckner Hill, and American Legion at Kansas City. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Survivors include his wife of the home, two sons, Kendall Buehler of Russell, and Bradley Buehler of Aravda, Colo.; one daughter, Rhonda Storey of Cedar Rapid, Iowa; one brother, Steve Buehler of Hutchinson; one sister, Arlene Ubert of Wichita; and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Velma Barnhardt. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Harlan Kaden officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery at Russell. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at Pohlmans Mortuary in Russell, and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 25, 2002

Marie T. Schremmer 1917-2002

BEAVER - Marie T. Schremmer, 84, died Aug. 24 at Russell Regional Medical Center. She was born Oct. 11, 1917 at Olmitz, the daughter of Gus and Lucy Maneth Hlavaty. She married John A. Schremmer, Oct. 19, 1936 at Olmitz. A resident of Beaver, coming from Hoisington and Olmitz, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Schremmer was a member of St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington, and past president and member of St. Joseph Altar Society in Beaver. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons Guylan Schremmer of Wichita, and Stan Schremmer of Gorham; two daughters, Connie K. Pickert of Kansas City, Mo., and Jeanette Smith of Richmond, Mo.; 11 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Leonard Hlavaty; three sisters, Velma Schugart, Anna Schugart, and Augusta Lichter; and one grandson, John Michael Pickert. Vigil service will be 7 p.m. Monday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church in Hoisington. with the Revs. Bob Schremmer and Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph
Cemetery. Friends may call from 3-7 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the St. Joseph Cemetery or Russell Regional Hospital, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 25, 2002

August 26, 2002

Reuben Ralph Kleweno 1910-2002

BAZINE - Reuben Ralph Kleweno, 92, died Aug. 22 at Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice in Wichita. He was born July 8, 1910, at Bison, the son of George and Katie Gillig Kleweno. He married Mildred Marjorie Moore on Feb. 23, 1928, at Dodge City. She died Sept. 29, 1969. A longtime resident of Bazine, he was a farmer and stockman. Kleweno was a member of Bazine United Methodist Church and Hays Senior Center. Survivors include one daughter, Aleda Freidenberger of Wichita; one sister, Inez Royer of Ness City; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Donald Kleweno; and two sisters, Alice Margheim and Tillie Martin. Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Buzz Lambrecht officiating. Burial will be at Bazine Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City, and from 10 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Schowalter Villa of Hesston, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 26, 2002

Warren L. Luther 1920-2002

HAYS - Warren L. Luther, 81, died Aug. 24 at Hays Medical Center. He was born Sept. 19, 1920, in Barton County, the son of Dillard and Gertrude Miller Luther. He was a 1938 graduate of Great Bend High School. He married Letha J. Lofland April 6, 1949, in Kansas City. He owned Hays Answering Service for 13 years, selling it in 1976. Luther was a member of First United Methodist Church in Hays. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Terri Lynn Kindsfather of Golden, Colo., and Kerri Ann Brown of Hutchinson; one brother, Leland Luther of Great Bend; one sister, Bonnie Crawford of Wichita; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Lowell Luther and Dillard Luther Jr. Prayer service will be at 6 tonight at Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home in Hays with the Rev. William C. Miller officiating. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home from 5-7 tonight. Memorials are suggested to the church or Hays Public Library, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 26, 2002

August 27, 2002

Robert 'Harley' Yancey 1928-2002

BELLA VISTA, ARK. - A graveside memorial service for Robert "Harley" Yancey, 73, who died July 27 at Bella Vista, will be at 10:00 a.m. Friday at Great Bend Cemetery with the Rev. Bill Johnson officiating. Bella Vista Funeral Home and Crematory in Bella Vista was in charge of funeral arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Tuesday, August 27, 2002

Marian C. Dryden 1913-2002

LARNED - Marian C. Dryden, 88, died August 26 at Integrated Health Services in Great Bend. She was born Dec. 27, 1913, at Spearville, the daughter of Arthur and Jesse Dekalb Erickson. She married Arnold Lamar Dryden April 27, 1932, at Larned. He died Aug. 3, 1993. A longtime resident of Larned, she was a homemaker. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Larned. Survivors include one daughter, Elaine Divibiss of Edmond, Okla.; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Carolyn Dryden; one brother, Forrest Erickson; two sisters, Cloedene Gray and Ardythe Buerosse. Graveside service will be at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday at Larned Cemetery with the Rev. Curtis Reinhardt officiating. Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. today at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Tuesday, August 27, 2002

August 28, 2002

Dorothy M. McMillan 1913-2002

STAFFORD - Dorothy M. McMillan, 89, died Aug. 26 at Pratt Regional Medical Center in Pratt. She was born March 24, 1913, at Shelbyville, Mo., the daughter of Edgar and Edith Ramsey Ralls. She married Raymond McMillan on March 6, 1943, at Hutchinson. He died Jan. 26, 1994. A longtime resident of Stafford, she was a bookkeeper for Wes Lander Motor Co. for 25 years. Mrs. McMillan was a member of Christian Church, Business and Professional Women and Stafford Bowling League, all of Stafford. Survivors include two sons, Jerry McMillan of Stafford and Dennis McMillan of Omaha, Neb.; four grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Karen Ault officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Memorials are suggested to the church or Leisure Homestead, both in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 28, 2002
Billie L. Holl 1908-2002

ELLINWOOD - Billie L. Holl, 94, died Aug. 27 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. She was born Aug. 14, 1908, at Stroud, Okla., the daughter of Thomas Milam and Evie Amanda Flesher Jones. She married Joseph Holl on July 2, 1938, at Oklahoma City, Okla. He died April 9, 1971. A resident of Ellinwood since 1968, coming from rural Great Bend, she was a homemaker, child care provider and retired practical nurse. Mrs. Holl was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Ellinwood and former member of Sunnyside HDU. Survivors include two daughters, Sherrie Siefers and Ruth Schlochtermeier, both of Ellinwood; one sister, Margeline Henry of Dana Point, Calif.; 13 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Neva Ann Disque; two brothers, Thomas Jones and Ralph Jones; and three sisters, Mary Avery, Della Sherman and Ruth Thomas. Prayer service will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Andy Keltner officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to a special project at Woodhaven in Holl's memory, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 28, 2002

Flora A. ‘Flo’ Stafford 1910-2002

LARNED - Flora A. “Flo” Stafford, 92, died Aug. 26 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born March 18, 1910, at Seward, the daughter of Ulysses and Ave Parker Gore. She married Evan Scott Stafford on Feb. 6, 1937, at Olathe. He died Aug. 8, 1990. A resident of Larned since 1971, coming from California, she was a meat processor. Mrs. Stafford was a member of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Great Bend. Survivors include two daughters, Irma Freeman of Belton, Mo., and Marilyn Jo Alexander of Duncanville, Texas; one sister, Margaret Stroker of Larned; seven grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Lois Denny; one brother, Edward Gore; and four sisters, Lola Smith, Jennie Barstow, Kay Harms and Minnie McMillan. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with the Rev. Cliff Summers 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 chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to American Heart Association, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 28, 2002

Olive A. Unruh 1911-2002

LARNED - Olive A. Unruh, 91, died Aug. 26 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 28, 2002

August 30, 2002

Olive A. Unruh 1910-2002

LARNED - Olive A. Unruh, 91, died Aug. 26 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. She was born Oct. 21, 1910, at Nottingham, England, the daughter of Thomas and Mabel Birkin Weston. She was a 1931 graduate of Kismet High School. She married Elton R. Unruh on May 25, 1936, at Kismet. He died June 29, 1992. A resident of Larned since 1994, coming from Enid, Okla., she was a homemaker and school teacher. Mrs. Unruh attended Larned Assembly of God Church. Survivors include one son, Robert Unruh of Leesburg, Fla.; one daughter, Gloria Martin of Larned; two sisters, Edith Weston and Ethel Biome, both of Hugoton; six grandchildren; and five great-granddaughters. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Richard Martin officiating. Burial will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Memorial Park Cemetery in Enid. 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, Aug. 30, 2002

Robert L. 'Bob' Johnson 1940-2002

ROLLA, Mo. - Robert L. "Bob" Johnson, 62, died Aug. 22. He was born May 2, 1940, at Enderlin, N.D., the son of Raymond and Adelaide Card Johnson. He married Beverly Sovereign on Jan. 21, 1961. A resident of Rolla, he was a cartographic technician for the United States Geological Survey for 40 years, until his retirement in 2000. Johnson was a former longtime member of Rolla Lions Club. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Jeff Johnson of Chicago and Greg Johnson of Madison, Wis.; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Shirley Mammel. Memorial service was held Aug. 25 at Null & Son Funeral Home in Rolla with Kenneth Salts officiating. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 30, 2002

Esther I. Schafer 1914-2002

RUSSELL - Esther I. Schafer, 88, died Aug. 28 at Russell Regional Hospital in Russell. She was born July 10, 1914, at Galatia, the daughter of Henry and Pauline Strecker Nuss. She married Elmer Schafer on June 4, 1939, at Milberger. He died Aug. 3, 1969. A lifetime resident of the Russell area, she was a homemaker and was a cook for the Tower and O'Brien Cafes and Red's Chicken House. Mrs. Schafer was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Russell. Survivors include two sons, Geary Schafer of Gorham and Robert Schafer of Patchogue, N.Y.; three daughters, Shirley Pitchford of Quinton, Okla., Ruth Craig and Roberta Hupfer, both of Russell; one brother, Albert Nuss of Wyoming; one sister, Josephine Martenev of Bushton; one foster brother, Gerald Nuss of Plainville; 21 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in
death by one son, Elmer Schafer, Jr.; five brothers, Carl Nuss, Roy Nuss, Harlan Nuss, Melvin Nuss, and an infant brother, two sisters, Dorlene Sanders and Isbel Christopher. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church in Russell with the Rev. Harlan Kaden officiating. Burial will be at Milberger Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday, all at Pohlman's Mortuary in Russell, and from 1 p.m. until service time Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the family, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 30, 2002.
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September 1, 2002

Mildred J. Teichman 1912-2002

STAFFORD - Mildred J. Teichman, 90, died Aug. 30 at Leisure Homestead in Stafford. She was born Feb. 15, 1912, at Stafford, the daughter of Edward and Lodie Moore Russell. She was a 1932 graduate of Stafford High School. She married Irvin O. Teichman, Dec. 31, 1932 at Stafford. He died April 27, 2002. A resident of Stafford and Hudson communities, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Teichman was a member of United Methodist Church, Northstart Community Club, both of Stafford, and Homemakers EHU of Hudson. Survivors include one son, Dennis Teichman of Stafford; one daughter, Cibyl Ronen of St. John; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Roy Russell, Homer Russell, Myron Russell, and Elmer Russell; and five sisters, Florence Russell, Esther Russell, Laura Ritts, Edna Hockman, and Orpha Rhodes. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday 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. Monday at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 1, 2002

June M. Nylin 1938-2002

MAPLE GROVE, MINN. - June Marie Nylin, 64, died Aug. 21 at North Memorial Hospital at Maple Grove. She was born June 20, 1938 at Great Bend, the daughter of Milton and Marcella Weide. She was a 1956 graduate of Great Bend High School. She married Harvey Nylin, Dec. 21, 1958 at California. A resident of Minnesota for 40 years, she was a secretary for Finger Hut for many years before her retirement in 2001. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Greg Nylin, Matt Nylin, and Brad Nylin; two daughters, Pam Ganser, and Audra Gutzwiller; her parents of Great Bend; three brothers, John Weide and Joe Weide both of Topeka, and Jay Weide of St. Louis Park, Minn.; one sister, Jan Funnell of Frisco, Texas; and 12 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, James Weide. Memorial service was held Aug. 24 at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel. Memorials are suggested to North Memorial Medical Center Hospice in care of Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 1, 2002

Betty J. Reeves 1924-2002

NEWTON - Betty J. Reeves, 77, died Aug. 28, at Newton Medical Center at Newton. She was born Dec. 2, 1924 at Great Bend, the daughter of George W. and Alma M. Fesser Bell. She was a graduate of Great Bend High School. She married Licurgous 'L.F.' Franklin Reeves. He preceded her in death. A resident of Newton, coming from Salina and Hutchinson, she was a florist, and the Social Editor for the Newton Kansan from 1968 until her retirement in 1986. Mrs. Reeves was a member of First Christian Church in Newton, Eagles Auxiliary, Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority, Business Professional Women, Soroptimist Club, and the American Legion Auxiliary. Survivors include one brother, Wilbur Dean Bell of Great Bend; and one sister, Patricia June Shadix of Shawnee, Okla. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Great Bend City Cemetery, with the Rev. Leigh Early officiating. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Monday at Broadway Colonial Funeral Home in Newton. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 1, 2002

September 2, 2003

Jessica Lee Kowalke 1987-2002

DODGE CITY - Jessica Lee Kowalke, 14, died Aug. 30 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. She was born Dec. 21, 1987, at Garden City, the daughter of Kenneth and Lyn Snyder Kowalke. A resident of Dodge City, she was a former student of the Ingalls school system. Kowalke was a member of United Methodist Church and United Methodist Youth Group, both of Kalvesta, Gray County 4-H, Sandhill Vacqueros Saddle Club and Beef Empire Day Cutting Horse Association of Garden City. Survivors include her father of Ingalls; her mother of Dodge City; one sister, Josey Kowalke of Dodge City; one half brother, Jace Stubbes of Garden City; one half sister, Jill Stubbes of Iowa; her grandparents, Raymond and Patricia Snyder of Dodge City, and Raymond and Evelyn Kowalke of Garden City; and her great-grandmother, Juanita Smith of Texas. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. today at United Methodist Church in Cimarron with the Rev. Frank DeFisher officiating. Burial will be at St. Michael Cemetery in southwest Hodgeman County. Memorials are suggested to Gray County 4-H Foundation or Sandhill Vacqueros Saddle Club of Garden City, both in care of Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 2, 2002

Nellie M. Prather McElroy 1902-2002

GUYMAN, Okla. - Nellie M. Prather McElroy, 100, formerly of Great Bend, died Sept. 1. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Fryberger Mortuary in Great Bend. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. until noon Wednesday, all at the funeral home. The family will receive friends from 6-8 o.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Survivors will be announced by
Sarah Esther Hathaway 1916-2002

ST. JOHN - Sarah Esther Hathaway, 86, died Aug. 31 at Leisure Homestead in St. John. She was born Feb. 24, 1916, in Stafford County, the daughter of Charles Arthur and Edna Grace Griffin. She married Willie R. Hathaway on Aug. 5, 1933, at Larned. He died Nov. 21, 1996. A resident of St. John, she was an Avon representative for 15 years, a nurses' aide at Hearthstone Nursing Home and a homemaker. Mrs. Hathaway was a member of Landmark Missionary Baptist Church in Great Bend, former member of Missionary Baptist Church, ladies church auxiliary and Sunday school teacher, all of St. John. She was also a member of Avon Presidents Club. Survivors include two sons, Jerry Hathaway of St. John and Jim Hathaway of Colorado Springs, Colo.; six daughters, Marilyn Appelhans of Valley Center, Joyce Abshire of Boyce, La., Marlene White of Great Bend, Joan Pruett, Judy Shelton and Linda Sizemore, all of St. John; one sister, Georgia Bremer of Fort Bragg, Calif.; 21 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; many stepgrandchildren; and several stepgreat-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Grace Lower; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Minnis Chapel in St. John with the Rev. Chet Johnson and A. J. Owens officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 1-8 tonight at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to Southwind Hospice, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 2, 2002

Loretta Rae Debes 1955-2002

Loretta Rae Debes, 47, of Great Bend, died Aug. 31 at Hynes Memorial Hospice in Wichita. She was born April 24, 1955, at Wichita, the daughter of Jim and Pat Moyer Gautier. She was a 1973 graduate of Lyons High School. A resident of Wichita for one year, coming from Great Bend, she was a former employee of Kansas Power and Light Co. Survivors include two daughters, Charisse Sander of Great Bend and Stacia Battershell of Wichita; her parents of Lyons; two brothers, Troy Gautier of Atlanta, Ga., and Trent Gautier of Shawnee; one sister, Leah Gautier-Neff of Kansas City, Mo.; and two grandchildren. Funeral service 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. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until noon Tuesday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons and from noon until service time Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Center for the Improvement of Human Functioning of Wichita, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 2, 2002

Evelyn M. Karlin 1915-2002

Evelyn M. Karlin, 87, died Sept. 2 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 3, 2002

Nellie Margaret McElroy 1902-2002

Nellie Margaret McElroy, 100, died Sept. 1 at Memorial Hospital of Texas County in Guymon, Okla. She was born May 27, 1902, in Osborne County, the daughter of Mike and Mary Rumsey Reiss. She attended Luray High School and Fort Hays College, receiving a teacher's permit. She married Cecil Albert Prather on May 29, 1922, at Marquette. He died Nov. 1, 1963. She then married Lloyd F. "Mac" McElroy on Oct. 10, 1969, at Wichita. He died June 20, 1983. A resident of Guymon, coming from Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Mrs. McElroy was a member of King Memorial United Methodist Church in Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Mike Prather of Guymon; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, William A. Prather; one daughter, Doris Prather Bryant; two brothers, John Reiss and Claude Reiss; and three sisters, Ora Rose, Bertha Maude Beatty and Dorothy Cullens. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. today at Fryberger Mortuary Chapel in Great Bend with William Walton officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 4, 2002

Erwin L. Julian 1947-2002

MARQUETTE - Erwin L. Julian, 55, died Sept. 2. He was born March 28, 1947, at Larned. He married Glenda. A resident of Marquette, he was a maintenance employee at Riverview Estates Nursing Home and funeral director at Olson's Funeral Home, both of Marquette. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Michael E. Julian of Yates Center; two daughters, Anna Marie George of Yates Center and Nicole D. Collins of Cooperas Cove, Texas; one stepson, Kevin Baxter of Marquette; one stepdaughter, Melissa Riggs of Marquette; and four grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Elim Lutheran Church in Marquette. Burial will be at Marquette Cemetery. Friends may call from 7-8:30 tonight at Olson's Funeral Home in Marquette. Memorials are suggested to the church or Marquette Lion's Club, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 4, 2002

Carla M. Swigert Alderson 1954-2002
Richard ‘Dick’ Forster 1921-2002

FORSYTH, Mo. - Richard “Dick” Forster, 81, died Sept. 2 at Forsyth Care Center. He was born July 19, 1921, at Sharon Springs, the son of George and Charlotte Forster. He married Ann Nethercot on Feb. 15, 1947, in Hutchinson. A resident of Forsyth, he was employed by Prudential Insurance Co., serving the Great Bend and Hutchinson areas for 27 years until his retirement. Forster was a member of Our Lady of the Ozarks Catholic Church of Forsyth. He was also a member of Knights of Columbus, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in World War II as an Army Liaison pilot in the European Theater. He was awarded a Silver Star for bravery on April 5, 1945. He served more than 27 years as a member of Kansas Air National Guard, retiring at the rank of captain. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Richard W. Forster of Pittsburg and Thomas Forster of Kimberlina Cty. Mo.: two daughters, Susan Wright of Mt. Juliet, Tenn., and Bonnie Jessoune of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 5, 2002
Anthony N. Debes 1913-2002

ODIN - Anthony N. Debes, 89, died Sept. 5 at Pleasant Care Nursing Home in Novato, Calif. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 8, 2002

Mary A. Drake 1923-2002

Mary A. Drake, 79 of Great Bend, died Sept. 4 in Great Bend. She was born Feb. 13, 1923, in Great Bend, the daughter of Arthur A. and Mary Ellen Keenan Campbell. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, she was retired from Fuller Brush Company as an assembly production worker. Mrs. Drake was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and St. Rose Altar Society, both of Great Bend. Survivors include two sons, John E. III and Sandra K. Drake of Lakeland, Fla., and Ronald L. and Marcia D. Drake of Topeka. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorial will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Pohlman's Memorial Chapel in Russell with the Rev. Mike Joiner officiating. Burial will be at Russell City Cemetery in Russell. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. to service time Tuesday, both at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Keep the Dream Alive, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 8, 2002

Mandi Kay Alexander 1978-2002

Mandi Kay Alexander, 24 of Great Bend, died Sept. 4 in Great Bend. She was born May 15, 1978, at Great Bend, the daughter of Guy and Karen Mullenix Sunderland. A resident of Great Bend for many years, coming from Bushton and Larned, she was a clerk at Dolly Madison and had also worked at Rainbow Bakery and Bushton Cafe. She was a member of Extreme Hope Christian Fellowship in Great Bend. Survivors include two daughters, Brianna and Kirsten, both of the home; her parents of Great Bend; one brother, Brian Brueggemann of El Reno, Okla.; two sisters, Desiree Werth and Dawn Feist, both of Hutchinson; her grandparents, Raymond and Mary Mullenix of Bushton and Etta Sunderland of Great Bend. She was preceded in death by one sister, Sue Murray. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Mike Joiner officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call from 5-9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to service time Monday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the children's trust fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 8, 2002

John Graham 1934-2002

TOPEKA - John E. Graham, 68, died Aug. 30 at a Topeka hospital. He was born April 9, 1934, in Council Grove, the son of Nelson Everett and Vivian Corine Johnson Graham. He was a graduate of Council Grove High School. He married Kaye Lotspeich on June 13, 1992, in Topeka. A resident of Topeka since 1974, he worked in the oil fields in the Great Bend area as well as in construction and for a railroad. He was also cook at the Topeka Rescue Mission. Graham was a volunteer with Royal Rangers youth organization at Assembly of God Church. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Chuck Graham; four daughters, Anita, Stephanie, Melanie and Sherry Cay; one brother, Larry Graham of Clifton; and four sisters. Beverly Guynn of Kentuckv. Mvra Lowe of Indiana. Martha Wavman of Auburn and Ann Bryant of
Loren H. Scharz, 1931-2002

Loren H. Scharz, 71 of Great Bend, died Sept. 3 at his home. He was born June 25, 1931, in rural Barton County, the son of Nick A. and Alleen A. Kimpler Scharz. A resident of Great Bend for six years, coming from Ellinwood, he was in sales. Scharz was a past member of American Legion. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Survivors include one son, Michael Scharz of Cleveland, Ark.; one daughter, Sheila Jones of Ramona, Calif.; six brothers, Kenneth J. Scharz of Sacramento, Calif., Vernon Scharz of Grants Pass, Ore., Norbert Scharz of Sutter Creek, Calif., Gerald Scharz of Hays, Tom Scharz of Phoenix, Ariz., and Pat Scharz of Ellinwood; two sisters, DeSales Feist and Mary Bowes, both of Ellinwood; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles Scharz and Leon Scharz; and one sister, Celesta Bennett. There will be a private family graveside service. Friends may call from 1-7 p.m. Monday at Fryberger Mortuary in Great Bend, with family receiving friends from 5-7 p.m. Monday. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 8, 2002

Wayne Clarence Ehmke 1931-2002

Wayne Clarence Ehmke, 71 of Great Bend, died Sept. 6 at his residence. He was born Jan. 29, 1931, in Kimberly, Wis., the son of Clarence and Myrtle Huntington Ehmke. He was a resident of Kansas since 1980, coming from Kimberly. Ehmke was a member of Evangelical Lutheran Church of Kimberly. Survivors include one sister, LaVerne Reed of Lyons. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Lyons Municipal Cemetery in Lyons with the Rev. Allen J. Woelslein officiating. Memorials are suggested to Great Bend Sunflower Diversified Services, in care of Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 8, 2002

Herschel 'Pete' Janssen 1913-2002

LORRAINE - Herschel "Pete" Janssen, 89, died Sept. 6 at his residence. He was born Sept. 3, 1913, in Ellsworth County, the son of Lewis C. and Johanna Janssen. He married Marian Craig on Nov. 16, 1935, in Kingman. She died Dec. 10, 1963. He married Rosemary Feigenspan on May 14, 1967, in Lorraine. A lifetime resident of the Lorraine area, he was a retired farmer and stockman, founder of Green Garden Angus. Janssen was a member of First Baptist Church of Lorraine, American Angus Association and past president and honorary member of Kansas Angus Association. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Arlo Janssen of Columbus, Mont., and Richard Janssen of Ellsworth; three daughters, Jo Walker of Canton, Ranch Meifler of Great Bend and Joyce Cotton of Golden, Colo.; one stepdaughter, Mary K. Radenberg of Claffin; 15 grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Tammy Boeken. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Don Decker officiating. Burial will be at Lorraine Baptist Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 today at Parsons Funeral Home in Ellsworth and from 9-10 a.m. Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 8, 2002

Lawrence Emil Huslig 1916-2002

Lawrence Emil Huslig, 86 of Great Bend, died Sept. 6 at Brandon Woods Retirement Center in Lawrence. He was born March 27, 1916, at Clifton, the son of Emil and Josephine Lamatsch Huslig. He married Helen Pivonka on June 1, 1938, at Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend since 1937, coming from Clifton, he was an automotive parts salesman and warehouse manager for Schueffler Supply and American Parts, retiring in Jan. 2, 1982. Huslig was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and a St. Rose Eucharistic minister. He was a 4th Degree member of Knights of Columbus, a past grand knight and past financial secretary. Survivors include his wife of Lawrence; three sons, James and Connie Huslig of Prairie Village, Richard and Shelia Huslig of Baltimore, Md., and Philip and Kathy Huslig of Omaha, Neb.; three daughters, Carol and James Stumpf of Omaha, Jeanette and John Sline of Overland Park, and Laura and Don Basse of Alamosa, Colo.; one sister, Augusta Huslig of Claffin; 11 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Tony Huslig and Bernard Huslig; four sisters, Clara Lesch, Rose Bieberle, Marie Birzer and Theresa Woydziak. Vigil will be at 7 tonight, followed by Knights of Columbus rosary, both at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Revs. Charles Mazouch and Angel Dy officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-9 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, St. Lawrence Catholic Campus Center at Lawrence or American Cancer Society, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 8, 2002

Leonard Schmidt 1906-2002

LA CROSSE - Leonard Schmidt, 96, died Sept. 7 at Long Term Care Unit of Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. Schmidt was born April 23, 1906, at Liebenthal, the son of John and Anna Heromena Schmidt. He married Mathilda Depperschmidt on Nov. 7, 1927, at Liebenthal. She died Feb. 21, 1986. A resident of La Crosse, coming from Hays, he was a farmer and had worked at A.W. Carbaugh for 35 years. Schmidt was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in La Crosse and former member of St. Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church of Hays. Survivors include one son, John Schmidt of Grand Pass, Ore.; two daughters, Betty Schmidt of Hays and Dorothy McDermott of La Crosse; two brothers, Monsignor George N. Schmidt of Wichita and Leo Schmidt of Great Bend; three sisters, Sister Bernadette Schmidt of Wichita, Sister Ann Mary Schmidt of Kearney, Neb., and Annie Ziegler of Collver; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Elmer Schmidt; three sisters, Isabella Schmidt, Cledesta Isenbart and Louise Dolecheck; and one great-grandson, Jamie Whitis. St. Nicholas Ladies Guild rosary will be at 6 p.m. Monday. a Daughters of Isabella rosary will be at 6:30 p.m. and a Parish prayer
service will be at 7 p.m., on Monday at Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home in Hays. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the church in La Crosse, with the Rev. Charles Mazouch officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 5-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home and from 11:30 until 12:45 p.m. Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Long Term Care Unit at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse or for Masses, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 8, 2002

Charles David Pearson 1931-2002

Charles David Pearson, 70 of Great Bend, died Sept. 7 at his residence. He was born Sept. 30, 1931, at Alta Vista, the son of John Andrew and Sophia Ina McDiffett Pearson. He married Eleanor Mary Barnes on June 27, 1959, in Lock Berlin, N.Y. A resident of Great Bend since 1959, coming from Alta Vista, he was a school teacher and coach. Pearson was a member of First United Methodist Church, American Legion, National Educators Association, Great Bend National Educators Association and Lake Barton Golf Club, all of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, C. David Pearson of Hutchinson; three daughters, Ann Werth and Joan Henning, both of Great Bend, and Dawn Willms of Dublin, Ohio; four brothers, John A. Pearson Jr. of Dublin, Calif., Lloyd Pearson of Tonganoxie, Don Pearson of Concordia and Dick Pearson of Omaha, Neb.; four sisters, Bertie TenEyck of Haysville, Deloris Raby of Liberty S.C., Debbie Wilson of Americus and Doris Pearson of Emporia; and 11 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Melvin Pearson. Funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call from 1-9 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, all at the funeral home, and from 1 p.m. to service time at the church. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home, Health and Hospice or USD 428 Educational Foundation, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 8, 2002

September 9, 2002

Celeste M. Krestine 1919-2002

OLMITZ - Celeste M. Krestine, 83, died Sept. 7 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born March 9, 1919, in rural Otis, the daughter of William J. Sr. and Clara Marie Zirnich Krestine. A longtime resident of Olmitz, moving to Great Bend, she was a bookkeeper and secretary. She was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Olmitz. Rosary will be at 7:30 tonight at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Ultan Murphy officiating. Burial will be at St. Ann Cemetery in Olmitz. Friends may call from 1 to 9 tonight at the funeral home. The casket will be closed. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Sept. 9, 2002

James Henry Weighous 1920-2002

James Henry Weighous, 81 of Great Bend, died Sept. 8 at Integrated Health Services in Great Bend. He was born Dec. 16, 1920, at Richards, Colo., the son of Frank and Vira Callaway Weighous. He married Virginia M. Clarke June 29, 1941, at Great Bend. She died May 20, 1999. A resident of Great Bend for most of his life, he was a retired truck driver and had worked for Allied Cement Co. Weighous was a member of American Legion. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include one son, James R. Weighous of Ness City; one daughter, Michelle Cruse of Great Bend; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Richard C. Weighous. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Mike Joiner officiating. Inurnment will be at Great Bend Cemetery. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the family, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Sept. 9, 2002

Ruth Lena Dumler 1908-2002

LARNED - Ruth Lena Dumler, 98, died Sept. 7 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 9, 2002

Viola L. Nordstrom 1909-2002

BUSHTON - Viola Heiken Nordstrom, a lifelong resident of Rice County, died Sept. 6, 2002, in Ellinwood. She was 93 years, five months, and 28 days old at the time of her death. Viola L. Heiken, daughter of Emma Becker and Edward Heiken, was born on a farm north of Bushton on March 9, 1909. She grew up and spent her entire life in the Bushton area, attending public schools in Holyrood and Bushton, graduating from Bushton High School in 1927. She joined Bushton United Methodist Church in 1925 and had been a faithful member ever since. She graduated from Kansas Wesleyan University in 1931 with an A.B. degree in English. While there, she was a member of Pi Alpha Pi, Sigma Tau Delta, English Coffee Club, Women's Athletic Association and YWCA. After her graduation she returned to Bushton where she married Arthur L. Nordstrom on Sept. 27, 1933. She was active all her life in the Bushton community, belonging to clubs such as Double Seven, MIC, and MYOB. Viola and Art established Nordstrom Supply, a plumbing company in Bushton, in 1945, and they continued in business until their retirement in 1975. She was a substitute teacher at Bushton High School and in 1957 was the first woman elected to the Bushton School Board. Viola was preceded in death by her parents, Emma Becker and Edward Heiken; two brothers, George Heiken and Harold Heiken; one sister, Evelyn Bohannon, and her husband, Arthur L. Nordstrom. She is survived by her son and his wife, Dale and Joan Nordstrom of Arlington, Texas; grandson, Gary Nordstrom of Dallas, Texas; and granddaughter, Deanne Simmons and her husband, Mike, of Mansfield, Texas. She is also survived by two great-grandchildren, Evan and Katherine Simmons of Mansfield. In addition, she is mourned by 10 nieces and nephews and their families and numerous friends and relatives. Memorial service will be held at 1:30
Mary A. Drake 1923-2002

The funeral for Mary A. Drake, 79 of Great Bend, who died Sept. 4, will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend. She was preceded in death by one sister, Grace Schneweis. The Tribune regrets the omission. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 9, 2002

Charles David Pearson 1931-2002

Charles David Pearson, 70 of Great Bend, died Sept. 7 at Great Bend. Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend is in charge of funeral arrangements. The Tribune regrets the omission. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 9, 2002

September 10, 2002

Matilda Wondra 1910-2002

LARNED - Matilda Wondra, 92, died Sept. 9 at Healthcare and Living Center in Larned. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 10, 2002

Ruth Lena Dumler 1904-2002

LARNED - Ruth Lena Dumler, 98, died Sept. 7 at Integrated Health Services in Great Bend. She was born Jan. 18, 1904, in Ness County, the daughter of Thomas and Lula Sufficool Temple. She married Sam Dumler May 20, 1926, at Larned. He died July 17, 1978. A lifetime resident of Larned, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Dumler was a member of United Methodist Church in Larned. Survivors include one granddaughter, Becky Householder of Lamar, Mo.; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Wanda Lee Dumler Rosenfield; and one grandson. Graveside service was this morning at Larned Cemetery with the Rev. Charles Grant officiating. Beckwith Mortuary of Larned was in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 10, 2002

Sister Alfreda Thieme 1918-2002

Sister Alfreda Thieme, 84, died Sept. 9 in the Dominican Sisters' Convent Infirmary in Great Bend. She was born Feb. 17, 1918, at St. Leo (Nashville) as Pauline Johanna Thieme, the daughter of Alfred and Anna Kerschen Thieme. She entered the Dominican Sisters' Community Sept. 4, 1932, and pronounced her first vows Aug. 20, 1935. She celebrated 65 years of religious profession in 2000. Sister Alfreda began her ministerial life as a teacher of elementary students in Odin, Great Bend, Sharon and Willowdale. She was a supervisor of schools for the Catholic Diocese of Wichita for a short time. Soon after this she began work as a bursar, office manager and administrator of St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. She was treasurer of the Congregation in Great Bend from 1964-1977. Later she was also bookkeeper for Heartland Center for Spirituality, and receptionist at the motherhouse. She was currently retired from the motherhouse due to illness. Survivors include two brothers, John Thieme of Kingman and Joseph Thieme of Zenda; and one sister, Bertha Schaffer of Manhattan. Sister Alfreda's body will lie in state at the Dominican Chapel of the Plains beginning at 4:30 p.m. today until Liturgy of the Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the chapel, with the Rev. Gerald Hammelke officiating. A wake service will be at 7:30 tonight at the chapel. Burial will be at Sisters' Resurrection Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from 4:30 to 8 tonight and from 8 to 10 a.m. Wednesday, all at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to the Dominican Sisters Ministry Fund in honor of Sister Alfreda, Office of Mission and Ministry, 3600 Broadway, Great Bend, KS 67530. Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 10, 2002

Anthony N. Debes 1913-2002

NOVATO, Calif. - Anthony N. Debes, 89, died Sept. 5 at Pleasant Care Nursing Home in Novato. He was born June 12, 1913, in Odin, the son of Alois and Hattie Habiger Debes. He married Geneal Hallows May 3, 1970, at Novato. She died Nov. 5, 1996. He was a retired sales and service manager for Macy's and Singer Center. Debes was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Novato. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include one brother, Otto Debes of Ness City; and one sister, Tina Bachand of Great Bend. He was preceded in death by five brothers, Walter Debes, Albert Debes, Lawrence Debes, Joe Debes and the Rev. Leo Debes; and five sisters, Laura Reif, Eleanor Debes, Aurelia Hitzschmann, Sister Pia Debes and Sister Emmanuel Debes. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Holy Family Catholic Church in Odin with the Rev. Ultan Murphy officiating. Burial will be at Holy Family Cemetery in Odin with a flag presentation by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7428 and American Legion Post 286, both of Hoisington. Friends may call from 7:30 to 9 tonight at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family Catholic Church or Holy Family Cemetery, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 10, 2002

Rebecca 'Becky' Karst 1908-2002
RUSSELL - Rebecca "Becky" Karst, 94, died Aug. 29 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. She was born Aug. 23, 1908, in Russell County, the daughter of Fredrick and Katherine Steiner Morgenstern. She married Theodore Karst Aug. 8, 1925, at Hays. He died Nov. 6, 1995. She worked in the creamery in Galatia, at the family-owned service station in Russell and was a homemaker. Mrs. Karst was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Russell. Survivors include one son, Eugene Karst of Russell; one daughter, Lillian Shelton of Hays; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Saigmund Morgenstern; and three sisters, Caroline Bender, Clara Potter and Stella Crissman. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Pohlman's Memorial Chapel in Russell, with the Rev. Henry Hartman officiating. Burial will be at St. John Lutheran Cemetery in Russell. There is no visitation. Friends may sign the book prior to the service. The body was cremated. Memorials are suggested to the cemetery fund, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 10, 2002

September 11, 2002

Violet Elma Slade Manweiler 1912-2002

HOISINGTON - Violet Elma Slade Manweiler, 89, died Sept. 9 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born Dec. 21, 1912, in Stafford, the daughter of Francis Byron and Lillian Jane Marshall Slade. She married August Manweiler April 11, 1930, at Bushston. He died Sept. 26, 1993. A resident of Hoisington for most of her life, having lived in Marion, Mont. from 1973 to 1996, she was a retired accountant with Manweiler Chevrolet of Hoisington. Mrs. Manweiler attended Concordia Lutheran Church in Hoisington. Survivors include three sons, Larry M. Manweiler of Hoisington, Gary Manweiler of Boerne, Texas, and Robert Manweiler of Valparaiso, Ind.; one daughter, Sonya Benge of Houston, Texas; one sister, Freda Durant of Chula Vista, Calif.; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Edward Slade and Boyd Slade; and two sisters, infant Iona Bernice Slade and Dot Slade Maupin. A prayer service will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Garry Dassow officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, all at the funeral home, and from 9:30 a.m. until service time Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or donor's choice, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 11, 2002

Mary Emma Hipsher 1912-2002

LONGMONT, Colo. - Mary Emma Hipsher, 90, died Sept. 9 at Longmont United Hospital in Longmont. She was born March 7, 1912, in Lawrence, Neb., the daughter of Frank and Frances Wenzinger Britten. She graduated from Lawrence High School in 1929. She graduated from Mount Carmel School of Nursing in Pittsburg in 1932. She married Paul Seal Hipsher Feb. 15, 1941, in Pittsburg. He died in 2000. A resident of Longmont, having come from Great Bend, Ellinwood, Albuquerque, N.M., Buhler and Colby, she was a housewife and retired from a nursing career having worked as a school nurse in Pittsburg until 1941, an obstetrics nurse at Longmont Community Hospital and at the Foothills Nursing Home until the age of 80. Mrs. Hipsher was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. Survivors include three sons, Tom Hipsher of Anchorage, Alaska, Mike Hipsher of Estes Park, Colo., and Tim Hipsher of Longmont; one daughter, Paula Brozek of Great Bend; ten grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five siblings. A vigil service and rosary will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Howe Mortuary in Longmont. Funeral Mass will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. James Fox officiating. Services will conclude at the church with cremation to follow. Private interment will be at a later date at Foothills Gardens of Memory in Longmont. Friends may call until 7 p.m. Thursday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Hospice of Boulder County in Lafayette, Colo., or the church, both in care of Howe Mortuary of Longmont. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 11, 2002

Mary Drake 1923-2002

Mary A. Drake, 79, of Great Bend, died Sept. 4 in Great Bend. She was born Feb. 13, 1923, in Great Bend, the daughter of Arthur A. and Mary Ellen Keenan Campbell. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, she was retired from Fuller Brush Company as an assembly production worker. Mrs. Drake was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and St. Rose Altar Society, both of Great Bend. Survivors include two sons, John E. III and Sandra K. Drake of Lakeland, Fla., and Ronald L. and Marcia D. Drake of Great Bend; one brother, Henry "Bud" Campbell of Douglasville, Ga.; six sisters, Dorothy Greer of Bristow, Okla., Katherine Campbell, Ruth White and Patricia Gerstenkorn, all of Great Bend, Delores Maggiora of Aurora, Colo., and Mary Ellen Nieman of Ontario, Calif.; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Grace Schneweis. Altar Society rosary will be at 4:30 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home. Rosary service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Angel Dy 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, all at the funeral home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice or American Cancer Society, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Sept. 10, 2002

Richard L. Bittel 1958-2002

LACROSSE - Richard L. Bittel, 44, died Sept. 9 at Hays Medical Center. He was born March 14, 1958, in Hays, the son of LeRoy and Rosalyn Dechant Bittel. He was employed with the oil industry and worked in the oil fields. Bittel was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in LaCrosse. Survivors include two daughters, Christie Bittel of Wichita and Amber Bittel of Hays; one brother, Daniel Bittel of St. John; one sister, Kimberly Ann Oldham of Bennington; his father, LeRoy Bittel of La Crosse; his mother, Rosie Giesick of WaKeeney; and grandparents, Ursula Dechant of Hays and Marie Bittel of Logan. He was preceded in death by one sister, Debbie Schroetter. A parish vigil service will be 7 tonight at Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home in Hays. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Hays with the Rev. Kevin Weber
Aug. 19, 1911, at Esbon the Martha Elizabeth Vinsonhaler, 91, died Sept. 9 at Cheyenne. She was born 11, 2002

Memorials may be sent to the Sacred Heart School Endowment Fund in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 11, 2002

Rebecca J. Welsh 1941-2002

HUTCHINSON - Rebecca J. Welsh, 61, died Sept. 9 at her home. She was born April 10, 1941, at Stafford the daughter of B. Earl and Ernestine Briles Hayes. She was a graduate of Stafford High School and received a bachelor's in education degree from Southwestern College in Winfield and a master's degree from California State University in Fullerton, Calif. She married Charles Welsh Feb. 20, 1965 in Hutchinson since 1996, coming from Anaheim, she had been a first grade teacher, a gifted teacher for the fourth, fifth and sixth grades and manager of the literature program for the Anaheim school district. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, HP Chapter of PEO; Friends of the Hutchinson Humane Society, Horseless Carriage Auto Club, American Legion Auxiliary and was president of United Methodist Women. Survivors include her husband of the home; one sister, Melissa Hayes of Oakland, Calif.; and father, B. Earl Hayes of Stafford. She was preceded in death by one brother, Michael T. Hayes. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Nick Warner officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Stafford Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 9 a.m. until service time Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to New Building Fund at Trinity Church in care of Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 11, 2002.

Matilda Wondra 1910-2002

LARNED - Matilda Wondra, 92, died Sept. 9 at Healthcare and Living Center in Larned. She was born April 12, 1910, at Claflin, the daughter of Joseph F. and Josephine Reif Zorn. She married Anton A. Wondra June 4, 1929, at Odin. He died Sept. 19, 1994. A resident of Larned since 1979, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Wondra was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Larned. Survivors include three sons, Bernard A. Wondra of Newton, and Anthony J. Wondra and Stephen A. Wondra, both of Wichita; two daughters, Theresa M. Kreutzer of Larned, and Adeline E. Phillips of Dallas, Texas; 15 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Mildred Drehm; two brothers, Joseph A. Zorn and William E. Zorn; two sisters, Fannie Kirmer and Mary Tinkel; and four grandchildren. A parish vigil will be at 7:30 to night the church. Memorials will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Stafford Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 9 a.m. until service time Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Sacred Heart School Endowment Fund in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 11, 2002.

September 12, 2002

John Wesley McEachern Jr. 1931-2002

POTTTSBORO, Texas - John Wesley McEachern Jr., 70, died Sept. 10 at Wilson N. Jones Medical Center in Sherman, Texas. He was born Oct. 23, 1931, in Jet, Okla., the son of John and Leona McEachern. He married Eunice Kimball March 10, 1956. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, having served in the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of Pottsboro; three sons, Greg McEachern of Boca Raton, Fla., Richard McEachern of Chase, and Brian McEachern of Wichita; four sisters, Doris Riley of Red Bluff, Calif., Mildred Cameron of Tulsa, Okla., Barbara Sharp of South Dakota, and Joyce Cook of Grove, Okla.; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Bob McEachern; and two sisters, Joan Regean and Dorothy Burnham. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Robert Schremmer officiating. Visitation will be until 8 tonight at the funeral home. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the American Arthritis Association, North Texas Chapter, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 12, 2002

Floris G. Jones 1926-2002

Floris G. Jones, 76, of Great Bend, died Sept 10 at her home in Great Bend. She was born March 13, 1926, at Marks, Miss., the daughter of Ney M. and Annie Lee Carver Gore. She was a graduate of Marks High School, Blue Mountain College in Blue Mountain, Miss., and did graduate work at the University of Mississippi and Fort Hays State University. She married Floris G. Jones, 76, of Great Bend, died Sept. 9 at Cheyenne. She was born Aug. 19, 1911, at Esbon the

Martha Elizabeth Vinsonhaler 1911-2002

CHEYENNE. Wyo. - Martha Elizabeth Vinsonhaler. 91, died Sept. 9 at Cheyenne. She was born Aug. 19, 1911, at Esbon the
daughter of Levi and Mary Ward. She married Albert Vinsonhaler. He is deceased. A resident of Cheyenne for the past three years, coming from Monahans, Texas, she was a nurse. Mrs. Vinsonhaler was a member of First Assembly of God Church. Survivors include one son, Dale Vinsonhaler of Monahans; one daughter, Carol Frank of Cheyenne; 13 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four sons, Larry Vinsonhaler, Kenneth Vinsonhaler and Ralph Raymond Vinsonhaler; one brother, Richard Ward. Cremation has taken place at Cheyenne Memorial Gardens with Wiedeerspahn-Radomsky Chapel of the Chimes in charge of arrangements. Graveside services and inurnment will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Spring Grove Cemetery in Anthony. Memorials are suggested to Meals on Wheels. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune, Sept. 12, 2002

Agnes Margartha Katherina Walton 1909-2002

LYONS - Agnes Margartha Katherina Walton, 93, died Sept. 10 at Lyons District Hospital in Lyons. She was born June 16, 1909, in Holrood, the daughter of Hans William and Wilhelmine Louise Heiken Christopher. She was a graduate of Holyrood High School and Sterling College. She married Claude Orange Walton Aug. 16, 1936 in Holyrood. He died April 5, 1969. A resident of Lyons since 1970, she was a retired elementary school teacher, having taught at schools in Wilson, Langley, Lorraine, Bushton and Lyons. Mrs. Walton was a member of St. Paul United Church of Christ in Holrood, Rice County Republican Women, Historical Society, Silver Threads and Li-Ar-Mu Club, all of Lyons, and was a 37 year member of Delta Kappa Gama International Society of Women Educators. Survivors include one daughter, Mary Eves of Wichita; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Herman Besthorn and Art Besthorn; three sisters, Linda Burmeister, Elsie Stoltenberg and Bertha Boye; and an infant sibling. Funeral will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Mary Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. Paul United Church of Christ Cemetery in Holyrood. Friends may call from 2 to 7 p.m. Friday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to the Agnes Walton Memorial Fund at USD 405 in Lyons or Agnes Walton Memorial Fund at Orpheum Theater in Wichita, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune, Sept. 12, 2002

September 15, 2002

Hilda Tina Peterson 1909-2002

LARNED - Hilda Tina Peterson, 93, died Sept. 12 at the St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. She was born Jan. 24, 1909 at Rush County, the daughter of Peter August and Hanna Marie Renken Petersen. She married Eldon Arthur Petersen, Oct. 4, 1933 at Rush County. He died Dec. 10, 1988. A lifetime resident of Larned, she was a homemaker and housekeeper. Mrs. Peterson was a member Peace Lutheran Church, and Peace Lutheran Ladies Aid, all of Albert. Survivors include two sons, Donald Dean Peterson of Larned, and Darryl Duane Peterson of Hutchinson; one daughter, Yvonne Rose Wittig of Larned; one sister, Rose Peterson Tammen of Larned; seven grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Fredrick Peterson; three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church in Albert, with the Revs. Darryl Peterson, Ethel Feistner, and Jack Russell officiating. Burial will be at Peace Lutheran Cemetery in Larned. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Price and Sons Funeral Home in Garden City. Memorials are suggested to the Peace Lutheran Church Women's group, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 15, 2002

September 16, 2002

William Edwin 'Ed' Haller 1929-2002

GARDEN CITY - William Edwin "Ed" Haller, 73, died Sept. 14 at his home. He was born Feb. 23, 1929, in Hoisington, the son of William Nast and Grace Jessop Haller. He married Louise M. Heiken on July 17, 1949, in Albert. A resident of Garden City, coming from Wichita in 1970, he was a retired switchman for Southwestern Bell Telephone. Haller was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Garden City, Telephone Pioneers of America and past Boy Scout leader. He served in U.S. Navy Reserve. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Janis L. Schaffer and Jean L. Morlang, both of Garden City; one sister, Blanche Button of La Crosse; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Ruth Gruver and Edna Haller. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Lyle Steuhrenberg officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Larned Cemetery in Larned. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Price and Sons Funeral Home in Garden City. Memorials are suggested to the church or Sunshine Nursing Agency, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 16, 2002

Ethel Virginia Wilkerson 1921-2002

CHASE - Ethel Virginia Wilkerson, 81, died Sept. 15 at Lyons District Hospital in Lyons. She was born Jan. 26, 1921, in Beardon, Okla., the daughter of David Wesley and Margaret Mullins Jackson. She married William V. Wilkerson on Oct. 1, 1935, in Welsey, Okla. A resident of Chase since 1956, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Wilkerson was a member of Christian Church and Chase Senior Center, both of Chase. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, William Wilkerson of Mannford, Okla., Allen Wilkerson of McPherson and Ronnie Wilkerson of Lyons; two sisters, Vera Ledbetter of Little River and Dorothy Cooper of Oklahoma City, Okla.; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Vernon Jackson and Cecil Jackson; four sisters, Marcella Ricketts, Marceline Garrett, Lily Jackson and Norma Ruth Jackson; and two grandsons, Billy Wilkerson and Charles Valice Wilkerson. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. D.D. Hall and Johnnie Hardie officiating. Burial will be at Lyons Municipal Cemetery in Lyons. Friends may call from 2-5 p.m. today and from 9-11 a.m. Tuesday, both at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to the church or Chase First Responders, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 16, 2002
Hildagard Elizabeth Drehle 1916-2002

Hildagard Elizabeth Drehle, 86, died Sept. 15 at Sandpiper Bay Nursing Home in Wichita. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 16, 2002

September 17, 2002

James "Jimmy" Bednasek 1903-2002

ELLSWORTH - James "Jimmy" Bednasek, 99, died Sept. 15 at Ellsworth County Medical Center. He was born April 11, 1903, at Wilson, the son of Joseph Sr. and Jennie Kroft Bednasek. He married Gertrude Schmoekel on April 29, 1945, at Ellsworth. A resident of Ellsworth since 1945, coming from Wilson, he was owner of B&D Implement and a Bankers Life and Casualty Insurance agent. Bednasek was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Ellsworth and American Legion of Wilson. He was a U.S. Army Air Corp veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Judy Juneau of Lawrence; and one grandchild. He was preceded in death by one son, Larry Dean. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Richard Andrus officiating. Burial will be at Ellsworth Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 tonight at Parsons Funeral Home in Ellsworth and from 9-10 a.m. Wednesday at the church. The family will receive friends from 6-7 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 17, 2002

John George Medina 1949-2002

LARNED - John George Medina, 53, died Sept. 15 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. He was born Feb. 17, 1949, in Dikes County, Colo., the son of John M. and Della I. Forsgren Medina. He married Theresa Marie Bartz on Dec. 30, 1989, at Larned. A resident of Larned since 1967, coming from Topeka, he was foreman at Doerr Metal Products. Medina was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, both of Larned. He was also retired from the Larned Fire Department after 20 years of service. Survivors include three sons, John G. Medina, Jr. of Sand Springs, Okla., and A.J. Medina and Brian Medina, both of Larned; two daughters, Pamela Prescott of Meridian and Sandy Gros of Great Bend; his mother of Larned; three sisters, Eunice Doty of Klamath Falls, Ore., Virginia Hoberecht of Wichita and Della (Gina) Timmons of Great Bend; and 10 grandchildren. Vigil service will be at 7 tonight at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church 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 A. J. and Brian Medina Educational Fund, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 17, 2002

Hildagard Elizabeth Drehle 1916-2002

Hildagard Elizabeth Drehle, 86, of Great Bend, died Sept. 15 at Sandpiper Bay Nursing Home in Wichita. She was born Sept. 15, 1916, in rural Hoisington, the daughter of Isaac and Katherine Elizabeth Daubert Boger. She married Edward Robert Drehle on April 17, 1938, in Hoisington. He died Dec. 22, 1992. A resident of Wichita since May 2001, coming from Great Bend, Dodge City and Hoisington, she was a receptionist and bookkeeper. Mrs. Drehle was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and Silver and Gold Club, both of Great Bend. Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Carma L. Drehle-Neth and Tom Neth, both of Wichita; one brother, Reinhardt W. Boger of Lexington, Ky; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, August M. Boger. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Revs. James A. Strasen and David E. Carlson officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call until 9 tonight at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 17, 2002

September 18, 2002

Arla M. Langerman 1909-2002

WILSON - Arla M. Langerman, 93, died Sept. 17 at Wilson Nursing Center. She was born May 14, 1909, at Scott City, the daughter of John and Hope Day Whiston. She married Ray Langerman on Dec. 23, 1930, at Scott City. He died Jan. 10, 1982. A resident of Wilson, coming from Scott City, she was a homemaker and switchboard operator for Wilson Telephone Company. Mrs. Langerman was a member of Wilson United Methodist Church, Rebekah Lodge and Gleaners Club, all of Wilson. Survivors include one son, Robert Langerman of Lexington, Ky; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, August M. Boger. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. David Williams officiating. Burial will be at Wilson Cemetery. Friends may call from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday and from 8 a.m. until service time Friday at the church. The family will receive friends from 6-8 Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Wilson Nursing Center Activity Director, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 18, 2002

Ralph L. "Corky" Anderson 1948-2002

SHELL KNOB, Mo. - Ralph L. "Corky" Anderson, 54, died Sept. 14, the result of an automobile accident near Shell Knob. He was born Aug. 29, 1948, at Ransom, the son of Robert and Winifred Anderson. He was a 1966 graduate of Great Bend High School.
He married Robin. She preceded him in death. He then married Rose. He was a resident of Shell Knob, coming from Great Bend and Grove. Anderson served during the Vietnam War and was a recipient of the Purple Heart. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Robbie Nichols of Ellensburg, Wash.; one stepdaughter, Melissa Thompson of Joplin, Mo.; his mother and stepfather, Winifred and Duane Rankin of Crane, Mo.; three brothers, Randy Anderson of Great Bend, Jerry Anderson of Lincoln, Neb., and Robert Anderson of Denver, Colo.; one sister, Winnie Kingsbury of Appleton, Wis.; and one grandson. He was preceded in death by one son, Jason Effertz. The body has been cremated. Arrangements were handled by Williamson Funeral Home of Shell Knob. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 18, 2002

Harry W. Walts 1917-2002

FORT COLLINS, Colo. - Harry W. Walts, 85, died Sept. 16 at Fort Collins. He was born Sept. 11, 1917, at Great Bend, the son of Harry Edgar and Hazel McKinley Walts. He married Pauline. She died in 1960. He was married to Janet from 1961-1985. A resident of Fort Collins since 1970, coming from Great Bend, he was employed by Everitt Lumber Company in Great Bend where he served as a manager from 1950-1970; worked at Union Manufacturing in Fort Collins from 1970-1983, and then worked for Rainbow Plastics in Fort Collins. Walts was a member of American Legion in Great Bend, and Loveland Archaeological Society in Loveland, Colo., where he served as president and treasurer. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served during World War II. Survivors include six sons, Donald Walts of Albuquerque, N.M., Steven Walts of Greece, N.Y., Allan Walts of Littleton, Colo., David Walts of Loveland, Patric Walts of Fort Collins and Michael Walts of Dupont, Wash.; one brother, Robert Walts; one sister, Virilor Jarvis; and nine grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. today at Allnutt Funeral Service-Drake Chapel of Fort Collins. The body has been cremated. Memorials are suggested to Loveland Archaeological Society, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 18, 2002

September 19, 2002

Florence Stoecklein 1924-2002

Florence Stoecklein, 77, of Great Bend, died Sept. 18 at Integrated Health Services of Great Bend. She was born Dec. 14, 1924, at Munjor, the daughter of Alexander C. and Anna Margaret Wolf Stoecklein. A longtime resident of Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Stoecklein was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend. Survivors include one brother, Jerry Stoecklein of Great Bend; and three sisters, Virginia Shawn of Moore, Okla., Agnes Stueve of Great Bend and Esther Staub of St. John. She was preceded in death by five brothers, George Bright, Jess Bright, Homer Bright, Lawrence Bright and Arthur Bright; and four sisters, Helen Boyle, Blanche Furney, Vergie Bunting and Ethel Mawhirter. Memorial graveside service will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Memorials are suggested to I.H.S. of Great Bend, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 19, 2002

Kenneth David Winford 1966-2002

TOPEKA - Kenneth David Winford, 35, died Sept. 16 at Stormont-Vail Hospital in Topeka. He was born Oct. 8, 1966, at Oklahoma City, Okla., the son of David A. and Laura Jean Hightower Winford. He was a 1985 graduate of Independence High School, 1987 graduate of Independence Community College with an AA degree, a 1989 graduate of the University of Kansas with a BA in journalism and a 1992 graduate of Washburn School of Law with a juris doctorate. He married Kay Ann Serpan on June 3, 1995, in Olmitz. A resident of Topeka for one and one-half years, he established Winford Law Office in Dodge City and Garden City, worked with Barnett & Renner, PA in Auburn and in January he joined the Johnson County Public Defender's Office in Olathe. Winford was a member of the Kansas Bar Association and the Kansas Trial Lawyers Association. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Jessica Marie Winford of Topeka; his mother of Dodge City; one sister, Melody Koger of Larned; and his grandmother, Billie Mae Winford of Tulsa, Okla. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Penwell-Gabel Mid Town Chapel in Topeka. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Bohemian National Cemetery in Timken. The family will receive friends from 7-8 tonight at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to educational fund for Kenneth's children, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 19, 2002

Ruth N. Wieneske 1908-2002

ST. JOHN - Ruth N. Wieneske, 94, died Sept. 17 at Leisure Homestead in Stafford. She was born June 18, 1908, in Saline County, the daughter of Peter Oscar and Nannie Elizabeth Lutes Bright. She married Wilford F. Reese on Aug. 7, 1927, at Cimarron. He died Oct. 24, 1931. She then married O.F. Wieneske on April 28, 1937, at Salina. He died July 22, 1968. She was a lifetime resident of St. John. Mrs. Wieneske was a member of American Legion Auxiliary in St. John. Survivors include one daughter, Alice Marie Walters of St. John; one grandchild; three great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five brothers, George Bright, Jess Bright, Homer Bright, Lawrence Bright and Arthur Bright; and four sisters, Helen Boyle, Blanche Furney, Vergie Bunting and Ethel Mawhirter. Memorial graveside service will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Memorials are suggested to Leisure Homestead, in care of Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 19, 2002

Alfred T. Urban 1922-2002

LA CROSSE - Alfred T. Urban, 80, died Sept. 17 at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 19, 2002
September 20, 2002

Alfred T. Urban 1922-2002

LA CROSSE - Alfred T. Urban, 80, died Sept. 17 at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. He was born Feb. 20, 1922, at Loretto, the son of Thomas M. and Bridget Marie Urban Urban. He was a 1940 graduate of Otis High School. He married Esther on April 30, 1947, at Loretto. A lifetime resident of La Crosse, he was a farmer until his retirement. Urban was a member and choir member of St. Michael's Catholic Church of La Crosse, a member of Third Degree Knights of Columbus of Liebenthal and choir member of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Loretto. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served as a sergeant in England, France and Germany. Survivors include his wife of the home; five sons, Daryll J. Urban, Reginald A. Urban and Alan L. Urban, all of La Crosse, Maynard Urban of Hutchinson and Kevin J. Urban of Salina; one daughter, Pam A. Hamel of McPherson; two brothers, Art Urban of La Crosse and Gilbert Urban of Salina; three sisters, Matilda "Tillie" Urban of Colorado Springs, Colo., Dorothy Schoendaller of Wichita and Jane Schumacher of Hays; and 11 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Thomas J. "Tom" Urban; and three sisters, Edna Urban, Agnes Herrman and Florence Linenberger. Funeral service was today at the church with the Revs. Reginald A. Urban, Charles Mazouch and Ultan Murphy officiating. Burial was at La Crosse City Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Rush County Memorial Hospital Long Term Care or the Music Ministry of St. Michael's Catholic Church, both in care of Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 20, 2002

Teddy L. Nutt

Teddy L. Nutt died Sept. 19 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 20, 2002

James Marsden 'Buddy' Lansdowne

WICHITA - James Marsden "Buddy" Lansdowne, 41, died Sept. 16. He was born Jan. 28, 1961, the son of Joseph and Patricia Hulsopple Lansdowne. He married Dawn Radke Aug. 31, 1990, in Wichita. A resident of Wichita, he was a former Boeing sheet metal mechanic. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Marcus Radke and Andrew Lansdowne, both of the home; one daughter, Jessica Lansdowne of the home; his mother, Patricia Withers of Wichita; and one brother, Terry Lansdowne. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. today at Watson Funeral Home Chapel in Wichita. Burial will be at Kechi Cemetery in Wichita. There are no memorials. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 20, 2002

September 22, 2002

Richard P. 'Blackie' Werth 1922-2002

WICHITA - Richard P. 'Blackie' Werth, 80, died Sept. 19 at Via Christi Riverside Medical Center in Wichita. He was born March 12, 1922 at Rural Rush Center, the son of Ludwig W. and Rosa Diehl Werth. Werth was a graduate of La Crosse High School. A resident of Wichita, coming from La Crosse, and Oklahoma, he was a heavy equipment operator for Gulf Oil Company until his retirement in 1988. Werth was a Sergeant in the U.S. Army. Survivors include two sisters, Regina Basgall, and Christine Suchy both of Wichita. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Leonard Werth, Ferdie Werth, and Emil Werth; and four sisters, Lenora Werth, Armella Freighberger, Sister M. Leonard 'Loretta' Werth, and Sister M. Cornolia 'Ester' Werth. Vigil service will be at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Janousek Funeral Home Chapel in La Crosse. Funeral services and burial are pending. Friends may call from 2-7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Liebenthal in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 22, 2002

Wanda Ruth Carey 1919-2002

ELLINWOOD - Wanda Ruth Carey, 83, died Sept. 20 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Sept. 16, 1919, at Barton County, the daughter of Edward Elias and Bertha Weathers Brown. She was a graduate of Great Bend High School. She married Francis W. Carey on Nov. 3, 1940 at Great Bend. He died March 7, 1994. A lifetime resident of Barton County, she was a homemaker, farm wife, engraver at Carter's Trophy shop, and clerk at Komarek's Jewelry. Mrs. Carey was a member of Immanuel United Church of Christ, and church organist, both of Ellinwood, Community Orchestra, viola/violinist, and Order of Eastern Star. Survivors include two daughters, Dr. Susan Carey of New Lenex, Ill., and Sandra Meyer of Ellinwood; three grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by on son. Memorial service will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday 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 1-8 p.m. today at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to the church, or to the Humane Society both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 22, 2002

Ted L. Nutt 1921-2002

Ted L. Nutt, 81, of Great Bend, died Sept. 19 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born May 24, 1921 at Lindsborg, the son of David Garfield and Fannie Aleda Cox Nutt. He was graduate of Kansas State University, with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He married Kathleen M. Morris, Dec. 23, 1944, at Waco, Texas. A resident of Great Bend since 1962,
Gerald Jay Shottenkirk 1923-2002

LARNED - Gerald Jay Shottenkirk, 70, died Sept. 19, at his home in Larned. He was born March 11, 1943 at Garfield, the son of Lewis C. and Pearl L. Foss Shottenkirk. He married Mary Louise Andrews, Aug. 8, 1943 at Larned. A lifetime resident of Pawnee County, he was a farmer. Shottenkirk was a member of Fraternal Order of Eagles of Great Bend, and a charter member of the Ft. Larned Lions Club in Larned. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Forces, having served in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Lewis Shottenkirk. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Garfield Cemetery, with the Rev. Richard Martin officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time on Monday all at Beckwith Home Health in care of the funeral home.

September 23, 2002

Marlene Ann King 1933-2002

REDDICK, Fla. - Marlene Ann King, 69, died Sept. 20 at her daughter's residence in Reddick. She was born July 29, 1933, the daughter of George P. and Irene P. Hancock Walton. She married Charles F. "Skeeter" Rayburn. He preceded her in death. She married Francis "Buddy" King. He also preceded her in death. She married Kenneth G. Bittel. They were divorced. A resident of Reddick, coming from Ellis, she was former owner and operator of Alloway's Restaurant in Ellis. Mrs. King was a member of Good Sam Club, Family Motor Coach Association and Western Kansas Association for Concerns of the Disabled of Hays. Survivors include her companion, Marlin Faust of Reddick; two sons, Michael G. Bittel of Lowell, Ore., and Donald P. Bittel of Palm City, Fla.; two daughters, Catherine A. Esfeld of Great Bend, and Marysue Mistry of Reddick; one sister, Virginia Wolf of Ellis; former spouse, Kenneth G. Bittel of Ness City; and six grandchildren. A Kansas prayer service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at United Methodist Church in Ellis. A Florida sunrise service will be held at the home of Marysue Mistry in Reddick. A private family burial will be at Hays Cemetery in Hays at a later date. The body was cremated. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested Hospice of Marion County, P.O. Box 4860, Ocala, FL 34478. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 23, 2002

Charles Franklin Mull 1923-2002

DERBY - Charles Franklin Mull, 79, died Sept. 20 at Wichita. He was born June 26, 1923, at Great Bend, the son of Charles Franklin and Effie Gertrude Canton Mull. He married Ruby D. Towler on March 17, 1945, at Roanoke, Va. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Charles Franklin Mull of Derby; two daughters, Iona Dianne Betterton of Wichita and Lynn Schiller of Great Bend; one sister, Francis Cushing of Tucson, Ariz.; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Iona Harms and Virginia McCauley. Private family services have already taken place. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, in care of Smith Mortuary in Derby. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 23, 2002

Louis A. LeRoy 1927-2002

Louis A. LeRoy, 75, died Sept. 19. He was born Jan. 9, 1927, in rural Barton County, the son of Jacob and Helen Miller LeRoy. He graduated with the class of 1945 at Great Bend High School, and served in the U.S. Navy for two years aboard the USS Terror. He graduated from Bailey Institute of Technology in St. Louis, Mo. He married Mary Smith on Nov. 26, 1950. He was a lifelong farmer, resident of Barton County and member of First Presbyterian Church, where he served as a deacon. He was also a member of American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Elks Club. He is survived by his wife, Mary, of the home; son Jeffrey of Wichita; daughter, Catherine A. Esfeld of Great Bend; one sister, Francis Cushing of Tucson, Ariz.; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by sister Ruth (Mrs. George) Nettleingham of Hays. A service to celebrate his life will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Great Bend at 2 p.m. Wednesday, September 25, 2002, with the Rev. Hal Slaats officiating. A family visitation in the church parlor will follow. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may sign the guest register at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the church. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 23, 2002

Aletha Williams 1909-2002

Aletha Williams, 93 of Great Bend, died Sept. 22 at Integrated Health Services in Great Bend. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 23, 2002

Donna C. Schuckman 1954-2002

Donna C. Schuckman, 48, died Sept. 22 at Great Bend Community Hospital. She was born July 11, 1954, in Great Bend, the daughter of Louis A. and Mary Miller LeRoy. She married David M. Schuckman, Nov. 23, 1974. Donna was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her husband; one son, Lewis L. Schuckman, Jr., of Great Bend; one brother, Charles F. "Skeeter" Rayburn of Hoisington; and one sister, Virginia Wolf of Ellis. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Chautauqua School in Ellis, with the Rev. Dr. Wendell M. Ehrle officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Family visitation will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Chautauqua School. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 23, 2002
LA CROSSE - Donna C. Schuckman, 48, died Sept. 22 at La Crosse. She was born April 13, 1954, at Larned, the daughter of Donald E. Davis and Caroline D. Klee Davis House. She married Don Schuckman July 20, 1974, at McCracken. A lifetime resident of Rush County, she was employed by Farmers Bank and Trust, NA, in La Crosse as a teller. Mrs. Schuckman was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in La Crosse; past treasurer of band parents, and was in charge of scheduling and renting the church parish hall. Survivors include her husband of the home; two daughters, Stacy Lynn Scheetz of Almelo and Melissa Dawn Schuckman of Hutchinson; step-father, Robert House of McCracken; one brother, Bruce Davis of Wilmington, N.C.; and three sisters, Cheryl Groff of Hays, Ellen Kershner of Rush Center and Annette Chestnut of Headland, Ala. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Charles Mazouch officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home. The family will receive friends from 7-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, Central Rush County Emergency Medical Service of La Crosse or the church, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 23, 2002

Emily M. Schroter 1909-2002

LA CROSSE - Emily M. Schroter, 93, died Sept. 22 at Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse. She was born June 17, 1909, at rural Timken, the daughter of Mike and Mollie Hanzlick Stejskal. She married William F. Schroter Sept. 29, 1931. He died Oct. 27, 1986. A resident of La Crosse for a short time, coming from rural Timken, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Schroter was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Albert, AlCW, Gay Gingham Unit and Bohemian Lodge. Survivors include one daughter, Glenna Rose Holopirek of La Crosse; one sister, Rosie Jacobs of La Crosse; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one son, Ronald Dean Schroter; and seven brothers, John Stejskal, Lute Stejskal, Ralph Stejskal, Lester Stejskal, George Stejskal, Charlie Stejskal and one infant. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse with the Rev. Jack Russell officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 5-9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Central Rush County Emergency Medical Service of La Crosse, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 23, 2002

September 24, 2002

Naomi B. Sowles 1921-2002

Naomi B. Sowles, 81, of Great Bend, died Sept. 22 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born June 30, 1921, at Elgin, the daughter of Norman I. and Alma E. Johnson Bowman. She married George Sowles on June 3, 1944, at Oklahoma City, Okla. He died Dec. 3, 1997. A resident of Great Bend for 45 years, coming from rural Timken, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Sowles was a member of First Christians Church and American Legion, both of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Ken Sowles of Chandler, Ariz.; two daughters, Sandra Spikes of Garden City and Barbara Moos of Hays; three sisters, Betty Starwalt of Minneapolis, Minn., Norma Kramer of Dodge City and Pat Knocke of Stafford; nine grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson. She was preceded in death by one son, Bill Sowles. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Great Bend Cemetery with the Rev. Loren Dyke officiating. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at Hays-Christians Funeral Home in Lindsborg. The family will receive friends from 7-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to First Christian Church Scholarship Fund or American Legion Scholarship Fund, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 24, 2002

Louis E. Boucher 1909-2002

Louis E. Boucher, 93, of Great Bend, died Sept. 23 at Brandon Woods Retirement Community in Lawrence. He was born July 4, 1909, at Zurich, the son of August and Josephine Ducharm Boucher. He married Anna Eberle on Sept. 8, 1937, at Hays. She died Sept. 18, 1994. A resident of Great Bend for 45 years, coming from Hays, he was a heavy equipment operator for the Kansas Department of Transportation until his retirement in 1974. Boucher was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend and a lifetime member of Knights of Columbus. Survivors include one son, Donald G. Boucher of Lawrence; one daughter, Treva McCain of Lansing; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend, followed by Knights of Columbus rosary. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Angel Dy officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family School Endowment Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 24, 2002

Dorothy M. Gartung 1922-2002

RUSSELL - Dorothy M. Gartung, 79, died Sept. 22 at Wheatland Nursing Home in Russell. She was born Dec. 3, 1922, at Radium, the daughter of August G. and May Smelcer Gartung. A resident of Russell, coming from Radium and California, she was an assembly line worker for an aircraft plant. Survivors include one nephew, Rodney Gartung of Kinsley; and one niece, Norma Gartung of Hutchinson. She was preceded in death by one brother, Frederick G. Gartung. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Radium. Friends may call from 5-9 tonight at Pohlman's Mortuary in Russell. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 24, 2002

Aletha Williams 1909-2002
Samuel Bitter 1915-2002

RUSSELL - Samuel Bitter, 86, died Sept. 23 at Russell Regional Hospital in Russell. He was born Nov. 24, 1915, in Barton County, the son of George and Minnie Boger Bitter. He married Bette Jean Schroeder May 20, 1976, in Las Vegas, Nev. A resident of Russell coming from Barton County, he was manager for CO Mammels for many years in Great Bend, operated the Sale Barn Cafe in Russell for 10 years, and had operated a club in Las Vegas for several years. Bitter was a member of St. John Lutheran Church and Masonic Lodge, both of Russell, and ISIS Consistory and Shrine of Salina. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Roger Bitter of San Jose, Calif.; one daughter, Jana Anderson of Alta Loma, Calif.; three step-sons, Michael Schuessler, Vame Schuessler and Scott Schuessler; all of Phoenix, Ariz.; one step-daughter, Tammie Connally of Phoenix; one sister, Esther Krug of Russell; two grandchildren; and seven step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Bill Bitter, Solomon Bitter, Dan Bitter and Paul Bitter; two sisters, Pauline Hammond and Clara Smith; and two step-children, Vicki Cano and Jeff Schuessler. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Pohlman's Memorial Chapel in Russell with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Russell City Cemetery. Friends may call from noon until 9 p.m. on Thursday and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday. Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the church or Senior Companion Program, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 25, 2002.

September 25, 2002

Blaine Eldon Waggoner 1929-2002

WHEATLAND, Mo. - Blaine Eldon Waggoner, 72, died Sept. 22 at his residence. He was born Oct. 11, 1929, at El Dorado, the son of Forrest and Erma J. Tharp Waggoner. He married Virginia. A resident of the Galmey area since 1995, coming from Great Bend, he was a retired Navy Masterchief Petty Officer. Waggoner was a lifetime member of Galmey Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9638, where he served as past commander. He also served as past commander of the Great Bend VFW post. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served during the Korean War and Vietnam War. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Michael Waggoner of Lawrence; three daughters, Teresa Yonker of Ellinwood, Gail Urban of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and Janet Martens of Hutchinson; two brothers, Ellis Max Waggoner of Miami, Okla.; and Jack Waggoner of Tulsa, Okla.; one sister, Rhea Ruth Brown of Fairfield, Ark.; and six grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Piedmont Cemetery in Piedmont with the Rev. Leland Curtright officiating. Friends may call from 5-7 tonight at Hathaway-Peterman Funeral Home Chapel in Wheatland, with military rites provided by the Galmey VFW Post 9638 at 6:45 p.m. Memorial contributions are suggested to Galmey VFW Post 9638 Honor Guard, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 25, 2002

Helen Louise Hodges 1915-2002

GARDEN CITY - Helen Louise Hodges, 86, died Sept. 23 at her daughter's residence in Garden City. She was born Dec. 28, 1915, at Los Angeles, Calif., the daughter of Earl and Pearl E. Thomason Swift. She married John A. Hodges on Aug. 8, 1945, at Hennyetta, Okla. He died Sept. 3, 1984. A resident of Garden City, coming from Great Bend and Wichita, she was a presser for Paris Cleaners and Ineeda Cleaners and assisted deaf children in lip reading at Wichita. Mrs. Hodges was a member of First Christian Church of Great Bend. Survivors include one daughter, Shirley Russell of Garden City; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one son, Eugene Sullivan; three half brothers, Leslie Horine, Walter Horine and Willie Horine; and one half sister, Bess Robbins. Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from noon until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to A.L.S. Association (Lou Gehrig's Disease), in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 25, 2002

Mamie I. Farris 1915-2002

STAFFORD - Mamie I. Farris, 87, died Sept. 22 at her daughter's residence in Manhattan. She was born April 6, 1915, at Pampa, Sask., Canada, the daughter of Charlie and Shrefrey Gader. She married Sam E. Farris on Dec. 11, 1934. He died Sept. 11, 1999. A resident of Stafford since 1982, coming from Hudson and Shaunavon, Sask., Canada, she was a homemaker and assisted her husband in farming. Mrs. Farris was a member of Stafford Nazarene Church. Survivors include two sons, Alva Farris of Stafford and Byron Farris of Shaunavon; seven daughters, Mable Austin of Stafford, Luella Schwiethale of Calgary, Alberta, Canada and Helen Willett of Saskatoon, Sask., Canada; 22 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford with the Revs. Amos Williams and Ron Moser officiating. Burial will be at Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 tonight at the chapel. Memorial contributions are suggested to Nazarene Church Compassionate Ministries, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 25, 2002
in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 25, 2002

September 26, 2002

Donald M. 'Don' Hamilton 1918-2002

SOLON, Iowa - Donald M. "Don" Hamilton, 84, died Sept. 19 at Solon Care Center. He was born March 5, 1918, at Great Bend, the son of Donald W. and Leila Morse Hamilton. He married Betty May Wilson on April 22, 1956, at Denver, Colo. A resident of Solon, coming from Torrance, Calif., he was an accountant for Texaco Inc., for 35 years until his retirement. Hamilton was a member of Mariners at the First Presbyterian Church of Gardena, Calif., and a longtime member of Toastmasters International. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served during World War II as a staff sergeant, stationed primarily in the southern United States.

Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Teri Garrett of Iowa City, Iowa, and Cheri Keffer of Asheville, N.C.; and four grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. today at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Iowa City with the Rev. Kyle Otterbein officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to American Heart Association, in care of Lensing Funeral & Cremation Service of Iowa City. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 26, 2002

Clara A. Huddleston 1920-2002

LARNED - Clara A. Huddleston, 81, died Sept. 20 at Larned. She was born Oct. 9, 1920, in rural Pawnee Rock, the daughter of Sam and Eva Schultz Boese. She married Urban Huddleston on Dec. 25, 1942, at Tulsa, Okla. Mrs. Huddleston was a charter member of Larned Assembly of God Church. Survivors include her husband of the home; one daughter, Sherry DeHaan of Hays; one sister, Marjorie Andrasek of Garden City; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by seven brothers, Arthur Boese, Louis Boese, William Boese, Walter Boese, Edward Boese, Johnny Frank Boese and Emmett Boese; and six sisters, Alice Ratzlaff, Mabel Whiteman, Laura Mae Boese, Lena Whiteman, Eva Hiebert and Inez Hiebert. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned with the Rev. Richard Martin officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church building fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 26, 2002

Faye C. Breckenridge 1917-2002

LARNED - Faye C. Breckenridge, 85, died Sept. 24 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. She was born June 29, 1917, at Perry, Okla., the daughter of Harry and Virgie Breckenridge. A resident of Larned for more than 54 years, she was a retired laundry worker for Larned State Hospital. Survivors include two nieces, Jacqueline Sumerville and Patty Mason, both of Topeka. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with the Revs. Johnny Augmon and William Harding officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service Friday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Escue Chapel CME Church of Larned, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 26, 2002

September 27, 2002

William E. Bone 1918-2002

BREMERTON, Wash. - William E. Bone, 52, of Bremerton died Sept. 23 at his home after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He was born Aug. 12, 1950, at Great Bend, the son of Art and Glenna Hoberecht Bone. He was a graduate of Great Bend High School. He joined the Navy and served aboard the USS Terrell County LST in the Vietnam War. After the Navy he moved to Shelby, Iowa to be near his mother after his father's death. He married Sherill LeBeau June 19, 1971. They later moved to Gillette, Wyo. where he worked in the oil fields. Bill was an avid hunter and fisherman and decided to move to Bremerton to pursue his passions. After attending welding school he went to work at PSNS. Working there for 10 years, he then transferred to Bangor. After 15 years at Bangor he retired as his health did not permit him to work anymore. Mr. Bone is survived by his wife Sherill of the home; two sons, Christopher Bone; Ed (Polly) Dwyer of Bremerton; one daughter Debbie (Albert) Disher of Carlisle, Ohio; four grandsons and one granddaughter; his mother Glenna Bone; grandmother Gladys Hoberecht of Bremerton, Wa.; two sisters, Suzette Bone of Suquamish, Wa. and Colette (Bob) Plagman of Shelby, Iowa. He was preceded in death by his father Art Bone; twin sisters, Constance and Candace; grandfather Bill Hoberecht and grandparents the C. E. Richardsont's. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Tuell-Mckee Funeral Home. Services will be held at the Bremerton Church of the Nazarenes 1 p.m. today. He will be laid to rest at the Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, Wash. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Sept. 27, 2002

Geneva Gray 1919-2002

HOBBES, N.M. - Geneva Gray, 82, died Sept. 24 at Lea Regional Medical Center in Hobbs. She was born Sept. 29, 1919, at Garfield. She was a graduate of Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla., and Phillips University in Enid, Okla., and received a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in guidance counseling. She married Murvel "Jack" Gray on Sept. 19, 1946, at Kansas City. He died March 4, 2001. A resident of Hobbs, she was a special education teacher and guidance counselor at public schools in Oklahoma, Utah and Hobbs, worked with Ute Indian tribal children in Alamo, Utah, and was employed as an airplane riveter on B29's for Boeing Company in Seattle, Wash., during World War II. Mrs. Gray was a member of Highland Christian Church of Hobbs, Republican Women's Party, The Eastern Star, and the Women's Club of America, Hobbs Chapter, where she was former president. Survivors include two sons. Phillip Gray of Oklahoma City, Okla., and David Gray of Arlington.
Texas; one brother, Lavern Eddy of Lindsborg; one sister, Florence Hogan-Burriss of Salina; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Daniel Leslie. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Garfield Cemetery with the Rev. Dan Lundgren officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Sunday at Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Sept. 27, 2002

Sophie Scheuerman Parsons 1911-2002

ANDOVER - Sophie Scheuerman Parsons, 91, died Sept. 25 at Andover. She was born Sept. 14, 1911, near Bison, the daughter of John and Elizabeth Schreiner Scheuerman. She was a graduate of a business college in Hebron, Neb. She married Alexander "Alex" Parsons on Jan. 4, 1935, at her parent's residence. He died June 30, 1992. A resident of Andover since 1998, coming from Hoisington and McCune, she was employed by Farm Bureau in La Crosse, and Parsons State Hospital and Training Center in Parsons for 19 years, retiring in 1976 as a food service supervisor. Mrs. Parsons was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Parsons. Survivors include 13 nephews, Harrison Scheuerman of Camdenton, Mo., Virgil Scheuerman of Winfield, Woodrow Scheuerman of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, Ralph Scheuerman of Denver, Colo., Leonard Scheuerman of Larned, Robert Scheuerman of Montreal, Quebec, Canada, John Scheuerman of Plant City, Fla., Maurice Hartman of Springfield, Mo., Nelson Hartman of Sun City, Ariz., Lowell Meier of Ellinwood, Delmer Brack of Andover, John Brack of Bella Vista, Ark., and Walt Scheuerman of Westminster, Colo.; and 14 nieces, Gladys Bagby of Hutchinson, Fern Day of Woodward, Okla., Helen Hutchinson of Duncan, Okla., Shirley Scheuerman and Nina Scheuerman, both of Denver. Mildred Scheuerman of Colorado Springs, Colo., Berniece Klein and Wanda Kayartz, both of Wichita; Johnnetta Rolfs of Lyons, Leona Kraus of Monument, Colo., Maryleen Brown and Joan Wunder, both of Great Bend, Connie Baldwin of LaVerne, Calif., and Nancy Laurenti of Manteca, Calif. She was preceded in death by seven brothers, Henry Scheuerman, Adam Scheuerman, John Scheuerman, Peter Scheuerman, Herman Scheuerman, Jack Scheuerman and Elmer Scheuerman; five sisters, Katie Repp, Elizabeth Hartman, Marie Meier, Sarah Kaiser and Esther Brack; and four infant siblings. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Andover with the Rev. Dean Van Stroh officiating. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Andover Cemetery with the Rev. Ken Lott officiating. Memorials are suggested to Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Andover or Trinity Lutheran Church of Parsons, both in care of Hillside Funeral Home in Wichita. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Sept. 27, 2002

James 'Jim' Alan King 1951-2002

PRATT - James "Jim" Alan King, 51, died Sept. 26 at his residence in Pratt. He was born May 11, 1951, in Kansas City, the son of Melvin and Mary L. Coffman. He married Dottie Wagner on Aug. 14, 1971, at Kansas City. A resident of Pratt since July 2002, coming from Kansas City, he was a truck driver. King was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, having served during the Vietnam War. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Shawn Alan King of Kansas City; one daughter, Amber LeAnn King of Kansas City; his mother and stepfather, Mary and Howard "Hap" Kettering of Pratt; one brother, Bill Thomas of Pratt; five sisters, Rose Marie Thomas of California, Linda Foley of Mexico, Sue Mathe and Julia Given, both of Pratt, and Virginia Landers of Otis; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Timmy J. King. There will be no public funeral service. The body has been cremated. The family will receive friends from 4-7 p.m. on Saturday at the family home, 220 Parke St., in Pratt. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Southwind Hospice or Ryan White Foundation, both in care of Burkhart-Ziegler Funeral Chapel in Dodge City. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Sept. 27, 2002

September 29, 2002

Bernese M. Ward 1919-2002

TOPEKA - Bernese M. Ward, 83, died Sept. 26. She was born April 1, 1919, in Trego County, the daughter of George M. and Maude V. Kackley Maddy. She was a 1937 graduate of Great Bend High School and attended Colorado Woman's College. She married Lewis M. Ward on July 3, 1941, in Newark, N.J. He died Nov. 16, 1996. A resident of Topeka, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Ward was a member of First Congregational Church of Topeka, serving as president of the Women's Club, vocal and bell choir member. She was a member of Prime Timers and The Woman's Club and volunteered with Topeka YWCA, Battered Woman's Task Force and TARC. Survivors include two sons, L. Stephen Ward of Milwaukee, Wis., and David A. Ward of Littleton, Colo.; two sisters, Marian Knight of Phoenix, Ariz., and Louise Winter of Parachute, Colo.; and one granddaughter. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church. There will be a private burial. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Penwell-Gabel Mid Town Funeral Home in Topeka. The family will receive friends from 2-4 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or University of Kansas Scholarship Fund in Music, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Sept. 29, 2002

Lois Irene Dick 1926-2002

BLANCHESTER, Ohio - Lois Irene Dick, 76, died Sept. 26 at her home in Blanchester. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Sept. 29, 2002

Darrell H. Hays 1928-2002

NATOMA - Darrell H. Hays, 73, died Sept. 26 at Plainville Rural Hospital in Plainville. He was born Dec. 13, 1928, in Osborne County, the son of Victor and Rosa Lillie Strutt Hays. He married Shirley M. Campbell on Aug. 15, 1952, at Hays. She died Aug. 4, 1992. A lifetime resident of the Natoma area, he was a farmer and stockman, also working in bridge construction and the oil fields. Survivors include two sons, Darrell Hays Jr. and Terrv Hays. both of Natoma: three daughters. Linda Martin of Great Bend.
Marsha Erickson of Wellington and Stephanie Massier of Haysville; one sister, Shirley Huey of Manhattan; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one infant daughter, Sherri Diane Hays; one brother, Carl Hays; and one sister, Lorene Parker. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Natoma Methodist Church in Natoma with the Rev. Lyle Miller officiating. Burial will be at Natoma Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until noon Monday, all at Pohlman's Mortuary in Natoma, and from 1 p.m. to service time Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to an education fund for his grandson, Terry, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 29, 2002

Velma Marie Budde 1915-2002

STAFFORD - Velma Marie Budde, 87, died Sept. 26 at Pratt Regional Medical Center. She was born Aug. 9, 1915, in rural Stafford, the daughter of Ernest and Martha Brehmer Budde. She was a graduate of Stafford High School. A lifetime resident of Stafford, she was a house cleaner for many Stafford citizens. She attended the First Baptist Church of Stafford. Survivors include three sisters, Nellie Budde, Dorothy Suter and Evelyn Dye, all of Stafford. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford with the Rev. Guy Elliott officiating. Burial will be at Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-5 today at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 29, 2002

Larry R. Peter 1939-2002

ELLINWOOD - Larry R. Peter, 63, died Sept. 27 in rural Rice County. He was born June 2, 1939, at Raymond, the son of Albert Jr. and Cleda Christiansen Peter. He was a 1966 graduate of Kansas State Teachers College in Emporia. He married Margaret Dalton on Aug. 14, 1966, at El Dorado. A lifetime Ellinwood area resident, he was a farmer and retired elementary teacher and high school football and track coach. Peter was a member of Immanuel United Church of Christ of Ellinwood, American Legion and former Ellinwood firefighter. He served in the Kansas National Guard. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Stephen R. Peter of Ellinwood; two daughters, Molly E. Peter of Atlanta, Ga., and Natalie S. Peter of Hays; two brothers, Mick Peter of Tribune and Lorin Peter of Ellinwood; and one sister, JoAnn Kipple of Pueblo, Colo. He was preceded in death by one brother, Duane Peter. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Larry Young officiating. Burial will be at Hilltop Cemetery in Raymond. Friends may call from 3-8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until noon Monday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home, Ellinwood Grade School or Firemans Candy Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 29, 2002

Martha E. Millwee 1927-2002

Martha E. Millwee, 74 of Great Bend, died Sept. 27 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Oct. 20, 1927, in rural Quinter, the daughter of Howard Lee and Lucy Pearlie Kinzie Flora. She married James Millwee on July 14, 1957, at Colorado Springs, Colo. A resident of Great Bend since 1974, she was a retired church secretary at First Christian Church in Great Bend. Mrs. Millwee was a member of First Christian Church of Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; two daughters, Lisa G. Nenow of Dallas, Texas, and Sandra K. Schmitt of Hutchinson; one brother, Howard Galen Flora of Emporia; and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Leland Flora. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Private family burial will be held prior to memorial service at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call from 6-9 p.m. Monday with family receiving friends from 7-8 p.m., all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 29, 2002

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Harvina L. Reissig 1915-2002

ST. JOHN - Harvina L. Reissig, 87, died Sept. 28 at Leisure Homestead in Stafford. She was born Aug. 23, 1915, at St. John, the daughter of Harvey A. and Ida Lee Leiss. She received a bachelor of music degree from the College of Emporia. She married William George Reissig on Aug. 10, 1939, at St. John. He died on July 8, 1996. A resident of St. John, she was a school teacher at luka for 10 years and was active in farming. Mrs. Reissig was a member of Antrim United Methodist Church in St. John. Survivors include one son, William Harvey Reissig of Geneva, N.Y.; and four grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. W. Martan Rittgers officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 1-8 tonight at Minnis Chapel in St. John. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 30, 2002

Lois Irene Dick 1926-2002

LARNED - Lois Irene Dick, 76, died Sept. 26 at her residence in Blanchester, Ohio. She was born Sept. 10, 1926, at Larned, the daughter of William H. and Annie Heney Fairchild. She married Ralph E. Dick on May 31, 1947, at Larned. He died Aug. 24, 1989. A resident of Larned, she was a homemaker and retired store clerk for Wiggins Pharmacy and Jack and Jill Grocery, both of Larned. Mrs. Dick was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Larned. Survivors include two daughters, Barbara Ludlow of Blanchester and Janelle Terrill of Lenexa; one brother, Harry Fairchild of Larned; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, William Fairchild and Jim Fairchild; and four sisters, Mildred Handsheaw, Alice Aggson, Ethel Dugger and Marietta Vratil. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned with the Rev. Jim Hawthorne officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday. All at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Breast Cancer
Leona M. Werner 1908-2002

ELLINWOOD - Leona M. Werner, 94, died Sept. 29 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Aug. 19, 1908, at Raymond, the daughter of Joe and Marie Wurm Hirsh. She married Leo J. Werner on Aug. 9, 1927. He died Aug. 9, 1977. A resident of Ellinwood, she was a retired cook for Ellinwood District Hospital. Mrs. Werner was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and The Heritage Club, both of Ellinwood. Survivors include one son, Wayne Werner of Raymond; one daughter, Joan Decker of Hutchison; four sisters, Magdelyn Reif of Claffin, Delora Gall of Dodge City, Mary Jane Gibson of Wichita and Lela Mae Blakeley of Tuskahoma, Okla.; 14 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Norman Hirsh, Joe Hirsh, Larry Hirsh and Clarence Hirsh; three sisters, Viola Baugh, Evelyn Blakeley and Gwendolyn Misejka; one grandson, Terry Decker; and one great-grandson, Steven Paul Snow Jr. Altar Society rosary will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Funeral service will be at 10:30 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 from 1-8 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to The Heritage Club, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 30, 2002

Raymond "Butch" J. Schonhoff 1935-2002

FOLEY, Ala. - Raymond "Butch" J. Schonhoff, 67, died Sept. 25 at his residence in Foley. He was born June 30, 1935, at Ellinwood, the son of Ben and Ellen Beckley Schonhoff. He married Judy Murphy on March 26, 1960, at Cimarron. A resident of Foley since 1985, coming from Dodge City, he was the recycling manager at Southwest Distributing in Dodge City for 18 years until his retirement in 1985. Schonhoff was a past member of Sacred Heart Cathedral in Dodge City, Fourth Degree member and past Grand Knight of Knights of Columbus Council 2955 and past president of Sacred Heart PTA. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served from 1956-1958 as a specialist third class. Survivors include his wife of the home; three daughters, Ellen Hessman of Dodge City, Christine Schonhoff Thompson of Pensacola, Fla., and Carmen Schonhoff of Foley; two sisters, Margaret Smith of Rogers, Ark., and Helen Kackley of Maryland; six grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Albert Schonhoff and Edward Schonhoff. Vigil service, followed by Knights of Columbus rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the church. Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Ted A. Skalsky officiating. Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery in Dodge City with full military rites by Howard Gottschall Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1714. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Tuesday at Burkhart-Ziegler Funeral Chapel in Dodge City. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Masses in his name, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 30, 2002
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October 1, 2002

**Dale L. 'John' Gustafson 1955-2002**

WILSON - Dale L. "John" Gustafson, 46, died Sept. 28 at his residence in Wilson. He was born Sept. 29, 1955, at Canyonville, Ore., the son of Dale W. and Wanda J. Cooper Gustafson. He married Diana Patrick in 1974, at Salina. A resident of Wilson since 1977, coming from Elsinore, Calif., he was owner and operator of Wilson Marine Specialty in Wilson. Gustafson was a member of Seventh Day Adventist Church in La Crosse. Survivors include one son, Shannon Gustafson of Wilson; two daughters, Shawna Morosco of Salina and Tara Kubick of Ozawkie; his father of Wilson; his mother of Salina; four sisters, Deborah Webster and Kathryn Robison, both of Salina, Linda Ridder of Augusta and Dianna Brunsell of Tescott; and four grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Foster Mortuary Chapel in Wilson with the Rev. Jim Wagner officiating. Burial will be at Franklin Cemetery in Tescott. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 8 a.m. until service time Wednesday, all at the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 1, 2002

October 2, 2002

**Oscar Bender 1931-2002**

Oscar Bender, 71, died Oct. 1 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born July 26, 1931, at Russell County the son of August and Bertha Bender Bender. He married Mabel M. Riemann Aug. 29, 1954, at Salina. Having lived in Great Bend for 56 years, coming from Russell County, he was an accountant for Ames Oil Company Inc. for 42 years and later with Bird Oil Company for four years. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in the Korean War. Bender was a member of First Presbyterian Church, where he served as elder and treasurer, American Legion Post 180 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111, all of Great Bend. He coached for the Great Bend Recreation Commission from 1965 to 1976. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Doug W. Bender of Salina; two brothers, Marvin Bender of Russell and Milton Bender of Salina; two sisters, Esther Fleischman of Greeley, Colo., and Tillie Prather of Guyman, Okla.; and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Louie Bender; four sisters, Lena Sanders, Pauline Scheck, Elma Sandy and Esther Bender; and one grandson, Brandon D. Bender. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Hal Statts officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 5 to 9 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to the church or the American Cancer Society, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 2, 2002

**Esteban 'Steve' Juan Mendoza 1950-2002**

CHASE - Esteban "Steve" Juan Mendoza, 52, died Sept. 30 at St. Francis Hospital in Wichita. He was born July 11, 1950, at Hutchinson. the son of Federico H. and Rafaila Flores Mendoza. He married Sarah Joanne Blackwell July 9, 1993 in Hutchinson. He received his GED from Hutchinson. He was a longtime Hutchinson resident, having spent a year in Nickerson before moving to Chase in 1994. Mendoza was a member of the Catholic faith. Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Rafaila Brokish of Junction City; one step-daughter, Adriana Andrade of Hutchinson; four brothers, Guadalupe Mendoza and Fred Mendoza Jr., both of Hutchinson, and Victor Mendoza of Sterling and Ernie Mendoza of South Hutchinson; two sisters, Gloria Mendoza Rodriguez of Denver, Colo., and Linda Mendoza Hernandez of Hutchinson; four granddaughters; and two step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Margarito "Midnight" Mendoza, Felix "Chano" Mendoza and Carlos Mendoza. Parish rosary will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Elliott Mortuary in Hutchinson. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in South Hutchinson with the Rev. Ned J. Blick officiating. Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call from 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 2, 2002

**Christopher Alan Quinn 2002-2002**

LARNED - Christopher Alan Quinn, infant, died Sept. 29 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Survivors include his parents, Tracy and Sabrina Quinn of Larned; one sister, Alexandria of Larned; and grandparents, Bill and JoAnn Horner and Marcy Beer, all of Larned. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Jim Quinn. Funeral service was today at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with the Rev. Jim Hawthorne officiating. Burial was at Larned Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Spinal Bifida Association, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 2, 2002
Oscar Bender 1931-2002

Oscar Bender, 71, of Great Bend, died Oct. 1 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born July 26, 1931, in Russell County, the son of August and Bertha Bender Bender. He married Mabel M. Riemann on Aug. 29, 1954, at Salina. A resident of Great Bend for 56 years, coming from Russell County, he was an accountant for Ames Oil Company for 42 years and later for Bird Oil Co. for four years. Bender was a member of First Presbyterian Church, where he served as elder and treasurer, and was also a member of American Legion Post 180 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111, all of Great Bend. He was a coach for Great Bend Recreation Commission Baseball from 1965-1976. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served during the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Doug W. Bender of Salina; daughter-in-law, Karen Mettler Bender of Salina; two brothers, Marvin Bender of Russell and Milton Bender of Salina; two sisters, Esther Fleischman of Greeley, Colo., and Tillie Prather of Guymon, Okla.; and eight grandchildren, Benjamin McDowell of Denver, Colo., Heath McDowell of Garden City, Blake McDowell, Tommy McDowell, Laura McDowell, Dalton Bender and Audrianna Bender, all of Salina, and Danica Bender of Independence. He was preceded in death by one brother, Louie Bender; four sisters, Lena Sanders, Pauline Scheck, Elma Sandy and Esther Bender; and one grandson, Brandon D. Bender. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until noon on Friday, all at Beckwith Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church or American Cancer Society, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 3, 2002

Mayme E. Jones 1907-2002

JETMORE - Mayme E. Jones, 95, died Oct. 2 at Minneola Nursing Home in Minneola. She was born Jan. 31, 1907, in Rush County, the daughter of Chester and Pearl Juvenal Eno. She married Nealie F. Jones on Feb. 6, 1926, at Golden, Colo. He died Feb. 17, 1997. A lifetime resident of the Jetmore area, she was a librarian at Jetmore City Library. Mrs. Jones was a member of United Presbyterian Church, Rebekah Club and Bridge Club, all of Jetmore. Survivors include one son, Randy Jones of Tucson, Ariz.; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Ronnie Jones; two sisters, Jean Yost and Eva Eno; and two granddaughters. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Mark Durham officiating. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore. Friends may call from 1-8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Friday, all at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 3, 2002

Marion L. Williamson 1912-2002

ST. JOHN - Marion L. Williamson, 90, died Oct. 1 at Leisure Homestead in Stafford. He was born June 25, 1912, at Haddam, the son of George and Bess Williamson. He married Nellie Colleen Peake on Oct. 8, 1933, at Washington. She died Jan. 12, 2000. A resident of St. John since 1942, he worked as an oil pumper for 30 years for Standolind Oil & Gas Company and Clinton Oil & Gas Company. Williamson was a member of Masonic Lodge 254 of St. John. Survivors include two sons, Keith D. Williamson of Wichita and Kent E. Williamson of Casper, Wyo.; one brother, Victor Williamson of Glendale, Calif.; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Virgil Williamson; and one sister, Marjorie Byers. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Minnis Chapel in St. John with the Rev. David A. Ford officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. on Friday at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to Leisure Homestead of Stafford, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 3, 2002

Bonnie J. Friedly 1926-2002

HOISINGTON - Bonnie J. Friedly, 76, died Oct. 1 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born July 6, 1926, at Healy, the daughter of Roy G. and Beulah K. Baxter Watt. She married Leonard H. Friedly on Jan. 21, 1946, at Seattle, Wash. He died July 21, 1990. A resident of Hoisington since 1969, coming from Beaver, she was a former employee of Homestead Villa of Hoisington. Mrs. Friedly was a member of First United Methodist Church of Hoisington, was active with Meals on Wheels in Hoisington. She was also a member of Retired and Senior Volunteers Program and was a member of the High Rise Band. Survivors include three sons, Craig Friedly of Navasota, Texas, Roger Friedly of Hoisington and Douglas Friedly of Phillipsburg; three daughters, Nancy Conde of McPherson, and Mariann Shook and Connie Lowe, both of Hoisington; one sister, Mabel Dean Matheson of Grand Prairie, Texas; 15 grandchildren; two step grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one step great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Roy Watt, Jr., Kenneth Watt and George Watt; and three sisters, Eloise Rogers, Gladys York and Mariann Watt. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-9 tonight, from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Friday, both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, at the church. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association and American Cancer Society for Barton County Relay For Life, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 3, 2002
October 4, 2002

Ray H. Sargent 1921-2002

Ray H. Sargent, 81, of Great Bend, died Oct. 2 at Wichita. He was born May 30, 1921, at Leoti, the son of George and Flora Ridge Sargent. He married TeCoa Opal Grantham on Nov. 20, 1940, at Guymon, Okla. She died Nov. 29, 1987. A resident of Great Bend since 1925, coming from Leoti, he was a heavy equipment operator in the pipeline construction business. Sargent was a member of American Legion of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served during World War II. Survivors include two sons, Jimmy Ray Sargent of Reno, Nev., and Grant Lynn Sargent of Jacksonville, Fla.; one daughter, TeCoa Alexander of Wichita; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Bennie Sargent, James H. Sargent and Harry L. Sargent. Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend with full military honors. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Saturday, from 1-9 p.m. on Sunday and from 9 a.m. until service time Monday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Legion Baseball, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 4, 2002

Barbara M. Eakin 1950-2002

LARNED - Barbara M. Eakin, 52, died Oct. 3 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. She was born Feb. 18, 1950, at Great Bend, the daughter of Wayne "Jack" Potter and Maxine Brown Ackerman. She married W. Nolan Eakin on Aug. 5, 1967, at Larned. A lifetime resident of Larned, she was a secretary at Eakin Sand and Gravel and Larned Ready Mix since 1967. Mrs. Eakin was a member of Larned Country Club and Ladies Golf Association, both of Larned. She was a member of the Catholic faith. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Tate Eakin of Larned and Ryan Eakin of Lawrence; her mother; two brothers, Larry Ackerman of Winter Haven, Fla., and Thomas Ackerman of Hutchins, Ont.; four sisters, Linda Salmans of Claremore, Okla., Cynthia Garvey of Metairie, La., Connie Blakely of Brenham, Texas, and Kathryn Beach of Las Vegas, Nev.; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Mike Ackerman. No memorial service is planned. Cremation has taken place. Friends may sign the register until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Saturday, all at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 4, 2002

Ford Wilkes Lowry 1921-2002

LAS VEGAS, Nev. - Ford Wilkes Lowry, 81, died Sept. 28 at Las Vegas. He was born July 23, 1921, at Hoisington, the son of Homer and Verna Ford Lowry. He married Laura Alice Helt. A resident of Las Vegas, he worked in the oil fields in Ventura County, Calif., until his retirement. Lowry was a U.S. Navy veteran from 1942-1945, having served during World War II. He was a recipient of the Purple Heart. Survivors include two sons, John Lowry and Kemp Lowry, both of Las Vegas; two brothers, Larry Ackerman of Winter Haven, Fla., and Thomas Ackerman of Hutchinson; four sisters, Linda Salmans of Claremore, Okla., Cynthia Garvey of Metairie, La., Connie Blakely of Brenham, Texas, and Kathryn Beach of Las Vegas, Nev.; and five grandchildren. No services are planned. Cremation has taken place. Private inurnment will take place at Hoisington Cemetery at a later date. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice, in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 4, 2002

Marilyn Della Workman 1939-2002

GARDNER - Marilyn Della Workman, 63, died Oct. 1 at her residence in Gardner. She was born April 30, 1939, at Wichita, the daughter of Samuel M. and Ruth Queen Miller. A resident of Gardner for six months, coming from Great Bend, she was a housekeeper for Super 8 in Great Bend until her retirement. Survivors include one son, Joe Criswell of Gardner; two daughters, Brenda Catterfeld of Gardner and Connie Schridde of Ocala, Fla.; three brothers, Manuel Schlagel of Independence, and Larry Miller and Marvin Miller, both of Great Bend; three sisters, Georgia Mead of Lyons, Bonnie Woodard of Tulsa, Okla., and Virginia Champ of Great Bend; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Lyman "Dink" Workman; one brother, Jerry Miller; and one sister, Caroline Burton. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Cremation has taken place. Arrangements are being handled by Bruce Funeral Home in Gardner. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 4, 2002

October 6, 2002

Louise R. Smith 1919-2002

Louise R. Smith, 82, of Great Bend, died Oct. 3, at Integrated Health Services in Great Bend. She was born Dec. 6, 1919 at Providence, R.I., the daughter of Harold and Kathleen Smith Sherman. She married William H. Smith, Nov. 21, 1941 at Providence. He died Dec. 13, 1977. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Cranston, R.I., she was a retired secretary for St. Joseph's Hospital in Cranston. Mrs. Smith was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Great Bend. Survivors include three daughters, Penny Walker of Clairmont, Fla., Beth Searles of Cranston, and Nanv Wondra of Great Bend; six grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren. She
was preceded in death by one sister. A private family graveside service will be at a later date. There is no visitation, cremation has taken place. No memorials are suggested. Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend is in charge of the funeral arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 6, 2002

Joyce Ann Besthorn 1935-2002

CLAFLIN - Joyce Ann Besthorn, 67, died Oct. 4, at Haysville Healthcare Center in Haysville. She was born Sept. 22, 1935, at Ellsworth County, the daughter of Merle L. "Shorty" and Wilma Louise Hoth Rathbun. She married Herbert Lee Besthorn, Oct. 7, 1954, at Holyrood. He died Jan. 19, 1990. A resident of the Claflin area, she was a homemaker and farm wife. Mrs. Besthorn was a member of St. Paul United Church of Christ in Holyrood, Cleveland EHU, Barton County Extension Council, Cleveland 4-H Club leader, Barton County 4-H foods leader, spokesperson for Kansas Wheat Commission, and Hoisington Swinging Stars Square Dance Club. Survivors include two sons, Bert L. and wife Lana Besthorn of Claflin, and Scott J. Besthorn of Birmingham, Mich.; two daughters, Jodi Besthorn of Wichita, and Dr. Elaine Besthorn of North Platte, Neb.; one brother, Ted and wife Babette Rathbun of Columbia, S.C.; one grandson, Clark Besthorn of Claflin; and one nephew, Joel Rathbun of Columbia. Family graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Paul Cemetery in Holyrood, with Pastor Mary Lou Klien officiating. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 18 at the church in Holyrood, with Pastor Mary Lou Klien officiating. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. Monday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. The family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Kansas 4-H Foundation of Claflin Ambulance in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 6, 2002

October 7, 2002

Elton B. "Brownie" Brown 1910-2002

HOISINGTON - Elton B. "Brownie" Brown, 92, died Oct. 5 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. He was born April 12, 1910, at Viola, the son of Charles and Pearl Chamberlain Brown. He was a graduate of Viola High School and Pittsburg State University. He married Dorothy Farnsworth on March 2, 1935, at Independence, Mo. A longtime resident of Hoisington, he taught woodworking and coached track, basketball and football at Rose Hill, Cambridge, Valley Center, Andale and Hoisington. Brown was a member of First Christian Church in Clearwater. He was a member of the 1934 U.S. track team which competed in Europe. He was selected to the Pittsburg track Hall of Fame. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Michael Brown of Great Bend; three daughters, Linnea Winters of Great Bend, Loretta Thornburgh of Plano, Texas, and Martha Brown of Kansas City; one sister, Helen Joy of Wichita; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Benny Brown; two brothers, Ore Brown and Earl Brown; and one sister, Pauline Kendall. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington with the Rev. Paula Bell officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 3-9 tonight, from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Tuesday, and from 9 a.m. until service time on Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 7, 2002

Helen A. Kratky 1904-2002

WILSON - Helen A. Kratky, 97, died Oct. 4 at Wilson Nursing Center in Wilson. She was born Oct. 10, 1904, in Lincoln County, the daughter of William A. and Agnes Jarus Kratky. A lifetime resident of Wilson, she was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church and St. Wenceslaus Altar Society, both of Wilson, and Nocturnal Adoration Society. Survivors include one brother, Joseph Kratky of Wilson; and two sisters, Mary Soukup and Theresa E. Kasper, both of Wilson. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Alois Kratky and Paul Kratky; and one sister, Frances Kroboth. Funeral service was today at the church in Wilson with the Rev. Jerome Morgan officiating. Burial was at the church cemetery. Foster Mortuary of Wilson was in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 7, 2002

October 8, 2002

Henry Reifschneider Jr 1912-2002

DIGHTON - Henry Reifschneider Jr., 90, died Oct. 6 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Jan. 25, 1912, at Kutter, Russia, the son of Henry and Eva Maylinger Reifschneider Sr. He married Bertha Karb April 28, 1934, at Scott City. She died Aug 4, 1986. A resident of Great Bend since 1991, coming from Lane County, he was a farmer-stockman in Lane County and worked for the Hineman Jack Farm. Reifschneider was a member of the United Methodist Church and J.O.Y. Center, both of Dighton, and Great Bend Senior Center. Survivors include two sons, Gerald Reifschneider of Concordia and Dale Reifschneider of Louisville; two daughters, Bettie Stithem of Goodland and Cheryl Broadayer of Great Bend; one sister, Rosa Popp of Denver, Colo.; 16 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Lennie Maxwell officiating. Burial will be at Dighton Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home in Dighton. Memorials are suggested to the church of the J. O. Y. Center, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 8, 2002
La Crosse - Loretta C. Moran, 92, died Oct. 7 at Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse. She was born July 10, 1910, at Nekoma, the daughter of Michael T. and Mary Sweeney Moran. She was a graduate of St. Mary of the Plains High School in Dodge City and a 1933 graduate of the University of Kansas of Lawrence, with a degree in music. A lifetime resident of Rush County, she was past president of Nekoma State Bank of Nekoma. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and St. Mary's Catholic Church Altar Society, both of McCracken. She received a 50 year plaque from the Kansas Banker's Association for her service in the banking industry. Survivors include one brother, Martin Moran of Scottsdale, Ariz.; and one sister, Alice Potter of Omaha, Neb. She was preceded in death by one brother, Francis Moran. Vigil service will be at 7 tonight at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Revs. Eugene Kenny, Patrick Leahy, Charles Mazouch and Ultan Murphy officiating. Burial will be at the church cemetery in McCracken. Friends may call from 1-8 tonight at the funeral home and from 9-9:50 a.m. Wednesday at the church. The family will receive friends from 6-7 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Mary's Heritage Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 8, 2002

Helen I. Riggs 1928-2002

Bushton - Helen I. Riggs, 74, died Oct. 6 at Central Kansas Medical Center-Long Term Care at Ellinwood Hospital. She was born Jan. 24, 1928, at Macksville, the daughter of Warrin and Bertha Fergus Osgood. She was a 1945 graduate of Matfield Green High School. She married Lawrence A. Riggs on March 16, 1947, at Florence. He died Sept. 21, 1982. A resident of Bushton since 1949, she was a homemaker and caregiver. Mrs. Riggs was a member of First United Methodist Church, Circle and United Methodist Women, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Double Seven Club, 3T Card Club, Sew and So Club and served on the church board for nine years, all in Bushton. Survivors include three sons, Dennis L. Riggs of Phillipsburg, Charles J. Riggs of Norwich, Conn., and Douglas E. Riggs of Bushton; two brothers, Francis Osgood of Council Grove and Kenneth Osgood of Kinsley; and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Lawrence Osgood and infant, Orville Osgood. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the church with the Revs. Janet Myers and David Trott officiating. Burial will be at Bushton Cemetery. Friends may call from 2-5 p.m. Wednesday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or Hospice of Barton County, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 8, 2002

October 9, 2002

Ruth Annette Danielson 1920-2002

Lindsborg - Ruth Annette Danielson, 81, died Oct. 7 at Bethany Home in Lindsborg. She was born Dec. 24, 1920, in rural Roxbury, the daughter of John and Anna Sophia Bengston Sjostrom. She married Paul Stromquist Danielson on Nov. 29, 1958, at Lindsborg. A resident of Lindsborg since 1988, coming from Freemont, she was a former medical technician for Lindsborg Community Hospital, V.A. Hospital in Kansas City, Mo., and Mowery Clinic of Salina. Mrs. Danielson was a member of Freemont Lutheran Church of Freemont, WELCA, Swedish Sewing Club, Svensk Hylningsfest Committee and the Mizaar Club. Survivors include her husband of the home; and two sisters, Frances Burns of Great Bend and Emeline Brunsell of Lindsborg. She was preceded in death by one brother, Ralph Sjostrom; and one sister, Helen Bailey. Memorial service will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the church cemetery in Freemont. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Hays-Christian Funeral Home in Lindsborg. The family will receive friends from 7-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Bethany Home, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 9, 2002

Dorothy Evelyn Hunley 1912-2002

Hudson - Dorothy Evelyn Hunley, 90, died Oct. 8 at Leisure Homestead of Stafford. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Minnis Chapel of St. John. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 9, 2002

October 10, 2002

Correction

La Crosse - Loretta C. Moran, who died Oct. 7 graduated from the University of Kansas in Lawrence in 1933, not 1993 as previously stated in the Tribune. The Tribune regrets the error. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 9, 2002

October 10, 2002
Dorothy Evelyn Hunley 1912-2002

HUDSON - Dorothy Evelyn Hunley, 90, died Oct. 8 at Leisure Homestead of Stafford. She was born Oct. 4, 1912, at St. John, the daughter of Thomas Harwood and Bessie D. Mawhirter. She was a 1931 graduate of St. John High School. She married Merrill Delos Hunley on July 27, 1940, at St. John. He died Oct. 7, 1985. A lifetime resident of Stafford County, she was a cook for USD 350 at Hudson. Mrs. Hunley was a member of Trinity United Church of Christ, Trinity Choir, Trinity Womens Guild and EHU, all of Hudson. Survivors include two sons, Rod Hunley of Morrison, Colo., and Rick Hunley of St. John; one brother, Fred Mawhirter of St. John; two sisters, Ora Mae Coen of St. John and Lena Chapman of Merced, Calif.; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Cecil Mawhirter, Virgil Mawhirter and Faye Mawhirter; and five sisters, Velva Zies, Grayce McAllister, Merle Risley, Ruth Harper and Cleo Miller. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Minnis Chapel of St. John with the Rev. George Redington officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 1-8 tonight at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 10, 2002

Clare J. Henderson 1925-2002

DUNDEE - Clare J. Henderson, 77, died Oct. 8 at Central Kansas Medical Center of Great Bend. He was born Jan. 1, 1925, at Geraldine, Mont., the son of Claude and Clara Mae Yeager Henderson. He married Jane F. Boor on Jan. 3, 1953, at Dodge City. He was a resident of Dundee since 1956, coming from Larned. Henderson was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served during World War II and the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Ken Henderson of Hoisington; one daughter, Cecilia Haynes of Macksville; two brothers, Chester Henderson of Chanute and Keith Henderson of Trout Creek, Mont.; one sister, Iris Godinez of Pueblo, Colo; and four grandchildren. Vigil service will be at 7 tonight at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Funeral service 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 the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family School Endowment Fund or American Heart Fund, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 10, 2002

October 11, 2002

Irma Agnes VonPessl 1912-2002

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - Irma Agnes VonPessl, 90, died Oct. 9 at Colorado Springs. She was born Sept. 13, 1912, at Olmitz, the daughter of John J. and Sophia Gleissner Bahr. She married Herbert A. VonPessl on Sept. 25, 1933, at Olmitz. He preceded her in death. A resident of Colorado Springs since 1933, she was a homemaker. Survivors include one daughter, Mary Ann Cook of Colorado Springs; and three sisters, Florence Shaffer of Great Bend, Valeria Malek of Albert and Matilda Spicka of Timken. She was preceded in death by one son, Herbert VonPessl; one brother, Paul Bahr; and two sisters, Marie Maneth and Margaret Wendel. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. today at St. Joseph's Southgate in Colorado Springs. Burial will be at Evergreen Cemetery in Colorado Springs. Nolan Funeral Home of Colorado Springs was in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 11, 2002

Elsie Marie McCamey 1935-2002

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. - Elsie Marie McCamey, 67, died Oct. 10 at Bloomington. She was born Jan. 9, 1935, at Muleshoe, Texas. She married Jerry P. McCamey. A resident of Bloomington, coming from Indianapolis, Ind., and Great Bend, she was active in ministry work with her husband for 50 years. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Jerry Glynn McCamey and Alan Kirk McCamey; one daughter, Deborah Edgeworth; two brothers, Wilburn Kirkland and Glynn Kirkland; and 11 grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Calvary Temple of Indianapolis. Burial will be at Washington Park East Cemetery of Indianapolis. Friends may call from 3-8 tonight at Flanner and Buchanan Mortuaries of Indianapolis. Memorials are suggested to Barnabas Ministry, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 11, 2002

Ruth E. Brunts 1912-2002

CLAFLIN - Ruth E. Brunts, 90, died Oct. 9 at Ellinwod District Hospital. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 11, 2002

Orville 'Punch' Doeden 1923-2002

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. - Orville "Punch" Doeden, 79, died Oct. 8 at Mantey Heights in Grand Junction. He was born May 9, 1923, at Clifton, the son of George and Amanda Christensen Doeden. He married Ann on Seot. 22. 1951. at Oklahoma City, Okla. A resident of Grand Junction, he was an oilfield worker. Doeden was a
Ida Ann Rziha, 85, died Oct. 12 at CKMC St. Rose Campus in Great Bend. She was born Catholic Church in Liebenthal with Father Charles Mazouch officiating. Interment will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Liebenthal. Memorials are suggested to Hospice and Palliative Care of Western Colorado, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 11, 2002

October 13, 2002

Paul A. Wagner 1926 - 2002

OTIS - Paul A. Wagner, 76, died Oct. 11 at Trego County-Lemke Memorial Hospital in Wakeeny. He was born Jan. 30, 1926 in rural Otis, the son of Samuel A. and Mollie (Adolph) Wagner. He married Alice Bender on Sept. 4, 1949 at Russell. She preceded him in death on April 26, 1980. Wagner married Mary Agnes Lang on March 23, 1990 at Ellis. She preceded him in death on Feb. 5, 2001. A resident of Ellis since 1990 coming from Otis, he was a farmer and a mechanic for Ochs, Inc. in Otis. Wagner was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Otis. A lifetime member of VFW Post 9137 and American Legion Post 0173, both of Otis, Wagner was a U.S. Marine veteran of World War II. He was also a member of the Sunflower Polka Club and P.O.L.K. of America Polka Club. Survivors include: one son, Dwayne Wagner of Great Bend; two daughters, Ellen R. Prescott of Manhattan and Brenda L. Horton of Lindale, Texas; six step-sons, Gerald Lang of Durham, NH, Robert Lang of Bedford, IN, Ernest Lang of Douglas, WY, Edward Alan Lang of Sycamore, IL, Brian Lang of Solomon, and Clyde Lang of Ellis; four step-daughters, JoAnn Hohman of Wakefield, Marilyn Steuve of Olpe, Donna Scarbrough of Austin, Texas, and Velma Jackman of Roanoke, Texas; three brothers, Raymond Wagner, Norman Wagner, and Harold Wagner all of Otis; one sister, Arlene Maier of Oakley; four grandchildren; 28 step grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and one great grandchild. He was preceded in death by one sister, Elsie Boxbberger, and one grandson, Gary Allan Wagner. The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Oct. 15 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Otis with the Rev. Jeri Dexheimer officiating. Burial will be at the Lutheran Cemetery in Otis with a flag presentation by VFW Post 9137 and American Legion Post 0173. Friends may call from 3 to 9 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday all at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home and 9 p.m. to service time Tuesday at the church. A prayer service will be held at 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Otis Ambulance Fund or American Cancer Society, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 13, 2002

Kenneth (Bud) C. McGee 1934 - 2002

LARNED - Kenneth (Bud) C. McGee, 67, died Oct. 11 at the St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. He was born Dec. 15, 1934 in Clay Center, the son of James Summer and Ruth Roxie Roland McGee. He married Shirley A. Hanna on July 18, 1959 in San Bernardino, CA. A Larned resident since 1962 moving from Clay Center, he was a road grader operator for Pawnee County Road Department and worked at Row's Bakery. McGee was a member of the First United Methodist Church and VFW Post 7271, both of Larned, and served in the U.S. Navy. Survivors include: his wife; two sons, Tony McGee of Oklahoma and Randy McGee of Hutchinson; one sister, Barbara Fishback of Chapman; two grandchildren; and three great grandchildren. He was preceded in death in two brothers, Jimmie Jr. McGee and Jack (Jay) McGee; and three sisters, Dorothy Fern McGee, Ruth Sharon Liby, and Edith May Wallace. The funeral, with military honors, will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Larned Cemetery with the Rev. Charles Grant officiating. Burial will be in Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the Bud McGee memorial in care of the funeral home.

Lorraine M. Herrman 1916 - 2002

OTIS - Lorraine M. Herrman, 85, died Oct. 11 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. She was born Oct. 13, 1916 in Ellis, the daughter of Jacob J. and Katherine (Niernberger) Bollig. A lifelong resident of Rush County, 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: two daughters, Arlene Taylor of Aurora, CO and Gloria Anders of Hutchinson; two brothers, Charles Doeden of Hoisington and Harold Doeden of Yates Center; four grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother and two sisters. Funeral service was today at Martin Mortuary Chapel of Grand Junction with the Rev. Helen Stephens officiating. Burial will be at Memorial Gardens in Grand Junction. Memorials are suggested to Hospice and Palliative Care of Western Colorado, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 11, 2002

Ida Ann Rziha 1917 - 2002

HOISINGTON - Ida Ann Rziha. 85. died Oct. 12 at CKMC St. Rose Camous in Great Bend. She was born
Sept. 19, 1917 in Barton County, the daughter of Frank Joseph and Mary Louise (Frenzl) Huschka. She married Edward J. Wendel on Feb. 14, 1934 at St. Peter and Paul in Ellsworth. He preceded her in death on Sept. 10, 1989. She married Joseph Rziha on Oct. 28, 1972. A longtime Hoisington resident, she was a homemaker and co-owned and operated Cheyenne Locker for 25 years, later working for the Hoisington Veterinary Hospital. Mrs. Rziha was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Odin. Survivors include: her husband of the home; one son, Kenneth E. Wendel of Carrollton, Texas; one daughter, Marlene M. Palmier of Great Bend; two brothers, Martin Huschka of Garden City and LeRoy Huschka of Mesa, AZ; three sisters, Frances Sessler of Ellinwood, Leona Klein of Ellinwood, and Evelyn Behr of Hoisington; four grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; two great granddaughters; and seven great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Frank J. Huschka, Jr., Leonard Huschka, Albert Huschka, Edward Huschka, and Eugene Huschka; and one sister, Marie Doll. The funeral will be held at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 15 at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church north of Ellinwood with Father Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Ellinwood. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home. A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home followed by an Altar Society rosary, in lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Seminary Burse (vocations) in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 13, 2002

Ruth E. Brunts 1912 - 2002

CLAFLIN - Ruth E. Brunts, 90, died Oct. 9 at the Ellinwood District Hospital in Ellinwood. She was born June 8, 1912 in Claflin, the daughter of Edward R. and Lydia (Hofmeister) Ruch. She married George W. Brunts on June 19, 1942 at Cheyenne, WY. He preceded her in death on Sept. 18, 2001. A lifetime resident of Claflin, she was a telephone operator with Southwestern Bell and a librarian at Independent Township Library in Claflin. Mrs. Brunts was a lifetime member of the United Methodist Church, a member of UMW and Order of Eastern Star, all of Claflin. Survivors include: two sons, Richard and wife Ruthie Brunts of Great Bend and George W. Brunts, Jr. of Kansas City, MO; two daughters, Janice J. Brunts of Arlington, VA and Susan J. Brunts Smith of Sandy Hook, CT; and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Gloria Lynn Brunts, and a half-sister, Viola Schultz. The funeral will be held at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 14 at the United Methodist Church in Claflin with the Rev. Janet Myers officiating. Burial will be at Claflin Cemetery, Claflin. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home with family receiving friends from 6 to 9 p.m. and Monday from 9:30 till service time at the church. Memorials are suggested to United Methodist Church or Independent Township Library, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 13, 2002

Gladys W. Shank-Juvenal 1903 - 2002

BISON - Gladys W. Shank-Juvenal, 99, died Oct. 11 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. She was born July 11, 1903 in Olmitz, the daughter of Martin Luther and Martha Ellen (Moore) Harmon. She married Alva Shank on May 31, 1922. He preceded her in death on Sept. 19, 1986. A lifelong resident of Rush County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Shank-Juvenal was a member of Sunshine FCE and Just Older Youth, both of Bison. Survivors include: two daughters-in-law, Elizabeth Shank of Haven and Erma Shank-Wood of Bison; six grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; six great great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two sons, Kenneth Shank and Neil Shank; one daughter, Wanda Greenwald; two brothers, Earl Harmon and Luther Harmon; five sisters, Marita "Billy" Bearce, Letha Yost, Agnes Offutt, and Mildred Krause-Hays; and one great granddaughter. The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse with the Rev. Cathy Bannister officiating. Interment will be in the La Crosse Cemetery, La Crosse. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association, the American Diabetes Association or the Arthritis Foundation. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 13, 2002

October 14, 2002

Lilly Schultz 1908-2002

ELLSWORTH - Lilly Schultz, 94, died Oct. 13 at Ellsworth County Medical Center in Ellsworth. She was born Jan. 20, 1908, in Ellsworth County, the daughter of Carl and Sophia Schultz Kohls. She married Walter Schultz on May 2, 1929, at Ellsworth. He died July 2, 1971. A lifetime resident of Ellsworth, she was a cook at Ellsworth Senior Center and held various sales positions. Mrs. Schultz was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Ellsworth, Ladies Aide, Good Samaritan Auxiliary and a volunteer for Cards and Coffee Shop, all of Ellsworth. Survivors include one son, Lloyd Schultz of Long Beach, Calif.; six daughters, Dolores Mason of Great Bend, Gladys Schroeder of Austin, Texas, Shirley Olson of Manhattan, Janice "Big J" Sneath of Kanopolis, Karen Kohlmeier of Sabetha and Joyce Schultz of Salina; 13 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Jack Kohls, Emil Kohls, Ed Kohls and Ernie Kohls; and two sisters, Sophia and Anna. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Donald Ehrike officiating. Burial will be at Ellsworth Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Tuesday at Parsons Funeral Home in Ellsworth and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Good Samaritan Retirement Village, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 13, 2002

Tribune, Oct. 13, 2002
October 15, 2002

Rose Bernardine Divis Oborny 1911-2002

LA CROSSE - Rose Bernardine Divis Oborny, 91, died Oct. 12 at Rush County Memorial Hospital Long Term Care of La Crosse. She was born March 12, 1911, on a farm near Schuyler, Neb., the daughter of Matej "Mike" and Frantiska "Frances" Kroupa Divis. She married Rudolph J. Oborny on Nov. 26, 1935, at Schuyler. He died Feb. 3, 1997. A lifetime resident of Rush County, she was a homemaker and assisted her husband in farming. Mrs. Oborny was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, St. Ann's Altar Society and Catholic Workman Lodge 133, all of Timken. Survivors include 47 nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by one brother, Joseph Divis; one sister, Julia Sindelar; one half brother, Frank Divis; and one half sister, Martha Kudera. Vigil service and St. Ann's Altar Society Rosary will be at 7 tonight at Janousek Funeral Home of La Crosse. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Revs. Charles Mazouch and Henry Baxa officiating. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery of Timken. Friends may call from 1-8 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Rush County Memorial Hospital Long Term Care of La Crosse, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 15, 2002

Ralph S. Tucker 1923-2002

WICHITA - Ralph S. Tucker, 79, died Oct. 11. He married Mary L. She preceded him in death. A resident of Wichita, he was a retired mechanic for Vulcan Chemical Company. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal with four battle stars, distinguished Flying Cross, Good Conduct medal, Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster and distinguished Unit Badge. Survivors include two sons, Keith D. Tucker of Huntington Beach, Calif., and Greg A. Tucker of San Francisco, Calif.; two daughters, Gwyn Tucker of Wichita and Joyce Carter of Great Bend; five brothers, James Tucker of Anza, Calif., Murl Tucker of Stanton, Calif., Conrad Tucker of Henderson, Nev., Sam Tucker of Benton, Ark., and Norman Tucker of Bryant, Ark.; one sister, Dortha Wright of Hemet, Calif.; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Jack Tucker. Funeral service was held Oct. 14 at Resthaven Mortuary of Wichita. Memorials are suggested to Ralph S. Tucker Memorial Fund, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 15, 2002

Doris E. Rugan 1926-2002

DENISON, Texas - Doris E. Rugan, 76, die Oct. 12 at Denison. She was born March 25, 1926, the daughter of Herrman and Anna Mall Lewis. She married Walter Rugan at Great Bend. He died Oct. 24, 1998. A resident of Denison for one year, coming from Bella Vista, Ark., she was a telephone operator for Southwestern Bell. Ms. Rugan was a former member of Grace United Church of Christ and Telephone Pioneers, both of Great Bend. Survivors include two sons, Steven Rugan of Whitewright, Texas, and Michael Rugan of Hutchinson; one daughter, Kristi Bryant of Great Bend; one sister, Marie Lawrence of Bentonville, Ark.; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Memorial service will be announced. Cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association, in care of Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 15, 2002

Frank Carl Keller 1925-2002

YUMA, Ariz. - Frank Carl Keller, 77, died Oct. 11 at Yuma. He was born Aug. 4, 1925, at Albert, the son of Charles and Emma Schnee Keller. He married Frances Grenier on April 22, 1961, at Great Bend. A resident of Arizona since 1993, he was a longtime resident of Barton County. Survivors include his wife of the home; and one brother, Lynn Keller. He was preceded in death by one brother, Bennie Keller. Cremation has taken place. Inurnment will be at a later date at Great Bend Cemetery. Yuma Mortuary and Crematory of Yuma is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 15, 2002

Magdalene Steiner 1920-2002

HOISINGTON - Magdalene Steiner, 82, died Oct. 14 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus of Wichita. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 15, 2002

Frank D. Henney 1912-2002

HOISINGTON - Frank D. Henney, 90, died Oct. 14 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center of Hoisington. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 15, 2002
Nevella Lumpkins 1917-2002

HAYS - Nevella Lumpkins, 85, died Oct. 14 at Hays Medical Center. She was born May 4, 1917, on a farm three miles west of Plainville, the daughter of Ernest and Bessie Bair Benedick. She married Marion Lumpkins Feb. 14, 1934, in Stockton. He died Oct. 22, 1998. She was a lifetime member of Plainville Christian Church. Survivors include one son, Bill Lumpkins of Plainville; two daughters, Marilyn Gibson of Arvada, Colo., and Faye Taylor of Heizer; 14 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Carolyn Clark; and two sisters, Della Lumpkins and Alice Benedick; and one great-granddaughter. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Verle Clark officiating. Burial will be at Plainville Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday at Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home and from 12:30 p.m. until service time Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church in her name in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 15, 2002

October 16, 2002

Frank D. Henney 1912-2002

HOISINGTON - Frank D. Henney, 90, died Oct. 14 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. He was born April 8, 1912, in Rice County, the son of Charles R. and Anna S. Ferguson Henney. He married Elma M. Rose on Nov. 29, 1934, in Scott County. She died March 9, 2002. A resident of Hoisington for 50 years, coming from Scott City and Little River, he was a farmer and worked for Missouri Pacific Trucklines as a truck driver. Henney was a member of the Methodist faith. Survivors include one daughter, Velda Joyce Speight of Porter, Minn.; one sister, Eileen Fry of Marshall, Mich.; two granddaughters; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Max Henney; and one sister, Lorene Brown. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 16, 2002

Magdalene "Peggy" Steiner 1920-2002

HOISINGTON - Magdalene "Peggy" Steiner, 82, died Oct. 14 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus of Wichita. She was born Feb. 21, 1920, at Olmitz, the daughter of William and Emily Spitzka Schenk. She married Leonard Steiner on Sept. 24, 1940, at Olmitz. He died April 17, 1997. A lifetime resident of the Olmitz and Hoisington area, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Steiner was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church of Hoisington and St. Ann's Altar Society of Olmitz. Survivors include three sons, William J. Steiner of Olmitz, Donald L. Steiner of Plano, Texas, and Kenneth R. Steiner of Tulsa, Okla.; one daughter, Kathy Phillips of Emporia; four brothers, Harold Schenk and Bernard Schenk, both of Great Bend, Edwin Schenk of Olmitz and Robert Schenk of Hoisington; eight grandchildren; two step grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Ronald Steiner; one brother, William C. Schenk; and one sister, Christine Steiner. Wake service followed by Altar Society rosary will be at 7 p.m. Thursday. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Friday at St. Ann Catholic Church of Olmitz with the Rev. Ultan Murphy officiating. Burial will be at St. Ann Cemetery of Olmitz. Friends may call from 1-8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Thursday, all at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to American Red Cross, St. Ann Catholic Church of Olmitz or St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church of Hoisington, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 16, 2002

October 17, 2002

Kenneth S. Pfunder 1922-2002

LAWRENCE - Kenneth S. Pfunder, 79, died Oct. 15 at his residence in Lawrence. He was born Dec. 21, 1922, at Sedalia, Mo., the son of George William and Luella Matthews Pfunder. He married Annette Nowland on Jan. 17, 1942, at Kansas City. A resident of Lawrence since 1987, he worked for the Lincoln Mercury dealerships in Kansas City, Mo., Dodge City and Great Bend, until he retired in 1984 as the general manager of the Lincoln Mercury dealership of Great Bend. Pfunder was a U.S. Army veteran, having served during World War II. He was also a member of Dorsey-Liberty Host of the American Legion and Stoney Point Christian Church in Kansas City. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Sandra Jo Denney of Lawrence; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Larry Dean Pfunder who died April 5, 1993. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Rumsey-Yost Funeral Home. The body has been cremated. Memorials are suggested to Hospice Care in Douglas County, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 17, 2002

Lucille F. Spreier 1910-2002

LARNED - Lucille F. Soreier, 91, died Oct. 14 at Wesley Towers of Hutchinson. She was born Oct. 26, 1910, in
LYONS - James Waldo Arwood, 90, died Oct. 18 at Lyons District Hospital in Lyons. He was born Feb. 24, 1912 in Kearney County, the son of James William and Flora Lee Champion Arwood. He married Jenny Lee Davies on Aug. 5, 1934 in Hutchinson. A resident of Lyons since 1944, he was owner and operator of Lyons Radiator Service from 1944 until his retirement in 1978. Arwood attended United Methodist Church and Methodist Men, both of Lyons, and was a past member of the Odd Fellows of Lyons and Nickerson. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Jim Arwood of Phoenix, AZ; three daughters, Nancy Arwood of Denver, CO; Polly Delehant of Shenandoah, IA; and Sally Beydler of Great Bend; one brother, Arnold Arwood of Lyons; 11 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Arin A. Wasson. The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Earl Befort officiating. Burial will be at Belpre Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to Meals on Wheels of Hays, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 17, 2002

Joyce Ann Besthorn 1935-2002

CLAFLIN - Joyce Ann Besthorn, 67, died Oct. 4 at Haysville Healthcare Center of Haysville. A memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Paul’s United Church of Christ of Haysville. Mary Lou Klein officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Kansas 4-H Foundation or Claflin Ambulance, in care of Richardson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 17, 2002

Aileen B. Giebler 1922-2002

HAYS - Aileen B. Giebler, 80, died Oct. 15 at Wesley Medical Center of Wichita. She was born June 7, 1922, at Hays, the daughter of Peter and Barbara Bittel Weigel. She received her LPN degree from St. Anthony Hospital School of Nursing of Hays. She married Walter C. "Wally" Giebler on Feb. 17, 1941, at Hays. He died Sept. 26, 2000. A resident of Hays, she was an LPN at Hadley Hospital of Hays until her retirement. Mrs. Giebler was a member of St. Joseph's Church of Hays. Survivors include two sons, Philip Giebler of Garden City and Christopher Giebler of Aurora, Colo.; two daughters, Nancy Williams of Great Bend and Marlene Brown of Mankato; two brothers, Tony Weigel of Denver, Colo., and Norman Weigel of Aurora; one sister, Petrina Sexton of Palm Bay, Fla.; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one grandson, Patrick Brown. Parish vigil service will be at 7 tonight at Brock's North Hill Chapel of Hays. Burial service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Earl Befort officiating. Burial will be at the church cemetery of Hays. Friends may call from 3-8 tonight and from 8:30-9:45 a.m. Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Meals on Wheels of Hays, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 17, 2002

October 20, 2002

Lawrence 'Larry' R. Wasson 1936 - 2002

BELPRE - Lawrence "Larry" R. Wasson, 66, died Oct. 18 at Galichia Park Hospital in Wichita. He was born March 20, 1936 in Garden City, the son of Lawrence O. and Beatrice A. Wasson. He graduated from Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Education. He married Fredys L. Miller on June 3, 1956 at Garden City, the son of Lawrence O. and Beatrice A. Wasson. He graduated from Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Education. He married Fredys L. Miller on June 3, 1956 in Garden City. A resident of Belpre for 12 years, coming from Wilroads Gardens and Holcomb, he was an educator. Wasson was a member of Belpre United Methodist Church, Belpre, Society for Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, and the National Education Association. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Larry V. Wasson of Idaho Falls, ID, Edwin E. Wasson of Baldwin, and Rodney R. Wasson of Sublette; three daughters, Kay Luna of Leavenworth, Dawn D. Thiel of Garden City, and Marla W. Wasson of Denver, CO; a brother, Kenneth Wasson of Rolla; and a sister, Peggy Schmidt of Golden, CO. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Arin A. Wasson. The funeral will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at Grace United Methodist in Macksville, with Pastor Dr. David Upp officiating. Burial will be at Belpre Cemetery in Belpre. There will be no visitation, as the body was cremated. Memorials are suggested to ABC Pregnancy Center in Garden City or Childrens Logopedics in Wichita. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 20, 2002

James Waldo Arwood 1912 - 2002

LYONS - James Waldo Arwood, 90, died Oct. 18 at Lyons District Hospital in Lyons. He was born Feb. 24, 1912 in Kearney County, the son of James William and Flora Lee Champion Arwood. He married Jenny Lee Davies on Aug. 5, 1934 in Hutchinson. A resident of Lyons since 1944, he was owner and operator of Lyons Radiator Service from 1944 until his retirement in 1978. Arwood attended United Methodist Church and Methodist Men, both of Lyons, and was a past member of the Odd Fellows of Lyons and Nickerson. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Jim Arwood of Phoenix, AZ; three daughters, Nancy Arwood of Denver, CO; Polly Delehant of Shenandoah, IA; and Sally Beydler of Great Bend; one brother, Arnold Arwood of Lyons; 11 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Arin A. Wasson. The funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. on 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 to 7 p.m. Monday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons, with family receiving friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the church or Rice County Council on Aging in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 17, 2002
GREAT BEND - Walter B. Moore, Jr., 73, died Oct. 17 at his residence. He was born May 25, 1929 in Chicago, IL, the son of Walter B. and Lilian Bargerhoff Moore. He married LaVerna Ohnmacht on Sept. 8, 1956 in Chicago. A resident of Great Bend for seven years, coming from Chicago, he was a retired Supervising Wreck Master for Penn Central & Conrail Railroad Companies with 45 years of service before retiring in 1991. Moore was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Great Bend. He was a U.S. Army PFC, serving in the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; four sons, Walter B. Moore, III, of Smithton, PA; John J. Moore of Durango, CO; Joseph F. Moore of Great Bend, and James A. Moore of Oklahoma City, OK; two daughters, Mary C. Moore of Columbia, MO, and Christina F. Moore of Tinley Park, IL; and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, James B. Moore, and two sisters, Mary A. Moore and Ellen A. Moore. The funeral will be at 10 a.m. on Monday at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Great Bend, with Father Warren Stecklein officiating. Burial will be in Great Bend Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. A vigil service will occur at 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Holy Family School Endowment Fund or Barton County Food Bank, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 20, 2002

BUSHTON - Raymond T. Mullenix, 87, died Oct. 18 at his residence. He was born Sept. 11, 1915 in Chase, the son of Charles B. and Mary Taylor Mullenix. He married Mary Louise Alexander on March 7, 1937 in Hutchinson. A resident of Bushton most of his life, he was a pumper and roustabout for Sunray Oil and also worked for the railroad in Bushton. Mullenix was a member of First United Methodist Church, a former church treasurer, Boy Scouts of America, all of Bushton, and Ducks Unlimited. Survivors include his wife of the home; four daughters, Shirley Jeter of Kingfisher, OK, Karen Sunderland of Great Bend, Trudy Magee of Bloomington, IL, Nora Anderson of Bloomington, IN, and Deanna Harris of Overland Park; one brother, Donald Mullenix of Wayne City, IL; nine grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Delbert Yarnell and Bill Yarnell. The funeral will be at 2 p.m. on Monday at the Janousek Funeral Home Chapel in LaCrosse with Pastor Troy Schoeder officiating. Burial will be at LaCrosse Cemetery in LaCrosse. Friends may call from 2 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. today. Memorials are suggested to the Barbed Wire Museum or Central Rush County EMS, both of LaCrosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 20, 2002

STAFFORD - Michael Lee Shelton, 28, died Oct. 18 at his residence. He was born March 5, 1974 in Great Bend, the son of Gary L. Shelton and Jenny L. Fox Kisner. He was a 1992 graduate of St. John High School. He married Melissa Kewish on Sept. 23, 1994 in St. John. A resident of the St. John and Stafford communities, he was employed at St. John Welding. Shelton was a member of the First Baptist Church of St. John and the American Legion of Stafford. He is survived by his wife of the home; one son, Eric Logan Shelton of Stafford; one daughter, Destiny Leann Shelton of Stafford; his mother, Jenny Kisner of Stafford; his father, Gary Shelton of Hutchinson; two sisters, Kayli Kisner and Kristin Kisner, both of Stafford; two brothers, Jarrod Shelton and Denver Shelton, both of Hutchinson; his grandparents, Margaret and Bill Symns of St. John, Leonard and Judy Shelton of St. John, and Verda Cable of Sandusky, OH; his great grandmother, Edna Fox of St. John; and many aunts and uncles. The funeral will be at 2 p.m. on Monday at the First Baptist Church in St. John with Wade Russell officiating. Burial will be at the Stafford Cemetery in Stafford. Friends may call from 4 4 to 8 p.m. today at Minnis Chaeol in Stafford. Memorials are suggested to the Humane Society or the Mental Health
Henry Kenneth Kruse 1918 - 2002

Henry Kenneth Kruse, 84, died Oct. 19. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home at a later date. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 20, 2002

October 21, 2002

Wilhelmina B. Giessel 1922-2002

NESS CITY - Wilhelmina B. Giessel, 80, died Oct. 18 at St. John's Rest Home of Victoria. She was born May 10, 1922, at Spearville, the daughter of William J. and Mary Knoeber Strecker. She married Leo Lester Giessel on Aug. 25, 1942, at Spearville. He died May 10, 1972. A longtime resident of Ness City, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Giessel was a member of Sacred Heart Church and Altar Society, both of Ness City. Survivors include one son, Jim Giessel of Nevada, Mo.; four daughters, Marlene Risley of Dighton, Marietta Wendler of Hutchinson, Carol Bain of Ness City and Donna Goetz of Hoisington; two brothers, Archbishop I.J. Strecker of Kansas City and Henry Strecker of Spearville; two sisters, Catherine Helfrich of Spearville and Elizabeth Petz of Colwich; 18 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Lester Giessel; two sisters, Agnes Mahoney and Mary Schartz; and one granddaughter, Molly Bain. Parish vigil will be at 7 tonight at the church. Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Gregory LeBlanc officiating. Burial will be at the church cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church or Sacred Heart School, both in care of Fitzgerald Funeral Home of Ness City. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 21, 2002

Henry 'Kenneth' Kruse 1918-2002

Henry "Kenneth" Kruse, 84, of Great Bend, died Oct. 19 at Integrated Health Services of Great Bend. He was born March 30, 1918, at Sylvia, the son of Albert and Effie Sauer Kruse. He married Opal Georgia Hardy. She died Nov. 18, 1971. He married Hulda Hildebrand Algrim on June 30, 1972, at Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend since 1970, coming from Tonganoxie and Olathe, he was a former lumber yard manager and sales and office employee for Bird Oil Company of Great Bend. Kruse was a member of First Church of the Nazarene and Kiwanis, both of Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of Great Bend; two daughters, Shirley Ann Frantz of Bethany, Okla., and Marilyn Kay Goodhue of Carlisle, Iowa; two stepsons, Alfred Morris Algrim of Nickerson and Tracy Lee Algrim of Wichita; one stepdaughter, Susan Kay Krampe of Great Bend; one brother, Lee Kruse of Bethany, Okla., and Marilyn Kay Goodhue of Carlisle, Iowa; two stepsons, Alfred Morris Algrim of Nickerson and Tracy Lee Algrim of Wichita; one stepdaughter, Susan Kay Krampe of Great Bend; one brother, Lee Kruse of Sterling; 20 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Ruth Marie Kruse; one brother, Carl Kruse; and one granddaughter, Nicole Goodhue. Funeral service will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Mark Pennington officiating. Burial will be at Peace Creek Cemetery of Zenith. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. The family will receive friends from 7-9 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice or to the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 21, 2002

Wilma D. Amberger 1942-2002

Wilma D. Amberger, 60, of Great Bend, died Oct. 20 at Cherry Village Nursing Home of Great Bend. She was born July 29, 1942, at Sharon Springs, the daughter of Virgil and Fern Schwartz Chaney. A resident of Great Bend since 1976, coming from Osborne, she was a sales clerk for McCoy Shoes of Great Bend. Amberger was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church of Great Bend, Altar Society and a volunteer for RSVP. Survivors include one son, Kevin Amberger of Great Bend; three daughters, Rhonda Klug of Great Bend, Tamera Walker of Rozel and Kimberly Corkill of Partridge; two brothers, Charles Chaney and Jake Chaney, both of Sharon Springs; one sister, Wanda Keister of Sharon Springs; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandson. She was preceded in death by one brother, Leonard Chaney; and one sister, Norma Amberger. Parish vigil will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Angel Dy officiating. Burial will be at a later date at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery of Great Bend. Friends may call from 3-9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Cherry Village Nursing Home or RSVP, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 21, 2002

John A. Debusk 1934-2002

October 22, 2002

John A. DeBusk 1934-2002

CLAFLIN - John A. DeBusk, 68, died Oct. 20 at Clara Barton Hospital of Hoisington. He was born Oct. 4, 1934, at Holton, the son of Frank Joseph and Gladys Bender DeBusk. He was a 1953 graduate of Ellinwood High School, a 1960 graduate of Hutchinson Junior College and a 1962 graduate of Kansas State University. He married Sharon R. Brenn on April 9, 1955, at Ellinwood. A longtime resident of Barton County, he was a teacher and coach at Marysville, McPherson and Hoisington, until his retirement in 1993. DeBusk was a member of Immanuel United Church of Christ, American Legion Post 320, Wheat Bowl Inc., and Wheat Bowl Foundation, all of Ellinwood. He was also a 34 year member of Elks Lodge of Great Bend and a member of the Claflin School Board. He was a U.S. Marine Corp veteran, having served in Korea. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Bren DeBusk of Albert; one daughter, Tami Miller of Claffin; one brother, Frank DeBusk Jr. of Mobile, Ala.; one sister, Donna Lenhart of Tulsa, Okla.; and three grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Larry Young officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Commanche District Cemetery of Ellinwood. Friends may call from 3-9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Wednesday, all at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington. The family will receive friends from 5-8 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the John DeBusk Wheat Bowl Foundation Scholarship, USD 431 Education Fund, USD 354 Foundation or to the church, all in care of the funeral home.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 22, 2002

George D. Keith 1908-2002

TOPEKA - George D. Keith, 94, died Oct. 21 at a Topeka hospital. He was born April 7, 1908, at Trenton, Mo., the son of James William and Barbara Ellen DeVolld Keith. He received a bachelor of science degree in music from Fort Hays State College of Hays and received a masters in music from Cincinnati Conservatory of Music of Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1942. He married Bernice M. DeWoody on March 22, 1930, at Springfield, Mo. She died Nov. 27, 1993. A resident of Topeka, he taught music at Summersville, Mo., Pawnee Rock and Atwood, was a music teacher and principal at La Crosse for 21 years and served as director of school unification for the State of Kansas in Topeka until his retirement in 1973. Survivors include one daughter, Patricia F. Wesley of Tillamook, Ore.; two grandsons; and one step great-grandson. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Mount Hope Cemetery. The body will lie in state from 1-9 p.m. on Wednesday at Penwell-Gabel Midtown Chapel of Topeka. The family will receive friends from 6-7 p.m. Wednesday at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to Midland Hospice Inc., or American Heart Association, both in care of the chapel.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 22, 2002

Ellen L. Marley 1920-2002

LARNED - Ellen L. Marley, 82, died Oct. 20 at Larned Health Care and Living Center of Larned. She was born July 28, 1920, at Garfield, the daughter of Frank W. and Nellie Briskey Buck. She married Frank W. Marley on Jan. 10, 1939, at Greensburg. He died Aug. 25, 1981. A lifetime resident of Larned, she was a nurse's aide at Gleason Hospital and clerk at Duckwalls and ALCO, all of Larned. Mrs. Marley was a member of First Baptist Church and Modern Woodmen of America, both of Larned. Survivors include one son, Frank Marley of Larned; one daughter, Judith Sucth of Dodge City; two brothers, Robert Buck of Quincy, Ill., and Carl Buck of Iola; one sister, Mae Louise Morris of Iola; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Frances "Jane" Marley; and two sisters, Frances Esther Barker and Bessie Buck. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Larned Cemetery with the Rev. John Hester officiating. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel of Larned. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the mortuary.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 22, 2002

Velda L. Gilliland

Velda L. Gilliland, 69, died Oct. 21. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 22, 2002

October 23, 2002

Robert D. "Bob" Bailey 1920-2002

SALINA - Robert D. "Bob" Bailey, 81, died Oct. 22 at Holiday Resort of Salina. He was born Dec. 25, 1920, at Minneapolis, the son of Edward K. and Valetta E. Shreve Bailey. He married Thelma Dayhoff Downs on Oct. 2, 1964. A resident of Salina, he was a welder in the California shipyards, was owner and operator of Red Carpet Restaurant of Hutchinson, Bob and Thelma's Steak House of Great Bend and Elmore Cinnamon Shop of Salina. Bailey was a member of First Church of the Nazarene of Salina, was associated with the Free Methodist Church and a member of Kansas Restaurant Association. Survivors include his wife of the home; five sons. Jim Bailev and Dennis Bailev. both of Wichita. Allen Bailev of Arco. Idaho. Robert Bailev of
CHASE - Mary "Jo" Keesling, 66, died Oct. 23 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born Dec. 15, 1935, at Seminole, Okla., the daughter of Jasper V. and Golden M. Marvel Bowen. She was a 1953 graduate of Chase High School and a graduate of Draun's Business College of Tulsa, Okla. She married Donald D. Keesling on Aug. 12, 1955, at Lyons. A resident of Chase since 1950, she was a farmwife and owner of Jo's Cakes. Mrs. Keesling was a member of United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women, both of Lyons, held offices in the Hutchinson District United Methodist Women and was treasurer of Kansas West Conference of United Methodist Women. She was also a Chase 4-H Club leader, an officer on the Rice County Extension Council, a 4-H Judge and State Fair Foods Judge, a member and 1990 president of Kansas Wheathearts, member of Kansas Crop Improvement Association and Kansas Master Farmer-Homemaker. She was named woman of the year in 1993 by Kansas Wheathearts and Agri-Woman of the Year by High Plains Journal. Survivors include one son, Michael W. Gilliland and his wife Lynn of Lafayette, La.; one daughter, Charlotte L. "Shan" Perry and her husband Mark of Soldier; one sister, Barbara J. Wiley of Salt Lake City, Utah; one grandson, Gabe Gilliland; four granddaughters, Misti Lundin and her husband Steve, Christin Touchet and her husband Rod, Paige Perry and Ember Perry; and two great-grandchildren, Gavin Gilliland and Kinlyn Lundin. She was preceded in death by one grandson, Trenton Perry. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Danner Funeral Home of Abilene. Burial will be at Bethel Cemetery, north of Detroit. The family will receive friends from 7-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 24, 2002

Mary 'Jo' Keesling 1935-2002

Velda L. Gilliland 1933-2002

Velda L. Gilliland, 69, of Great Bend, died Oct. 21 at her residence in Great Bend. She was born Sept. 7, 1933, at Great Bend, the daughter of Arnold and Doris Ochs Steinerst. She married Glenn E. Gilliland on July 22, 1951, at Otis. He died April 21, 2001. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, she was a branch manager at Security State Bank for 24 years and a teller at Farmers Bank and Trust for two years until her retirement on Dec. 31, 1990. Mrs. Gilliland was a member of Central Baptist Church of Great Bend, past member and officer of National Association of Bank Women, past county treasurer and memorial chairman of American Heart Association. Survivors include one son, Michael W. Gilliland and his wife Lynn of Lafayette, La.; one daughter, Charlotte L. "Shan" Perry and her husband Mark of Soldier; one sister, Barbara J. Wiley of Salt Lake City, Utah; one grandson, Gabe Gilliland; four granddaughters, Misti Lundin and her husband Steve, Christin Touchet and her husband Rod, Paige Perry and Ember Perry; and two great-grandchildren, Gavin Gilliland and Kinlyn Lundin. She was preceded in death by one grandson, Trenton Perry. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Dr. Gordon E. Rhodes and the Rev. John Grummon officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9-11 a.m. Thursday, both at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, and from noon until service time Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 23, 2002

Calvin Weese Sr. 1925-2002

Calvin Weese, Sr., 77, of Great Bend died Oct. 22 at his home. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 23, 2002

October 24, 2002

Calvin Levi Weese Sr. 1925-2002

Calvin Levi Weese Sr., 77, of Great Bend, died Oct. 22 at his residence. He was born June 15, 1925, at Fellsburg, the son of Olav Levi and Gertrude Hixson Weese. He married Helen Marie Miller on Oct. 24, 1948, at Pratt. A resident of Great Bend since 1955, coming from Pratt, he was a welder until his retirement in 1987. Weese was a member of Church of Christ of Great Bend and American Legion. He was a U.S. Marine Corp veteran, having served during World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; five sons, Calvin Levi Weese Jr and Kevin Leon Weese, both of Great Bend, Gregory Lee Weese of Overland Park, Jeffery Lynn Weese of Seward and Sean Lesley Weese of Atlanta, Ga.; two daughters, Sheryl Kae Stewa of Emporia and Kimberly Ann Jordan of Great Bend; one brother, Gene Weese of Pine, Ariz.; six sisters, Beth Goodson of Wichita, Vena Holland of Surprise, Ariz., Loretta Hadsell and Laurene Walters, both of Pratt, Betty Lynn Hemphill of Coffax, Calif., and Boots Tyler; 20 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Jim Weese and Lemuel Weese. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Darrell Decke officiating. The body will be cremated and burial will be at a later date. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9-11 a.m. Friday, all at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend and noon until service time at the church. Memorials are suggested to Maude Carpenter Children's Fund or American Cancer Society, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 24, 2002

Mary 'Jo' Keesling 1935-2002

CHASE - Mary "Jo" Keesling, 66, died Oct. 23 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born Dec. 15, 1935, at Seminole, Okla., the daughter of Jasper V. and Golden M. Marvel Bowen. She was a 1953 graduate of Chase High School and a graduate of Draun's Business College of Tulsa, Okla. She married Donald D. Keesling on Aug. 12, 1955, at Lyons. A resident of Chase since 1950, she was a farmwife and owner of Jo's Cakes. Mrs. Keesling was a member of United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women, both of Lyons, held offices in the Hutchinson District United Methodist Women and was treasurer of Kansas West Conference of United Methodist Women. She was also a Chase 4-H Club leader, an officer on the Rice County Extension Council, a 4-H Judge and State Fair Foods Judge, a member and 1990 president of Kansas Wheathearts, member of Kansas Crop Improvement Association and Kansas Master Farmer-Homemaker. She was named woman of the year in 1993 by Kansas Wheathearts and Agri-Woman of the Year by High Plains Journal. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Doug Keesling of Chase; two daughters, Donna Strube of Harrah, Okla., and Diana Clarke of Lancaster, Calif.; two brothers, Rodney Bowen of Manhattan and Vernon Bowen of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Klarissa Keesling. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the church in Lyons with the Rev. Cindy Watson officiating. Burial will be at Lyons Municipal Cemetery. Friends may call from 2-7 p.m. Friday and from 9-11
Lucille Janssen 1922-2002

LORRAINE - Lucille Janssen, 79, died Oct. 23 at Rice County District One Hospital of Lyons. She was born Nov. 4, 1922, in the Bethany Community of Lincoln County, the daughter of Charles E. and Clara Heide Wirth. She married Arlen Janssen on May 3, 1947, at Bethany Baptist Church of Lincoln County. A lifetime resident of the Lorraine area, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Janssen was a member of First Baptist Church of Lorraine and Dorcas Society. Survivors include her husband of the home in Genesee; three sons, Steven Janssen of Genesee, Douglas Janssen of Wichita and Gerald Janssen of Lee’s Summit, Mo.; one daughter, Elaine Jury of Manhattan; and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Helen Leach and Virginia Barnhill. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Don Decker officiating. Burial will be at Lorraine Baptist Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Sunday at Parsons Funeral Home of Ellsworth and from 9 a.m. until service time Monday at the church. The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Bushton First Responders or Gideons, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 25, 2002

Lyle D. ‘Mutt’ Traylor 1932-2002

LARNED - Lyle D. "Mutt" Traylor, 70, died Oct. 23 at Veterans Nursing Home of Wichita. He was born May 17, 1932, at Zook, the son of Arthur William and Clara Belle Lancaster Traylor. He married Albert Ruth Ditges. She preceded him in death. A lifetime resident of Pawnee County, he was a farmer. Traylor was a past member of Baptist Church of Belpre. Veterans of Foreign Wars of Larned and American Legion of Great Bend. Survivors include three sons, Scott Traylor of Healy, Steve Traylor of Lexington, Ky., and Shad Traylor of Wichita; one daughter, Shelly O’Rorke of Salina; three grandsons, PFC Lyle O’Rorke of Korea, Keith Traylor of Lexington and Josh Owens of Derby; one granddaughter, Becky O’Rorke of Salina; and one daughter-in-law, Mary Ann Traylor of Lexington. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Cecil Traylor, Loren Traylor, Eldon Traylor and Wilbur Traylor; one sister, Fern Avary; and one grandson. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel of Larned with the Rev. John Hester officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Pawnee County 4-H, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 25, 2002

Ida Fay Farrington 1917-2002

CARNEIRO - Ida Fay Farrington, 85, died Oct. 23 at Stoneybrook Retirement Community of Manhattan. She was born Feb. 10, 1917, in Ellsworth County, the daughter of Warren Myron "Bud" and Bertha DeWitt Webster. She married Ralph Farrington on Dec. 20, 1936, at Salina. He died Oct. 30, 1985. A resident of Manhattan for three years, coming from Salina, Ellsworth and Carneiro, she was a homemaker and past employee of Elkay. Mrs. Farrington was a member of Carneiro Methodist Church. Survivors include one son, Warren Farrington of Hoisington; one daughter, Sharon Claeys of Wamego; six grandchildren; two step grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two step great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Orin and Gordon. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Parsons Funeral Home of Ellsworth with the Rev. Gene Langford officiating. Burial will be at Carneiro Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-5 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Carneiro Community Center, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 25, 2002

Jimmy R. Gautier 1931-2002

LYONS - Jimmy R. Gautier, 71, died Oct. 22 at his residence in Lyons. He was born June 8, 1931, at Lyons, the son of James Woodson and Lora Belle Barnett Gautier. He was a graduate of Lyons High School and Wichita State University. He married Patricia Moyer on Sept. 12, 1954, at Wichita. A lifetime resident of Lyons, he was owner of Gautier John Deere Dealership of Lyons, until his retirement. Gautier was a member of United Methodist Church, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, all of Lyons, and established the Gautier Scholarship Fund for Lyons High School. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served during the Korean War from 1951-1953. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Troy Gautier of Atlanta, Ga., and Trent Gautier of Shawnee; one daughter, Leah Gautier-Neff of Kansas City, Mo.; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Loretta Gautier; and one grandson, Jordan Gautier. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Cindy Watson officiating. Burial will be at Lyons Municipal Cemetery with military honors provided by Fort Riley Honor Guard. Friends may call from 2-5 p.m. today at Sillin Funeral Home of Lyons. The casket will be closed. Memorials are suggested to Gautier Scholarship Fund for Lyons High School, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 25, 2002
October 27, 2002

Margaret Louise Radford 1941 - 2002

Margaret Louise Radford, 60, of Great Bend, died Oct. 25 at Integrated Health Services of Great Bend. She was born Dec. 25, 1941 in Jefferson City, Mo., the daughter of Durward Edward "Bill" and Edna Louise Klassen Webster. She married Wellington Mark Radford Jr. on May 3, 1964 in Great Bend. They were divorced. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, she was a crossing guard for USD 428 in Great Bend and later served as a counselor at New Chance rehabilitation Center in Dodge City. She was a member of Church of the Nazarene and Alcoholics Anonymous. Survivors include four daughters, Angie Henry of Great Bend, Tammy Gano, Janice Buettgenbach, and Cynthia Willesdan, all of Washington; one brother, C.E. "Buddy" Webster of Great Bend; and 10 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Durward Eugene Radford; one brother, Doyle Webster; and two sisters, Dixie Reed and Ada Rupp. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Great Bend with the Rev. Mark Pennington officiating. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until noon on Monday all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the Margaret Radford Expense Fund in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 27, 2002

Donald C. Meisenheimer 1933 - 2002

ELLINWOOD - Donald C. Meisenheimer Jr, 69, died Oct. 24 at Kansas Heart Hospital of Wichita. He was born July 21, 1933 in La Crosse, the son of Donald Sr. and Martha Worden Meisenheimer. He was a 1951 graduate of Otis High School in Otis. He married Carol J. Bohl, Aug. 15, 1966 in Winnemucca, Nev. A resident of Ellinwood since 1999, he was a retired Chief Master Sgt., serving in the United States Air Force for 28 years, and worked as a refinery technician for Exxon in Benecia, Calif., retiring in 1996. Meisenheimer was a member of First Baptist Church of Ellinwood. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Steven Meisenheimer of Suisun City, Calif.; one daughter, Jamie Morales of Ellinwood; four brothers, James Meisenheimer of Greenfield, Mo., John Meisenheimer of Alvin, Texas, Mark Meisenheimer of Thornton, Colo., and Richard Meisenheimer of Salina; four sisters, Cynthia Oberle of Great Bend, Nancy Bostick of Sierra Vista, Ariz., Marcia Misegadis of North Platte, Neb., and Sara Weighous of Ness City; and four grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. David Wesner officiating. Burial will be at Albert Cemetery in Albert. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. today at Kimple Funeral Home of Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 27, 2002

Dorothy Irene Harrison 1926 - 2002

ODESSA - Dorothy Irene Harrison, 76, died Oct. 24 at Medical Center Hospital of Odessa. She was born July 5, 1926 in Kirk, Colo., the daughter of Cloyd Earl and Bernice Irene Porter Laughlin. She married James Cecil Harrison Sr. April 13, 1950 in Medicine Lodge. Mrs. Harrison was a member of the Christian Church, teaching Sunday School and serving as the church organist. She was a Cub Scout Den Mother and Den Leader Trainer. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, James Cecil Harrison Jr. and Timothy Earl Harrison, both of Odessa; two daughters, Theresa Maine Smith of Odessa and Rev. Ola Irene Harrison of Lexington, Ky.; one brother, Cloyd Orrin Laughlin of Great Bend; one sister, Marjorie Lois Laughlin Scott of Mountain Home, Ark.; six grandchildren; and one great granddaughter. She was preceded in death by two infant children, three brothers, and one sister. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Bethany Christian Church with the Revs. Robert Scofield and George Randall officiating. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 27, 2002

Alma Robison Wuthnow 1926 - 2002

OVERLAND PARK - Alma Robison Wuthnow, 76, died Oct. 23. She was born March 20, 1926 in Bison. She was a graduate of the University of Kansas William Allen White School of Journalism. A resident of Overland Park, she taught fourth and fifth grade at Sequoia Elementary School in Overland Park during the 1960s. Survivors include one son, John Wuthnow; one daughter, Terri Boyle; one sister, Oakie Domenech; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Dr. Corbin E. Robison and Dr. L.J. Robison. Funeral service was held Oct. 26 at Charter Funerals of Merriam. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at the Lone Star Cemetery of Bison. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 27, 2002

Lawrence Joseph Sauber 1913 - 2002

ELLINWOOD - Lawrence Joseph Sauber, 89, died Oct. 25 at Woodhaven Care Center of Ellinwood. He was born Oct. 3, 1913 in rural Barton County, the son of Peter Matthew and Frances Hoffman Sauber. He married Mathilda Bieberle in Sept. 1941 at St. Peter & Paul Church in Ellinwood. She died July 14, 1959. He married Bertha Herrman Jacobs July 8, 1961 at St. Patrick's Church in Great Bend. A lifetime resident of Barton County, he was a retired farmer, worked in construction at Soa still Electric, and owned and operated Larry's
Greenhouse, Tree & Shrub Maintenance. He was a custodian for 28 years at the Ellinwood Grade School. Sauber was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus. He was a member of Knights of Columbus 1187. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Daniel Sauber of Salina; three daughters, Kathy Kaiser of Kingman, Mary Steichen of Lawrence, and Kathleen Asher of Dodge City; three brothers, Ambrose Sauber and Jim Sauber of Ellinwood and Emmanuel Sauber of Hutchinson; one sister, Margaret Huslig of Salina; 18 grandchildren; and 18 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one grandson, Nicholas Steichen. Altar Society rosary will be held at 3 p.m., with a vigil service at 7 p.m., and a Knights of Columbus rosary following, today at the church. Friends may call from 1-3 p.m. today at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood and from 3-8 p.m. today at the church. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church. Burial will be in Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to the Church Steeple Fund in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 27, 2002

Gerald J. Hammeke 1924 - 2002

ELLINWOOD - Gerald J. Hammeke, 78, died Oct. 26 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Oct. 14, 1924 in Ellinwood, the son of John T. and Mamie Schartz Hammeke. A lifetime resident of Ellinwood, he was a retired farmer and stockman. Hammeke was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus 1187. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in Germany and the European Theatre during World War II. Survivors include two brothers, Omer Hammeke of Ellinwood and Dr. John C. Hammeke of Leavenworth; and two sisters, Sister Imelda Rose Hammeke of Wichita and Colleen Youngers of Goddard. He was preceded in death by one brother, Paul LaVern Hammeke, and an infant sister. Altar Society Rosary will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, at Kimple Funeral home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Revs. Gerald Hammeke and James J. Roth officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Monday at the church, with family visitation from 7-8 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the St. Joseph House Endowment Fund in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 27, 2002

October 28, 2002

John Luttrell Rigg 1907-2002

STAFFORD - John Luttrell Rigg, 94, died Oct. 25 at Stafford District Hospital. He was born Dec. 6, 1907, near Higginsville, Mo., the son of Perry David and Margaret Euphemia Luttrell Rigg. He was a 1925 graduate of a rural high school in Leon. He married Helen Whitney on July 28, 1933, at Anthony. She died in 1973. He then married Georgia Whitlock in 1975. A resident of Stafford since 1933, he was an oil field roughneck, the owner and operator of a dry cleaning shop in Stafford and a salesman for Truck-Trailer Supply Co. of Stafford. Rigg was a member of United Methodist Church, member and past president of Stafford Rotary Club, member of Hutchinson Rotary Club, past commander of Christopher L. Stockwell Post 131 American Legion of Stafford, past master of Stafford Lodge 252 AF & AM Masonic Lodge, where he received his 50-year pin in 1984, high priest of Joppa Chapter 52, member of Royal Arch Masons, past illustrious master of Hutchinson Council 13, member of Cryptic Masons and most illustrious grand master of Cryptic Masons of Kansas. He was also past commander of Stafford Commandry 57, Knight's Templar, past patron of Vashitial Chapter 64, Order of the Eastern Star, Knight of the York Cross of Honor, past prior of Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, past sovereign of Red Cross of Constantine, member of Royal Order of Scotland and York Rite College of Kansas 125. He was a U.S. Army Air Force veteran, having served during World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; and two sisters, Louise Kavil of El Dorado; and June Merrian of Texas. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. today at Minnis Chapel of Stafford with the Rev. Casey Crosby officiating. Burial will be at Stafford Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to United Methodist Church of Stafford, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 28, 2002

Grover Cleveland Snyder 1917-2002

ELLISWORTH - Grover Cleveland Snyder, 85, died Oct. 26 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus of Wichita. He was born April 5, 1917, in Morton County, the son of John W. and Minnie Ethel Garton Snyder. He married Dolores Reimer on May 29, 1948, at Hoisington. A resident of Ellsworth for eight years, coming from Great Bend, he was a motor route driver for Ellsworth and Great Bend papers and a retired City of Hoisington Water Plant operator and electrician. Snyder was a member of St. Bernard's Catholic Church of Ellsworth, local post commander and District Six commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Fourth Degree Knight of Knights of Columbus of Ellsworth, member of VFW Post 6485 and past Grand Knight at Hoisington Knights of Columbus. He was a U.S. Marine veteran, having served during World War II in the Pacific Theater until discharged due to wounds he received. He was a member of the Flying Tigers, a Pearl Harbor survivor and a recipient of the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, John Snyder of Great Bend; two daughters, Gaye Davis of Benton and Elaine Snyder of Ellsworth; and six grandchildren. Vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Parsons Funeral Home of Ellsworth. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Daniel Scheetz officiating. Burial will be at Ellsworth Memorial Cemetery with VFW military graveside rites. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Bethphage, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 28, 2002
Barbara K. Apel 1901-2002

ELLINWOOD - Barbara K. Apel, 101, died Oct. 27 at Central Kansas Medical Center Long Term Care of Ellinwood. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Kimple Funeral Home of Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 28, 2002

October 29, 2002

Barbara K. Apel 1901-2002

ELLINWOOD - Barbara K. Apel, 101, died Oct. 27 at Central Kansas Medical Center Long Term Care of Ellinwood. She was born Feb. 27, 1901, at St. Sebastian, Ohio, the daughter of Mathias and Agnes Schaefer Heyne. She married Mathias Apel on Sept. 27, 1921, at Ellinwood. He died Sept. 8, 1978. A resident of Barton County for more than 70 years and a resident of Augusta for more than 20 years, she was a farm wife and gardener. Mrs. Apel was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church of Ellinwood, St. James Catholic Church of Augusta, Altar Society and Daughters of Isabella. Survivors include two sons, Norman J. Apel of Great Bend and Harry C. Apel of Augusta; three daughters, Sally (Sylvestra B.) Sigley of Augusta, Theresa A. Wornkey of Wyandotte, Okla., and Mary Jean (Jeanie) Miller of Great Bend; three sisters, Clara Whitney of Irving, Texas, Monica Robl of Ellinwood and Alfreda Miller of Kingsley; 23 grandchildren; many step-grandchildren; 50 great-grandchildren; numerous step-great-grandchildren; and 25 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two infant sons; three brothers, Philip, Ferdanand and Philip; three sisters, Rosa Kramp, Sister Caroline Heyne and Margaret Knorr; one grandson; two great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Altar Society rosary, followed by Daughters of Isabella rosary will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, both at Kimple Funeral Home of Ellinwood. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Joseph Catholic Church of Ellinwood with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Commanche District Cemetery of Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph's School Endowment Fund or St. James Building Fund, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 29, 2002

James P. Huslig 1954-2002

Wichita - James P. Huslig, 48, died Oct. 26 in Wichita. He was born March 17, 1954, in Great Bend, the son of Ernest and Audry Huslig. He married Theresa Stadler Sept. 23, 1978, at Topeka. A resident of Wichita, formerly of Great Bend and having lived in the McPherson area, he was an administrator for Sherwin-Williams Quality Systems. Huslig was a member of Church of the Resurrection and Knights of Columbus, both of Wichita. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son John Huslig of the home; three daughters, Sarah Huslig, Laura Huslig and Catherine "Katie" Huslig, all of the home; and one brother, David Huslig and his wife Cindy, of Great Bend. Rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the church. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, Catholic Charities of Wichita or the education fund for the Huslig children, all in care of Downing & Lahey Mortuary East Chapel in Wichita. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 29, 2002

October 30, 2002

Jerry D. Young 1931-2002

LYONS - Jerry D. Young, 71, died Oct. 27. He was born Sept. 11, 1931, at Wichita. He married Norma. A resident of Lyons, he was a vending supervisor for Pepsi-Cola in Great Bend until his retirement. Survivors include his wife of Salina; one son, Dale Young of Salina; two daughters, Gayle Young-Monroe of Lovettsville, Va., and Ann Young of Junction City; one sister, Melba Young-Gofrey of Danville, Ind.; and three grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Lyons Municipal Cemetery of Lyons with the Rev. Tom Eastman officiating. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Thursday at First Christian Church of Lyons. Memorials are suggested to PSP Society Woodholme Medical Building, in care of Geisendorf-Rush Smith Funeral Home of Salina. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 30, 2002

October 31, 2002

Gladys Marie Stricklin 1912-2002

HUTCHINSON - Gladys Marie Stricklin, 90, died Oct. 23 at Hester Care Center of Wesley Towers. She was born Jan. 31, 1912, at Cabool, Mo., the daughter of Woodley Thomas and Sarah Elizabeth McGhee Johnson. She married Jesse Lee Stricklin in 1952 at Downing, Calif. He died Dec. 16, 1975. A longtime resident of Hutchinson, she was a hairdresser and salon owner in Pratt and Hutchinson, assistant manager and chief hostess at King's Imperial Restaurant of Lynwood, Calif., and was a nanny and provided elderly care until her retirement in 2000. Mrs. Stricklin was a member of the Baptist faith. Order of the Eastern Star 488 of Fontana.
Calif., Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem of San Bernardino, Calif., Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 2550 and Auxiliary and Women of the Moose 1371 of Hutchinson. Survivors include one stepdaughter, Lavonne Schakel of Garden Grove, Calif.; and one sister, Lillian Walker of South Hutchinson. She was preceded in death by one son, Charles Stricklin; four brothers, Lee Johnson, Harry Johnson, Hubert Johnson and Fred Johnson; four sisters, Dollie Demitt, Nancy Johnson, Mattie Demitt and Marion Winters; and one grandson. Memorial graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Eastside Cemetery of Hutchinson with the Rev. Marvin E. Bales officiating. Friends may sign the book until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Friday, all at Elliott Mortuary of Hutchinson. Memorials are suggested to Wesley Towers, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 31, 2002

Wayne E. McCurdy 1930-2002

WAKEENEY - Wayne E. McCurdy, 72, died Oct. 27 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus of Wichita. He was born Aug. 27, 1930, on the family farm near Brownell, the son of Robert and Bessie Underwood McCurdy. He married JoAnn Betson on Jan. 13, 1953, at Hoisington. A resident of WaKeeney, he was an auctioneer. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Mike McCurdy of WaKeeney and Robert McCurdy of Garden City; one daughter, Cindy Basgall of Rexford; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Roy McCurdy, Harold McCurdy, Marvin McCurdy and Marlin McCurdy; and six sisters, Lois Richardson, Norma Owen, Patricia Likes, Fern Sunley and two infant sisters. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Schmitt Funeral Home of WaKeeney with the Rev. Randy Gibbs officiating. Cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or Via Christi St. Francis Surgical Intensive Care Unit, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 31, 2002

Vernon H. Wilborn 1908-2002

HOISINGTON - Vernon H. Wilborn, 94, died Oct. 30 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center of Hoisington. He was born July 26, 1908, in rural Galatia, the son of Scott and Maude O. Hopkins Wilborn. He was a graduate of Claflin High School and attended Salt City Business College of Hutchinson. He married Cecelia E. Smiley on June 29, 1935, at Salina. She died Sept. 19, 1989. He then married Maxine Rowley on June 8, 1990, at Hoisington. A lifetime resident of the Susank-Galatia area, he was a teacher for two years at a rural school near Susank and a retired farmer and stockman. Wilborn was a member of First United Methodist Church and Masonic Lodge 331 A.F. and A.M., both of Hoisington. He was also a former board of director of First Kansas Bank of Hoisington, served on the USD 431 Board of Education, Barton County FHA Board and Barton County SCS Board. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Verna Rae Wilborn of Littleton, Colo.; one stepson, John Rowley of Wichita; three stepdaughters, Donna Wegele of Pratt, Joann Guerrero of San Jose, Calif., and Marilyn Bowman of Arlington, Texas; and one sister, Jessie Deets of Hemet, Calif. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Emerett Wilborn and Everett Wilborn; and one sister, Aileen Stoskopf. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-9 tonight at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington and from 9:30 a.m. until service time Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 31, 2002

Fausto Lerma Vega 1979-2002

Fausto Lerma Vega, 23, of Great Bend, died Oct. 26 in McPherson County. He was born Sept. 6, 1979, at Obregon, Sonora, Mexico, the son of Valentin Lerma Ochoa and Consuelo Vega Fuentes. A resident of Great Bend for two years, coming from Phoenix, Ariz., he was a self-employed roofer. Lerma Vega was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church of Great Bend. Survivors include his parents of Mexico; and two sisters, Mima Guadalupe Lerma Vega and Irma Lerma Vega, both of Obregon. Funeral service will be at Obregon. Funeral service will be at Obregon. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Fausto Lerma Vega Funeral Expense Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 31, 2002
November 1, 2002

Ruth Ellen Stewart 1932-2002

BUSHTON - Ruth Ellen Stewart, 70, died Oct. 30 at Ellinwood District Hospital. She was born Oct. 28, 1932, at Mindenmines, Mo., the daughter of Ora O. and Mary Louella Maxwell Hilton. She married Gilbert Franklin Stewart on Sept. 2, 1950, at Springdale, Ark. He died in 1975. A resident of Bushton for seven years, coming from Wichita, she was a homemaker. Survivors include one son, Phil Stewart of Bushton; two daughters, Belinda Sue Ashley and Bonna Lynn Baize, both of Wichita; two sisters; 12 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Roger F. E. Stewart; two brothers; two sisters; and one granddaughter, Tina Stewart. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Rosedale Cemetery of Mulberry. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association, in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 1, 2002

Lloyd H. Hejny 1922-2002

Lloyd H. Hejny, 80, died Oct. 30 at Central Kansas Medical Center of Great Bend. He was born March 19, 1922, in Barton County, the son of Aldrich and Rose Serpan Hejny. He married Rosie Gleissner on Oct. 10, 1946, at Hoisington. A lifetime resident of Barton County, he was a farmer and businessman. Hejny was a member of First United Methodist Church, American Legion Post 180 and Eagle's Lodge 646, and VFW 3111, all of Great Bend, and a member of USS Denver Association. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served during World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Larry Hejny of Great Bend; one daughter, Janis Link of Great Bend; one brother, Orval Hejny of Olmitz; four grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Great Bend Humane Society or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 1, 2002

Gertrude R. Smith 1928-2002

Gertrude R. Smith, 74, died Oct. 30 at Columbia Wesley Medical Center of Wichita. She was born Sept. 6, 1928, at Otis, the daughter of John A. and Theresa R. Suchy Krestin. She married Paul Smith at Great Bend. He preceded her in death. A longtime resident of Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Smith attended St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Gary Smith of Dodge City; two daughters, Debra Castle of McCammon, Ind., and Belva Hock of Nebraska; two sisters, Frances Krestin of St. Marys and Alice South of Great Bend; and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Arthur C. Krestin, Fredrick Krestin, Edward Lee Krestin and Clarence Krestin; and three sisters, Caroline Mlymer, Grace A. Brack and Viola Kober. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. today at the church with the Rev. Angel Dy officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 1, 2002

Louise A. Lang 1922-2002

ELLINWOOD - Louise A. Lang, 79, died Oct. 31 at St. Catherine's Hospital of Garden City. She was born Dec. 17, 1922, at Huntley, Ill., the daughter of John A. and Mary Berns Erny. She married Richard R. Lang on Aug. 9, 1947, at Hutchinson. He died Nov. 1, 2000. A resident of Ellinwood since 1954, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Lang was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and Alter Society, both of Ellinwood. Survivors include two sons, Donald V. Lang of Ellinwood and Robert E. Lang of Tulsa, Okla.; two daughters, Barbara Chulufas of Harrisonville, Mo., and Laura Fickel of Garden City; one brother, James Erny of Allen Park, Mich.; one sister, Rosmond Dick of Milton; 16 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. Alter Society rosary will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Kimple Funeral Home of Ellinwood. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. David Flagor officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Commanche District Cemetery of Ellinwood. Friends may call from 5-8 p.m. Saturday and from 1-8 p.m. Sunday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph's School Endowment Fund or Ellinwood Fire Department and EMS, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 1, 2002

November 3, 2002

Cecile Georgia Claypool 1911 - 2002
Leon D. "Bush" Bushnell 1919-2002

Leon D. "Bush" Bushnell, 83, of Great Bend died Nov. 2, at Integrated Health Services in Great Bend. He was a member of American Legion Post 180, Stone Ridge Club. Survivors include: wife, Lavel; son Tony and wife Robyn, Holyrood, and son Todd and wife Rae, Leoti; three daughters, Mary Lou Holloway of Great Bend, Cecile Georgia Claypool, 91, died Nov. 1 at Stafford District Hospital in Stafford. She was born June 11, 1911 at Compton, Ill., the daughter of George Walter and Florence Edith Parker Lamb. She married Alvin Lee Claypool on Aug. 6, 1930 in St. John. He died May 30, 1970. A resident of Hamilton and Greeley counties, she moved to Stafford in 1935. She was a homemaker and had farming interests in Greeley, Gray, and Stafford counties. Mrs. Claypool was a member of the Stafford Church of Christ, Ye Olde Tyme Club, Liberty HDU and El Dorado Campers Association, Stafford Pride Committee, and was a past member of the Stafford Garden Club. She judged local Garden Club shows and the Kansas State Flower Show. She had also served as Foods Leader for Corn Valley 4-H Club. Survivors include a daughter, Mary Lou Holloway of Great Bend; one son, Karol Lee Claypool of Stafford; five grandchildren; five great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Myrtle Miller Lang and Gertrude Hartnett, and a grandson, Ronald Lee Ackley. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the church, with Richard Foster officiating. Burial will be at Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call today from 1-8 p.m. at Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Memorials are suggested to the Maude Carpenter Children's Home or the church in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 3, 2002

Bobby Charles Heitschmidt 1930 - 2002

HOLYROOD - Bobby Charles Heitschmidt, 72, a farmer and stockman, died Oct. 31 at his home in Holyrood. He was born June 29, 1930, at Ellsworth Hospital. He was the son of Charles J. Heitschmidt and Nora Soeken Heitschmidt. He was a 1948 graduate of Holyrood Rural High School, a 1953 graduate of Kansas State University (KSU) with a degree in Agriculture, a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity at KSU and a 1962 graduate of Sterling College with a degree in Elementary Education. On Aug. 19, 1951, he married Lavel Ann Russell at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Holyrood. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant U.S. Air Force at KSU and served 1953-1955 during the Korean War. He served from 1955 to 1977 as a Liaison Officer for the Air Force Academy, retiring as a Lt. Colonel. He was a member of American Legion Post 200. He was an elementary and junior high school teacher at Clifton from 1957-1963. During 1963-84 he was the Assistant Office Manager for the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) in Reno County, before coming to Ellsworth County, serving as the ASCS Executive Director for 26 years, 1964-1990. He served as President of District 5 of ASCS County Office Employees. In November 1990 he was elected as Ellsworth County Commissioner for District 1, serving until his death. He was past president of Kansas County Commissioners Association (1994), vice president of Kansas Association of Counties, past president of both K-WORC (1995) and K-CAMP (1998) and a member of Kansas Association of Counties. Since birth he was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church, Holyrood, and past president of the congregation. He was a member of the Lutheran Layman's League and a Lamplighter for Aid Association for Lutherners. He served as past president of Hoisington Lutheran Hospital and was a board member for 20 years. He was a salesman for Double H Auction and Realty. He was also a member of Ellsworth County Catbackers and Holyrood Lions Club. Survivors include: wife, Lavel; son Tony and wife Robyn, Holyrood, and son Todd and wife Rae, Leoti; one daughter Donnetta and husband Mark Suchon, Seabrook, Texas; one sister, Caroline Pflughoefel, Clifton; five grandchildren and two step grandchildren. Memorials may be sent to St. Peter Lutheran Church, Holyrood, or the Center for Basic Cancer Research at Kansas State University in care of the funeral home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 4, at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Holyrood, with interment in St. Peter Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation will be 1-8 p.m. today at Parsons Funeral Home, Ellsworth. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 3, 2002

Sarah "Dolly" Strain 1923 - 2002

LARNED - Sarah "Dolly" Strain, 79, died Oct. 31 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born July 7, 1923 in Blackpool, Ireland, the daughter of Patrick and Mary Sweeney Murphy. She attended school in Ireland and became an American citizen in 1959. She married Willis Strain on Nov. 30, 1944 in Redding, England. He died April 25, 1977. Mrs. Strain was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Cork City, Ireland, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary in Larned. Survivors include three sons, Patrick "Roy" Strain of Richmond, Mo., Butch Strain of Butte, Mont., and Jim Strain of Ponca City, Okla.; two daughters, Marie Jennings of Jacksonvillle, Texas, and Brenda Perez of Larned; one brother, Patrick "Paddy" Murphy of Cardiff, Wales; four sisters, Sheila Cottor of Blackpool Cork, Ireland, Ellen "Nellie" Coughlan of Spangle Hill Cork, Ireland, Kitty Alton and Bridget Lebeter, both of Nottingham, England; 12 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; and 1 great great grand son. She was preceded in death by one son, Dennis Strain; one brother, Dan Murphy; two sisters, Mary Murphy; and one great great grandson, Nicholas Murphy Strain. Funeral service will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Morell Funeral Home of Larned with the Rev. David Collins officiating. Burial will be in the Larned Cemetery of Larned. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Larned Emergency Medical Service in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 3, 2002

Leon D. "Bush" Bushnell 1919-2002

Leon D. "Bush" Bushnell, 83, of Great Bend died Nov. 2, at Integrated Health Services in Great Bend. He was born Sept. 10, 1919 at Great Bend, the son of Clarence and Margaret Savoy Bushnell. He married Josephine L. Kopke Dec. 22, 1944 at Great Bend. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he was a branch manager for Finance America Company in Great Bend before his retirement in 1981. Bushnell was a member of American Legion Post 180. Stone Ride Club, and a life member and past Exalted Ruler of the Elks Lodge 1127 all
Great Bend. He was an Army veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two step-daughters, Diane Brown Cope of Great Bend, and Alice Brown Lieber of Allen Park, Mich.; and five step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Owen Bushnell; and two infant brothers.

Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Great Bend Cemetery, with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. Graveside rites will be by Elks Lodge 1127 of Great Bend. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today, and from 9-noon Monday all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. In lieu of flowers, Memorials are suggested to the American Lung Association in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 3, 2002

November 4, 2002

Harold W. Hofmaster 1916-2002

WICHITA - Harold W. Hofmaster, 85, died Oct. 30. He was born Dec. 4, 1916, at Great Bend. He married Dorothy. A resident of Wichita, he was a machinist for Beechcraft for 31 years, until his retirement. Hofmaster was a member of Fairview Christian Church of Wichita. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Janet Scuka of Denison, Texas; two sisters, Ailsa Morgan of Larned and Donna Doyle of Houston, Texas; and one granddaughter. Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. today at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the church. Arrangements were handled by Old Mission Mortuary of Wichita. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 4, 2002

Helen L. Stellman 1914-2002

ST. JOHN - Helen L. Stellman, 88, died Nov. 1 at Integrated Health Services of Great Bend. She was born March 16, 1914, at Hudson, the daughter of Sylvester Edwin and Blanche Veatch. She was a 1932 graduate of St. John High School. She married Louis A. Stellman on Oct. 10, 1942, at Roswell, N.M. He died March 6, 1996. A resident of St. John since 1994, she was a seamstress, specializing in drapes, and a upholsterer of furniture. Mrs. Stellman attended Peace Church, north of Hudson, was a member and leader of 4-H, square dancer and member of EHU. Survivors include one brother, Wendell P. Veatch of St. John. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Harold Francis Veatch, Quentin Sylvester Veatch and Reuel Norman Veatch; and one sister, Leatha Veatch. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. at Minnis Chapel of St. John with the Rev. W. Harlan Rittgers officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery of St. John. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Tuesday at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to Stafford County 4-H Extension Council, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 4, 2002

Shelton E. Darnall 1910-2002

LARNED - Shelton E. Darnall, 92, died Nov. 3 at Larned Health Care and Living Center. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary of Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 4, 2002

November 5, 2002

CORRECTION

A survivor of Bobby Charles Heitschmidt, 72, of Holyrood, who died Oct. 31, is one daughter, Donnetta Suchon of Seabrook, Texas. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 5, 2002

Darryl Gene Zorn 1962-2002

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - Darryl Gene Zorn, 40, died Oct. 28 at his residence in Colorado Springs. He was born Sept. 11, 1962, the son of Ed and Lea Meyeres Zorn. He was employed by Cobb Mechanical Contractors for 14 years. Survivors include his parents; one brother, Eddie Zorn; four sisters, Debbi Green, Niki Daugherty, Jolene Middlestadt and Valinda Goodwin; and grandfather, Nick P. Meyeres. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to St. Michael’s Indian School of St. Michaels, Ariz., in care of Swan-Law Funeral Directors of Colorado Springs. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 5, 2002

Shelton E. Darnall 1910-2002

LARNED - Shelton E. Darnall, 92, died Nov. 3 at the Larned Healthcare and Living Center. He was born Feb. 19, 1910, at Dawson Springs, Ky., the son of James Edward and Eva Coats Darnall. He married Thelma Goodaker on Aug. 6, 1938, at Princeton, Ky. She died Jan. 9, 2001. A longtime resident of Pawnee County, he was a retired farmer and stockman. Darnall was a member of Rozel Baptist Church and was a charter and lifetime member of Larned Saddle Club. Survivors include one daughter, Brenda VanMeter of Larned; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Edward Ford Darnall. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel of Larned with the Rev. John Hester officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m.
Virginia 'Maher' Winslow 1924-2002

MCPHERSON - Virginia 'Maher' Winslow, 78, died Nov. 4 at Infiesta at McPherson. She was born March 19, 1924 at Lincoln, the daughter of Leon Albert and Edna Florence Taylor Maher. She was a graduate of McPherson High School in 1942. She married Carroll D. Winslow Oct. 2, 1960 at McPherson. A resident of McPherson since 1935, coming from Hutchinson, she was a secretary/bookkeeper for Anderson Insurance Company, later known as Anderson-Mettlen Insurance Company. She became a licensed insurance agent when the name was changed to Mettlen Insurance Company. She was a member of United Methodist Church of McPherson and a member of the McPherson and Professional Women Club and the McPherson Opera House, all of McPherson. Survivors include her husband; three sisters, Dorothy Maher and Joyce Maher, and one brother, Robert Maher, and two sisters, Helen Staab and Martina Pfeifer. Graveside service will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at McPherson Cemetery followed by a memorial service at 2 p.m. at the church, both with the Rev. Michael Marion officiating. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Glidden-Ediger Chapel in McPherson. Memorials are suggested to the church or McPherson Opera House, both in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 5, 2002

November 6, 2002

Hildagard E. Courson 1913-2002

Hildagard E. Courson, 88, died Nov. 4 at Marshfield Care Center of Marshfield, Mo. She was born Nov. 9, 1913, in Barton County, the daughter of Henry and Molly Miller Wilhelm. She married Paul Funk on Oct. 8, 1933. He preceded her in death. She later married Bill Courson. He preceded her in death. A resident of Marshfield since 1995, coming from Galatia and Great Bend, she worked at Larned State Hospital, a Hoisington grocery store and was employed by Great Bend Packing for 21 years. Mrs. Courson was a member of Church of Christ and Ladies Extension Club, both of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Kenneth Funk of Church of Christ and Ladies Extension Club, both of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Kenneth Funk of the home; three daughters, Carolyn Kisner of Derby and Beverly McCormick of Marshfield; five sisters, Martha Schneider and Viola Schneider, both of WaKeeney, Esther McMannis of Wichita, Isabelle Radke of Great Bend and Jean Bailey of Russell; 11 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one infant daughter, Paulette Funk; six brothers, Eddie Wilhelm, Emil Wilhelm, Ray Wilhelm, Emanual Wilhelm, Leo Wilhelm and Herbie Wilhelm; and one sister, Elsie Funk. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Fryberger Mortuary Chapel of Great Bend with the Rev. Keith Funk officiating. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the mortuary. Memorial services are suggested to American Cancer Society, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 6, 2002

Robert Ray Gunn 1922-2002

Robert Ray Gunn, 79, of Great Bend, died Nov. 4 at Life Care Center of Wichita. He was born Nov. 30, 1922, at Great Bend, the son of Leonard and Beulah Benefield Gunn. He married Gwennyd E. Gupton Oct. 2, 1960 at McPherson. A resident of Great Bend since 1951, a veteran of World War II, he was a farmer and real estate broker. Gunn was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Elks BPO Lodge 1127, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111, American Legion Post 180 and the Kappa Sigma Social Fraternity of the University of Kansas. He was a captain in the U.S. Air Force, having served during World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Robert Rock "Rocky" Gunn of Great Bend, Brad G. Gunn of Montgomery, Texas, and Jay C. Gunn of McPherson; one daughter, Gena G. Dillard of Wichita; two sisters, Patricia Campbell of San Antonio, Texas, and Marjorie Stoskopf of Santa Maria, Calif.; nine grandchildren; Joe Gunn, Jennifer Gunn, Brittany Dillard, Brad Dillard, Jarrod Gunn, Jana Gunn, Jordan Gunn, Lauren Gunn and Garrett Gunn; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Charles Gunn, Maurice Gunn and Richard Gunn. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Ha Staats officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home. The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial services are suggested to Parkinson Disease Foundation, Elks BPO Lodge 1127 or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 6, 2002

Irene Sander 1922-2002

HAYS - Irene Sander, 80, died Oct. 31 at Hutchinson. She was born May 8, 1922, at Hays, the daughter of Mike and Anna Hertel Fross. She married Richard A. Sander on Jan. 10, 1946, at Hays. He died March 22, 1988. A resident of Hays, she was housekeeping supervisor at the Great Bend hospital for many years. Mrs. Sander was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Hays. Survivors include one son, LeRoy Sander of Hays; and two sisters, Dorothy Maher and Joyce Maher, and one brother, Robert Maher, and two sisters, Helen Staab and Martina Pfeifer, both of Hays. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Victor Fross, Joseph Fross, Isidore Fross and Alfred Fross; and four sisters, Evelyn Urban, Clementine Hertel, Phileomena Boucher and Isabell Rome. Rosary service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Frank X. Grinko officiating.
Inurnment will be at the church cemetery at Hays. The family will receive friends from 9:30 a.m. until service time Friday at the church. Arrangements are being handled by Hays Memorial Chapel of Hays. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 6, 2002

Joseph D. Macek 1932-2002

WILSON - Joseph D. Macek, 70, died Nov. 3. He was born June 28, 1932, in Ellsworth County. He married Alice. A resident of Wilson, he was a retired machinist for Raytheon Aircraft of Salina and a former John Deere dealer/part of Wilson. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Jerry D. Macek of Wilson; one daughter, Ramona M. Macek of Topeka; one sister, Bernadine Bachman of Ellsworth; and four grandchildren. Funeral service was today at St. Wenceslaus Church of Wilson. Burial was at the church cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church, Wilson Senior Center or Wilson American Legion Post 262, all in care of Foster Mortuary of Wilson. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 6, 2002

George A. Skelton 1920-2002

LARNED - George A. Skelton, 82, died Nov. 5 at St. Joseph Long Term Care Center of Larned. He was born Feb. 12, 1920, in Pawnee County, the son of Nelson N. and Hazel Combs Skelton. He married Juanita May Deighton on Nov. 9, 1941, at Dodge City. She died March 5, 1981. A lifetime resident of Pawnee County, he was a retired alfalfa manager for Western Alfalfa. Skelton was a member of First Christian Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, all of Larned, and a member of Eagles Lodge of Garden City. He was a veteran of World War II. Survivors include his one son, Gary A. Skelton of Great Bend; two daughters, Sandra M. Bartlett Moore and Coleen K. House; both of Larned; two brothers, Harlen "Ske" Skelton and Jack Skelton, both of Larned; one sister, Hazel Callahan of Larned; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Neal Skelton; two sisters, Ruth Deckert and Mary Brothers; and one grandson, Shawn Bartlett. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel of Larned with the Rev. Dan Lundgren officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery, with military honors. Friends may call until 8 tonight at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to George A. Skelton memorial, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 6, 2002

November 7, 2002

Robert Ray Gunn 1922-2002

Robert Ray Gunn, 79, of Great Bend, died Nov. 4 at Life Care Center of Wichita. He was born Nov. 30, 1922, at Great Bend, the son of Leonard and Beulah Benefield Gunn. He married Gwennyd E. Gupton on April 22, 1951, at Greensburg. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he was a farmer and real estate broker. Gunn was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Elks BPO Lodge 1127, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111, American Legion Post 180 and the Kappa Sigma Social Fraternity of the University of Kansas. He was a captain in the U.S. Air Force, having served during World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Robert Rock "Rocky" Gunn of Great Bend, Brad G. Gunn of Montgomery, Texas, and Jay C. Gunn of McPherson; one daughter, Gena G. Dillard of Wichita; two sisters, Patricia Campbell of San Antonio, Texas, and Marjorie Stoskopf of Santa Maria, Calif.; nine grandchildren, Joe Gunn, Jennifer Gunn, Brittany Dillard, Brad Dillard, Jarrod Gunn, Jana Gunn, Jordan Gunn, Lauren Gunn and Garrett Gunn; and two great-grandchildren, Braylen Gunn and Kaden Lyn Gunn. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Charles Gunn, Maurice Gunn and Richard Gunn. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Parkinson Disease Foundation, Elks BPO Lodge 1127 or the church, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 7, 2002

Minnie Krug Boese 1904 - 2002

ANTHONY - Minnie Krug Boese, 98, died Nov. 5 in Anthony. She was born April 7, 1904, at Bison, the daughter of Phillip G. and Mary Weinmaster Krug. She married Walter H. Boese on Oct. 22, 1922, at Alexander. He preceded her in death. She was a homemaker and a retired school cook. Mrs. Boese was a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and the American Legion Auxiliary. Survivors include two sons, Ronald Boese of Goodland and Galen Boese of Fort Smith, Ark.; three daughters, Darlene Ryan of Anthony, Lenora Stelter of Plainville and Charline Lack of Hickory Valley, Tenn.; two sisters, Luella Gray of Las Vegas, Nev., and Frieda Kiesel of St. Petersburg, Fla.; 20 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; three stepgreat-grandchildren; and 17 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband and two sons, Virgil Boese and Victor Boese; one daughter, Helen; and a great-great-grandson, Richard Dean. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Alexander Cemetery in Alexander. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. today at the funeral home and from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Friday at the United Methodist Church in Alexander. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the United Methodist Church or donor's choice, in care of Williams Funeral Home of Anthony. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 7, 2002

Daphne Irene Rogers 1917-2002
ELLINWOOD - Daphne Irene Rogers, 84, died Nov. 5 at Central Kansas Medical Center of Great Bend. She was born Nov. 29, 1917, at Wagoner, Okla., the daughter of George Arthur and Beulah Collins Bobo. She married Howard Earl Rogers on Dec. 2, 1938, at Checotah, Okla. He died Feb. 24, 1980. A resident of Ellinwood since 1988, coming from Mooreland, Okla., Beaver, Okla., and Keota, Okla., she was a pastor's wife.

Rogers was a member of Calvary Baptist Church of Ellinwood. Survivors include one son, Howard E. Rogers of Ellinwood; two brothers, Hubert Bobo of Checotah and Walter Bobo of Muldrow, Okla.; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Cecil Bobo, Cornell Bobo, Charles Bobo and infant George Arthur Bobo; and one sister, Ethlyne Huffman. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the church with the Revs. Mike Trent and Ray Willis officiating. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Haskell Memorial Cemetery of Haskell, Okla., with the Rev. Cal Hunter officiating. Friends may call from 1-8 tonight at Kimple Funeral Home of Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to Steeple Fund at Calvary Baptist or Southern Baptist Annuity Program, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 7, 2002

Rose E. Smith 1918-2002

SCOTT CITY - Rose E. Smith, 84, died Nov. 5 at Park Lane Nursing Home in Scott City. She was born July 9, 1918, in Olmitz, the daughter of John and Mary Siedel Springer. She married Walter Smith Jan. 4, 1939, in Scott City. He died Nov. 5, 1984. A resident of Scott City for more than 60 years, coming from Grigston, she was a retired OR Tech for Scott City Hospital. She was a member of First Christian Church of Scott City. Survivors include two daughters, Carol Burnett of Scott City and Cathy Smith of Great Bend; one sister, Mary Boxberger of Hoisington; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Memorial service and burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Scott County Cemetery with the Rev. John Warring officiating. Memorials are suggested to the hospitai or American Kidney Foundation, both in care of Price & Sons Funeral Home in Scott City. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 7, 2002

November 8, 2002

Harold L. Hullett 1944-2002

LARNED - Harold L. Hullett, 57, died Nov. 6. He was born Dec. 16, 1944, at Larned, the son of Ralph and Grace Momhinweg Hullett. He married Kolita Ann Pulliam on Oct. 29, 1971. A lifetime resident of Larned, he was employed by Kansas Department of Transportation for 26 years. Hullett was a member of First United Methodist Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Lyons Club and Ft. Larned Arms Association, all of Larned, and National Rifle Association. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served from March 1967 until February 1969. He received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Bronze Star and Purple Heart. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Stacy Pulliam of Liberty, Mo.; four daughters, Samantha Owens of Wichita, Kelly Roberts and Shona Perez, both of Larned, and Vonda Richardson of Great Bend; four brothers, Kenneth Hullett, Edward Hullett and Clyde Hullett, all of Larned, and Larry Hullett of Hoisington; and 10 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother and two grandchildren. Memorial service conducted by the family will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Revs. Charles Grant and Johnny Augmon officiating. The body was cremated. Inurnment will be at Larned Cemetery, with military honors. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday at the church. Arrangements were handled by Beckwith Mortuary of Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 8, 2002

Donald Louis Trowbridge 1919-2002

RUSSELL - Donald Louis Trowbridge, 82, died Nov. 6 at Hays Medical Center of Hays. He was born Dec. 24, 1919, in Wayne County, Ill., the son of Fred Benjamin and Daisy Belle Myers Trowbridge. He was a 1938 graduate of Steward High School of Rochelle, Ill. He married Josephine A. McKittrick on May 3, 1946, at Great Bend. A resident of Russell since 1957, coming from Wilson, he was a miller at Wilson Flour Mill, owner and operator of Ace Oil Treating Company and was a partner in establishing Bear House Truck Stop of Bunker Hill. Trowbridge was a lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6240 of Russell and Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge Association and a member of the 94th Infantry Division Association. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served during World War II as an artillery gun mechanic with A Battery, 301st Field Artillery Battalion, 94th Infantry Division, from Dec. 16, 1942, until Dec. 29, 1945. He was stationed in Europe, earned four bronze battle stars and left the army with the rank of technical sergeant fourth class. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, David M. Trowbridge of Wilson; two daughters, Rebecca L. Blocher and D. Caroline Trowbridge, both of Lawrence; one brother, James B. Trowbridge of Rochelle; one sister, Elsie Lamb of Muncie, Ind.; and two granddaughters. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Clarence Trowbridge, Truman Trowbridge and Cecil Trowbridge; and three sisters, Ruby Byers, Flossie Card and Dorothy Homan. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Pohlman's Mortuary of Russell with the Rev. Augustine Rohde officiating. Burial will be at Wilson Cemetery. Friends may call from 6-9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. John's Rest Home of Victoria, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 8, 2002
Martina Unrein Flax 1924-2002

ELLIS - Martina Unrein Flax, 78, died Nov. 6 at Ellis Good Samaritan Center. She was born April 14, 1924, at Schoenen, the daughter of Jacob and Appolina Kreutzer Unrein. She married Ignatius W. Flax on Jan. 7, 1947, at La Crosse. She was a resident of Ellis. Mrs. Flax was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and Daughters of Isabella, all of Ellis. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Leon Flax of Dodge City and Leroy Flax of WaKeene; eight daughters, Martina Thomas of Noponee, Neb., Shirley Peintner Strickert of Scott City, Cecelia Werth of Hays, Catherine Webber of Franklin, Neb., Mary Jane Knapp and Elaine Riedell, both of WaKeene, Gladys Owens of St. Francis and Corona Hoch of Medicine Lodge; three brothers, Marvin Unrein of Scott City, Kenneth Unrein of Rowland Heights, Calif., and Gary Unrein of Lincoln, Neb.; three sisters, Mildred Kirmer and Ruth Slater, both of Great Bend, and Hedy Buel of Timken; 34 grandchildren; one step granddaughter; 11 great-grandchildren; and five step great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Mildred Werth; two brothers, James Unrein and Edwin Unrein; and four sisters, Mary Weber, Catherine, Rose and Elizabeth. Prayer service will be at 7:30 tonight at the church. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Larry Letourneau officiating. Burial will be at the church cemetery. Friends may call from 4-8:30 tonight at the church and from 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday at Wasinger Funeral Chapel of Ellis. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 8, 2002

Maytha Vistuba Root 1912-2002

RUSSELL - Maytha Vistuba Root, 90, died Nov. 6 at Woodhaven Care Center of Ellinwood. She was born Jan. 17, 1912, near Yankton, S.D., the daughter of Soren and Sophia Horyk Jensen. She married Donald Vistuba in 1937. He died Nov. 1, 1959. She then married Clyde S. Root on May 29, 1976, at Russell. He died in February. A resident of Russell since 1964, coming from gorham, she was employed by JC Penney of Russell for 25 years then moved to Great Bend in 1976 and Ellinwood in 2001. Mrs. Root was a member of Congregation Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, both of Russell, First Christian Church and Eagles Auxiliary, both of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Donald Vistuba of Gorham; one daughter, Colleen Hall of Colorado Springs, Colo.; one brother, Roy Jensen of Tacoma, Wash.; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, James Vistuba; seven siblings; and one grandson, Kenneth Vistuba. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Pohlman's Memorial Chapel of Russell with the Rev. Martha Hartman officiating. Burial will be at Russell City Cemetery. Friends may call from noon until 9 p.m. Sunday and from 9 a.m. until service time Monday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Gorham Community Church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 8, 2002

November 11, 2002

Mildred Marie Phillips 1921-2002

LARNED - Mildred Marie Phillips, 81, died Nov. 10 at St. Mary's Health Center of Jefferson City, Mo. She was born Feb. 7, 1921, at Odin, the daughter of Francis J. and Clara C. Demel Finger. She married Roy A. Phillips on April 14, 1941, at Larned. He died January 1995. A longtime resident of Larned, she was a medical records librarian and homemaker. Mrs. Phillips was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Larned, and a lay-member of Dominican Order. Survivors include one son, Robert L. Phillips of Jefferson City; three brothers, Leonard Finger of Larned, Marvin Finger of Rozel and Francis Finger Jr. of Fayetteville, Ark.; four sisters, Dorothy Cavenah and Carolyn Urban, both of Salina, Catherine Kuhlman of Trumpbull, Neb., and Mary Lou Wheeler of Great Bend; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Parish vigil will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Morell Funeral Home of Larned. Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Dennis Reed officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Sacred Heart School Endowment Fund or Villa Marie Nursing Facility, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 11, 2002

November 12, 2002

Jennie Kummer 1912-2002

Jennie Kummer, 90 of Great Bend, died Nov. 11 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born March 4, 1912, the daughter of Henry and Katherine Krier Schartz. She married Walter H. Kummer on April 14, 1941, at Larned. He died March 23, 1986. A resident of Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Kummer was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, St. Rose Altar Society and Garden Club, all of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Tom Kummer of Great Bend; one daughter, Kathleen Lutz of Great Bend; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Altar Society Rosary will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday 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 pm. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Barton Countv Community Colleege Scholarshio Fund. in care of the funeral home. Great Bend
UTICA - Norman Lee Bollinger, 72, died Nov. 10 at his home in Utica. He was born May 31, 1930, in Larabee Township in Gove County, the son of Simon and Lorlie Link Bollinger. He married Mae Christiansen on Dec. 13, 1958, in Great Bend. A resident of the Utica community since 1962, he was a farmer and stockman. Bollinger was a member of United Methodist Church in Utica and American Legion of Great Bend. He was a veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, David Hill of Ransom and Lee Allen Bollinger of Utica; one sister, Theda Beau of Little Elm, Texas; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Carolyn Babcock. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Revs. Bruce Ferguson and Sandy Ferguson officiating. Burial will be at Utica Cemetery with military graveside honors by McKinstry-Jones American Legion Post 380 of Utica, assisted by Sons of American Legion Squadron of Utica. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or donors' choice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 12, 2002

LARNED - Caeleb D. Clark, infant, died Nov. 10 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was the son of Jeff Alan and Stephanie May Bartlett Clark. Survivors include his parents of Larned; maternal grandparents, David and Sandy Moore of Larned; paternal grandparents, Shirley Clark of Larned; and great-grandparents, Joyce Metz and La Von Metz, both of Stafford. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Larned Cemetery with the Rev. Johnny Augmon officiating. Memorials are suggested to Caeleb D. Clark Memorial, in care of Beckwith Mortuary of Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 12, 2002

SALINA - Arnold L. Deines, 84, died Nov. 6 at Shalimar Health Center of Salina. He was born July 1, 1918, at Galatia, the son of William and Pauline Whitman Deines. He was a 1937 graduate of Russell High School. He married Corkie Henderson on July 28, 1943, in Long Beach, Calif. She died Nov. 21, 2001. A resident of Salina since 1945, he was a flour miller and then a carpenter for Bob Snell Construction, retiring from full-time work in 1973. Deines was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving as a flight instructor during World War II. He joined the Air Force Reserves in 1948, retiring in 1978 with the rank of lieutenant colonel. Survivors include one daughter, Polly Mahoney of Spring Hill; and two granddaughters. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Alvin Deines and John Deines; and three sisters, Hannah Nichols, Rachael Claussen and Elsa Steinert. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. today at Fort Riley. Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Salina, in care of Ryan Mortuary of Salina. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 12, 2002

ABILENE, Texas - Thelma M. Harris, 91, died Nov. 11 at a care center in Abilene. She was born March 5, 1911, at Great Bend, the daughter of John Melvin and Estella Pearl Ward Foreman. She married John Francis Harris on Dec. 16, 1929, at Great Bend. He died in 1961. A resident of Abilene since 1968, coming from Wichita Falls, Texas, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Harris was a member of Hillcrest Church of Christ of Abilene. She was a devoted Bible scholar and a positive Christian influence on her family and friends. Survivors include two sons, Robert E. Harris and wife Sandra of Hutchinson, and Roger L. Harris and wife Magda of Abilene; one daughter, Rita G. Hickey and fiancé, Keith Morgan of Abilene; one sister, Merle Risley of Hutchinson; seven grandchildren, Dan Harris of Flower Mound, Texas, Kim Horsch of Andale, Shelly Watson of Hutchison, Suzanne Traylor of Stratford, Texas, Sharon Fuston of Rogers, Ark., Gretchen Bonike and Jon Harris, both of Abilene; and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son-in-law, Jeff Hickey, in 1955. Funeral service was today at the church with the Revs. Carl Davis, Harold Loble and Keith Morgan officiating. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Great Bend Cemetery with the Revs. Richard Foster and Keith Morgan officiating. Friends may call from 7-9 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Memorial contributions are suggested to Zambia Mission Fund in care of Hillcrest Church of Christ, 350 E. Ambler, Abilene, TX 79601, or Africa International Mission, Roger Dickson, in care of Eastwood Church of Christ, 2500 N. Plum, Hutchinson, KS 67502. Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home of Abilene is in charge of arrangements, with Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend handling local arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 13, 2002

MANHATTAN - Bobbie Kay Oberle, 62, died Nov. 12 at Stoneybrook Retirement Community of Manhattan. She was born May 31, 1940, at Kansas City, Mo., the daughter of Robert M. and Catherine Wendel Birzer. She married Jerome Oberle on April 7, 1959, at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church of Ellinwood. A resident of Manhattan since 1963, she was office manager for Riley County Farm Bureau Insurance office. Mrs. Oberle
was a member of Seven Dolors Catholic Church, Seven Dolors Altar Society and Riley County Farm Bureau. Survivors include her husband of the home; two daughters, Kimberly Sue Oberle of Overland Park and Deidre Kay Oberle McEllhiney of Shawnee; her mother of Ellinwood; one brother, Joseph Birzer of Harper; two sisters, Judy Komarek of Ellinwood and Sandra Choitz of Wichita; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Donna Jones. Christian Wake and Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Yorgensen-Meloen-Londeen Funeral Home of Manhattan. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church with the Revs. Lawrence Grennan and Michael Elanjimattathil officiating. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Holy Name Catholic Cemetery of Bushton. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association or Manhattan Catholic Schools, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 13, 2002

Joy Warren Thompson 1915-2002

STAFFORD - Joy Warren Thompson, 87, died Nov. 10 at Stafford District Hospital. He was born Sept. 12, 1915, at Stafford, the son of Franklin C. and Emma Weide Thompson. He married Helena E. Hogg on June 29, 1941, at Olathe. She died Jan. 5, 1993. A resident of Stafford, he opened a RCA sales and service business in 1934. Thompson was a member of Stafford Masonic Lodge 252, Stafford Order of the Eastern Star Lodge Vaught Chapter 64, Refrigeration Service Engineers Society, Cushman Club, H.H. Franklin Club, Liberator Club and Fleet Reserve Association. He was president of both Gold Crown Lanes Inc., and Consumers Finance Inc., and vice president of COMCO Inc. He was a lifetime member of American Legion Post 0058 of Topeka. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served during World War II as an ATC chief petty officer. Survivors include two nephews, Robert Thompson of Chicago and Roger Wyatt of Seal Beach, Calif.; and one niece, Betty Jane Lagerquist of Chicago. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Stafford Cemetery with military honors provided by Fort Riley. Friends may call from 1-5 p.m. Sunday at Minnis Chapel of Stafford. Memorials are suggested to Stafford District Hospital, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 13, 2002

November 14, 2002

Gwenneth Praeger Harwood 1922-2002

LAWRENCE - Gwenneth Praeger Harwood, 80, died Nov. 12 at Lawrence Memorial Hospital. She was born May 30, 1922, at Claflin, the daughter of Herman A. and Edna Gertrude Grizzell Praeger. She was a 1944 graduate of Kansas State University, with a B.S. degree in microbiology. She married W. Elden Harwood on Oct. 31, 1949, at Claflin. A resident of Lawrence since 1965, coming from Great Bend, she was a lab technician at St. Luke's Hospital. Mrs. Harwood was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, Alpha Delta Pi Social Sorority, former Den Mother, Girl Scout Leader and PTA member. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Duncan E. Harwood of Dallas, Texas, and Mark W. Harwood of Lawrence; three daughters, Charlotte Lawrenz-Wells, Gwenneth "Junior" Wedd and Molly A. Harwood, all of Lawrence; one brother, Kenneth Praeger of Claflin; 10 grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church. Burial will be at Oak Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 7-8:30 tonight at Warren-McElwain Mortuary of Lawrence. Memorials are suggested to Multiple Sclerosis Society (Eastern Kansas Chapter), in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 14, 2002

Kathleen 'Kate' Redburn 1921-2002

DODGE CITY - Kathleen "Kate" Redburn, 81, died Nov. 11 at Wesley Medical Center. She was born July 31, 1921, at Spearville, the daughter of William Bernard and Anne Frances Tully Fleming. She was a graduate of Dodge City High School and Dodge City Community College. She married Walt Redburn on Jan. 31, 1953, at Dodge City. A resident of Dodge City since 1939, coming from Spearville, she was a homemaker and bookkeeper for Fergerson's Furniture and Appliance Co., of Dodge City for 28 years until her retirement in 1991. Mrs. Redburn was a member of Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, former member of Sacred Heart Cathedral, Daughters of Isabella and Altar Society, all of Dodge City. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Dennis Redburn of Great Bend; two daughters, Sara Smith and Mary Zielek, both of Dodge City; two brothers, Gene Fleming of Ulysses and Larry Fleming of Copeland; two sisters, Marcella Weide of Great Bend and Ermalee Newby of Garden City; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by 10 brothers and sisters. Daughters of Isabella Rosary will be at 4 p.m. Friday at Burkhart-Ziegler Funeral Chapel of Dodge City. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at the chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Cathedral of Dodge City with the Rev. Ted A. Skalsky officiating. Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery of Dodge City. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. Friday at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe or Sacred Heart School Endowment Fund, both in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 14, 2002

John Frederick 'Fritz' Stoskopf Sr. 1914-2002

John Frederick "Fritz" Stoskopf Sr., 88, of Great Bend, died Nov. 12 at his residence. He was born June 26, 1914, at Hoisington. He attended Hoisington High School, Kansas State University and graduated from Washburn University Law School. He married Keeta Elizabeth Strong on Aug. 31, 1938, at Hoisington. A resident of Great Bend. he was a farmer, lawyer, oil producer, real estate agent and owned a travel agency.
Stoskopf was a member of United Methodist Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Elks Club, American Legion, Rotary Club and Petroleum Club. He was called to active duty with the U.S. Army on Nov. 15, 1941. He served as the Criminal Investigation Director in China while serving in the China, Burma and India Theater. His military decorations and citations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, American Service Medal and World War II Victory Medal. He separated from the army on May 12, 1946, as a Lieutenant Colonel. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, John Fred Stoskopf of Mandan, N.D.; two daughters, Linda Dian Stoskopf of Alexandria, Va.; and Martha Gail Good of Topeka; one grandson; and three granddaughters. Private family graveside service will be Friday at Leavenworth National Cemetery, with full military honors. Memorials are suggested to Mayo Clinic Research Department, in care of Davis Funeral Home of Leavenworth. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 14, 2002

Clarence F. Giebler 1921-2002

HAYS - Clarence F. Giebler, 81, died Nov. 12 at his residence in Hays. He was born March 11, 1921, at Ellis, the son of Jacob J. and Clara Bieker Giebler. He was a graduate of Ellis High School. He married Mildred Brungardt on May 27, 1948, at Hays. A resident of Hays, he was a brick and stone mason for 32 years and a custodian for TMP-Marian High School and James Motor Company, both of Hays. Giebler was a member of St. Joseph's Church, St. Joseph's Council of the Knights of Columbus, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, all of Hays. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served during World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Clarence Giebler Jr. of St. Louis, Mo.; three daughters, Sharon Martinez of Oakland, Calif., Karen Pfeifer of St. Louis and Jolene Basgall of Topeka; one brother, John Giebler of Hays; three sisters, Georgine Bedore of Lakewood, Colo., Josephine Fisher of Hays and Albertine McDevitt of Lincoln, Neb.; and six grandchildren. Parish vigil, followed by a Knights of Columbus rosary will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Brock's North Hill Chapel of Hays. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Revs. Earl Befort and William Miller officiating. Burial will be at the church cemetery of Hays with military honors provided by Hays VFW. Friends may call from 6-8 tonight, from 2-8 p.m. Friday and 8:30-9:45 a.m. Saturday, all at the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 14, 2002

Melvin G. "Bennie" Davis 1922-2002

BULLHEAD CITY, Ariz. - Melvin G. "Bennie" Davis, 80, died Nov. 12 at his residence in Bullhead City. He was born June 8, 1922, at Bullhead City, the son of Albert E. and Myrtle Ethel Temple Davis. He attended schools in Emporia and Lyon County. He married Nadine Temple on June 16, 1946, at Mitchell. A resident of Bullhead City since 1982, coming from Ellinwood, he was employed in the oil production industry for 30 years until his retirement in 1974. Davis was a member of BPOE since 1972 and Good Sam Club since 1974. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Richard M. Davis of Grand Island, Neb., and Harold R. Davis of Towanda; four sisters, Gladys Gavin of Emporia, Dorothy Lynch of Bella Vista, Calif., Rose Marie Longshore of Mesa, Ariz., and Virginia Bible of Topeka; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Russell Davis; and two sisters, Betty Morrison and Ethelbert Schwintz. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Kimple Funeral Chapel of Ellinwood with the Rev. Larry Young officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery of Ellinwood. Friends may call from 5-8 tonight, from 1-8 tonight and 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Ellinwood Fire Department and Ambulance Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 14, 2002

Clarence F. Giebler 1921-2002

November 15, 2002

Bonnie M. Deiker 1909-2002

ELLINWOOD - Bonnie M. Deiker, 92, died Nov. 13 at Central Kansas Medical Center Long Term Care Center of Ellinwood. She was born Dec. 27, 1909, in Stafford County, the daughter of Walter M. and Bertha Adcock Snell. She was a graduate of St. John High School and Wichita Business College. She married Orval V. Deiker in 1935. A resident of Ellinwood, she was a typist for Barton County Abstract and Title Company for 31 years until her retirement in 1985. Mrs. Deiker was a member of Church of Christ of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, David W. and Barbara Deiker of Wichita; two daughters, Merita F. and Milton Rice of Pawnee Rock and Alpha M. Honaker of Denver, Colo.; one brother, Walter W. and Andora Snell of Garden City; one sister, Margaret R. Lambert of Newton; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and one step great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by three sisters and one great-grandchild. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the church with Mr. Kevin Plowman officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery of St. John. Friends may call from 1-8 tonight and 9 a.m. until noon, all at Fryberger Mortuary Chapel of Great Bend, and from 1-1:45 p.m. Saturday at the church. The family will receive friends from 6-8 tonight at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 15, 2002

November 17, 2002

Norma Dobbs 1930 - 2002

KANSAS CITY - Norma Dobbs, 72, died Nov. 15 at Providence Medical Center in Kansas City. She was born Feb. 13, 1930 in Kingsdown. She graduated from Hudson Kansas High School in 1948. She married Wayne
Dobbs on Aug. 20, 1948. He preceded her in death in 1997. She resided in Great Bend until 1994, retiring to a home outside Kansas City. Survivors include three sons, Gary Dobbs of Spring, Texas, Steven Dobbs of Overland Park, and Dallas Dobbs of Edmond, Okla.; two daughters, Karen Simpson of Amandale, N.J., and Kala Patterson of Lawrence; and 10 grandchildren. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Kansas City. Memorials are suggested to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, in care of McGilley and Hoge, Johnson County Memorial Chapel in Overland Park, or donor's choice.

Frank W. Wendt 1918 - 2002

WICHITA - Frank W. Wendt, 84, died Nov. 9 at his home in Wichita. He was born Oct. 14, 1918 at Herington, the son of E.F. and Martha Kanrd Wendt. He married Opal Byer on Oct. 10, 1944 in Wichita. She died Dec. 11, 1998. A long time Wichita resident, he was employed with Beechcraft and the Wichita School District. Wendt was a U.S. Navy veteran having served in World War II. Survivors include a brother, Donald Wendt of Merriam, and two sisters, Frances Weisbein and Elfrieda Crouch, both of Overland Park. Burial of the ashes will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Stafford Cemetery. Minnis Chapel of Stafford is in charge of the arrangements.

Lydia Brack 1911 - 2002

HOISINGTON - Lydia Brack, 91, died Nov. 15 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. She was born Feb. 24, 1911 at Vaoklingen, Russia, the daughter of Alexander and Louise Benner Galloway. She married Harrison B. Brack on Dec. 1, 1919 in Otis. He died Nov. 10, 1996. A resident of Hoisington since 1943, moving from rural Otis, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Brack was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Hoisington. Survivors include a son, Robert E. Brack of Raymondville, Texas; one sister, Marie Boorum of Naples, Fla.; five grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church with Rev. Kelly Taylor-Schaus officiating. Burial will take place at Hoisington Cemetery in Hoisington. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home and 9:30 until service time Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society in care of the funeral home.

Margaret L. Hofstrom 1912 - 2002

ELLINWOOD - Margaret L. Hofstrom, 90, died Nov. 16 at Brethren Home in New Oxford, Pa. She was born July 3, 1912, the daughter of Rev. Orlando and Minnie B. Shay. She was a graduate of the Haskell Institute in Lawrence. She married Einar Hofstrom on Jan. 22, 1942 in Wagoner, Okla. He died Nov. 21, 1989. A resident of New Oxford since 1999, coming from Ellinwood, she was a homemaker and co-owner of Cherokee Pump & Supply in Ellinwood. Mrs. Hofstrom was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Ellinwood and the Modern Literature Club. Survivors include a daughter, Mariam I. Bechtel of East Berlin, Pa.; two granddaughters; and one great grandchild. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Andy Keltner officiating. Burial will take place at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Kimple Funeral Home, with the family receiving friends from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. John's Lutheran Youth Center, both in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to alzheimer's research in care of the funeral home.

Walter Whitney Reynolds

Walter Whitney Reynolds of Great Bend died Nov. 15. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Fryberger Mortuary in Great Bend.

November 18, 2002

Dale C. Shaner 1920-2002

SAN MARCOS, Texas - Dale C. Shaner, 92, died Nov. 16 at San Marcos. He was born Sept. 11, 1920, at Lost Springs, the son of Harry and Lillie Shaner. He married Ethel Cheever. She preceded him in death. A resident of San Marcos, he was a retired foreman for Phillips 66. Shaner was a member of Church of Christ and BPOE. Survivors include one son, Dale D. Shaner of Salina; two daughters, Dot Strobel of San Marcos and Karen Hilgert of Houston; one sister, Margie Farney of Hutchinson; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Dean Shaner; and one sister, Dorothy Shaner. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Fulton Cemetery of Fulton, Texas. Charlie Marshall Funeral Homes and Crematory of Rockport, Texas, is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 18, 2002

Mark Allen Maynard 1962-2002

DENVER, Colo. - Mark Allen Maynard, 40, died Oct. 29 at Denver. He was born June 14, 1962, at Great Bend, the son of John Mavnard and Rovce M. Clark. A resident of Denver. he was an events coordinator for Denver
November 19, 2002

Berniece Helen 'Bernie' Dechant 1931-2002

HAYS - Berniece Helen "Bernie" Dechant, 71, died Nov. 16 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus of Wichita. She was born Oct. 23, 1931, at Schoenchen, the daughter of George and Helen Schoendaller Munsch. She married Harry E. Dechant on Sept. 6, 1948, at Schoenchen. A resident of Hays, she was waitress at Pheasant Run for 16 years. Mrs. Dechant was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church of Hays. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Ronald Dechant of Dodge City, Kerry Dechant of Aurora, Ohio, and Troy Dechant of Streetsboro, Ohio; six daughters, Geri Hamilton of El Dorado, Sandra Pennington of Boulder, Colo., Michelle Pinkall of Great Bend, Brenda Dechant of Phoenix, Ariz., Carla Dechant of Santiago de Compostela, Spain, and Kristal Dechant of Victoria; four sisters, Julieta Randa of Hays, Viola Werth of Schoenchen, Cora Schumacher of Hays and Darlene Bortz of Clifton; one stepbrother, Marvin Werth of Hays; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one infant son, Cornelius Dechant; her stepmother, Johanna Werth Munsch; one infant brother; and two sisters, Marietta Beyer and Vera Dinges. Parish vigil service will be at 7 tonight at Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home of Hays. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the church with the Revs. Kevin Weber, David Metz and Carl Kramer officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery of Hays. Friends may call from 2-8 tonight and from 10 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Masses or the Building Fund for Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 19, 2002

George David Blair 1925-2002

FORT DODGE - George David Blair, 77, died Nov. 18 at Fort Dodge Soldiers Home of Fort Dodge. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 19, 2002

William 'Bill' James Grant 1919-2002

HOISINGTON - William "Bill" James Grant, 83, died Nov. 18 at Richland Nursing Home of Nashville, Tenn. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 19, 2002

Correction

SAN MARCOS, Texas - Dale C. Shaner, 92, who died Nov. 16 at San Marcos, was born Sept. 11, 1910, instead of 1920 as reported in Monday's Tribune.

November 20, 2002

Grace LaFaun Rittenhouse 1915-2002

HANSTON - Grace LaFaun Rittenhouse, 87, died Nov. 19 at Western Plain Medical Complex of Dodge City. She was born July 6, 1915, in Seward County, the daughter of William Howard and Anna Isabelle Baldrey McNabney. She married James Rittenhouse on June 16, 1937, at Hanston. A lifetime resident of rural Hanston, she was a homemaker and teacher. Mrs. Rittenhouse was a member of the Christian faith, a Sunday school teacher, church song leader, 4-H leader and a member of Cowbelles, all of Hanston. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Kent Rittenhouse of Hanston; one daughter, Marilea Rittenhouse of Hanston; one sister, Mary Lonnberg of Fort Dodge; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, James Housman, Harold Housman and Charles Housman; and three sisters, Berdena McKibbin, Nettena McMurry and Dorothy McNabney. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at United Methodist Church of Burdett with the Rev. Tony Horsley officiating. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery of Jetmore. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9-11 a.m. Thursday, all at Beckwith Funeral Home of Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to Western Plains ICU, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 20, 2002

Patsy A. Thompson 1938-2002
ARKANSAS CITY - Patsy A. Thompson, 64, died Nov. 19 at South Central Kansas Regional Medical Center. She was born Sept. 13, 1938, at Healdton, Okla., the daughter of Hosey D. and Eddie Lee Underwood Perkins. She was a 1960 graduate of Arkansas City High School. A resident of Arkansas City since 1957, coming from Healdton, Stroud, Okla., and Lorraine, she was a nurse's aide. Thompson was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church of Arkansas City. Survivors include four brothers, Travis Perkins of El Dorado, Charlie Perkins of Geneseo, Clifford Perkins of Las Vegas, N.V., and John Perkins of Arkansas City; two sisters, Mary Folk of Bushto and Linda White of Branson, Mo. She was preceded in death by one brother, Bob Perkins; and one sister, Betty Lahar. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Mark Bozman officiating. Cremation has taken place. Inurnment will be at Riverview Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church or Open Door, Inc., both in care of Rindt-Erdman Funeral Home of Arkansas City. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 20, 2002

William 'Bill' James Grant 1919-2002

HOISINGTON - William "Bill" James Grant, 83, died Nov. 18 at Health Center of Richland Nursing Home of Nashville, Tenn. He was born Oct. 25, 1919, at Perth Amboy, N.J., the son of James and Margaret Mahr Grant. He married Helen Tripp on June 15, 1945, at Alamogordo, N.M. She died April 29, 1992. A resident of Hoisington for 51 years, moving to Brentwood, Tenn., in 1996, he was a retired tin smith for Hickey Sheet and Metal Company of Great Bend until his retirement in 1984. Grant was a member of St. John the Evangelist Church of Hoisington. He was a U.S. Army Corp veteran, having served during World War II. Survivors include two sons, James Grant of Brentwood and John Grant of Colorado Springs, Colo.; one daughter, Patricia Ruff of Logan; one sister, Katherine Bunker of Piscataway, N.J.; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, John Grant and James Grant; and one sister, Margaret Dailey. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at St. John Church Cemetery of Hoisington with the Rev. Ultan Murphy officiating and military rites provided by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7428 and American Legion 286. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 20, 2002

George David Blair 1925-2002

George David Blair, 77, of Great Bend, died Nov. 18 at Fort Dodge Soldiers Home of Fort Dodge. He was born March 14, 1925, at Silver Creek, Neb. the son of David Walter and Winniford May Thorn Blair. He married Effie Louellen Larkin on Dec. 8, 1948, at St. John. She died Feb. 18, 1996. A longtime resident of Great Bend, he was a truck driver and oilfield hand for Rice Engineering Company of Great Bend. Blair was a U.S. Marine Corp veteran, having served during World War II as a corporal. Survivors include two sons, Bill R. Blair of Norton and Roger J. Blair of Scott City; four daughters, Linda K. Worley of Lawrence, Molly F. Blair and Polly G. Blair, both of Albert, and Stacy J. Tiede of Hoisington; 12 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Richard Blair; one sister, Alberta May Barry; and one half brother, Albertlee Blair. Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery with military honors provided by Fort Riley Honor Guard. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Frysinger-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 20, 2002

Helen Pittman

Helen Pittman, of Great Bend, died Nov. 18. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Fryberger Mortuary of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 20, 2002

November 21, 2002

Diane Jackson 1941-2002

Diane Jackson, 60, of Great Bend, died Nov. 19 at Cherry Village Continuum of Care Facility of great Bend. She was born Nov. 23, 1941, at Bartow, Fla., the daughter of Robert Eli and Audrey McBride Peacock. A resident of Great Bend since 1968, she was a homemaker. Survivors include three sons, Phillip Jackson of Great Bend, Bob Jackson of Geneseo and Garry Jackson of Gig Harbor, Wash.; one brother, Robert V. Peacock of Naples, Fla.; one sister, Wanda Tyson of Bartow; and seven grandchildren. A private memorial service will be held. Cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Cherry Village Assisted Living of Great Bend, in care of Parsons Funeral Home of Ellsworth. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 21, 2002

Walter Whitney Reynolds 1937-2002

Walter Whitney Reynolds, 65, of Great Bend, died Nov. 15 at Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice of Wichita. He was born March 1, 1937, at Holly, Colo., the son of Israel and Lola Marie Cope Reynolds. He married Gloria Rankin on May 1. 1959. A resident of Great Bend for 41 years. he was a handvman. worked at Sears. and was
Helen Pittman 1917-2002

Helen Pittman, 85, of Great Bend, died Nov. 18 at Medical Lodge of Kinsley. She was born Oct. 16, 1917, at La Crosse, the daughter of Lloyd Franklin and Katheryn A. Nelmes Pittman. A longtime resident of Great Bend, she was a secretary for the Selective Service office of Great Bend. Pittman was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ of Great Bend, American Legion, Elks and Rebbeicas. She was a U.S. veteran, having served during World War II. Survivors include special friend, Theda Miller and family of Great Bend; two nieces, Kathryn Heine and husband William of Richland, Wash., and Stephanie Alexander of Portland, Ore.; one great-nephew, John Heine of Portland; two great-nieces, Christine of Pasco, Wash. and Tracy of Valencia, Calif. She was preceded in death by one brother, Thomas Pittman; and three sisters, Thelma Pittman, Joann Pittman and Hazle Hale. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Diana Coberly officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery, Veterans Circle. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Sunday at Fryberger Mortuary of Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church or Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 21, 2002

November 25, 2002

Arthur S. Jenisch 1918-2002

ODIN - Arthur S. Jenisch, 84, died Nov. 24 at Central Kansas Medical Center of Great Bend. He was born March 4, 1918, at Odin, the son of Joseph and Frances Tinkel Jenisch. He married Leona L. Schneweis on Oct. 16, 1946, at Odin. A lifetime resident of Odin, he was a retired farmer. Jenisch was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, both of Odin. He was a U.S. veteran, having served during World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Melvin Jenisch of Wichita; one brother, Frank Jenisch of Odin; and four sisters, Ann Boor, Mary Wondra and Eleanor Ille, all of Odin, and Hilda Ille of Great Bend. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Joseph Jenisch and Albert Jenisch; and three sisters, Gertrude Gerritzen, Olivia Debes and Frances Zorn. Family rosary, followed by a Knights of Columbus rosary, will be at 7 tonight at Foster Mortuary and from 10 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the church. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Foster Mortuary and from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Memorial services are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 25, 2002

Viola M. Baldwin 1932-2002

LA CROSSE - Viola M. Baldwin, 70, died Nov. 24. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 25, 2002

November 26, 2002

Marjorie C. Howard

Marjorie C. Howard, 93, died Nov. 25 at Cherry Village Nursing Home of Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune. Nov. 26.
Clarence E. Perrin 1916-2002

OBERLIN — Clarence E. Perrin, 86, died Nov. 23 at Cedar Living Center of Oberlin. He was born Oct. 29, 1916, at Allison, the son of Dillard H. and Nancy M. Thayer Perrin. He attended school in Jennings. He married Bernice Edgell on Feb. 13, 1939, at Mt. Pleasant. She died July 1, 1994. A resident of Oberlin since 1979, he was a farmer. Perrin was a member of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. Survivors include one son, Willard Perrin of Oberlin; three daughters, Betty Lee of Pawnee Rock, Carolyn Brockway of Salina and Eula Doggett of Saugerties, N.Y.; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Nancy Perrin; one brother, Glen Perrin; and two sisters, Bertha McConell and Ruber Bainter Johnston. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Pauls Funeral Home of Oberlin. Burial will be at Oberlin Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 8 a.m. until service time Wednesday, all at the funeral home. The family will receive friends from 6-8 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to United Church of Oberlin or Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 26, 2002

Viola M. Baldwin 1932-2002

LA CROSSE — Viola M. Baldwin, 70, died Nov. 24 at Hays Medical Center of Hays. She was born Feb. 29, 1932, at La Crosse, the daughter of Christopher and Bertha Schaffer Moeder. She married Beverly B. Baldwin on Aug. 28, 1952, at Hoisington. A lifetime resident of Rush County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Baldwin was a member of St. Michael’s Catholic Church of La Crosse, past member of St. Michael’s Altar Society and a religious education teacher for many years. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Richard L. Baldwin of McCracken and Robert D. Baldwin of La Crosse; two daughters, Karen A. Aufdemberge of Hays and Sharon K. Nottingham of Lawrence; four brothers, Delbert Moeder of Hartsel, Colo., John Moeder of Hays, Robert Moeder of Arvida, Colo., and Raymond Moeder of Oklahoma City, Okla.; one sister, Delores Bongartz of Ellis; and seven grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Donna M. Lobmeyer; two brothers, Willard Moeder and Gary Moeder; and one sister, Anita Halling. Vigil service and rosary will be at 7 tonight at Janousek Funeral Home of La Crosse. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Charles Mazouch officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from noon until 8 tonight at the funeral home. The family will receive friends from 6-7 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Parkinson’s Association of Greater Kansas City or St. Michael’s Catholic Church Viola M. Baldwin Memorial, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 26, 2002

November 27, 2002

Donald L. “Don” Bahr

HOISINGTON — Donald L. “Don” Bahr, 56, died at his residence. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 27, 2002

Edna Mae Harper 1910-2002

HUTCHINSON — Edna Mae Harper, 92, died Nov. 25 at Hutchinson Good Samaritan Village. She was born May 10, 1910, at Medford, Okla., the daughter of William Allen and Mary Jane “Jennie” Haskins Shepherd. She attended Medford High School and was a 1928 graduate of South Haven High School. She married James E. Harper on Dec. 7, 1932, at Enid, Okla. He died June 2, 1979. A resident of Hutchinson since 1975, coming from Newton, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Harper was a member of First Baptist Church of Hutchinson, Daughters of Union Veterans where she served as Kansas Department president from 1964-1965, and a member of Rebekah Assembly of IOOF where she served as Kansas Assembly president from 1967-1968. Survivors include one son, William H. Harper Sr. of Great Bend; one daughter, Nyrna M. Setty Kelley of Hutchinson; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Edgar Shepherd; two sisters, Zetta Bailey and Evelyn Furnish; and one great-grandson, Tommy Harper. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Johnson and Sons Funeral Home and Crematory Chapel of Hutchinson with the Rev. Jim Autrey officiating. Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call until 5 tonight and from 1-9 p.m. Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorial service is suggested to Hutchinson Good Samaritan Village, the church or IOOF Eye Bank, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 27, 2002

LDean Fox 1936-2002

LARNED — LDean Fox, 66, died Nov. 25 at Hutchinson Hospital. He was born Aug. 18, 1936, at Larned, the son of Robert Earl and Thelma Orene Guffey Fox. He married Sharon Kay White on Oct. 26, 1958, at Kinsley. She died Oct. 12, 1999. A lifetime resident of Larned, he was a farmer. Fox was a member of United Methodist Church, National Farmers Union and past Walnut Township board member, all of Larned. Survivors include one son, Kevin Earl Fox of Larned; one daughter, LaDena Kay Haremza of Larned; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother. Nealan Fox. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Beckwith
Donald L. ‘Don’ Bahr 1946 - 2002

RURAL OLMITZ — Donald L. “Don” Bahr, 56, died Nov. 25 at his residence. He was born Nov. 16, 1946, at Great Bend, the son of Leonard and Clara Birzer Bahr. He married Paulette Sellers on June 10, 1993, at Great Bend. She died July 29, 2002. A resident of Rush County for seven years, coming from Hutchinson, he was a retired farmer. Survivors include one stepson, Marlin Beshore of Utah; two brothers, Arthur Petersilie of Lecompton and Ory Petersilie of Otis; and four sisters, Wanda Labonte of Colorado Springs, Colo., Dana Rees of Delia, Arlene Riegle of Wichita and Barbara Schumacher of Great Bend. He was preceded in death by two stepdaughters, Jeannie Latham and Margie Davis; one brother, Floyd Petersilie; and two sisters, Edith Dewberry and Ida Wenick. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Janousek Funeral Home Chapel of La Crosse, with the Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Ness City Cemetery.

Donna Margreet Foster 1916 — 2002

LARNED — Edna Margreet Foster, 86, died Nov. 27 at Larned Healthcare and Living Center. She was born July 27, 1916, at Lamar, Colo., the daughter of John and Jessie Albert Mulvaney. She graduated from Larned High School in 1934 and attended Phillips University at Enid, Okla. She married Roy W. Monger July 25, 1937, at Larned. He died Sept. 4, 1983. She married Don Foster Sept. 24, 1984, at Larned. He died Dec. 15, 1990. A longtime Larned resident, she was a dental assistant for 45 years and at the Larned State Hospital. She was a member of First Christian Church, Christian Women’s Fellowship and a past member of Li-Ar-Mu Club, all of Larned, and General Federation of Women’s Club. She was honored as the State Dental Assistant of Kansas in 1992. Survivors include one daughter, Mary Anne Steiner of Kit Carson, Colo.; one sister, L. Hope Brown of Troy, Mich., and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two half-brothers, Ted Gardner and John Gardner; and one sister, Ruth Fertig. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned with the Rev. Dan Lundgren officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or American Cancer Society both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 29, 2002
December 1, 2002

Willa M. Zimmerman 1907 - 2002

TYLER, TEXAS — Willa M. Zimmerman, 95, died Nov. 28 in Tyler, Texas. She was born April 2, 1907 in Quitman, Ark. She married J.B. "Dude" Zimmerman on Jan. 4, 1932. He died Sept. 3, 1985. A resident of Tyler since January of 1994, coming from Kansas, she was a homemaker, championship golfer, and master bridge player. Survivors include one daughter, Della Antkowiak of Hide-a-way Lake, Lindale, Texas; one sister, Barbara Williams of Searcy, Ark.; and three grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Chapel of Cuadle-Rutledge Funeral Home in Lindale, with Dr. James Ballard officiating. Memorials are suggested to the First United Methodist Church of Lindale or donors choice in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 1, 2002

Toby Micheal Sneddeker 1980 - 2002

JETMORE — Toby Micheal Sneddeker, 22, died Nov. 27 in Wichita due to an automobile accident. He was born Nov. 13, 1980 in Dodge City, the son of Mike and Jane Leasure Sneddeker. Sneddeker was a member of the Christian faith and was a junior at Fort Hays State University in Hays, where he participated on the track team. Survivors include his father, Mike Sneddeker of Jetmore; two brothers, Ryan Sneddeker of Hutchinson and Clint Sneddeker of Phoenix, Ariz.; and his grandmother, Charlene Sneddeker of Dodge City. He was preceded in death by his mother, Jane Sneddeker; maternal grandparents Harold E. and Wanda Leasure; and paternal grandfather, Jerald Sneddeker. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the United Presbyterian Church in Jetmore, with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. Burial will be in the Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to the Sneddeker Family Scholarship Fund in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 1, 2002

Francis A. Daley 1907 - 2002

ARCADIA, CALIF. — Francis A. Daley, 94, died Nov. 26 at Methodist Hospital of Southern California in Arcadia. He was born Dec. 15, 1907 in Peotone, Ill., the son of John Richard and Elizabeth VanDeventer Daley. A former Great Bend resident, he worked as a dispatch expediter for the U.S. Postal Service. Daley was a member of the Christian faith and an Air Force veteran, having served in World War II. There are no survivors. He was preceded in death by one brother, John H. Daley, and one sister, Ruth E. Daley. Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at the United Presbyterian Church in Arcadia, with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Burial will be in the Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to the Seeing Eye of Morristown, N.J. in care of Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 1, 2002

Maria Cardona 1928 - 2002

Maria Cardona, 74, of Great Bend, died Nov. 27 at Via Christi-St. Francis in Wichita. She was born May 15, 1928 in Logos de Moreno, Jalisco, Mexico, the daughter of Amado Villalobos and Maria de los Angeles Torres Moreno. She married Catarino Cardona. He preceded her in death. She was a resident of Great Bend for two months, coming from Roswell, N.M., she was a homemaker. Survivors include two brothers, Jose Merced Villalobos of Great Bend and Julian Villalobos of Mexico, and one sister, Paula Villalobos of Mexico. Friends may call today from 1-5 p.m. at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Burial will be in the Ejidal Cemetery in Zarquenos, Durango, Mexico. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 1, 2002

Othila "Tillie" Krug

DENVER, COLO. — Othila "Tillie" Krug, 86, died. She married Herman Krug. Survivors include one son, Jack Krug; two brothers, Emanuel and Arven; five sisters, Wilma, Irene, Alvina, Mary Lou, and Clara; and two grandsons. Funeral service was held Nov. 29, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Denver. Burial was held in Fort Logan National Cemetery. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 1, 2002

Oran Berkley "Tuffy" Booth 1913 - 2002

LA CROSSE — Oran Berkley "Tuffy" Booth, 89, died Nov. 28 at Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse. He was born Oct. 5, 1913 on a farm near Grenola, the son of Albert and Dorseta Peterson Booth. He attended Windsor Township rural schools and was a 1930 graduate of Cambridge High School. He married Flora J. Hankins on Aug. 6, 1933 in Medicine Lodge. She died April 8, 2001. A resident of Cambridge for many years, he was a retired farmer, oil field worker, and road supervisor for Windsor Township, retiring in 1976. Survivors include three sons, Arthur Booth of Eustace, Texas, Richard Booth of Clearwater, and James "Jim" Booth of New Strawn; one daughter, Arlene Thompson of Cis; 10 grandchildren; and 19 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Ward Booth and Ray Booth; one sister, Jessie Callison; and one granddaughter. Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Miles Funeral Service in Winfield. Burial will be in the Cambridge Cemetery. Friends may
was a school teacher for 43 years, teaching first grade in St. John for 32 years. Mrs. Dick B. Evans, Superintendent of Schools at Hudson on July 23, 1942. They moved to Great Bend in 1944 and together created The Evans Accounting Service and raised three daughters — Nancy E. King and Margaret Smith of Denver, Colo. and Neda Sylvis of Manhattan. When Nancy went to college, Chrissie went to work as a Home Economics teacher at Roosevelt Jr. High. She was also a member of the First United Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Women’s Group, Portia Club, AAUW, numerous bridge clubs and a life member of Eastern Star. She was famous for her homemade bread and cream puffs. Before Dick’s passing in 1985, Chrissie and Dick traveled the world and enjoyed challenging each other on who was the best stock investor. In 1994, Chrissie moved to The Heritage Club, a retirement community in Denver. She was a member of their hospitality committee and created “The Friendship Table” and “The Nineties Club.” She was known for her open friendship to all and her great jokes. It was a wonderful seven-and-a-half years. Due to failing health, Chrissie moved in with her daughter Nancy the last 18 months of her life. Chrissie loved the Lord and was excited to be going to heaven. She is also survived by two son-in-laws, Eddie King and Vernon Smith, six grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Services will be Thursday, Dec. 5 at 2 p.m. at the First United Presbyterian Church in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the First Presbyterian Church in Great Bend, The Denver Teachers Club, 990 Glencoe, Denver, 80229, and in honor of Chrissie, please invite a new friend to Christmas dinner. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 1, 2002

Jane E. “Fred” Sneddeker 1958 - 2002

JETMORE — Jane E. “Fred” Sneddeker, 44, died Nov. 27 south of Liberal due to an automobile accident. She was born Jan. 17, 1958 in Dodge City, the daughter of Harold E. and Wanda Snyder Leasure. She married Mike Sneddeker on Oct. 6, 1976 in Dodge City. A Jetmore resident, she was a Lab Technician and an EMT. Mrs. Sneddeker was a member of the Christian faith and Theta Pi Sorority, both of Jetmore. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Ryan Sneddeker of Hutchinson and Clint Sneddeker of Phoenix, Ariz.; one brother, Doral E. Leasure of Amarillo, Texas; and one grandchild. She was preceded in death by one son, Toby Sneddeker, and one brother, Wayne Leasure. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the United Presbyterian Church in Jetmore, with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. Burial will be in the Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday at Beekwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to the Sneddeker Family Scholarship Fund in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 1, 2002

Chrissie Roe Evans 1908 - 2002

Chrissie Roe Evans was born Dec. 25, 1908 and passed away on Nov. 25, 2002. She was born at Stafford, the daughter of Lillian Trussell Roe and Horace L. Roe. Chrissie graduated from Sterling College and followed a career of social work director in St. John. Chrissie married Dick B. Evans, Superintendent of Schools at Hudson on July 23, 1942. They moved to Great Bend in 1944 and together created The Evans Accounting Service and raised three daughters — Nancy E. King and Margaret Smith of Denver, Colo. and Neda Sylvis of Manhattan. When Nancy went to college, Chrissie went to work as a Home Economics teacher at Roosevelt Jr. High. She was also a member of the First United Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Women’s Group, Portia Club, AAUW, numerous bridge clubs and a life member of Eastern Star. She was famous for her homemade bread and cream puffs. Before Dick’s passing in 1985, Chrissie and Dick traveled the world and enjoyed challenging each other on who was the best stock investor. In 1994, Chrissie moved to The Heritage Club, a retirement community in Denver. She was a member of their hospitality committee and created “The Friendship Table” and “The Nineties Club.” She was known for her open friendship to all and her great jokes. It was a wonderful seven-and-a-half years. Due to failing health, Chrissie moved in with her daughter Nancy the last 18 months of her life. Chrissie loved the Lord and was excited to be going to heaven. She is also survived by two son-in-laws, Eddie King and Vernon Smith, six grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Services will be Thursday, Dec. 5 at 2 p.m. at the First United Presbyterian Church in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the First Presbyterian Church in Great Bend, The Denver Teachers Club, 990 Glencoe, Denver, 80229, and in honor of Chrissie, please invite a new friend to Christmas dinner. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 1, 2002

Nellie Schwindt 1912 - 2002

LA CROSSE — Nellie Schwindt, 90, died Nov. 28 at the Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. She was born Nov. 3, 1912 in Ramah, Colo., the daughter of William Abraham and Jessie Mills Collins. She was a 1934 graduate of La Crosse High School and attended Fort Hays. She married Herman Schwindt on May 7, 1939 near Nekoma. He died April 16, 2000. A resident of La Crosse, she was a teacher for one-room schools in Rush County for five years and farmed with her husband in Rush County, establishing Schwindt Farms, Inc. Mrs. Schwindt was a member of the La Crosse Evangelical United Brethren Church, taught Sunday School and youth leadership activities, and served as a 4-H leader in Rush County. Survivors include one son, Gail Schwindt of Timken; three daughters, Patricia Schwindt of San Antonio, Texas, Diane Hays of Roseville, Calif., and Pam Pierce of Albany, Ga.; two sisters, Dimple Todhunter of Pueblo, Colo. and Hazel Dunlap of Nampa, Idaho; 11 grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Toby Sneddeker, and one brother, Wayne Leasure. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. Burial was in the La Crosse City Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Cambridge Senior Citizens Center and the Cambridge Presbyterian Church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 1, 2002

Vivian Ruth Powers 1922 - 2002

OTTAWA — Vivian Ruth Powers, 80, died Nov. 28 at Ransom Memorial Hospital in Ottawa. She was born March 12, 1922 in Kansas City, Mo., the daughter of Lloyd Vivian and Gladys Rush Keeling Carter. She attended school in the Taperville-Shell City, Mo. area and was a graduate of Shell City High School. She married William T. “Bill” Powers on Jan. 17, 1942 in Neosho, Mo. He died Jan. 24, 1995. A resident of Ottawa, coming from Great Bend, she owned and operated the Taste-ee-Freeze Restaurant and served as personnel manager of the K-Mart Store, both of Great Bend, until retiring in 1987. Mrs. Powers was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene of Great Bend. Survivors include four sons, James R. Powers of Lenexa, Donald R. Powers of Kansas City, and Richard A. Powers and William K. Powers, both of Ottawa; one daughter, Kimberly R. Rocha of Great Bend; 10 grandchildren; and three great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Sara Jane Chesney, and three brothers, Ray Collins, Ulysses Collins, and Charles Collins. Funeral service was Saturday at the church. Burial was in the La Crosse City Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Cambridge Senior Citizens Center and the Cambridge Presbyterian Church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 1, 2002

Vida May Sizemore 1913 - 2002

ST. JOHN — Vida May Sizemore, 89, died Nov. 29 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. She was born May 15, 1913 in St. John, the daughter of Edmund and Nancy May Ratts. She married Homer Joe Sizemore on May 20, 1951 in St. John. He died Dec. 26, 1989. A resident of St. John. She was a school teacher for 43 years. teaching first grade in St. John for 32 years. Mrs.
Sizemore was a member of Church of Christ, Hesperian Club, Harmony Club, and a board member of several civic groups. Survivors include one brother, Loyd Ratts of St. John and one sister, Dr. Thelma Ratts Franklin Merrick of Duncancille, Texas.

Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. today at Minnis Chapel in St. John, with the Rev. Carl Feril officiating. A private family burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 1, 2002

December 2, 2002

Alice Katie Trauer Powell 1906-2002

HANSTON — Alice Katie Trauer Powell, 96, died Nov. 30 at Hodgeman County Long Term Care Center of Jetmore. She was born May 4, 1906, in Pawnee County, the daughter of Walter J. and Zelia M. Spoonemore Burns. She married William L. Trauer on Jan. 10, 1925, at Jetmore. He died Oct. 31, 1925. She then married Chester A. Powell on Nov. 8, 1970, at Hanston. He died July 9, 1993. A lifetime resident of the Hanston area, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Powell was a member of First Baptist Church, Cowbells, Hodgeman County Ladies Aid, Farm Bureau, Senior Center and Weekly Bible study, all of Hanston. Survivors include one son, Billy Trauer of Hanston; one daughter, Virginia Miller of Hanston; 11 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Donald Trauer; three brothers, Edward Burns, Verl Burns and Bill Burns; and two sisters, Myrtle Delaney and Lorene Brown. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Carl Vincent officiating. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Beckwith Funeral Home of Jetmore. Burial will be at Hanston Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church or the senior center of Hanston, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 2, 2002

Ora Mae Meckfessel 1913-2002

GARFIELD — Ora Mae Meckfessel, 89, died Dec. 1 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital Long Term Care of Larned. She was born Oct. 7, 1913, in Pawnee County, the daughter of S.O. and Margaret Hudson Boyd. She married Earl Melvin Meckfessel on Nov. 17, 1935, at Garfield. He died Oct. 30, 1984. A lifetime resident of Pawnee County, she was a farm wife. Mrs. Meckfessel was a member of United Methodist Church, the Over 50 Club and WSCS, all of Garfield, the Golden Rule Quilting Club of Rozel and various farming organizations. Survivors include three daughters, Earlene Arnold of Great Bend, Elaine Appel of Larned and Kathryn Pavlik of Verdigris, Neb.; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Walter Boyd, Ralph Boyd and Harold Boyd; and two sisters, Louise Vratil and Venita Bartlett. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel of Larned with the Rev. Ken Walker officiating. Burial will be at Garfield Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight, from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church or Golden Belt Hospice, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 2, 2002

Chrisie Roe Evans 1908-2002

Chrisie Roe Evans, 93 of Great Bend, was born Dec. 25, 1908, and passed away on Nov. 25, 2002. She was born at Stafford, the daughter of Lillian Trussell Roe and Horace L. Roe. Chrisie graduated from Sterling College and followed a career of social work director in St. John. Chrisie married Dick B. Evans, Superintendent of Schools at Hudson on July 23, 1942. They moved to Great Bend in 1944 and together created The Evans Accounting Service and raised three daughters — Nancy E. King and Margaret Smith of Denver, Colo. and Nedra Sylvis of Manhattan. When Nancy went to college, Chrisie went to work as a Home Economics teacher at Roosevelt Jr. High. She was also a member of the First United Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Women’s Group, Portia Club, AAUW, numerous bridge clubs and a life member of Eastern Star. She was famous for her homemade bread and cream puffs. Before Dick’s passing in 1985, Chrisie and Dick traveled the world and enjoyed challenging each other on who was the best stock investor. In 1994, Chrisie moved to The Heritage Club, a retirement community in Denver. She was a member of their hospitality committee and created “The Friendship Table” and “The Nineties Club.” She was known for her open friendship to all and her great jokes. It was a wonderful seven-and-a-half years. Due to failing health, Chrisie moved for her open friendship to all and her great jokes. It was a wonderful seven-and-a-half years. Due to failing health, Chrisie moved to a nursing home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 2, 2002

December 3, 2002

Loretta Joan Koehn 1954-2002

LARNED — Loretta Joan Koehn, 48, died Dec. 1 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center of Wichita. She was born Oct. 29, 1954, at Great Bend, the daughter of Vernon E. and Marie H. Kecker Koehn. A lifetime resident of Larned, she was a retired dietary worker at Larned State Hospital. Koehn was a member of Baptist Church of Kinsley, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and American Legion auxiliary, both of Larned. Survivors include her parents; one daughter, Lynette J. Lewis of Deighton; and two brothers, Daniel John Koehn of Hutchinson and Steven H. Koehn of Larned. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel of Larned with the Rev. Johnny Augmon officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to VFW Auxiliary Children’s Youth Fund, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 3, 2002
Dorothy F. Koochel 1915-2002

Dorothy F. Koochel, 87, of Great Bend, died Dec. 1 at Central Kansas Medical Center of Great Bend. She was born Nov. 15, 1915, at Great Bend, the daughter of John J. and Anna Folke Budde Wilhelm. She married Olin E. Koochel on Nov. 21, 1938, at Timken. He died Oct. 23, 1995. A lifetime resident of Barton and Rush counties, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Koochel was a member of First United Methodist Church of Great Bend. Survivors include two sons, Larry J. Koochel of Liberal and John T. Koochel of Great Bend; and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Virgil Wilhelm; and two sisters, Selma Dyer and Gladys Brown. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 3-9 tonight and 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Wednesday, all at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. The family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or CKMC Stroke Prevention Program, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 3, 2002

Frederic L. ‘Larry’ Cochrane 1947-2002

ABERDEEN, Wash. — Frederic L. “Larry” Cochrane, 54, died Nov. 26 at Grays Harbor Community Hospital. He was born Nov. 29, 1947 in Great Bend, the son of Frederic Lawrence and Evelyn Jane Rowley Cochrane. He married Rose Marie Lacher Feb 24, 1984, in Tacoma, Wash. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy at the age of 17, where he served for eight years with three tours of Viet Nam. He was a resident of Hoquiam, Wash., coming from Belfair, Wash. and Kansas. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Frederic Lawrence Cochrane III of Port Angeles, Wash.; two daughters, Sonja Marie King of Purdy, Mo., and Sally Rané Potts of Ellensburg, Wash.; mother, Evelyn Jane Cochrane of Hoisington; four brothers, George Ellery Cochrane of Topeka, Marion Dale Cochrane of Edgerton, James Ray Cochrane of Great Bend, and Daniel Dean Cochrane of Hutchinson; four sisters, Earlene Jane Woods of Topeka, Florine Annette Doty of El Dorado, Beverly Fae Harriman of Hutchinson, and Mary Viola Bennett of Yakima, Wash.; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Durward Russell Thomas. A committal service will be held on Feb. 24, 2003 at the Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, Wash. Cremation arrangements were handled by Coleman Mortuary in Hoquiam. Memorials are suggested to Disabled American Veterans. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 3, 2002

LeMoyne R. Frederick 1921-2002

HOBB, N.M. — LeMoyne R. Frederick, 81, died Nov. 29 at Hobbs. He was born May 2, 1921 in Ellsworth. He married Joyce Schaffer. He was a resident of Hobbs since 1967, coming from Los Alamos, N.M. where he was a journalist having worked as a bureau chief for the Santa Fe New Mexican. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include the wife of the home; one son, Steven Frederick of Arlington, Texas; three daughters, Judy Schlotterback of Farmington, N. M., Sharon Turner of Odessa, Texas, and Carol Noble of Alva, Okla.; and two sisters, Leatrice Foley of North Carolina, and Joann Janne of Mesa, Ariz. He was preceded in death by two brothers Persheing Frederick and Clarice Frederick. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Wilson City Cemetery with military honors by the Wilson American Legion Post with the Rev. Elaine Lord officiating. Foster Mortuary in Wilson is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 3, 2002

Joseph E. Branda 1922-2002

WILSON — Joseph E. Branda, 80, died Dec. 1 at Salina. He was born Jan. 10, 1922, at Luray, the son of Joseph F. and Josie Hynes Branda. He married Clarice Knoll Oct. 29, 1951, at Russell. A lifetime resident of Barton and Rush counties, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Branda was a member of First United Methodist Church of Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Kent Krom and wife Margaret of St. John and Shaun Krom and wife LeeAnn of Great Bend; five daughters, Donna Brietkruetz of Topeka, Bonnie Thomas and husband Kenneth and Kimberly Hapes and husband Jim of Great Bend; one brother, Melvin Krom of Great Bend; and one sister, Karen Karst of Oklahoma City, Okla.; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Friday at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church of Seward. Memorial Mass will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the church. Burial will be at the church cemetery of Seward. Yaksich-Lono
Funeral Home of Raton is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 4, 2002

Marjorie Ellen McVey 1919-2002

LARNED — Marjorie Ellen McVey, 83, died Dec. 2 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital of Larned. She was born Jan. 26, 1919, at Larned, the daughter of Joseph and Mary Hill Koons. She was a 1975 graduate of Barton County Community College, with a RN degree. She married Rex McVey on Aug. 20, 1938, at Larned. He died May 9, 1978. A lifetime resident of Larned, she was a retired registered nurse, previous administrator of several nursing homes, assistant county nurse in Barton County and worked at Larned State Hospital. Mrs. McVey was a member of Agape Christian Fellowship Church of Larned and Kansas Health Care Association. Survivors include one son, Dale McVey of Larned; three daughters, Cheryl Pittser of Lee's Summit, Mo.; 14 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Robert McVey; and one brother, Joseph M. Koons. Inurnment will take place at a later date at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph Memorial Hospital, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 4, 2002

Eulalia Faye Weber 1926-2002

Eulalia Faye Weber, 76, of Great Bend, died Dec. 2 at Central Kansas Medical Center. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 4, 2002

December 5, 2002

Mabelle Balloun Jenkins 1907-2002

RUSSELL — Mabelle Balloun Jenkins, 95, died Dec. 3 at Hays Medical Center of Hays. She was born May 19, 1907, at WaKeeney, the daughter of George P. and Bessie Lofstead Britt. She married R.G. Balloun on April 12, 1924, at WaKeeney. He died Dec. 4, 1953. She then married Thomas Jenkins on June 4, 1956, at Russell. He died Nov. 5, 1977. A resident of Russell since 1940, coming from WaKeeney, Gorham, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Boulder, Colo., she was a homemaker and Avon sales representative for many years. Mrs. Jenkins was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, all of Russell. Survivors include three sons, George R. Balloun of Liberal, Robert L. Balloun of Russell and J. Eugene Balloun of Lenexa; one daughter, Betty Boxberger of Russell; one stepdaughter, Joanne Jenkins Keil of Hoisington; one sister, Darlene Baker of Norfolk, Va.; 23 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Lloyd Balloun; three brothers, Ralph Britt, Guy Britt and Forrest Britt; four sisters, Mae Berry, Grace Britt, Marie Houston and Arlene Britt; and one great-grandson, Christopher Balloun. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Carl Ellis officiating. Burial will be at Russell City Cemetery. Friends may call from noon until 9 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, all at Pohlman's Mortuary of Russell, and from 1 p.m. until service time Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, St. John Nursing Home of Victoria, or the Balloun Family Scholarship Fund at Russell High School, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 5, 2002

Myrtle S. Geschwentner 1921-2002

LA CROSSE — Myrtle S. Geschwentner, 81, died Dec. 2 at Rush County Memorial Long Term Care. She was born Sept. 19, 1921, at Kansas City, Mo., the daughter of Anton and Rosa Kettlehake Bickel. She married Clarence D. Geschwentner on Sept. 26, 1947, at Kansas City, Mo. He died Aug. 25, 2001. A resident of La Crosse, coming from Hays and Ellis, where she lived from 1947-1995, she was a mail carrier for the United States Postal Service in Ellis for more than 20 years. Mrs. Geschwentner was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Ellis and Ladies Auxiliary. She was a U.S. Army veteran, having served three years overseas and a Tech fifth grade in the Women's Army Corps. Survivors include one son, Tony Geschwentner of Victoria; four daughters, Debra Kay Staab of La Crosse, Judy Bieker of Salina, Donna Degenhardt of San Antonio, Texas, and Marilyn Bennett of Denver, Colo.; one brother, William Bickel of Kansas City, Mo.; two sisters, Verna Bell of Raytown, Mo., and Viola Pittser of Lee's Summit, Mo.; 14 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one step-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Carolyn; two brothers; four sisters; and one grandson, Derek John Degenhardt. Rosary will be at 7 tonight at Wasinger Funeral Chapel of Ellis. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Larry Letourneau officiating. Burial will be at the church cemetery. Friends may call from 4-8 tonight and from 9-9:30 a.m. Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Rush County Memorial Long Term Care, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 5, 2002

Vickie J. Peak 1944-2002

Vickie J. Peak, 58, of Great Bend, died Dec. 3 at her residence. She was born Sept. 16, 1944, the daughter of Roy E. and
Marie M. Zelenka, 81, of Great Bend, died Dec. 3 at Central Kansas Medical Center of Great Bend. She was born Aug. 16, 1921, at Beaver, the daughter of John and Katharine Meyeres Kultgen. She married John Zelenka on Jan. 24, 1946, at Great Bend. He died in June of 1998. A resident of Great Bend for 66 years, coming from Beaver and Larned. Peak was a member of St. Patrick’s Catholic Church of Great Bend. Survivors include her parents of Great Bend. She was preceded in death by one infant brother. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Teresa Catholic Church of Hutchinson with the Rev. Richard Stuchlik officiating. Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery of Hutchinson. Friends may call from 1-9 tonight and Friday, all at Johnson and Sons Funeral Home and Crematory of Hutchinson. Memorials are suggested to St. Teresa Catholic Church or Sunflower Diversified Services, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 5, 2002

Mathilda ‘Tillie’ Steiner Stadelman 1917-2002

HAYS — Mathilda ‘Tillie’ Steiner Stadelman, 85, died Dec. 3 at Hays Medical Center. She was born June 4, 1917, at Odin, the daughter of Joseph and Mary Warner Steiner. She married Fred Kaiser in April of 1937 at Odin. He died in June of 1964. She then married Virgil L. Stadelman in May of 1970 at Hays. A resident of Hays, she worked in the housekeeping department of Fort Hays State University until her retirement. Mrs. Stadelman was a member of St. Joseph’s Church of Hays. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Bernard Kaiser of Mesa, Ariz.; Vernon Kaiser of Great Bend and Kenneth Kaiser of Whittier, Calif.; two daughters, Janelda Butler of Wichita and Laveda Heider of Harrisonville, Mo.; two sisters, Ann Minko of Wichita and Gertrude Hitchmann of Abilene; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Alvin Steiner, Martin Steiner, Leonard Steiner and Edward Steiner; and one sister, Helen Martin. Parish vigil will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Brock’s North Hill Chapel of Hays. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Frank X. Grinko officiating. Burial will be at the church cemetery. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. Friday and from 8:30-9:45 a.m. Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Oncology Department of Hays Medical Center, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 5, 2002

Norman Martin Rothrock 1910-2002

MACKSVILLE — Norman Martin Rothrock, 92, died Dec. 2 at Stafford District Hospital of Stafford. He was born June 19, 1910, at Macksville, the son of Guy Wallace and Carrie Anne Rothrock. He married Margaret I. Storey on Jan. 11, 1977, at Norwalk, Calif. She preceded him in death. A lifetime resident of Macksville, he was an engineer for Cessna aircraft for 38 years. Rothrock was a member of Grace United Methodist Church of Macksville. Survivors include one daughter, Tammy Sue Simmons of Stafford; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Eleanor Anne Rothrock; two brothers, Dale Rothrock and Dean Rothrock; and one sister, Marilyn Cleveland. Memorial graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Farmington Cemetery of Macksville with the Rev. Dr. David Upp officiating. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or the church, both in care of Minnis Chapel of St. John. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 5, 2002

Alexandria Marie Schroeder 2002-2002

HANSTON — Alexandria Marie Schroeder, six weeks, died Dec. 2 at Wesley Medical Center of Wichita. She was the daughter of Cody Schroeder and Deborah Pfeifer of Hanston. Survivors include her parents of Hanston; two brothers, Joseph Michael Hernandez and Cody Calvin Russell Schroeder, both of the home; grandparents, Jerry and Shirley Pfeifer of Jamestown and Wayne and Janice Schroeder of Dodge City; great-grandparents, Homer and Agnes Stewart of Abia, Iowa; Philomene Rohleder and Veronica Graf, both of Ransom. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Beckwith Funeral Home of Jetmore with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. Burial will be at Hanston Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Alexandria Marie Schroeder Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 5, 2002

Norma Jean Stieben 1936-2002

LA CROSSE — Norma Jean Stieben, 66, died Dec. 4. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Janousek Funeral Home of La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 5, 2002

John A. Bernhardt Jr. 1926-2002

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — John A. Bernhardt Jr., 76, died Nov. 30 at his residence in Charlotte. He was born Nov. 4, 1926, at New York, N.Y., the son of John A. and Madeleine Celig Bernhardt. He married Clea Hubbell in 1951, at Jetmore. A resident of Charlotte, he was a civil engineer and vice-president of construction management for Shaw Construction. Bernhardt was a member of St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, both of Charlotte. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, John Bernhardt III of Baltimore, Md., and Michael Bernhardt of Arvada, Colo.; two daughters, Madeleine Nuci of Alta Loma, Calif., and Ann Gasswint of Atlanta, Ga.; one brother, Kenneth Bernhardt of Tampa, Fla.; two sisters, Dorothy Johnson of Keen, N.H., and Jeanne Bernhardt of Forrest Hill, N.Y.; 15 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Fairmount Cemetery of Jetmore with the Rev. Henry Hildebrandt officiating. Beckwith Funeral Home of Jetmore is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 5, 2002

Marie M. Zelenka 1921-2002

Marie M. Zelenka, 81, of Great Bend, died Dec. 3 at Central Kansas Medical Center of Great Bend. She was born Aug. 16, 1921, at Beaver, the daughter of John and Katharine Meyeres Kultgen. She married John Zelenka on Jan. 24, 1946, at Great Bend. He died Sept. 15, 1998. A resident of Great Bend for 66 years, coming from Beaver, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Zelenka was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. Altar Societv. member and past president of Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary
December 6, 2002

Norma J. Stieben 1936-2002

RUSH CENTER — Norma J. Stieben, 66, died Dec. 4 at Rush Center. She was born July 24, 1936 in Pawnee County, the daughter of William H. and Lena T. Hagerman Tryon. She married Donald Stieben. He died. A lifelong resident of Rush County, she was a custodial engineer. She was a member of United Methodist Church of Larned and Ladies Aid Society of Hodgeman County. Survivors include one son, Mark Zelenka of Salina; three daughters, Sue Tolan Trout of Minneapolis, Janet Zeller of Wichita and Nancy Harman of Garden City; two grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by one brother, John Kultgen. Altar Society rosary will be at 3 today at Bryant Funeral Home. Vigil service will be at 7 tonight, followed by VFW Auxiliary 3111 Ritual, both at the funeral home. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Angel Dy officiating. Burial will be at Palacky Cemetery of Ellsworth County. Friends may call until 9 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Auxiliary Cancer Aid and Research Program of VFW 3111, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 5, 2002

Robert William 'Bob' Roth 1909-2002

CHEYENNE WELLS, Colo. — Robert William "Bob" Roth, 93, died Dec. 2 at Keefe Memorial Hospital of Cheyenne Wells. He was born July 7, 1909, at Ellinwood, the son of William Peter and Catherine T. Strothman Roth. He married Mary Josephine Mooney on Dec. 29, 1937, at Holy Name Church near Bushton. A resident of Cheyenne Wells since the late 1930s, coming from Ellinwood, he was a farmer. Roth was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Cheyenne Wells. Survivors include his wife of the home; four sons, Bill Roth, Alan Roth and Greg Roth, all of Cheyenne Wells, and Jack Roth of Lamar, Colo.; two daughters, Darlene Lohr of Castle Rock, Colo., and Janet Walker of Weskan; two brothers, Walter Roth and Don Roth, both of Ellinwood; two sisters, Marian Southern of Ellinwood and Dorothy Dueser of Breckenridge, Texas; 19 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren. Funeral was Dec. 5 at the church. Burial was at Fairview Cemetery of Cheyenne Wells. Memorials are suggested to Keefe Memorial Hospital or Cheyenne County EMT or Fire Department, all in care of Kimple Funeral Home of Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 6, 2002

Dorothy May Winter 1908-2002

LARNED — Dorothy May Winter, 94, died Dec. 5 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital of Larned. She was born June 1, 1908, at Shell City, Mo., the daughter of Thomas and Stella Belle Ensor Southards. She married Ora Winter on Dec. 14, 1926. He died Sept. 27, 1999. A resident of Larned for 33 years, coming from Hodgeman County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Winter was a member of United Methodist Church of Larned and Ladies Aid Society of Hodgeman County. Survivors include one son, Henry Ora Winter of Burdett; two daughters, Beatty Lee Wasson of Dodge City and Iva Lynn Helms of Derby; one brother, Robert Southards of Oregon; two sisters, Ruth Luna of Hutchinson and Bertha Lee Wattenburger of Washington; 19 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Clarence Southards, Harvey Southards, Walter Southards and Virgil Southards; one sister, Bulla; and one granddaughter. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel of Larned with the Rev. Tony Honsley officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Welcome Inn Senior Center of Larned, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 6, 2002

Eulalia Lamb Weber 1926-2002

Eulalia Lamb Weber, 76, of Great Bend, died Dec. 2 at Central Kansas Medical Center of Great Bend. She was born Nov. 23, 1926, at Council Grove, the daughter of Loy B. and Theola Wells Lamb. She married Robert Bruce Weber on Aug. 17, 1960, at Larned. She died Sept. 19, 2001. A resident of Great Bend since 1960, coming from Hiawatha, she was an abstract assistant for J.B. Stoddard of Hiawatha and a dental hygienist for Dr. Mingenback of Great Bend. Mrs. Weber was a member of Order of the Eastern Star of Hiawatha and First United Methodist Church of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Larry Knupp of DeSoto; one sister, Lucile Uden of Great Bend; one grandchild; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, James Ellis Knupp on Sept. 23, 1995. Private service will be at Rumsey-Yost Funeral Home of Lawrence. Private inurnment will be at Oak Hill Cemetery of
December 8, 2002

Fred L. Kline 1937 - 2002

HOISINGTON — Fred L. Kline, 64, died Dec. 6 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 8, 2002

Florence A. Reinhardt 1909 - 2002

DENVER, Colo. — Florence A. Reinhardt, 93, died Dec. 5 at Red Rocks Nursing Home of Denver. She was born June 17, 1909 in Bison, the daughter of J.W. and Rosa Hanhardt Reinhardt. A 35 year resident of Denver, coming from Bison, she was an LPN at Porter Sanitarium of Denver before retirement. She was a member of the Denver South Seventh Adventist Church. Survivors include two sisters, Lenora Miller of Albert and Tillie Baker of Denver. She was preceded in death by one brother, Elton Reinhardt, and one sister, Vernetta Allen. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. today at the Janousek Funeral Home Chapel of La Crosse, with the Rev. Ed Jumper officiating. Friends may call from 10:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Seventh Day Adventist Church of La Crosse, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 8, 2002.

Julius J. “Hezzy” Werth 1924 - 2002

LA CROSSE — Julius J. “Hezzy” Werth, 78, died Dec. 6 at La Crosse. He was born March 26, 1924 at Schoenchen, the son of Anasius and Anna Jacobs Werth. He married Sylvia Brockmeier on April 10, 1971. A lifelong resident of Rush and Ellis counties, he was an auto body repairman before retirement. Werth was a member of St. Michael’s Catholic Church of La Crosse. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Charlotte M. Hall of Joplin, Mo., and Marcia D. Dreiling of Victoria; one brother, David Werth of Bullhead City, Ariz.; five sisters, Jean Fryberger of Vilas, Colo., Thelma Rowden and Elsie Miller, both of Salina, and Norma Jacobs and Anne McMillen, both of Fort Collins, Colo.; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Marvin Werth, and two sisters, Hattie Degenhardt and Doris Amerin. Vigil service and rosary will be at 7 p.m. today at Janousek Funeral Home of La Crosse. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Anthony’s Catholic Church of Schoenchen, with the Revs. Alvin Werth and Charles Mazouch officiating. Burial will be at the Schoenchen Cemetery of Schoenchen. Friends may call from 3-9 p.m. today at the funeral home, with family receiving friends from 6-7 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the Holy Cross Shrine of Pfeifer, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 8, 2002.

Laleta A. Houser 1912 - 2002

Laleta A. Houser, 90, of Great Bend, died Dec. 6 in Great Bend. She was born on Nov. 25, 1912 in Fall River, the daughter of Newton and Lillian Murphy Ashwell. She married Byron Houser on Oct. 29, 1932. He died Aug. 7, 1950. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Chanute where she lived most of her life, she was a technician for Custom Electronics of Chanute. Mrs. Houser was a member of First Methodist Church of Chanute and the Eagle’s Lodge of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Ronald D. Houser of Great Bend, and one daughter, Sherry L. Fernetti of Great Bend. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Earl Ashwell, Bud Ashwell, and Emery Ashwell, and one sister, Bernice Gladwell. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today at the funeral home, with family receiving friends from 6-7 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders Association — SC Kansas, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 8, 2002.

Georgia Y. Sibrava 1920 - 2002

WILSON — Georgia Y. Sibrava, 82, died Dec. 5 at the Wilson Nursing Center of Wilson. She was born Feb. 22, 1920 in Lucas, the daughter of Pearl and Gertrude Cooper Ward. She married Frank Sibrava on June 1, 1955 in Wilson. A lifetime resident of Russell and Ellsworth counties, she was a retired school teacher. Mrs. Sibrava was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and Friends of Reading Club, both of Wilson. Survivors include her husband of the home and one brother, Gordon Ward of Waldo. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Elaine Lord officiating. Burial will be at Wilson City Cemetery of Wilson. Friends may call from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and 9 a.m. till service time Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Friends of Reading Club, both in care of the funeral home.

December 9, 2002

Leo J. Kuhn 1905-2002

VICTORIA — Leo J. Kuhn, 97, died Dec. 7 at Hays Medical Center of Hays. He was born Jan. 7, 1905, at Victoria, the son of Joseph M. and Elizabeth Hoffman Kuhn. He married Katherine Billinger on June 18, 1935, at Victoria. She died Nov. 8, 1985. A resident of Hays for eight years, he was a teacher for 42 years in Ellis County, teaching at Lost Canyon, Emmeram, Seven, Blue
Glenn J. Larsen, 83, of Great Bend, died Dec. 8 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center of Great Bend. He was born Nov. 1, 1919, at Charden, the son of James Jewell and Pearl White Larsen. He married Maxine Deibert on Nov. 27, 1946, at Reno, Nev. A resident of Great Bend since 1946, coming from Colby, he was a superintendent for Lindholm Construction of Great Bend until his retirement. Larsen was a member of First United Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge AF & AM 15, American Legion Argonne Post 180 and Lake Barton Golf Club, all of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served during World War II as a corporal. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Beverly Larsen Cole of Salina; two brothers, Norman Larsen of Kansas City, Mo., and Dean Larsen of Colby; three sisters, Frances Smith, Nancy Sanders and Mildred Jones, all of Colby; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Earle Larsen; and two sisters, Dorothy Schipper and Ruth Brickley. Funeral service will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park of Great Bend with Masonic graveside rites. Friends may call from 1-9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 9, 2002

Wanda Lola McMillan 1913-2002

STAFFORD — Wanda Lola McMillan, 89, died Dec. 7 at Stafford District Hospital of Stafford. She was born June 15, 1913, at Hutchinson, the daughter of Earl and Blanche Gere Allen. She was a 1932 graduate of Stafford High School. She married Meade Stanton McMillan on Nov. 27, 1932, at Hutchinson. He died Jan. 28, 1998. A longtime resident of Stafford, she was a homemaker. Mrs. McMillan was a member of First Christian Church of Stafford, Christian Women’s Fellowship, sang in the choir, taught Sunday school and Bible school, member of North Star Community Club, assisted with Cub Scout meetings and was active with Girl Scouts and other teen groups. Survivors include two sons, Marvin McMillan of Stafford and Alan McMillan of St. John; one daughter, Sue Duckworth of Enid, Okla.; two sisters, Jane Allen Means of Maryland and Delores Allen Smith of Texas; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two step great-grandsons. She was preceded in death by one brother, Melvin Clifford Allen. Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the church with Richard Duckworth officiating. Burial will be at Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Tuesday at Minnis Chapel of Stafford. Memorials are suggested to the church or Stafford District Hospital, both in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 9, 2002

Jeremy Trent Fisher 1987-2002

ST. JOHN — Jeremy Trent Fisher, 15, died Dec. 7 at Stafford District Hospital of Stafford. He was born Jan. 23, 1987, at Great Bend, the son of Gregory D. and Linda D. Blide Fisher. A sophomore at St. John High School, he was a resident of St. John. Fisher was a member of First United Methodist Church of St. John, KAYS and Pep Club, both of St. John High School. Survivors include his parents of St. John; one brother, Grant Fisher of St. John; one sister, Staci Fisher of St. John; his grandparents, Keith and Lucille Blide and Donald and Jeanne Fisher, all of St. John; and his great-grandmother, Ava DeBey of Downs. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. W. Harlan Rittgers officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery of St. John. Friends may call from 1-8 tonight at Minnis Chapel of St. John. Memorials are suggested to Jeremy T. Fisher Memorial Fund, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 9, 2002

Fred L. Kline 1937-2002

HOISINGTON — Fred L. Kline, 64, died Dec. 6 at Central Kansas Medical Center of Great Bend. He was born Dec. 31, 1937, at Wood, S.D., the son of Fred Gotlibe and Mary Alice Kline. He married Martha Smith on June 26, 1967, at Fort Worth, Texas. A resident of Hoisington for 30 years, he was a power plant superintendent for the City of Hoisington for 21 years. Kline was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7428 of Hoisington. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. Survivors include his parents of St. John; one brother, Dennis Kline of Fort Worth; four sisters, Clara Bittner of Hoisington, Emma Hamit of Winona, Minn., Freda Weichman and May Cordry, both of Fort Worth, Texas; one brother, Dennis Kline of Fort Worth; four sisters, Clara Bittner of Hoisington, Emma Hamit of Winona, Minn., Freda Weichman and May Cordry, both of Fort Worth; six step grandchildren; and seven step great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Al Kline, Walt Kline, David Kline and Dicky Dean Kline; and one sister, Georgia Russell. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Graveside service will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Blue Bonnett Hills Cemetery of Colleyville, Texas. Friends may call from 1-8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 9, 2002

Glenn J. Larsen 1919-2002

HOISINGTON — Glenn J. Larsen, 83, of Great Bend, died Dec. 8 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center of Great Bend. He was born Nov. 1, 1919, at Charden, the son of James Jewell and Pearl White Larsen. He married Maxine Deibert on Nov. 27, 1946, at Reno, Nev. A resident of Great Bend since 1946, coming from Colby, he was a superintendent for Lindholm Construction of Great Bend until his retirement. Larsen was a member of First United Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge AF & AM 15, American Legion Argonne Post 180 and Lake Barton Golf Club, all of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served during World War II as a corporal. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Beverly Larsen Cole of Salina; two brothers, Norman Larsen of Kansas City, Mo., and Dean Larsen of Colby; three sisters, Frances Smith, Nancy Sanders and Mildred Jones, all of Colby; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Earle Larsen; and two sisters, Dorothy Schipper and Ruth Brickley. Funeral service will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park of Great Bend with Masonic graveside rites. Friends may call from 1-9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until noon, all at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center - Alzheimer’s Unit, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 9, 2002

Kyra May Mitchell 2001-2002

HOISINGTON — Kyra May Mitchell, 1, died Dec. 7 at Central Kansas Medical Center of Great Bend. She was born Nov. 11, 2001, at Wichita, the daughter of Bradley and Devon L. Reynolds Mitchell. She was a resident of Hoisington. Mitchell was
baptized on Nov. 11, 2001, at Nazarene Church of Hoisington. Survivors include her parents of Hoisington; grandparents, Tina and Harold Reynolds of Hoisington, and Ronnie and Elva Mitchell of Ellinwood; and great-grandparents, Arlene Dietzsch and Betty Reese, both of Burlington, Iowa, Karen Hamby of Ellinwood and Archie D. Mitchell of Bolivar, Mo. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. The family will receive friends from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Kyra May Mitchell Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 9, 2002

December 10, 2002

Donny Taylor 1963-2002

Donny Taylor, 39, of Great Bend, died Dec. 7 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was born March 22, 1963, in Lubbock, Texas, the son of Evelyn Ragland Young and Lee Clayton Taylor. He married Lori Winebrinner July 8, 2000, in Olney, Texas. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Levelland, Texas, in 2002, and formerly of Olney, he was employed by Doric Burial Vaults in Newton and coached young children in various sports and activities for several years. Taylor was a member of the Baptist faith. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Christopher Lee Taylor and Jeffrey Morris, both of Olney; his mother of Wichita Falls, Texas; his father of Olney; three brothers, David Taylor of Wichita Falls, Bobby Ragland of Lubbock, and Jimmy Pollard of Olney; and five sisters, Debbie Jones, Rhonda Cook and Ginger Parks, all of Olney, Darla Dobbs of Wichita Falls, and Theresa Sloan of Newcastle, Texas. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Heather Don Taylor. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Southside Baptist Church of Olney with the Rev. Andy Graham officiating. Burial will be at Restland Cemetery. Lun Funeral Home of Olney is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 10, 2002

Clement E. ‘Clem’ Barton 1919-2002

Clement E. “Clem” Barton, 83, died Dec. 9 at Great Bend. He was born July 6, 1919, at Waukesha, Wis., the son of Oscar and Mary Ball Barton. He married Cleo May. A resident of Great Bend since 1951, coming from Dodge City, he was owner and operator for B & B Auto Wrecking, retiring in 1986. He was a member and past president of Noon Lions Club, American Legion Post 180 and a former scout master of Troop 150, all of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in the European Theatre in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Greg Barton of Wichita; one daughter, Linda Carter of Stafford, Va.; one brother, Glenn Barton of Boise, Idaho; one sister, Virginia Paige of Dodge City; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by one brother, O.J. Barton and one sister, Melba Komarek. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the First Christian Church Building Fund in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 10, 2002

Margie H. ‘Georgie Bell’ Davis 1923-2002

HOISINGTON — Margie H. “Georgie Bell” Davis, 79, died Dec. 8 at Central Kansas Medical Center. She was born Jan. 4, 1923, in Mullinville, the daughter of James B. and Della Mae Barstow Carr. She married Donald W. Davis July 24, 1941, at Greensburg. He died Feb. 28, 1998. She was a resident of Hoisington since 1958, coming from Greensburg, she was a former employee of CO Mammels in Hoisington. She was a member of Hoisington Bible Church and AARP. Survivors include three sons, Don L. Davis of Great Bend and Jerrold D. and Michael L. Davis, both of Hoisington; two daughters, Shelly Laurent and Lisa Bunker, both of Hoisington; 13 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband and one sister, Melba Komarek. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Gary Clark officiating. Burial will be at Restland Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church or Betty Littrell Memorial Scholarship in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 10, 2002


VICTORIA — Arthur R. “Art” Riedel, 88, died Dec. 7 at St. John’s Nursing Home of Victoria. He was born March 7, 1914, at Victoria, the son of Andrew M. and Francesca Pfeifer Riedel. He was a 1932 graduate of Hays High School. He married Thelma G. Sander on June 3, 1941, in Victoria. She died Dec. 8, 2000. A resident of Victoria for 10 days, he worked at the Star and Fox Theaters and then as a gas serviceman with Central Kansas Power & MidWest Energy until his retirement in 1976. Riedel was a member of St. Joseph’s Church, St. Joseph’s Council 1325 of the Knights of Columbus, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, all of Hays. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served during WW II as a paratrooper in England and France with the Army 82nd Airborne Division. He was awarded the Purple Heart. Survivors include four sons: Ken Riedel of Lakewood, Colo., Art Riedel, Jr. of Larned, Bill Riedel of Aurora, Colo., and Bob Riedel of Omaha, Neb.; one daughter, Kathy Petr of Wichita; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by five brothers: Damian Riedel, Felix Riedel, Rudolph Riedel, Edward Riedel and Clarence Riedel; and two sisters, Elia Hefner and Melinda Higby. Parish vigil service will be at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday followed by a Knights of Columbus rosary, both at Brock’s North Hill Chapel of Hays. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. David Metz officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph’s Cemetery with graveside military honors by the Hays VFW. Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday and from 8:30 until 9:45 a.m. Thursday, all at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to TMP-Marian High School, St. Joseph’s Church, or St. John’s New Horizons, all in Hays, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 10, 2002
Helen Folsom 1907-2002

HOISINGTON — Helen Folsom, 95, died Dec. 9 at Good Samaritan Home in Hays. She was born Jan. 9, 1907, at McCracken, the daughter of Kit Carson and Minnie Coleman Plotner. She married George M. Folsom May 20, 1929, at Great Bend. He died Aug. 27, 1974. A resident of Hays for the past four years, she was a longtime Hoisington resident, having settled there in 1937. She was a homemaker. She was a member of Eastside United Methodist Church of Newton and Order of the Eastern Star Una Chapter 119 of Hoisington. Survivors include two sons, Kenneth Folsom of Hays and Wayne Folsom of Salina; one daughter, Joan K. TanBarge of Walton; 13 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Fred Plotner, Ralph Plotner, Tom Plotner and Luke Plotner; five sisters, Hattie Ross, Jenny Wright, Mabel Shineman, Pam Evans and Nellie Plotner; and one granddaughter, Teri Marie Burdett. Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. William C. Miller officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery.

Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Good Samaritan Home or donor’s choice, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 10, 2002

December 11, 2002

Milton Arla Rose 1937-2002

Milton Arla Rose, 65, of Great Bend, died Dec. 10 at Central Kansas Medical Center of Great Bend. He was born Sept. 10, 1937, at Hudson, the son of Chester A. and Mary Krokosska Rose. He married Joyce Ann Davis on Aug. 16, 1959, at Ellinwood. A resident of Great Bend since 1967, coming from Hudson, he was a service representative and truck driver for Champion Technologies of Great Bend for 35 years until his retirement in 1999. Rose was a member of First Baptist Church of Ellinwood. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Sharis Ann Bayless of Great Bend and Lisa Marie Milton of Hudson; two brothers, William R. Rose of Great Bend and Irvin A. Rose of Hudson; one sister, Irene M. Walls of St. John; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by five brothers, Frank Rose, Harry Rose, Elmer Rose, Art Rose and Edward Rose; and one sister, Sophia Scharzt. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. David Wesner officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery of Ellinwood. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Bryant 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, Dec. 11, 2002

December 12, 2002

Jon Marion Carroll 1944-2002

WOODLAND PARK, Colo. — Jon Marion Carroll, 58, died Dec. 7 at his residence. He was born July 31, 1944, at Wichita, the son of Frank M. and Edna M. Storer Carroll. He was a graduate of Emporia State University. He married Rosemarie K. Urban. A resident of Woodland Park, he was owner of Butterfly Supply Company, former owner of Carroll Oil Production and was involved with Great Plains Inspection of Great Bend and Rod Shop of Casper, Wyo. Carroll was past area chairman of Ducks Unlimited, volunteer reserve deputy for Barton County Sheriff’s Office and member of Ahearn Club of Kansas State University of Manhattan. He served as a foster parent from 1978-1981 and as host parent in the Foreign Exchange Student Program. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served for 28 years and retiring with the rank of Captain in 1992. He was the Commander of Special Forces A Team of Little Rock, Ark. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Fawn Jennifer Carroll of Lawrence and Shineman, Pam Evans and Nellie Plotner; and one granddaughter, Teri Marie Burdett. Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at the church. Memorial will be at 7:30 tonight at the church, followed by Knights of Columbus rosary. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church.

Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Mike Ahearn Scholarship Fund of KSU, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 12, 2002

Gerald F. ’Jerry’ Birzer 1938-2002

ELLINWOOD — Gerald F. "Jerry" Birzer, 64, died Dec. 10 at Central Kansas Medical Center of Great Bend. He was born Aug. 22, 1938, at Ellinwood, the son of Joseph F. and Marie Anna Huslig Birzer. He was a 1956 graduate of Ellinwood High School. He married Mary Ann Sink Wolford on March 19, 1960, at Reno, Nev. A lifetime resident of Ellinwood, he was employed by Ernsting’s Radiator of Ellinwood until his retirement and was a former employee of L.R. Parsons Roofing of Great Bend. Birzer was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, choir member, Knights of Columbus Council 1187 and Ark Valley Muzzle Loaders, all of Ellinwood. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Cletus Wolford of Ellinwood and David Birzer of Lyons; two daughters, Dorothea Slack and Vickie Alexander, both of Great Bend; three brothers, Jerome Birzer of Ellinwood, Ervin Birzer of Santa Barbara, Calif., and Norman Birzer of Frederick, Md.; three sisters, Theresa Baker of Colby, Marcella Birzer of Ellinwood and Sister Rita Birzer of Great Bend; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Lucille Macek and infant, Margaret Mary Birzer. Parish vigil will be at 7:30 tonight at the church, followed by Knights of Columbus rosary. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. David Flager officiating. Burial will be at St. Peter and Paul Cemetery of Ellinwood. Friends may call from 3-8 tonight at the church. Memorials are suggested to Relay for Life or St. Joseph School Endowment Fund, both in care of Sillin Funeral Home of Lyons. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 12, 2002
H. Lee Turner 1927-2002

BOULDER, Colo. — H. Lee Turner, 75, died Dec. 10 at his residence in Boulder. Born July 26, 1927, in Newton, he was the son of Lester Obrien and Eva Hampton Turner. He married Elizabeth L. Dillon Sept. 15, 1951, in Lawrence. He received his LLB from the University of Kansas in 1952. He was a national debate champion in 1951. Living in Boulder since 1984, he was formerly from Great Bend. Turner worked as a brakeman on the Santa Fe Railroad to pay his way through college. In Great Bend, he hung out his shingle as a lawyer and soon was conducting trials throughout Kansas, as the founder of Turner and Boisseau in Great Bend from 1952 to 1984, where he tried over 1,700 jury trials, including many landmark cases and obtaining many record-breaking judgments. He was the founder of the American Law Firm Association, which now includes 7,000 lawyers; and a founding member of the ABA Section of Economics of Law Practice and Kansas Defense Lawyers Association. He was the originating chairman of the ABA’s Special Committee on Legal Assistants and for over 13 years was a faculty member of the National Trial Advocacy Institute of Continuing Legal Education. Turner was a member of the American and Kansas Bar Associations; Federation of Insurance Counsel; and Defense Research Institute. He was a member of Boulder Rotary Club. His hobbies included flying, hiking, chess, traveling, scuba diving and collecting art. Turner died peacefully at noon on a sunny day with his wife, all of his children and many grandchildren telling stories to make him smile, and with the grandchildren at schools around the nation phoning and sending e-mail messages of farewell. Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth L. Turner of Boulder; one son Chase Turner of Great Bend; five daughters, Deborah Carney of Golden, Colo., Stephanie Turner of Oakland, Calif., Cynthia Latham of Moraga, Calif., and Fernanda Litt of Superior, Colo.; one brother, Dan Turner of Denver, Colo.; and 12 grandchildren. Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Boulder. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Warren Stecklein officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Sunflower Diversified Services, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 12, 2002

February 13, 2002

Donny Taylor 1963-2002

Donny Taylor, 39, of Great Bend, died Dec. 7 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was born March 22, 1963, in Lubbock, Texas, the son of Evelyn Ragland Young and Lee Clayton Taylor. He married Lori Winebrinner July 8, 2000, in Olney, Texas. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Levelland, Texas, in 2002, and formerly of Olney, he was employed by Doric Burial Vaults in Newton and coached young children in various sports and activities for several years. Taylor was a member of the Baptist faith. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Christopher Lee Taylor and Jeffrey Morris, both of Olney; one stepson, Dallas Tomlin of Great Bend; his mother of Wichita Falls, Texas; his father of Olney; three brothers, David Taylor of Wichita Falls, Bobby Ragland of Lubbock, and Jimmy Pollard of Olney; and five sisters, Debbie Jones, Rhonda Cook and Ginger Parks, all of Olney, Darla Dobbs of Wichita Falls, and Theresa Sloan of Newcastle, Texas; and numerous nephews, nieces, uncles, aunts and cousins. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Heather Don Taylor. Funeral service was Dec. 11 at Southside Baptist Church of Olney with the Rev. Andy Graham officiating. Burial was at Restlind Cemetery. Lunn Funeral Home of Olney was in charge of funeral arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 13, 2002

February 15, 2002

The Rev. William M. Skidmore 1941-2002

ELLSWORTH — The Rev. William M. Skidmore, 61, died Dec. 13 at Ellsworth County Medical Center in Ellsworth. He was born Oct. 10, 1941, in Edisto Island, S.C., the son of William Sr. and Lynly Magill Skidmore. He graduated from the University of Arizona. He married Irene Tokar on May 19, 1973, in Maryland. A resident of Ellsworth for three years, coming from North Carolina, he was an Episcopal priest and chaplain at St. Francis Academy in Ellsworth and Salina. Skidmore was a member of the musical fraternity at the University of Arizona, the Barton County Community College orchestra, the Ellsworth Ministerial Alliance, a priest of the diocese of western Kansas and served at the Holy Apostles Episcopal Church in Ellsworth. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Kate Doetzl of Kansas City, Mo.; one brother, Elliot Skidmore of Edisto Island; and two grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Christ Cathedral in Salina, with the Rev. James Adams, bishop of western Kansas, officiating. Burial will be at Christ Cathedral. There is no visitation. cremation has taken place.
Mae L. Gross 1937-2002

Mae L. Gross, 65, of Great Bend, died Dec. 13 at Kansas Heart Hospital in Wichita. She was born March 11, 1937, in Bloomington, Neb., the daughter of Cleveland Franklin and Alice Harger Hayes. She married Loa D. Allen on Jan. 20, 1952, in Phillips County. He died July 7, 1971. She married Clyde E. Gross on Aug. 30, 1974, in Gardner. A resident of Great Bend since 1958, coming from Phillipsburg, she retired from Fuller Brush as a machine operator and worked for the USD 428 food service. Mrs. Gross was a member of the Central Baptist Church in Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Loa O. Allen of San Jose, Calif.; two daughters, Marlene Kendall of Phillipsburg and Lynetta Allen of Hays; one brother, Cleve Hayes of Jacksonville, Ore.; one sister, Elsie Dusin of Council Bluffs, Iowa; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend, with the Rev. Roger Miller officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from noon until 9 p.m. Monday and 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Brit Spaugh Park and Zoo, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 15, 2002

December 16, 2002

Lorena Helen Taylor 1910-2002

HUDSON — Lorena Helen Taylor, 92, died Dec. 13 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born Nov. 30, 1910, at Hudson, the daughter of Dietrick and Mary Weers Schleufer. She married Luther Burnell Taylor on Jan. 10, 1931, at Pratt. He died Aug. 28, 1955. A longtime resident of Stafford County, coming from Wichita and Indiana, she was a dental assistant for Dr. Wilson at Stafford and a sales clerk for a health food store at Wichita. Mrs. Taylor was a member of Trinity United Church of Christ in Hudson, past member of Order of the Eastern Star and Hudson I.Q. Club. Survivors include three daughters, Ramona Blevins of Pioneer, Calif., Mary Ann Brock of Maryville, Tenn., and Connie Hathaway of Hudson; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 3 today at Stafford cemetery with the Rev. George Redington officiating. Memorials are suggested to the church or American Heart Association, both in care of Minnis Chapel of Stafford. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 16, 2002

Helen B. Toler 1913-2002

Helen B. Toler, 89 of Great Bend, died Dec. 14 at Central Kansas Medical Center of Great Bend. She was born Sept. 2, 1913, at Otis, the daughter of Avery and Sophia Brack Avis. She was a 1932 graduate of Otis High School. A resident of Great Bend for 16 years, coming from Lookwood, Mo., she was the owner of Holiday Resort of Women Lake, Minn., for 20 years. Toler was a member of the Lutheran Church. Survivors include two nephews, Mearl Avis of Arlington, Texas, and Loren Avis of Golden, Colo.; and one niece, Sharon Avis of Columbus, Ohio. A private family inurnment will take place at Trinity Lutheran Church cemetery of Otis. The body will be cremated. Memorials are suggested to Great Bend Humane Society, in care of Charter Funerals of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 16, 2002

Betty Jean Trotnic 1927-2002

HOISINGTON — Betty Jean Trotnic, 75, died Dec. 14 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 16, 2002

December 17, 2002

Earl Baker Jr. 1925-2002

BROOMFIELD, Colo., — Earl Baker Jr., 77, died Dec. 13 in Broomfield. He was born April 22, 1925, in Okeene, Okla., the son of Earl and Roxie Baker. He graduated from Okeene High School in 1943 and attended Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla. He married Doris Kubat Feb. 3, 1951, at Oklahoma City, Okla. A resident of Broomfield since 1993, coming from Great Bend where he had lived for over 35 years, he worked in the oil industry where he retired in 1988 as the drilling superintendent of National Cooperative Refinery Association. Baker was a veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Curtis Baker; two daughters, Christy Tuttle and Stacie Hamilton; two sisters, Alice Schnell and Iola Chandler; five grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. Rosary will be at 7 tonight at Rundus Funeral Home in Broomfield. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church in Broomfield. Graveside memorial will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Collins cemetery in Okeene, Okla. Family will receive friends following the graveside service at St. Anthony’s Catholic Church, 211 South Fifth St., Okeene. The body was cremated. Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Boulder in memory of Earl Baker Jr., in care of Wilkinson Mortuary of Okeene.

Vera Louise ‘Sammi Lou’ Bunting 1921-2002

LARNED — Vera Louise “Sammi Lou” Bunting, 81, died Dec. 15 at St. Joseph Long Term Care Center in Larned. She was born
Arcadio Banda 1906-2002

Arcadio Banda, 96, died Dec. 15 at Central Kansas Medical Center of Great Bend. He was born Jan. 12, 1906, at Fresnillo, Zacatecas, Mexico, the son of Prajedis and Candelaria Brios Banda. He married Beatrice Angviano. She died in 1988. A resident of Great Bend since 1988, coming from Mexico, he was a retired farmer. Banda was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church of Great Bend. Survivors include two sons, Antonio Banda and Francisco "Pancho" Banda, both of Holcomb; two daughters, Olivia "Petra" Banda Garcia and Paula Banda, both of Great Bend; 26 grandchildren; 63 great-grandchildren; and 23 great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sons, Manuel Banda and Eduardo Banda; three brothers, Francisco Banda, Pedro Banda and Augustine Banda; and one sister, Petra Banda. Vigil service will be at 7:30 tonight at the church. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday 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. until noon Wednesday, all at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend.
Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 17, 2002

Alice Eckert 1909-2002

Alice Eckert, 92, of Great Bend, died Dec. 16 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 17, 2002

December 18, 2002

Scotty K. Kolb 1954-2002

WICHITA — Scotty K. Kolb, 48, died Dec. 13. He was born Aug. 27, 1954, in Larned, the son of Harold Andrew “Sandy” and Rhoda Jean Donovan Kolb. He married Sarah. He was a mental health technician. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Steven Kolb of Wichita; one daughter, Susan Kolb of Lawrence; his father, “Sandy” Kolb of Pawnee Rock; and three brothers, Jon Kolb of Topeka, Jim Kolb of Larned and Jan Kolb of Garfield. He was preceded in death by his mother and a brother Kiah. Memorial was this morning at Downing and Lahey Mortuary in Wichita. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to Harry Hyes Memorial Hospice of Wichita in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune December 18, 2002

Roy L. Mefford 1903-2002

ELLINWOOD — Roy L. Mefford, 99, died Dec. 16 at Ellinwood District Hospital. He was born Jan. 17, 1903 in Indian Territory, Haskell, Okla., the son of Homer E. and Cordelia Martin Mefford. He married Mary Alice Simmons July 16, 1926, at Sapulpa, Okla. She died Feb. 14, 1998. A resident of Ellinwood for 43 years, coming from Plainville, Benton and Burrtton, he was a pumper with Gulf Oil Corporation, retiring in 1959. Survivors include one son, Joe Mefford of Hot Springs Village, Ark.; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two daughters, Joyce Wirtz and Judith Mefford; two brothers, Vernon Mefford and Orville Mefford; one sister, Faye Greer; and one grandson, Jim Wirtz. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Kimple Funeral Chapel in Ellinwood with the Rev. David Flager officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph’s School Endowment Fund or to Ellinwood Hospital Auxiliary, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune December 18, 2002

Ina Maye Toland 1908-2002

ST. JOHN — Ina Maye Toland, 94, died Dec. 16 at Pratt Regional Living Center. She was born Oct. 20, 1908, at Stafford County, the daughter of Thomas Aaron and Orba Viola Keith Toland. A longtime St. John area resident, she was a laboratory technician for Black-Christmann Clinic in Pratt. She was a member of Antrim United Methodist Church in rural St. John. Survivors include many cousins. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Calvin Toland and Orle Cleo Toland; and two sisters, Evaline Toland and Lorrine Toland. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Minnis Chapel in St. John with the Rev. W. Harlan Rittgers officiating. Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery in Dodge City. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Stafford County Firefighters, USD 350 Education Foundation, or Kingman Scholarship Fund, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune December 18, 2002

Curtis Alexander Rinehart 1920-2002

DODGE CITY — Curtis Alexander Rinehart, 82, died Dec. 16 at Ford. He was born Feb. 16, 1920, at Ford County, the son of Curtis A. and Bessie McMichael Rinehart. He graduated from Ford High School and Dodge City Business College. He married Mary Catherine Sanko Jan. 16, 1945, at Dodge City. A resident of Dodge City coming from rural Ford County in 1995, he was a farmer/stockman. He served on the Ford Township Board for many years. Survivors include his wife of the home; seven daughters, Brenda Frey and Susan Vogel, both of Ford, Celia “Jodi” Newton of Sandia Park, N.M., Patty Pruett of Dodge City, Marilyn Schartz of Ellinwood, Karen Stardy of Wichita and DeAnna “Dee” Zimmer of Page, Ariz.; one sister, Neva Patterson of Copeland; 15 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Swaim Funeral Home in Dodge City. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home with the Rev. Ted Skalsky officiating. Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery in Dodge City. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Ronald McDonald House of Wichita or Arrowhead West of Dodge City, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune December 18, 2002

Alice Eckert 1909-2002

Alice Eckert, 92, died Dec. 16 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center of Great Bend. She was born Dec. 29, 1909, at Barton County, the daughter of Fred and Anna Otte Henning. She married Leonard L. Eckert Oct. 15, 1934 at Lindsborg. He died July 8, 1997. A resident of Barton County for 80 years, coming from Emerson, Iowa, she had worked as a clerk at Barton County Court House, retiring in 1982. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and Sunflower Club. Survivors include one son, Donald Eckert of Pittsburgh, PA; one daughter, Sharon Hicks of Great Bend; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. James A. Strassen officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan)
Mae L. Gross 1937-2002

Additional survivors for Mae L. Gross, 65, who died Dec. 13 include one stepson, Terry Gross of Great Bend; and stepdaughters, Susan Frusher of Ness City and Cynthia Reinert of Sylvia. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune December 18, 2002

Richard B. Thorpe 1930-2002

LARNED — Richard B. Thorpe, 72, died Dec. 17 at Pratt Regional Medical Center of Pratt. He was born May 14, 1930, at Kingman, the son of Ernal and Florence Thorpe. A resident of Larned, he was a special Olympian. Survivors include two brothers, Vincle Thorpe and Ernal Thorpe Jr. Graveside service will be at 4 p.m. Friday at Farmington Cemetery of Macksville with the Rev. Larry Popovich officiating. Friends may call from 6-8 tonight at Minnis Chapel of Macksville. Memorials are suggested to Macksville EMS, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 19, 2002

Grace M. Bestwick 1922-2002

SALINA — Grace M. Bestwick, 80, died Dec. 18. She was born Nov. 6, 1922, at Medford, Okla. She married Richard Lee Walton. He preceded her in death. She married R. C. Kinney. He preceded her in death. She then married Floyd Bestwick. He preceded her in death. She was a resident of Salina. She was a bartender at Great Bend Country Club until her retirement in 1977. Survivors include one son, Marvin Walton of Salina; one stepson, Ric Braun of San Antonio, Texas; one stepdaughter, Joan Keene; 13 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one son, Laverne; and one daughter, Patricia Walton. Funeral service will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at Roselawn Heights Memorial Chapel of Salina. Burial will be at Medford. Friends may call until 5:30 tonight at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or Smoky Hill Rehab, both in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 19, 2002

Earl H. Amstutz 1919-2002

RANSOM — Earl H. Amstutz, 83, died Dec. 18 at Hays Medical Center of Hays. He was born July 27, 1919, at Ransom, the son of David and Lorena Harkness Amstutz. A lifetime resident of Ransom, he was a farmer. Amstutz was a member of United Methodist Church and Go-Getters Senior Citizens, both of Ransom and Moose Lodge of Hutchinson. Survivors include one son, Russell G. Amstutz of Hutchinson; one daughter, Barbara "Bobbie" Dellingier of Hutchinson; one brother, Maz L. Amstutz of Ft. Wayne, Ind.; one sister, Fayne Snedden of Joplin, Mo.; one granddaughter; two great-granddaughters; and two step-granddaughters. He was preceded in death by one brother, Fred Leroy Amstutz; two sisters, Hazel Davis and Fern Crossland. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Fitzgerald Funeral Home of Ness City with the Revs. Bruce Ferguson and Sandy Ferguson officiating. Burial will be at Ransom Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Go-Getters Senior Citizens Center of Ransom or American Cancer Society, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 19, 2002

Eleanor Violet Sauer Crowell 1918-2002

CHEYENNE WELLS, Colo. — Eleanor Violet Sauer Crowell, 84, died Dec. 9 at her home in Cheyenne Wells. She was born Feb. 12, 1918, the daughter of Fidelis and Rosa Wasinger Sauer. She was a graduate of LaCrosse High School. She married John Lee Crowell March 5, 1946. He died July 19, 1980 at Cheyenne Wells. A resident of Cheyenne Wells, coming from LaCrosse, she was a former teacher, a representative for Watkins products, and a bookkeeper for her husband’s business in Cheyenne Wells. She was a member of Sacred Heart Altar Society of Cheyenne Wells. Survivors include two sons, John A. Crowell of Cheyenne Wells and Jarett Lee Crowell of Houston, Texas; one daughter, Ellette Eiring of Cheyenne Wells; one brother, Fred Sauers of Wichita; five sisters, Sister Ann Sauers of Concordia, Philomene Sims of Wichita., Germaine Barker of Ashland, Oregon, Jean Bartlett of Cassville, Mo., and Florina Geissler of Springfield, Oregon; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Virgilis Sauer, Frank Sauer and Edward Sauer; four sisters, Mary Eve, Anna Margaret and Saraphine and Pauline; and one grandson, Shawn Eiring. Funeral was Dec. 13 at the church. Burial was at Fairview Cemetery in Cheyenne Wells. Memorials are suggested to Sacred Heart Altar Society in Cheyenne Wells in care of Brown Funeral Home in Cheyenne Wells. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 19, 2002

Irvin D. Hubin 1911-2002

JETMORE — Irvin D. Hubin, 91, died Dec. 18 at Hodgeman County Long Term Care Center in Jetmore. He was born Oct. 25, 1911 in Hodgeman County, the son of Jacob J. and Katie Ewy Hubin. A lifetime area resident, he worked in the ASCS office for 30 years and was a farmer. He was a member of United Methodist Church of Jetmore. Survivors include one brother, Raymond Hubin of Jetmore; and two sisters, Olga Glasgow of Chanute and Anna Bristow of Jetmore. He was preceded in death by one brother, Quinton Hubin and three sisters, Ada Wasko, Esther Rehmert and Alvena Eichman. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday
at the church with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Burial will be at Memorial Cemetery in Hanston. Memorials are suggested to Hodgeman County Long Term Care Center in Jetmore in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 20, 2002

**Everette W. Volpert 1920-2002**

WAMEGO — Everette W. Volpert, 82, died Dec. 18 at Wamego City Hospital. He was born May 24, 1920, at Swanwick, Ill., the son of Charles John and Wilhelmina Susanna Echterhoff Volpert. He married Dorothy Zartman-Young on April 23, 1946, at Rochester, Ind. She died July 23, 1949. He married Mariam Dickerhoff in June of 1950. They divorced. He then married Mary Reed-Shaner on Aug. 6, 1973, at Junction City. A resident of the Wamego area for more than 50 years, coming from Illinois and Indiana, he was a carpenter and foreman for Baril Construction and owner and manager of Slim’s Downtown Cafe, both of Manhattan. Volpert was a member of Carpenter’s Union Local 918, Eagles Lodge, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran, having served during World War II in the South Pacific. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Greg Volpert and Jeff Volpert, both of Topeka, and Stephen Volpert of Great Bend; four daughters, Nancy Volpert of Kent, Wash., Teresa Dimond of Chanute, Jeanette Hodges of St. George and Deborah Wisehart of Manhattan; and five sisters. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at RJ Evans Mortuary of Wamego, with military honors. Memorials are suggested to American Lung Association or donor’s choice, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 20, 2002

**Leland L. Mantel 1928-2002**

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Leland L. Mantel, 74, died Dec. 10 at Denver, Colo. He was born Sept. 22, 1928, at Great Bend, the son of Ludwig Louis and Anna Bayer Mantel. He was a 1946 graduate of Ellinwood High School, a 1951 graduate of the University of Southern California with a bachelor of engineering in mechanical engineering and attended the University of Denver graduate school on a football scholarship. He married Charline Faden on March 31, 1961. A resident of Englewood, coming from Ellinwood and Denver, he was a retired sales engineer for Allis-Chalmers Electric Power Plant Equipment, Denver Equipment Division of Joy Manufacturing Company, rubber-lined slurry pumps sales engineer and marketing manager of Denver and received a Colorado real estate license in 1981. Mantel was a U.S. Army veteran, having served with the Chief Continental Army Command Test Board. He was involved with the testing of the “Nike” surface to air missile testing at the White Sands Testing Range in New Mexico. Survivors include his wife of the home; and one daughter, Kathleen Knoblock of Denver. Memorial service was held on Dec. 14 at Littleton, Colo. Cremation has taken place. Inurnment will take place at a later date at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery of Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to Ellinwood School and Library Foundation, in care of Kimple Funeral Home of Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 20, 2002

**Charles H. Ashley 1931-2002**

STAFFORD — Charles H. Ashley, 71, died Dec. 15 at his residence. He was born May 4, 1931, at Decatur, Neb., the son of Harrod and Virginia Young Ashley. He married Lorena. She preceded him in death. A resident of Stafford since 1971, he was an operator at the light plant for the city of Stafford and worked for Stafford County. Ashley was a past member of Veterans of Foreign Wars of Stafford and St. John the Apostle Catholic Church, former Boy Scout Master and Little League baseball coach and past Stafford EMT. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, having served during the Korean War. Survivors include two sons, Charles “Butch” Ashley of Pratt and Rick Ashley of Halstead; three daughters, Debi Cox of Oxford, and Karen M. Ashley and Ginger Hawkins, both of Wichita; one brother, Lynn Ashley of Southern California with a bachelor of engineering in mechanical engineering and attended the University of Denver graduate school on a football scholarship. He married Charline Faden on March 31, 1961. A resident of Englewood, coming from Ellinwood and Denver, he was a retired sales engineer for Allis-Chalmers Electric Power Plant Equipment, Denver Equipment Division of Joy Manufacturing Company, rubber-lined slurry pumps sales engineer and marketing manager of Denver and received a Colorado real estate license in 1981. Mantel was a U.S. Army veteran, having served with the Chief Continental Army Command Test Board. He was involved with the testing of the “Nike” surface to air missile testing at the White Sands Testing Range in New Mexico. Survivors include his wife of the home; and one daughter, Kathleen Knoblock of Denver. Memorial service was held on Dec. 14 at Littleton, Colo. Cremation has taken place. Inurnment will take place at a later date at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery of Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to Ellinwood School and Library Foundation, in care of Kimple Funeral Home of Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 20, 2002

**Benjamin ‘Don’ Cain 1921-2002**

Benjamin “Don” Cain, 81, of Great Bend, died Dec. 18 at Great Bend. He was born Jan. 21, 1921, at Jacksonsburg, W.Va., the son of Arch and Alma Ash Cain. He married Stephanie C. Schenk on Nov. 3, 1942, at Great Bend. A longtime resident of Great Bend, he was a contract pumper. Cain was a member of American Legion Post 180, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111, Ducks Unlimited and Pheasants Forever. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Jim Cain of Great Bend; one daughter, Karen Perry-Hayes of Great Bend; two sisters, Ione Hidde of Hutchinson and Ida Lou Funk of Winfield; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Vigil service will be at 7 tonight at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Ann’s Catholic Church of Olmitz with the Rev. Ullan Murphy officiating. Burial will be at St. Ann’s Cemetery of Olmitz with full military honors. Friends may call until 9 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Pheasants Forever-Youth Scholarship Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 20, 2002

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**Edith M. Schroeder 1908-2002**

ALBERT — Edith M. Schroeder, 94, died Dec. 20 at the Great Bend Health & Rehabilitation Center of Great Bend. She was born April 11, 1908 in Abbyville, the daughter of Claude and Birtie Duvall Bridgeman. She married Leslie Frederick Schroeder on Dec. 24, 1934 in Abbyville. He died Feb. 13, 1995. A resident of the Albert area since 1934, coming from Abbyville, she was a school teacher at Otis High School. Mrs. Schroeder was a member of the Albert United Methodist Church. United Methodist Women.
Sunday School superintendent and Happy Agers Club of Otis. Survivors include one sister, Marie Elliott of Hutchinson. She was preceded in death by one brother, Leo Bridgeman. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend, with the Rev. Mary Ohlmeier officiating. Burial will be in the Albert Community Cemetery of Albert. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today and 9 a.m. until service time Monday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the King Memorial United Methodist Church or Albert Fire Department, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 22, 2002

Charles M. Greenstreet 1920-2002

JETMORE — Charles M. Greenstreet, 82, died Dec. 21 at Hodgeman County Long Term Care of Jetmore. He was born June 19, 1920 in Hodgeman County, the son of Charles T. and Margert Lobil Greenstreet. He married Mabel Jordan on Sept. 1, 1957 at Hanston. She died March 11, 2002. A longtime Hodgeman County resident, he was a farmer. Greenstreet was a member of the Elks of Dodge City. Survivors include one step daughter, Mildred Rupp of Hays; eight step grandchildren; 10 step great grandchildren; and two step great great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three step sons, Jack, Lawrence and James; one brother, Herb Greenstreet; and two sisters, Margert and Amanda. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Hanston Cemetery in Hanston, with the Rev. Mark Durham officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and until service time Monday, both at Beckwith Funeral Home of Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to the Hodgeman County Long Term Care Center in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 22, 2002

Edna-Mae Boock 1921-2002

STERLING — Edna-Mae Boock, 81, died Dec. 20 at Hutchinson Hospital of Hutchinson. She was born Oct. 31, 1921 at Independence, Mo., the daughter of Harry and Ethel Johnston Harris. She married David L. Boock on Oct. 31, 1949 in Hutchinson. He died Nov. 29, 1986. A longtime Sterling resident, she was a retired Avon team leader. Mrs. Boock was a member of the United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Helping Hands at United Methodist Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary, American Legion Auxiliary, Independent Order of Oddfellows Rebekah's Lodge 172, all of Sterling, and Silver City Sam's Chapter of the Sam's Travel Club. Survivors include two sons, Harold Tissue of Hutchinson and Dava Walker of St. John; five grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Harold Tissue of Hutchinson and Dava Walker of St. John; five grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Sterling Community Cemetery with Dr. Lee R. Louderback officiating. Friends may call from 1-4 p.m. today at Sillin Funeral Home of Sterling. Memorials are suggested to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation or Stafford Education Foundation, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 22, 2002

George A. Heier 1916-2002

PARK — George A. Heier, 86, died Dec. 19 at Gove County Medical Center of Quinter. He was born Jan. 6, 1916, at Park, the son of John and Mary Heisler Heier. He married Cecilia Zerr on May 7, 1940, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Park. She died June 11, 1985. A resident of Park, he was a farmer and stockman. Heier was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Survivors include three sons, Delbert Heier and Jim Heier, both of Park, and Ed Heier of Great Bend; one daughter, Veronica Hemmert of Garden City; one brother, Ted Heier of Park; three sisters, Clara Uhrich of Quinter, Ida Schwarzenberger of Collyer and Margaret Zerr of Hoxie; 13 grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Tony Heier, Nick Heier and Fidel Heier. Funeral service was held Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Mark Berland officiating. Burial was at the church cemetery of Quinter. Memorials are suggested to Masses or the church cemetery fund, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 22, 2002

Bette Cobb Murphy

DALLAS, Texas — Bette Cobb Murphy, 74, died Nov. 5. Survivors include six sons, John Murphy of Highland Village, Texas, Robert Murphy of Farmers Branch, Texas, Michael Murphy of Pigeon Forge, Tenn., Gerrell Murphy of Richardson, Texas, Terrell Murphy of Alvin, Texas, and Steve Murphy of Rowlett, Texas; four daughters, Gena Mann of Hitchcock, Texas, Patricia Tinsley and Martha May, both of Houston, Texas, and Mary Krieger of Mabank, Texas; 36 grandchildren; and 39 great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested in memory of Bette C. Murphy of the American Lung Association, 61 Broadway, New York, NY 10006 or at www.lungusa.com. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 22, 2002

Josephine M. Leiker 1912-2002

HAYS — Josephine M. Leiker, 90, died Dec. 19 at the Hays Medical Center of Hays. She was born Nov. 18, 1912 at Schoenen, the daughter of Joseph and Clementine Dreher Hertel. She married Edward A. Leiker on May 30, 1933 at Hays. He died September 1962. A resident of Hays, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Leiker was a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Survivors include four sons, Duane Leiker of Liberal, Donald L. Leiker of Hays, Allen Leiker of Russell, and Norman Leiker of Craig, Colo.; two daughters, Velma J. Allinger of Great Bend and Mary Ann Pfannenstiel of Clearwater; two half brothers; three half sisters; and numerous step brothers and step sisters; 18 grandchildren; three step grandchildren; 27 great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Virgil Leiker; two half brothers; two sisters; and one grandson. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today at the Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Kevin Weber officiating. Burial will be at the St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today and from 9-9:45 a.m. Monday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church in her name and memory in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 22, 2002
Doris Irene Miller 1916-2002

Doris Irene Miller, 86, of Great Bend, died Dec. 19 at Hospice of St. John of Lakewood, Colo. She was born Aug. 11, 1916 in Great Bend, the daughter of Frank and Cora Wardlaw Asher. She married Sidney D. Miller on Nov 30, 1936 at Granite City, Ill. He died Jan. 18, 2000. A resident of Great Bend for most of her life, with the exception of 10 years in Granite City, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Miller was a member of St. John’s Episcopal Church of Great Bend, Episcopal Church Women, Fort Zarah Unit, and was a volunteer for the American Cancer Society, Red Cross, Meals on Wheels and many other community activities. Survivors include one son, Louis Kim Miller of Evergreen, Colo.; one daughter, Cheryl Peterson of Brighton, Colo.; two brothers, Carlos “Bud” Asher of Troy, Ohio, and Loyd Asher of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two sisters, Ruby Phillips of Great Bend, and Esther Moeller of Phoenix, Ariz.; six grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Robert A. “Tony” Miller, and three sisters, Mildred Tournear, Ellen Doonan and Marie Asher. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Kevin Schmidt officiating. Burial will be in the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church or Great Bend Public Library Talking Books, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 22, 2002

Manuela Renteria 1943-2002

Manuela Renteria, 59, of Great Bend, died Dec. 20 at her residence. She was born July 14, 1943 in Ojinaga, Chihuahua, Mexico, the daughter of Miguel and Candelaria Levario Renteria. A resident of Great Bend for five years, coming from Mexico, she was a homemaker. Renteria was a member of Iglesia Bautista Espanol. Survivors include four sons, Miguel Angel Amendariz, Francisco Javier Rocha, Adrian Renteria, and Baltazar Portillo, all of Great Bend; three daughters, Elvira Alicia Portillo and Camina Portillo, both of Great Bend, and Cruz Lorena Amendariz of Mexico; two sisters, Irma Renteria of Great Bend, and Paula Renteria of Mexico; and 21 grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend, with the Rev. Arturo Ferrell officiating. Burial will be in the Hillcrest Memorial Park of Great Bend. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday and 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the family in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 22, 2002

December 23, 2002

James W. ‘Pete’ Carroll 1917-2002

HOISINGTON — James W. “Pete” Carroll, 85, died Dec. 22 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center of Hoisington. He was born Nov. 28, 1917, at Hoisington, the son of James B. and Clarissa Larkin Carroll. He married Cecilia T. Preisner on June 22, 1941, at Hoisington. A lifetime resident of Hoisington, he was a farmer and retired employee for the city of Hoisington. Carroll was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus Council 1521 and Heritage Club, all of Hoisington. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Dennis Carroll of Kiowa and Walter Carroll of Hoisington; two daughters, Joyce Hibbs of Okla., and Sharon Krumm of Grinnell, Iowa; three sisters, Geneva Carroll and Betty Smith, both of Hoisington, and Edith King of Houma, La.; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two infant sons, Thomas Eugene Carroll and John A. Carroll; one brother, William Carroll; two sisters, Ruby Farnsworth and Irene Hickey; and one grandson, Jacky Summers. Vigil service will be at 7 tonight, followed by a Knights of Columbus rosary, all at Nicholson-Rickert. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at the church cemetery of Hoisington. Friends may call until 9 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, or Cheyenne Meadows Living Center, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 23, 2002

Donald ‘Kitz’ Whitehair 1923-2002

ABILENE — Donald “Kitz” Whitehair, 79, died Dec. 19 at Memorial Hospital in Abilene. He was born April 8, 1923, at Abilene, the son of Paul X. and Mary Rauch Whitehair. He graduated from Abilene High School in 1941. He was a farmer and electrician, having worked for Kansas Power and Light. He was a member of St. Andrew’s Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, Abilene Elks Lodge, Veterans of Foreign Wars and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, all of Abilene. He was a veteran with the U.S. Army Paratroopers, having served in World War II. Survivors include two sons, Patrick Whitehair of San Antonio, Texas, and Richard Whitehair of Huntington Beach, Calif.; two daughters, Debra Hardman of Osbome and Sherry Griffin of Excelsior Springs, Mo.; two brothers, Paul L. Whitehair and Richard J. Whitehair, both of Abilene; two sisters, Mary Virginia Lorson of Hope and Patricia Commerford of Great Bend; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Michael D. Whitehair; and one brother, Dr. Norman V. Whitehair. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Martin-Becker-Carlson Funeral Home in Abilene. Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Randall Weber officiating. Inurnment will be at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. Friends may call until service time Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph Cemetery Fund or St. Andrew’s School, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 23, 2002

Earl Miller

Earl Miller died Dec. 22 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 23, 2002

Dorothy I. Merten 1912-2002

Dorothy I. Merten, 88, of Great Bend, died Dec. 21 at Hospice of St. John of Lakewood, Colo. She was born Aug. 11, 1912, at Great Bend, the daughter of Frank and Cora Wardlaw Asher. She married Sidney D. Miller on Nov. 30, 1936 at Granite City, Ill. He died Jan. 18, 2000. A resident of Great Bend for most of her life, with the exception of 10 years in Granite City, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Miller was a member of St. John’s Episcopal Church of Great Bend, Episcopal Church Women, Fort Zarah Unit, and was a volunteer for the American Cancer Society, Red Cross, Meals on Wheels and many other community activities. Survivors include one son, Louis Kim Miller of Evergreen, Colo.; one daughter, Cheryl Peterson of Brighton, Colo.; two brothers, Carlos “Bud” Asher of Troy, Ohio, and Loyd Asher of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two sisters, Ruby Phillips of Great Bend, and Esther Moeller of Phoenix, Ariz.; six grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Robert A. “Tony” Miller, and three sisters, Mildred Tournear, Ellen Doonan and Marie Asher. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Kevin Schmidt officiating. Burial will be in the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church or Great Bend Public Library Talking Books, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 22, 2002
Dorothy I. Merten, 90, died Dec. 22 at Lifecare Center of Littleton, Colo. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 23, 2002

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Earl Miller 1913-2002

Earl Miller, 89 of Great Bend, died Dec. 22 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. He was born April 14, 1913, at Amber, Okla., the son of Robert and Mittie Esther Young Miller. He married Eleanor K. Miller. She preceded him in death. He then married Eleanor L. Hamilton on Jan. 15, 1984, at Grand Junction, Colo. A resident of Great Bend for 58 years, coming from Oklahoma, he was an oil field producer until his retirement in 1981. Miller was a member of First United Methodist Church and Elks Lodge, both of Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Roberta Lindbeck of Prairie Village and Doris Fritz of Riley; two stepsons, Steve Thomas and Dave Thomas, both of Great Bend; one stepdaughter, Carolyn Huslig of Grand Junction; three brothers, William F. Miller, Horace Miller and Ernest Miller, all of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two sisters, Orene Goodrich of LaHabra, Calif., and Montie Faye Turner of Oklahoma City; many grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Howard Miller; one sister, Ruth Miller; and one stepsister, Esteen Marple. Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Thursday 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. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 24, 2002

Caleb Andrew Clawson 2002-2002

ELLINWOOD — Caleb Andrew Clawson, infant, died Dec. 22 at Wichita. He was born Dec. 22 at Wichita, the son of Kraig and Sloan Pebley Clawson. Survivors include his parents of the home; two brothers, Kody Clawson and Kane Clawson, both of the home; one sister, Anna Clawson of the home; grandparents, Larry and Carol Clawson and Curtis and Jeri Brozek, all of Ellinwood, and Curtis and Deanne Pebley of Larned; and great-grandmother, Jean Lehr of Great Bend. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. today at First Baptist Church in Ellinwood with the Rev. David Wesner officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to Clawson Children Education Fund, in care of Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 24, 2002

James Robert ‘Bob’ Sears 1930-2002

FRITCH, Texas — James Robert “Bob” Sears, 72, died Dec. 20 at Crown of Texas Hospice of Amarillo, Texas. A resident of Fritch for 37 years, coming from Topeka, he was an administrator for the U.S. Agricultural Research Center of Bushland, Texas. Sears was a member of First Southern Baptist Church of Fritch. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include one son, Jim Sears of Irving, Texas; two daughters, Janet Perry of Sunray, Texas, and Jeri Sears of Mineola, Texas; two brothers, Joseph Don Sears of Artesia, Calif., and Roy Duane Sears of Winston-Salem, N.C.; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Funeral service was Dec. 23 at the church with the Rev. Calvin Winters officiating. Burial was at Westlawn Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Fritch Little League, in care of Brown Funeral Directors of Borger, Texas. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 24, 2002

Stacey Lee Maynard 1960-2002

ST. JOHN — Stacey Lee Maynard, 42, died Dec. 21 at her residence. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Minnis Chapel of St. John. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 24, 2002

Norma J. ‘Jean’ Taylor 1935-2002

HUTCHINSON — Norma J. “Jean” Taylor, 67, died Dec. 22 at Hospice House in Hutchinson. She was born June 1, 1935, at Hutchinson, the daughter of John William and Odelia Amelia Uphoff Jones. She was a 1953 graduate of Garden City High School. She attended Oklahoma Women’s College in Chickasha, Okla., and Wichita State University. She married Bernard L. Taylor Nov. 26, 1955, at Garden City. A resident of Reno County, coming from Great Bend, she was a homemaker. She was a member of First Church of the Nazarene of Great Bend; Hutchinson Iris Club; board of directors and secretary for Barton County Historical Society; Barton County Genealogical Society; and a longtime pianist for the church. Survivors include three sons, Steve Taylor of Ottawa, Greg Taylor and Doug Taylor, both of San Jose, Calif.; two daughters, Valerie Tittel of Hutchinson and Michelle Clone of Great Bend; one brother, Marlin Jones of Garden City; 16 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one grandson, Kerry Clone; and one granddaughter, Tessa Tittel. Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at First Church of the Nazarene in Hutchinson with the Dr. Charles G. McCallum 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. Thursday at Elliott Mortuary in Hutchinson. Memorials are suggested to Hospice House or Barton County Historical Society, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 24, 2002

Charlotte A. Brack 1916-2002
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Sarah Schwartz, both of Great Bend; and her friends and caretakers, Wayne and Carolyn Roth of Boulder, Colo. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Boulder County, 2594 Trailridge Center from complications associated with multiple sclerosis. She was 56 years old. Sherry was born June 6, 1946, to Harold and Dorothy I. Merten 1912-2002

Dorothy I. Merten was a homemaker. She was also an active outdoors woman and loved hunting, fishing, camping and horseback riding. She loved animals and had much success in raising and training them. She was a very successful gardener and enjoyed stocking her shelves with her canned goods. She had a great love for Jesus Christ and enjoyed studying about him with friends up until her decline in health. She was preceded in death by her parents and her beloved grandparents, Karl and Gan Kienzle. She is survived by her former husband of Longmont; her son, Jeff Shupe and his wife Elaines of Longmont; her daughter, Debbie Shupe of Denver; three grandchildren, Craig Shupe, Mikaysha Shupe and Cameron Shupe; all of Longmont; her sisters, Kathy Pafford of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Candace Pawlicki of Tennessee; her brother, Randy Schwartz and his wife Denise of Great Bend; one nephew, Walker Schwartz and one niece, Geraldine Schwartz. She was raised in the Great Bend area and graduated from Great Bend High School in 1964. On Oct. 6, 1966, she married Floyd A. Shupe. The couple lived for a short time in Kansas before moving to Northern Colorado. They also lived in Colorado Springs and then settled in the Longmont area. Ms. Shupe was a homemaker. She was an avid gardener and enjoyed raising and training them. She was a very successful gardener and enjoyed stocking her shelves with her canned goods. She had a great love for Jesus Christ and enjoyed studying about him with friends up until her decline in health. She was preceded in death by her parents and her beloved grandparents, Karl and Gan Kienzle. She is survived by her former husband of Longmont; her son, Jeff Shupe and his wife Elaines of Longmont; her daughter, Debbie Shupe of Denver; three grandchildren, Craig Shupe, Mikaysha Shupe and Cameron Shupe; all of Longmont; her sisters, Kathy Pafford of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Candace Pawlicki of Tennessee; her brother, Randy Schwartz and his wife Denise of Great Bend; one nephew, Walker Schwartz and one niece, Sarah Schwartz, both of Great Bend; and her friends and caretakers, Wayne and Carolyn Roth of Boulder, Colo. Memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, at Longview Community Clubhouse with David Lister officiating. Arrangements were made by Erlinger Cremation in Lonamont. Memorial contributions may be made to Hosice of Boulder Countv. 2594 Trailridge
Blanche Mildred O'Connor 1917-2002

ST. JOHN — Blanche Mildred O'Connor, 85, died Dec. 25 at Leisure Homestead in St. John. She was born June 13, 1917, at Seward, the daughter of James R. and Nellie Keenan. She graduated from Radium High School and attended Fort Hays State University. She married Patrick Smith O'Connor March 29, 1937, at Seward. A lifetime resident of Stafford County, she was a teacher for the Diamond and Kenilworth communities. She was a member of St. John the Apostle Catholic Church, Altar Society and Mothers Club, all of St. John, and was a past member of Xavier Catholic Church in Seward. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Kevin Keenan O'Connor of Wichita; three daughters, Patricia Jean O'Connor of San Francisco, Calif., Marcia L. Smith of San Antonio, Texas, and Celia Ann Burke of Oklahoma City, Okla.; one sister, Marjorie Vratil of Larned; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Perry James O'Connor; and one daughter, Rita Jane McCandless. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. John the Apostle Catholic Church in St. John with the Rev. Rene Guensnier officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 3-7 p.m. tonight at Minnis Chapel in St. John. Memorials are suggested to the church in St. John, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Dec. 26, 2002

Agnes M. Trantham 1925-2002

ATTICA — Agnes M. Trantham, 77, died Dec. 23 near Sharon. She was born Feb. 7, 1925, at Sharon, the daughter of Roy and Dora Cavin Byers. She married Kenneth R. Trantham July 27, 1943, in Sharon. He died Dec. 23, 2002. She was a retired housekeeper for the Attica Long Term Care Facility. Survivors include two sons, Darrel Trantham of Attica and Thomas Trantham of Great Bend; one daughter, Karen Brown of Alva, Okla.; two brothers, Duane Byers of Kingman and Wendell Byers of Medicine Lodge; one sister, Margaret Campbell of Kingman; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Kathy Lacy; four brothers, Robert Byers, Gilford Byers, Dale Byers and Kenneth Byers; and two sisters, Iona Slayden and Elvera McCullough. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Attica Cemetery, with the Rev. Paul Banister officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Attica Ministerial Alliance, in care of Elliott Mortuary in Anthony. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Dec. 26, 2002

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Jimmy Thomas Lea Sr. 1947-2002

BARTLESVILLE, Okla. — Jimmie Thomas Lea Sr., 55, died Dec. 24 at his home in Bartlesville. He was born Nov. 27, 1947, at Lyons, the son of Walter Lea and Ruby Browning. He married Tana Smith May 15, 2000. He was a construction worker. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Jimmie T. Lea Jr. of Bartlesville and Michael S. Cole of Omaha, Neb.; two daughters, Carmen E. Burrows of Kerrville, Texas, and Frankie L. Pelster of Great Bend; two step-sons, Peyton Reardon of Grand Lake near Disney and Andrew Shelley of Oiltown, Okla.; three brothers, Joe Lea of Joplin, Mo., Troy Browning of Alden and Melvin Lea of Great Bend; one sister, Norma Gray of St. John; and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Marvin Lea, Travis Lea, John Lea and A.C. Browning. Private family services will be held at a later date. Cremation has taken place. Memorial donations are suggested for the family, in care of Stumpff Funeral Home, 203 N.E. Meadowlark, Bartlesville, OK 74006. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Dec. 27, 2002

Mabel Darlene Moore 1927-2002

DODGE CITY — Mable Darlene Moore, 75, died Dec. 23 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born July 6, 1927, at Olin, Iowa, the daughter of William and Rachel Reid Goarcke. She graduated from high school at Otwein, Iowa. She married Maurice Moore June 20, 1947, at Lost Nation, Iowa. He died Dec. 30, 1996. A former resident of Maquoketa and Autumwa, Iowa, for the past 10 years, and coming from Amarillo, Texas, El Paso, Texas, Arkansas City, Hoisington, Elkhart and Dodge City, she was a homemaker. She was a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hoisington. Survivors include three sons, Sonny Douglas Moore of Arkansas City, Spencer Dean Moore of Great Bend and Stuart David Moore of Moscow; one daughter, Sandra Dianne Norton of Dodge City; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Merle Goarcke; one grandson; and one great-grandson. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. today at Elkhart Cemetery with the Rev. Jim Cunningham officiating. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Garman Funeral Home in Elkhart. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Dec. 27, 2002.

Verna L. Paddock 1908-2002

KINSLEY — Verna L. Paddock, 94, died Dec. 23 at Medicalodge Nursing Home in Kinsley. She was born July 22, 1908, in Maxwell, Neb., the daughter of Arthur M. and Rinda E. Coppoc Horan. She received her masters degree for reading from Fort Hays State University. She married Tom R. Paddock Sept. 9, 1964, in Kinsley. A Kinsley resident since 1964, coming from Wichita, she was a teacher for the Kinsley public schools until her retirement. She was also employed by St. Nicholas Catholic School and St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Kinsley for 21 years as a secretary and treasurer. She was a member of First Assembly of God Church in Great Bend; Delta Kappa Gamma and St. Mary of the Plains College, both of Dodge City; and Woman's Auxiliary for the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Kinsley. Survivors include two sons, Earl Jones of Elgin, Texas, and Rick Paddock of Kinsley; two daughters, Sandy Brown of Denver, Colo., and Dorothy Clark of St. Clair, Mo.; one brother, Roger Horan of McGe., Ark.; one sister, Doris McCorstin of Sherman, Texas; 15 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-
Thomas E. McCray Sr. 1917-2002

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Thomas E. McCray Sr., 85, died Dec. 24 at Salina. He was born Jan. 25, 1917, at Neodesha. He married Alvera. She died in 2002. A longtime resident of Salina, he was a musician, having started the Tommy Mac Orchestra in the 1940’s and organizing the Dixie Six in Salina where he was a member for the past 26 years. He was a member of Salina Musicians Local.
Roberta Ann Gray 1957-2002

LARNED — Roberta Ann Gray, 45, died Dec. 26 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital of Larned. She was born April 14, 1957, at Shawnee, Okla., the daughter of Robert Eugene and Abeliene Yott Gray. She was a resident of Larned since 2000, coming from Hays. Gray was a member of First Southern Baptist Church of Garden City. Survivors include one son, Aron Gray of Larned; one daughter, Anna-Marie Gray of Hays; three sisters, Linda Ryan of San Angelo, Texas, Alice Sohrweid of Colorado City, Texas, and Juanita Lee of Hobbs, N.M.; and one granddaughter. She was preceded in death by one brother, Don Dean Page. Memorial service will be at a later date at Garden City. Cremation has taken place. Morell Funeral Home of Larned is in charge of planning.

Dec. 30, 2002

Reg Wilson 1936-2002

TULSA, Okla., — Reg Wilson, 66, died Dec. 16 at Tulsa. He was born Feb. 21, 1936 in Hoisington, the son of Clyde Martin and Georgia Glenn Valerius Wilson. He married Judy Lewis Feb. 14, 1959, on Ponca City, Okla. He was a graduate of Garden City High School. A longtime resident of Tulsa, he was retired from Citgo in Tulsa. Wilson was a U.S. Army veteran, having served with Special Services in Germany. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Douglas Wilson and Mike Wilson, both of Tulsa; one daughter Kathleen Jackson of Dallas, Texas; his mother of Wichita; four sisters, Janet Boese of Hoisington, Gail Saxon and Jody Shorts, both of Wichita, and Georgia Mueller of Dodge City; and four grandchildren. Services were held Dec. 21 at First Baptist Church in Tulsa. Memorials are suggested to Tulsa ALS, Lou Gehrig’s Disease or Muscular Dystrophy Association, both in care of Moore’s Southlawn Chapel in Tulsa. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 29, 2002

Lisa Anne Beedy 1959-2002

HAYS — Lisa Anne Beedy, 42, died Dec. 26 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. She was born Dec. 27, 1959, at Russell the daughter of Norman and Frances M. Kaps Hoffman. She received a degree from Fort Hays State University in 1982. She married Ric Beedy Aug. 1, 1981, at Russell. A resident of Hays, having lived in Russell during her early life, she worked at Insurance Planning for 12 years and was a volunteer for CASA for the past three years. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hays. Survivors include one son, Chase Beedy of the home; one daughter, Lexus Beedy of the home; one brother, Dennis Hoffman of Lincoln, Neb.; one sister, Kaye Marie Barnes of Ottawa; and her father and step-mother, Hazel Hoffman of Great Bend. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at St. John Lutheran Church in Russell with the Rev. Harlan Kaden officiating. Inurnment will be at St. John Lutheran Cemetery in Russell. There is no visitation. The body was cremated. Memorials are suggested to the Beedy Children’s fund or to Ellis County Cancer Council, both in care of Pohlman’s Mortuary in Russell. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 29, 2002

Laurinda Hughes 1940-2002

PRATT — Laurinda Hughes, 62, died Dec. 27 at Pratt Regional Medical Center of Pratt. She was born May 26, 1940, in Hays, the daughter of Eugene P. and Johanna Pfannenstiel Befort. She graduated from Sacred Heart College in 1962, becoming a Sister of the Dominican Order in 1965. She graduated from Emporia State College in 1980 with a masters degree. She married Robert E. Hughes on June 6, 1987 in Pratt. A resident of the Pratt community since 1981, she was a retired school teacher and Kansas SRS worker. Mrs. Hughes was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Pratt. Survivors include her husband of the home; her parents; a step-son, Michael Hughes of Pratt; a step-daughter, Shelly Baldwin of Leavenworth; two brothers, Robert E. Befort of Enid, Okla., and John Ray Befort of Wichita; and two step grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Richard F. Befort. A Rosary service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Sillin Funeral Home of Lyons. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Paul Catholic Church in Lyons, with the Rev. Thomas Leland officiating. Burial will be in the Lyons Municipal Cemetery. Friends may call from 2-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Paul Catholic Church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 29, 2002

E. Louise Meyer 1928-2002

ELLINWOOD — E. Louise Meyer, 74, died Dec. 27 at her home in Ellinwood. She was born Aug. 1, 1928 in Great Bend, the daughter of Elisha Asa and Mary Alice Smith Grow. She married Fred Meyer on May 8, 1946 in Stafford County. A resident of the Ellinwood and Hudson area, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Meyer was member of the United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women, both of Ellinwood. Survivors include one son, John Meyer of Ellinwood; four daughters, Nancy Tucker and Norma Robl, both of Ellinwood, Marlene Coble of Tucson, Ariz., and Joyce Riedel of Golden Valley, Ariz.; and one brother, Marion Grow of Great Bend; 22 grandchildren; and 24 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters and three grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the church in Ellinwood, with the Rev. Dave Wesner officiating. Burial will be in the Eden Valley Cemetery in Seward. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Kimple Funeral Home. Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to the Ellinwood Grade School Nature Center or the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 29, 2002
Andrew Oberle, Philip Oberle, Jerome Oberle and Clement Oberle; one grandchild, Jessica Hertach; and one great-grandchild, of Great Bend; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Ambrose Oberle, a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. The casket will remain closed. Memorials may be sent to

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Rachel Nusser 1921-2002

JETMORE — Rachel Nusser, 81, died Dec. 28 at Hodgeman County Long Term Care Center of Jetmore. She was born June 19, 1921, in Ness County, the daughter of Alex Sr. and Anna Hafner Schwartz. She married Lloyd Leonard Nusser on Aug. 12, 1945, at Wichita. He died Dec. 31, 1972. A resident of Jetmore, she was owner of Nusser Chevrolet of Jetmore. Mrs. Nusser was a member of United Methodist Church and American Legion Auxiliary, both of Jetmore, and National Auto Dealer Association. Survivors include one son, Terry Nusser of Jetmore; one daughter, Janice Thoben of Jetmore; one sister, Freda Ellis of Anderson, Mo.; and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Alex Schwartz Jr., Victor Schwartz and Ben Schwartz; and three sisters, Lizzie Heronemus, Lydia Keene and Esther Steiben. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery of Jetmore. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9-11 a.m. Tuesday, all at Beckwith Funeral Home of Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to Hodgeman County Long Term Care Center, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 30, 2002

Mary Frances Hertach 1915-2002

LARNED — Mary Frances Hertach, 87, died Dec. 28 at Hospice of Reno County of Hutchinson. She was born Jan. 23, 1915, the daughter of William and Barbara Kirmer Oberle. She married Leo A. Hertach Jr., on June 1, 1936, at Bushton. He died March 3, 1989. A lifetime resident of Larned, moving to Hutchinson in 1996, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Hertach was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Altar Society and Golden Rule Club, and helped at Sacred Heart School lunch room, all of Larned. Survivors include two sons, Maurice Hertach and Gerald Hertach, both of Hutchinson; two brothers, William Oberle and Urban Oberle, both of Clifton; four sisters, Barbara Orth of Bushton, Anna Nordman of Albert, Rita Stoss and Dorothy Stoss, both of Great Bend; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Ambrose Oberle, Andrew Oberle, Philip Oberle, Jerome Oberle and Clement Oberle; one grandchild, Jessica Hertach; and one great-grandchild, Kylie Crawford. Funeral Mass was today at the church with the Revs. Dennis Reed and James J. Roth officiating. Burial was at Larned Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Sacred Heart School Endowment Fund or Hospice of Reno County, both in care of Beckwith Mortuary of Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 30, 2002

December 31, 2002

Bette Lou Scheufler Lacer 1930-2002

LAWRENCE — Bette Lou Scheufler Lacer, 72, died Dec. 30 at Brandon Woods Retirement Community. She was born March 19, 1930, at Ellinwood, the daughter of Alfred G. and Clara Dannebohm Scheufler. She graduated from Ellinwood High School in 1947. A resident of Lawrence, coming from Gardner, she was a manager for EZ Shop in Lawrence. Survivors include one son, Edward D. Lacer of Ottawa; one brother, Gerald D. “Dewey” Scheufler of Lafayette, Ind.; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, David Kratzer in 2001. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Warren-McElwain Mortuary in Lawrence. Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery of Jetmore. Friends may call from noon until 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Lawrence Humane Society or Salvation Army, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 31, 2002

Philip H. Koelsch 1914-2002

ELLINWOOD — Philip H. Koelsch, 88, died Dec. 30 at Ellinwood. He was born Aug. 28, 1914, at Ellinwood, the son of Henry F. and Alice Gilpin Koelsch. He married Aline Baxter on Jan. 17, 1947, at Ellinwood. A lifetime resident of Ellinwood, he was a retired oilfield pumper. He was a member of American Legion, Elks Lodge and United Church of Christ, all of Ellinwood. He was a World War II veteran having served from 1941-1945. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Henry O. Koelsch of Long Beach, Calif.; one daughter, Barbara Bubbaugh of Medford, Okla.; one sister, Celeste Gaynor of Congers, GA.; and four grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday 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. today at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to Ellinwood School and Community Library Foundation or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 31, 2002

Edith Fall 1914-2002

BURDETT — Edith Fall, 88, died Dec. 27 at Cardondelet Hospice Service in Tucson, Ariz. She was born Aug. 11, 1914, at Hutchinson, the daughter of Elmer H. and Nettie Proctor Oswalt. She attended school in Sylvia. She married Gene Fall on Sept. 23, 1932, at St. John. He died Jan. 23, 1981. A longtime resident of both Reno and Pawnee counties, she was employed by the Burdett Telephone Company, Kleins Market and Larned State Hospital, and was a homemaker. She was a member of United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women and Burdett Seniors, all of Burdett, and Ft. Larned Belles of Larned. Survivors include one son, Vernon W. “Scotty” Fall of Tucson, Ariz.; one sister, Hazel Kreie of Hutchinson; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, William Oswalt, and one sister, Alice Coons. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Memorial Park Cemetery in Hutchinson with family members officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. The casket will remain closed. Memorials may be sent to Cardondelet Hospice Service or American Heart Association, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec.
Dirk W. Vink 1911-2002

WICHITA — Dirk W. Vink, 91, died Dec. 28 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was born May 8, 1911, in Fowler the son of Folic and Mary Ann Beagley Vink. He married Margaret T. Tunison. She preceded him in death. He was a retired Sr. Vice President of Union National Bank. He was a member of Downtown Lions Club. Survivors include one son, David Vink of Dallas, Texas; and one daughter, Beverly Douthett of Wichita. Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. today at Plymouth Congregational Church in Wichita with the Rev. Debbie Elwick officiating. Burial will be at Lakeview Memorial Gardens in Wichita. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Dec. 31, 2002