Edna Zuriah Suiter 1904-2003

MACKSVILLE — Edna Zuriah Suiter, 98, died Jan. 29 at Stafford District Hospital in Stafford. She was born June 3, 1904, at Macksville, the daughter of Oliver Scott and Lilly Althea Waddle. She graduated from Macksville High School. She married Ralph Leroy Suiter March 24, 1927, at Pratt. He died Oct. 25, 1987. A lifetime resident of Macksville, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Suiter was a member of Grace United Methodist Church of Macksville. Survivors include two sons, Donald Suiter of Macksville and Charles Suiter of Edmond, Okla.; one daughter, Phyllis Reimer of Loveland, Colo.; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Eugene L. Suiter; one daughter, Bernice McMillen; two brothers, Everett Waddle and Joe Waddle; and two great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. David Upp officiating. Burial will be at Farmington Cemetery in Macksville. Friends may call from 1-8 today at Minnis Chapel of Macksville. Memorials are suggested to the church or Macksville EMS, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 31, 2003

Georgia M. Feil 1930-2003

RUSSELL — Georgia M. Feil, 72, died Jan. 30 at Russell Regional Hospital in Russell. She was born March 21, 1930, the daughter of George and Mary Bender Mai. She graduated from Russell High School. She married Willis L. Feil on Sept. 17, 1950, at Dorrance. A longtime Russell resident, she worked for the Russell Telephone Company, Duckwalls, Boogaarts from 1966 to 1970, and the Russell Hospital until her retirement in 1992. Mrs. Feil was a member of St. John Lutheran Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, both of Russell. Survivors include her husband; three sons, Raymond DuPree of Dodge City, Rex DuPree of Mount Home, Ark., and Donnie DuPree of Bucklin; one sister, Rowena Steele of Kinley; 14 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Loyd DuPree; and one sister, Phyllis DuPree. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at the church with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore. Friends may call until 8 tonight, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, all at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to the hospice or Harrington Cancer Center of Amarillo, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Jan. 31, 2003

Albert Tittel 1919-2003

Albert Tittel, 83, of Great Bend died Jan. 30 at VA Medical Center in Wichita. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Jan. 31, 2003

Velma D. Antenen 1910-2003

BAZINE — Velma D. Antenen, 92, died Jan. 28 at Ness County Hospital in Ness City. She was born Sept. 26, 1910, at Bazine, the daughter of Henry and Lydia Kinderwater Reinhardt. She married Durward Antenen on June 21, 1936, at Ft. Lupton, Colo. He died April 15, 1982. A lifetime resident of Bazine, she was a homemaker and taught school at Bazine Grade School. Survivors include two sons, Terry Antenen and Alan Antenen, both of Bazine; one daughter, Dixie Stenzel of Ogallala, Neb.; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Mickey Lee Antenen; and one sister, Corrine McClintock. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church in Bazine with the Rev. Mark Durham officiating. Burial will be at Crandell Union Cemetery, south of Bazine. Friends may call until 9 p.m. tonight at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City and prior to the service Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or to Bazine or Ness County Long Term Care-Activities Department, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Jan. 31, 2003

Louise M. McCormick 1923-2003

BAZINE — Velma D. Antenen, 92, died Jan. 28 at Ness County Hospital in Ness City. She was born Sept. 26, 1910, at Bazine, the daughter of Henry and Lydia Kinderwater Reinhardt. She married Durward Antenen on June 21, 1936, at Ft. Lupton, Colo. He died April 15, 1982. A lifetime resident of Bazine, she was a homemaker and taught school at Bazine Grade School. Survivors include two sons, Terry Antenen and Alan Antenen, both of Bazine; one daughter, Dixie Stenzel of Ogallala, Neb.; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Mickey Lee Antenen; and one sister, Corrine McClintock. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church in Bazine with the Rev. Mark Durham officiating. Burial will be at Crandell Union Cemetery, south of Bazine. Friends may call until 9 p.m. tonight at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City and prior to the service Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or to Bazine or Ness County Long Term Care-Activities Department, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Jan. 31, 2003
RUSH CENTER — Louise M. McCormick, 79, died Jan. 30 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born June 23, 1923, at Timken, the daughter of Walter and Amy Mae Lewis Erb. She married Charles W. McCormick on Nov. 7, 1946, at La Crosse. He died Oct. 2, 1991. A lifelong Rush County resident, she was a sales clerk in the retail industry before her retirement. Survivors include two sons, Larry Don McCormick of Carbondale and Denny EuGene McCormick of Timken; one brother, Melvin Erb of Biron; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Edwin Erb; and two sisters, Arlene Klein and Wattleta Sankey. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Janousek Funeral Home Chapel in La Crosse with the Rev. Charles Mazouch officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 3 to 5 today at the funeral home. Family will receive friends from 6 to 7 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Children’s Burn Camps in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Jan. 31, 2003

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CEDAR RAPIDS, Neb. — Theodore J. “Ted” Armatys, 81, died Jan. 27 at his home north of Cedar Rapids, Neb. He was born Jan. 11, 1922, on his family’s farm southwest of Cedar Rapids, the son of Stanley and Valeria Micek Armatys. He married Leona Redler on March 26, 1951, in Albion. A resident of rural Cedar Rapids, he was a farmer, a rancher and a school bus driver for 32 years. Armatys was a member of St. Anthony’s Catholic Church and a lifetime member of Dan Cox American Legion Post 44. He was a U.S. veteran, having served as an automotive mechanic with 3881 Quartermaster Trucking Company transporting supplies to troops in France, Belgium and Germany during World War II. He was recipient of the Good Conduct Medal and the European Theatre Ribbon. Survivors include his wife of Cedar Rapids; four sons, Jim Armatys of Great Bend, John Armatys of Fullerton, Neb., and Tom Armatys and Bill Armatys, both of Cedar Rapids; three daughters, Mary Fehr of Columbus, Neb., Cathy Pelster of Petersburg, Neb., and Diane Kovar of David City, Neb.; two brothers, Stanley “Bud” Armatys Jr. and Ed Armatys, both of Cedar Rapids; one sister, Frances Ziemma of Cedar Rapids; and 13 grandchildren. Rosary will be at 3 today at Levander Funeral Home in Cedar Rapids. A wake service will be at 7:30 tonight at the church. Family will receive friends from 6 to 7 tonight at the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 30, 2003

Effie Bank 1909-2003

LARNED — Effie Bank, 93, died Jan. 28 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. She was born April 20, 1909, at Larned the daughter of Thomas F. and Mattie Line Banks. She married Lowell W. Bank on Oct. 21, 1933 at Great Bend. He died March 27, 1981. A lifetime resident of Larned, she and her husband owned of Pawnee Printing from 1939-1975 and she was a registered nurse and a homemaker. Mrs. Bank was a member of Fathers House of New Covenant Church, Garden Club and Fort Larned Historical Society, all of Larned, and was a Kiwanis Queen. Survivors include one son, Ric Bank of Kansas City, Mo.; one daughter, Pat Morrison of Versailles, Mo.; and one granddaughter. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Roy Banks, Roy Banks, Charles Banks and Walter Banks; three sisters, Elsie Christopher, Edith Upheber and Ethyl Steele; and one grandson, Dennis Weymuth. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned with the Revs. Brett Hill and Judy Tabler officiating. Cremation has taken place. Inurnment will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may sign the register book until 8 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Santa Fe Trail Center, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Jan. 30, 2003

Edna Z. Suiter 1905-2003

MACKSVILLE — Edna Z. Suiter, 98, died Jan. 29 at Stafford District Hospital. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Minnis Chapel in Macksville. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Jan. 30, 2003

Sister Dorothy Felder 1917-2003

Sister Dorothy Felder, 86, of Dominican Sisters of Great Bend, died Jan. 28 at the Dominican Sisters’ convent infirmary in Great Bend. She was born Jan. 9, 1917, in north Ellinwood, the daughter of Andrew and Stefanne Proksch Felder. She entered the Dominican Sisters’ community Aug. 25, 1932, and pronounced her first vows Aug. 20, 1935. She celebrated 65 years of religious profession in 2000. Sister Dorothy gave most of her ministerial life as a teacher and principal of Catholic elementary schools of Kansas and Oklahoma. Her teaching career began in 1937 and spanned 65 years and 15 schools. She also served as Supervisor of Catholic Schools of the Wichita Diocese from 1964-1972. Following her retirement from teaching and administration of schools in 1997, Sister Dorothy returned to the location of her last ministry as teacher and principal to serve as a home visitor and pastoral minister among the people of St. Leo, Zenda and Willowdale. Sister Dorothy was a member of the St. Leo Daughters of Isabella 644. Survivors include three brothers, Joseph Felder of Kinsley, Vernon Felder of Nekoma and Louis Felder of Wakeeny; and three sisters, Pauline Oborny of Derby, Bertha Johnson of Derby and Marie Vondracek of Timken. Sister Dorothy’s body will lie in state in the hospitality area of the Dominican Chapel of the Plains, 3600 Broadway, Great Bend, until the Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Friday with the Rev. Gerald Hammke, presider, and the Rev. John Miller homilist. A wake service will be at 7:30 tonight at the chapel. Burial will be at the Sisters’ Resurrection Cemetery in Great Bend. Both the wake and the funeral will be at the convent. Friends may call at the convent until 7 tonight and Friday from 8 a.m. until service time. Memorials are suggested to the Dominican Sisters’ Mission and Ministry Fund, in care of Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Jan. 30, 2003

Frederick J. Bahr 1924-2003
OLMITZ — Frederick J. Bahr, 78, died Jan. 28 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. He was born Dec. 18, 1924, at Olmitz the son of William F. and Anna M. Hickey Bahr. A lifetime resident of Olmitz, he was a farmer. Bahr was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, both of Olmitz. Survivors include four brothers, Charles Bahr and Don Bahr, both of Olmitz, Marion Bahr of Claflin and Bob Bahr of Spring, Texas; and one sister, Rose Ann Wondra of Claflin. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Cecil Bahr and Francis Bahr; and one sister, Catherine Oborny. Wake service will be at 7:30 tonight followed by Knights of Columbus Rosary, both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Ultan Murphy officiating. Burial will be at St. Ann Cemetery in Olmitz. Friends may call until 9 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or donor’s choice, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Jan. 30, 2003

Sgt. Mickey Michael Moffett 1938-2003

KINGSPORT, Tenn. — Sgt. Mickey Michael Moffett, 64, of Kingsport, died Jan. 25 at Johnson City Medical Center. He was born Aug. 13, 1938, at McGhee, Ark., the son of James and Mary Adams Moffett. He married Brenda. A resident of Kingsport, he was a bus driver for Knoxville City, Tenn. Moffett was a member of the Baptist faith and Knoxville Rescue Ministries. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran and a member of the AFCS Honor Flights Society. Survivors include his wife of the home: two sons, Brian Moffett of Kingsport and Mickey Michael Moffett Jr. of Houston, Texas; four daughters, Felicia Collins of Ludington, Mich., Kimberly Moffett of Knoxville, Candy Hawks of Kingsport and Brenda Fox of Tucson, Ariz.; one brother, George Washington Moffett of McGhee; one sister Mary Lee Reed of Great Bend; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Funeral was Wednesday at East Lawn Funeral Home Chapel in Kingsport with the Rev. Buddy Dingus officiating. Burial was at Mountain Home National Cemetery with full military rites by American Legion Post 269/3 of Kingsport. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Jan. 30, 2003

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Herschele E. Giles 1918-2003

WINFIELD — Herschele E. Giles, 84, died Jan. 26 at Good Samaritan Village at Winfield. He was born Dec. 26, 1918, in rural Wellington, the son of Earl and Anna Glick Giles. He graduated from Oxford High School in 1936 and attended Wichita State University. He married Josephine. A resident of Winfield, coming from Hutchinson and Great Bend, he worked as a salesman for Reed Roller Bit Oil Company for 25 years and for Dresser Oil Co., both of Hutchinson, until his retirement in 1985. Giles was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and Masonic Lodge, all of Great Bend, and Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association (KIOGA). He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served as a corporal until his retirement on Jan. 17, 1946. Survivors include his wife of the home; three daughters, Pam Herrenbruck of Winfield, Sharon Johnson of Lawrence and Kris Jay of Santa Barbara, Calif.; one sister, Lucille Railsback of Overland Park; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Miles Funeral Home in Winfield. Cremation has taken place. Private inurnment will be at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Shriner’s Children’s Hospital, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Jan. 29, 2003

Frances Keller 1928-2003

YUMA, Ariz. — Frances Keller, 74, died Jan. 28 at Central Kansas Medical Center of Great Bend. She was born Nov. 18, 1928, at Montreal, Canada, the daughter of Wilfred and Jessie Fletcher Grenier. She married Frank Keller at Great Bend. He died Oct. 11, 2002. She was a resident of Yuma for 10 years, coming from Albert. Mrs. Keller was a member of the Methodist faith. Survivors include two sisters, Virginia Jones of Utica and Marjorie Glenn of Island Pond, Vt. There is no visitation. A joint memorial service for both Frances and Frank Keller will be announced at a later date. Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Jan. 29, 2003

Frederick J. Bahr 1924-2003

OLMITZ — Frederick J. Bahr, 78, died Jan. 28 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center of Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Jan. 29, 2003

Jodie Meers Davis 1927-2003

LARNED — Jodie Meers Davis, 75, died Jan. 27 at Hays Medical Center of Hays. He was born March 12, 1927, at Detroit, Texas, the son of James Edgar and Clara Bell Griggs Davis. He married Edna Ruth Piland on March 1, 1952, at Rockwell, Texas. A resident of Larned since 2000, coming from Garfield, he was a retired farmer and stockman. Davis was a member of Assembly of God Church and a past member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, both of Larned. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Joe Bradley Davis of Lewis; one daughter, Dyann Twitchell of Larned; one brother, Charles W. Davis of Garland, Texas; two sisters, Beda J. Unruh of Garland and Irene Threadgill of Dallas, Texas; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by two brothers, C.E. Davis and E.L. Davis; and two sisters, Opal Huff and twin Jimmy Curry. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned with the Rev. Richard Martin officiating. Burial will be at Garfield Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church. in care of the funeral
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Mary Katherine Foster 1920-2003

LOGAN — Mary Katherine Foster, 82, died Jan. 27 at her home in Logan. She was born July 28, 1920 at Ness City, the daughter of Guy and Mattie Corrigan Ludington. She married Bill Foster on Dec. 19, 1976, at Norton. A resident of Logan, she was a registered nurse. Survivors include her husband; three stepsons, Larry Foster of Roanoak, Texas, Jack Foster of Chenaik, Alaska and Gary Foster of Phoenix, Ariz.; one daughter, Donna Johnson of Porterville, Calif.; two sisters, Mildren Schenk of Hoisington and Rose Cook of Denver, Colo.; and one step-grandchild. Funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Logan United Methodist Church with the Revs. Ron Lowry and Richard Zimmerman officiating. Burial will be at Pleasant View Cemetery in Logan. Friends may call until 9 today and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, all at Logan Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to Logan Manor or Hospice Services, both in care of the funeral home. Jan. 28, 2003, Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune

Minnie Lang 1910-2003

HAYS — Minnie Lang, 92, died Jan. 25 at her home in Hays. She was born May 25, 1910, at Catherine, the daughter of Carl. W. and Anna Walters Staab. She married Victor Lang Sr. on May 27, 1929 in Catherine. He died Nov. 28, 1997. Mrs. Lang was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and Daughters of Isabella. Survivors include one son, Vic Lang of Hays; two Daughters, Norma Bender of Springfield, Mo., and Cindy Stillwagoner of Great Bend; three sisters, Lydia Yunker of Hays, Charlotte Ludes of Salina and Alice Oaks of Wichita; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by seven brothers, Jack Staab, Felix Staab, James Staab, Robert Staab, Eddie Staab and Elmer Staab; one infant brother, Donald Staab; and one sister, Irene Minter. Daughters of Isabella rosary will be at 6 tonight followed by a parish vigil service at 6:30 tonight at Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Kevin Weber officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery. Friends may call from 4-8 today and from 9:30 a.m. until service time, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Masses in care of the funeral home. Jan. 28, 2003, Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune

Carla Jean Krause 1966-2003

Carla Jean Krause, 36, died Friday, January 24, 2003, surrounded by her family, after a courageous struggle with cancer. Services will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday, January 29, at Salem Lutheran Church, 9143 Haskins, Lenexa, KS. Burial will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Bethel Cemetery, Concordia, MO. Visitation will be Tuesday, 6-8 p.m., at the Amos Family Chapel of Lenexa, 10113 Lenexa Dr. Carla was born in Columbus, MO and raised in Great Bend and Hays, KS. Although her father was an MU alum and her brother a great fan, Carla chose KU, where she completed a journalism degree and became a devoted Jayhawks' fan — a situation that spurred great debate in the Krause household every March. Following graduation, Carla worked as an editor, most recently at Thomson Veterinary Healthcare Communications. She was a consummate editor and mentor who infused each project with wit, intelligence, and balance — Friday sushi orders often celebrated a hard week's work. Carla loved old Tracy Hepburn movies, New Yorker cartoons, good books, needlework, and art. She enjoyed ski trips with friends sometimes taking them all down the hill with her and she delighted in reconnecting with old friends via her laptop computer. She enjoyed transforming her house into a home, artfully painting and arranging each room — coworkers knew by the paint color in her hair each Monday which room Carla had most recently attacked. But mostly Carla loved people — her family, her friends, and her cat, Millie, to whom she dutifully gave insulin shots with the skill of a seasoned veterinarian. Her independent spirit, her quiet smile, her gestures of love — in recent days a thumbs up, a smile, a touch to her heart — will remain with us forever. Those of us privileged to walk with Carla through this past year will be forever changed by her courage, her grace, and always, no matter how tough the day, her quiet wit. Our great sadness in her death is surpassed only by our gratitude for her life. Survivors include her father and mother, Earl and Doris (Mitzi) Krause of Hays, KS; her brother, Brett Krause and his wife, Robin, Lee's Summit, MO; aunts, uncles and cousins; and many friends. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Carla's name to the KU CancerCenter or a charity of your choice. Jan. 28, 2003, Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune

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Joleen T. Hammemeke 1929-2003

Joleen T. Hammemeke, 73 of Great Bend, died Jan. 25 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. She was born Oct. 17, 1929, at Ellinwood, the daughter of Conrad and Viola Liebl Feist. She married Norman J. Hammemeke Feb. 3, 1948, at Scott City. A lifetime resident of Barton County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Hammemeke was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and St. Rose Altar Society. Survivors include her husband of Great Bend; six sons, Allan Hammemeke and Mike Hammemeke, both of Wichita, David Hammemeke of Houston, Texas, Colin Hammemeke of Great Bend, Curtis Hammemeke of El Dorado and Joe Hammemeke of Hutchison; three daughters, Colleen Rychlec, Mary Jeffrey and June Sloan, all of Great Bend; one brother, William Feist of Great Bend; one sister, Norma Lee Berscheidt of Yakima, Wash.; 23 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, John J. Feist; and two granddaughters. Altar Society rosary will be at 3 today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Vigil service will be at 7 tonight at the church. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the church with the Revs. Gerald Hammemeke and Angel Dy officiating. Burial will be at St. Peter and Paul Cemetery north of Ellinwood. Friends may call from noon to 6 today and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family School Endowment Fund or Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice. both in care of the funeral home.
Carla Jean Krause 1966-2003

LENEXA — Carla Jean Krause, 36, died Jan. 24 at University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City. She was born Dec. 4, 1966, in Columbia, Mo., the daughter of Earl and Doris “Mitzi” Krause. She graduated from the University of Kansas with a degree in journalism. A resident of Lenexa, coming from Great Bend and Hays, she was an editor of Thompson Veterinary Healthcare Communications. Survivors include her mother and father of Hays; and one brother, Brett Krause of Lee’s Summit, Mo. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Salem Lutheran Church in Lenexa. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Bethel Cemetery in Concordia, Mo. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Amos Family Funeral Home in Lenexa. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested in Carla’s name to the KU Cancer Center or donor’s choice, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Jan. 27, 2003

Clinton Richard ‘Clint’ Flegler 1987-2003

Clinton Richard “Clint” Flegler, 15, of Great Bend, died Jan. 25 at Great Bend. He was born Dec. 6, 1987, at Great Bend, the son of Richard L. “Rick” and Susan “Sue” Block Flegler. A lifelong resident of Great Bend, he was a freshman at Great Bend High School and an equipment operator for Dakota Dirt Inc. Flegler was a member of National Wild Turkey Federation, Pheasants Forever, Harley Owner’s Group, GBHS freshman football team and a former member of Great Bend Middle School track, wrestling and football teams. He was a hunter and a fisherman. Survivors include his parents of Great Bend; one sister, Fanisha Flegler of Great Bend; and grandparents, Dean and Barbara Flegler of Russell, and Lilian Block of Dunlap, Iowa. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at First Christian Church in Great Bend with the Revs. William F. Johnson and Dick Ogle officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from 5 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Great Bend High School Athletic Department, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Jan. 27, 2003

Della G. Pfenninger 1914-2003

LARNED — Della G. Pfenninger, 88, died Jan. 26 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born Oct. 21, 1914, at rural Pawnee County north of Rozel, the daughter of John J. and Alma Joesfiak Elfts. She married Charles L. Pfenninger on March 1, 1941, at Yuma, Ariz. A resident of Larned since 1945, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Pfenninger was a member of First United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women and F&M Sewing Club, all of Larned. Survivors include her husband; one daughter, Charlene Giles of Wichita; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Martha Blattner and Irene Rodie. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at First United Methodist Church in Larned with the Rev. Charles Grant officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Morell Funeral Home in Larned, and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Santa Fe Trail Center in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Jan. 27, 2003

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Leslie Layne Stein 1957-2003

Leslie Layne Stein, 45 of Great Bend, died Jan. 24 at his residence. He was born Feb. 21, 1957, in Great Bend, the son of Bernard Henry and Mary Gladys Borges Stein. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he was a veterinarian assistant at Countryside Veterinary Associates and a painter at Bud Stein Body Shop. Stein was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church of Great Bend. Survivors include his father of Great Bend; one daughter, Mallory Christine Stein of Galatia; one brother, Gary Stein of Great Bend; and one sister, Renee Tatman of Great Bend. He was preceded in death by an infant son, Gabriel Stein. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Angel Dy officiating. Burial will be in the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society’s Great Bend Relay For Life in care of the funeral home. Jan. 26, 2003, Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune

Lester Sell 1926-2003

TIMKEN — Lester Sell, 76, died Jan. 24 at his residence. He was born June 28, 1926 in Schafer, the son of William and Clara Panek Sell. He married Patricia Ann Koochel on April 19, 1948, in Timken. She died June 8, 1999. A lifetime area resident, he was a farmer and former school bus driver for USD 403. Sell was a member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Timken. Survivors include two sons, Stephen Charles Sell and Anthony Harrison Sell, both of the home; three daughters, Kathryn Clara Sell of Dallas, Texas, Mary Patricia Sell of Wichita, and Charlotte Ann Stos of Great Bend; two brothers, George Sell of Stilwell and Richard Sell of Wichita; two sisters, Irene Lichter of Centralia, Ill. and Ethel Litzenberger of Denver, Colo.; and two granddaughters, Heather Stos and Mandy Stos. He was preceded in death by one brother, Lee Sell. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Charles Mazouch officiating. Burial will be in the Holy Cross Cemetery of Timken. Friends may call from 4-9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Jan. 26, 2003, Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune

Maurice John Redetzke 1935-2003
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church, with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will at the St. John Cemetery of Hoisington, with flag presentation by
Knights of Columbus Rosary at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the
church, with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will at the St. John Cemetery of Hoisington, with flag presentation by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7428 and American Legion Post 286. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Kans For Kids or Redetzke Seminary Burse, both in care of the funeral home. Jan. 26, 2003, Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune

Leo Norcross Jr. 1924-2003

LARNED — Leo Norcross Jr., 78, died Jan. 23 at Larned Healthcare Center of Larned. He was born Dec. 20, 1924, in Springfield, Mo., the son of Leo T. and Marie Norcross. He married Joan House on Oct. 7, 1949, in Pratt. A longtime resident of Hoisington, later moving to Larned, he was a truckdriver for Bates Water Service and a roughneck in the oilfield, retiring in 1986. Norcross was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a lifetime member of the American Legion Post of Hoisington. Survivors include his wife of the home and one sister, Joan Armagnac of Tucson, Ariz. There is no visitation or funeral service. Cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to the donor’s choice, in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington. Jan. 26, 2003, Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune

Charles E. Aldrich 1912-2003

GARFIELD — Charles E. Aldrich, 90, died Jan. 22 at the Great Bend Health & Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. He was born Aug. 22, 1912, in Pawnee County, the son of Charles J. and Ellen Anderson Aldrich. He married LaVerge E. Appel on Sept. 5, 1937, in Hays. She died Sept. 21, 1997. A lifetime Pawnee County resident, he was a farmer and stockman. Aldrich was a member of the United Methodist Church, Co-op Board and school board, all of Garfield, and the Masonic Lodge. Survivors include two sons, Charles Phillip Aldrich of Winter Park, Colo. and Stanley D. Aldrich of Garfield; one daughter, DeAnne Schumacher of Scottsbluff, Neb.; two sisters, Ruth Hentz of Dallas, Texas and Gladys Makas of Rockford, Ill.; 12 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by one brother, Dean Aldrich, and two sisters, Ruby Free and Louise Pence. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel of Larned, with the Rev. Ken Walker officiating. Burial will be in the Garfield Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and 9 a.m. until service time Monday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the mortuary. Jan. 26, 2003, Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune

Pauline Faye Crowley 1923-2003

DIGHTON — Pauline Faye Crowley, 79, died Jan. 23 at the Lane County Long Term Care Unit in Dighton. She was born Oct. 28, 1923, in Stafford County, the son of Charles J. and Ellen Anderson Aldrich. She married LaVerge E. Appel on Sept. 5, 1937, in Hays. She died Sept. 21, 1997. A lifetime Pawnee County resident, he was a farmer and stockman. Aldrich was a member of the United Methodist Church, Co-op Board and school board, all of Garfield, and the Masonic Lodge. Survivors include two sons, Charles Phillip Aldrich of Winter Park, Colo. and Stanley D. Aldrich of Garfield; one daughter, DeAnne Schumacher of Scottsbluff, Neb.; two sisters, Ruth Hentz of Dallas, Texas and Gladys Makas of Rockford, Ill.; 12 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by one brother, Dean Aldrich, and two sisters, Ruby Free and Louise Pence. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel of Larned, with the Rev. Ken Walker officiating. Burial will be in the Garfield Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and 9 a.m. until service time Monday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the mortuary. Jan. 26, 2003, Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune

January 24, 2003

Jill Renee Southern 1955-2003

WICHITA — Jill Renee Southern, 47, died Jan. 21 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. She was born June 21, 1955, at Kearney, Neb., the daughter of Jack M. and Nita Frank Horner. She graduated from Kearney High School in 1973 and Kearney State College in 1977. She married Stephen Southern Feb. 3, 1989, at Honolulu, Hawaii. A resident of Wichita, she was a homemaker and a volunteer at Magdalen School, St. Thomas School and the Boy Scouts. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Scott Southern and Jeffrey Southern, both of the home; father and step-mother, Jack and Kay Horner of Kearney; mother-in-law, Marian Southern of Ellinwood; one brother, Jack Horner of Kearney; twin sisters, Jody Horner and Judy Salisbury, both of Ft. Collins, Colo.; two stepbrothers, Sam Sidner of Sidney, Neb., and Dan Sidner of Edwards, Colo., one
stepsister, Susan Carlebach of Park City, Utah; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother.
Donald Lynn Pitts 1952-2003

HUTCHINSON — Donald Lynn Pitts, 50, died Jan. 14 at his residence in Hutchinson. He was born June 22, 1952, at Perryton, Texas, the son of J.M. and Geneva Ellerman Pitts. He was a resident of Hutchinson since 1993, formerly of Wichita. Survivors include his parents of Great Bend; one brother, Kenneth D. Pitts of Lancaster, Penn.; and one sister, Pamela K. Chambers of Great Bend. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Hutchinson Friends Church with the Rev. Gary Getting officiating. The body was donated to the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City. Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 24, 2003.

William V. "Joe" Wilkerson 1914-2003

CHASE — William V. "Joe" Wilkerson, 88, died Jan. 21 at Lyons District Hospital in Lyons. He was born May 9, 1914, at Okfuskee County, Okla., the son of William B. and Malay Hartle Wilkerson. He married Ethel Virginia Jackson on Oct. 1, 1935, at Wewa, Okla. She died Sept. 15, 2002. A resident of Chase since 1956, coming from Oklahoma, he was retired from Arapahoe Pipeline. Wilkerson was a member of Christian Church of Chase. Survivors include three sons, William W. Wilkerson of Mannford, Okla., Allen Wilkerson of McPherson and Ronnie Wilkerson of Lyons; six brothers, Willie Lee Wilkerson of Spearman, Texas, Hasel Wilkerson of Oklahoma City, Okla., Henry Wilkerson of Sand Springs, Okla., Odis Wilkerson of Valdosta, Ga., David Wilkerson of Tulsa, Okla., and Jimmy Don Wilkerson of Depew, Okla.; four sisters, Dorothy Wolsey and Helen Imogene Chittenden, both of Sand Springs, Dora Scott of Tulsa, and Vivian Lowery of California; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by five brothers, Ovel Wilkerson, Emmett Wilkerson, Albert Wilkerson, Carl Wilkerson, and Junior Wilkerson; and two grandsons, Charles Valice Wilkerson and Billy Wilkerson. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Revs. D.D. Hall and Johnnie Hardie officiating. Burial will be at Lyons Municipal Cemetery. Friends may call from 2-5 p.m. today at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 24, 2003.

Glenda Marie Wurm Hitschmann 1937-2003

STAFFORD — Glenda Marie Wurm Hitschmann, 65, died Jan. 23 at Leisure Homestead. She was born Nov. 24, 1937, at Belpré, the daughter of Leonard F. and Lucy Schartz Wurm. On Oct. 5, 1955, she married Urban "Urb" L. Hitschmann at Larned. She was co-owner of the Beaver Bowling alley and an assistant manager and bookkeeper at Beaver Grain in Beaver. She was a beauty consultant for Fashion Two-Twenty cosmetics. She was an honoree member of the St. Joseph's altar society in Beaver before contracting encephalitis in April of 1974. She was a resident of Cherry Village in Great Bend from 1979 until she moved to Leisure Homestead in Stafford in 1998. Glenda was a member of St. Xavier Catholic Church of St. John. She is survived by her husband Urban "Urb" L. Hitschmann of Great Bend; her five children, Marlin R. Hitschmann, his wife Michele of Hoisington, Kimberly K. Hoffman, her husband Jim of Stafford, Curtis L. Hitschmann, his wife Kathy of Hoisington, Craig A. Hitschmann, his wife Ronda of Natoma, and Tina M. Johnson of Hoisington; two sisters, Juanita Davis of Phoenix, Ariz., and Shirley Deserno of Albuquerque, N.M.; nine grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Joseph Wurm; and one granddaughter, Tiffany Johnson. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Visitation will be until 9 tonight at the funeral home. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery in Beaver. Memorials are suggested to the St. Joseph Cemetery Fund or Leisure Homestead Activities Fund in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, P.O. Box 146, Hoisington, KS 67544. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 24, 2003.

Charlie E. Arnold 1923-2003

LARNED — Charlie E. Arnold, 80, died Jan. 21 at Norman Veterans Center in Norman, Okla. He was born Jan. 17, 1923, at Sandford the son of John T. and Elzenia Hendrixson Arnold. He married Donna Yates on June 2, 1942. She died in 1986. He married Nina Risenhoover in January of 1992 in Old Mexico. A resident of Oklahoma City, he was a governmental lab worker for the University of California. Arnold was a veteran of World War II, having served in the Army Air Corps in Europe and Africa. Survivors include his wife; one son, Mark of Overbrook; one daughter, Sharon Shulte of Austin, Texas; two stepsons, Wade and Charles, both of Oklahoma; two step daughters, Theresa and Karen, both of Oklahoma; one brother, Roy Arnold of Larned; 13 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Stephen; one daughter, Janet lozzi; one brother, John Arnold; and three sisters, Margaret Eckert, Irene Reynolds and Vera Howell. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Larned with the Rev. Dan Lundgren officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery with military honors. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. to service time Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer’s Association in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 24, 2003.

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Evelyn M. Anderson-Hansen
BELLA VISTA, Ark. — Evelyn M. Anderson-Hansen, died Jan. 16. She was born at Hoisington. She married Vernon S. Anderson in 1935. He died in September of 1986. She then married Harvey A. Hansen. He died Jan. 12, 2001. A resident of Bella Vista since 1978, coming from Wichita, she was a homemaker, worked for Maxine Lybrand Real Estate from 1956-1965 and was owner of Evelyn Anderson Realtor from 1966 until her retirement in 1978. Mrs. Anderson-Hansen was a charter member of MLS of Wichita Board of Realtors. Survivors include one son, Daryl Anderson of Wichita; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Central Christian Church of Wichita. Burial will be at Kensington Gardens Cemetery of Wichita. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of Broadway Mortuary of Wichita. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 23, 2003

Betty C. Miller 1926-2003

Betty C. Miller, 76 of Great Bend, died Jan. 21 at St. Mary’s Hospital in Rochester, Minn. She was Feb. 20, 1926, at Ellinwood the daughter of Milton and Cecil Merrick Panning. She married Vernon L. Miller on Nov. 4, 1945 at Ellinwood. A lifetime resident of Barton County, coming from rural Barton County, Ellinwood and Great Bend, she was a farm wife, homemaker and secretary for Wolf Mill in Ellinwood and a babysitter. Mrs. Miller was a member of St. John’s Lutheran Church, LWML, and Altar Guild, all of Ellinwood, China Dolls, Bridge Club, Dartmouth Club, Ellinwood Garden Club, Menninger Bible Study and Kansas Angus Auxiliary. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Allan V. Miller of Great Bend; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Max Leon Miller and one brother, Forrest Panning. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Andy Keltner officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Commanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, all at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 23, 2003

Oscar L. Dietz 1917-2003

BROOMFIELD, Colo. — Oscar L. Dietz, 85, died Jan. 20 at Avista Hospital in Louisville, Colo. He was born April 30, 1917, at Galatia, the son of Adam and Martha Margaret Karst Dietz. He married Leona Eurch on June 4, 1939, at Milberger. She died July 26, 1968. He married Elizabeth Bendorst on Dec. 25, 1969 at Milberger. A resident of Broomfield since 1991, coming from Hoisington and Great Bend, he was a longtime farmer in northwest Barton County and worked for Big A Auto Parts. Dietz was a member of United Emanuel Lutheran Church of Milberger, a member of Cross of Christ Church of Broomfield and a member of Gideons International. Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Cheryl Baron of Omaha, Neb.; JaLana Pinon and Carma Deutsch, both of Topeka; one stepson, Harlan Rummer of Sacramento, Calif.; one stepdaughter, Norma Dirks of Broomfield; 12 grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. He was preceded in death by one son, Larry Dean Dietz. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at United Emanuel Lutheran Church in Milberger with the Revs. Bob Kreier and Keith Kreitzer officiating. Inurnment will be at United Emanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Milberger. Friends may call from 9:30 a.m. until service time Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Broomfield, Gideons International or United Emanuel Lutheran Church in Milberger, all in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 23, 2003

Leo Payton Robinson 1934-2003

EVERGREEN PARK, Ill. — Leo Payton Robinson, 69, died Jan. 16 at Illinois. He was born Dec. 10, 1934, at Great Bend, the son of Albert and Sarah Ann Robinson. He was a graduate of Great Bend High School. He married Ellen Smith in 1962. A resident of Chicago, Ill., coming from Great Bend, he was an employee for the U.S. Postal Service, retiring in 1996. Robinson was a member of the Jehovah’s Witnesses of Sherman Park, Lindblom, South and Chicago Lawn. Survivors include his wife of the home; two brothers, Albert Ann Robinson and Cecil Robinson; four sisters, Elizabeth Hardy, Kathleen London, Katherine Craig and Joyce Cherry; three sons, James Robinson, Paul Robinson and Michael Robinson; two daughters, Lisa Stockdale and Regina Riley; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Leo Robinson Jr. Funeral was Jan 20 at Kosary Funeral Home in Evergreen Park. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 23, 2003

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Naomi Kathryn Gisick 1915-2003

BISON — Naomi Kathryn Gisick, 87, died Jan. 20 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Dec. 23, 1915, at Bison, the daughter of George Reichel Jr. and Lydia Reinhardt. She married Clarence Henry Gisick Nov. 6, 1938, at Bison. He died in October of 1993. A resident of Ellinwood since 2000, formerly of BISON, she was a farm wife and a teacher at Pleasant Valley Grade School. Mrs. Gisick was a member of BISON United Methodist Church and German Methodist Church, both of BISON, past president of United Methodist Women, United Methodist Choir, United Methodist Sunday school superintendent; Lone Star Home Demonstrations Unit and a 4-H leader. Survivors include one son, Rodney Gisick of Florence; one daughter, Donita Goosen of Ellinwood; and three sisters, LaVergne Parr of Birmingham, Ala., Martha Dial of Prescott, Ariz., and Darlyne Fratt of Missouri City, Texas; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Raymond Reinhardt and Benjamin Reinhardt; and two sisters, Lucille Herrman and Hilda Reichel. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at BISON United Methodist Church with the Revs. Marilyn Chistmore and Kathy Bannister officiating. Burial will be at Lone Star Cemetery, northwest of BISON. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Kimple Funeral Home and from 10 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 Jan. 22, 2003
Dorothy Estelle King 1913-2003

LARNED — Dorothy Estelle King, 89, died Jan. 16 at Apache Junction, Ariz. She was born Jan. 31, 1913, at Arlington, Colo., the daughter of John F. and Carrie B. Lockridge Lady. She married Otha Powell King Feb. 3, 1932, at Syracuse. He died April 29, 1986. She was a resident of Apache Junction, formerly of Burdett and eastern Colorado. Mrs. King was a member of Seventh Day Adventist Church of Apache Junction and was Worthy Matron of Order of Eastern Star in Colorado. Survivors include one son, John King of Garden City; one sister, Nellie Evans of Winfield; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister, Lois Anderson. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned and Garry Plummer officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call 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 donor’s choice in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Jan. 22, 2003

Alameda P. Ash 1932-2003

HAYS — Alameda P. Ash, 70, died Jan. 20 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. She was born July 25, 1932, at Gorham the daughter of Anton and Philomena Schmidt Herl. She married Ted Ash in 1953. He died in 1978. A resident of Hays since 1962, she was a waitress for Dan’s Cafe in Hays and was a senior care giver. Survivors include two sons, Ted Ash Jr. of Topeka and David Ash of Victoria; one daughter, Gail Kuhn of Russell; one brother, Marvin Kuhn of Hays; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Almeda Marie Kuhn and one granddaughter, Jennifer Kuhn. Graveside service was this morning at St. Mary’s Cemetery in Gorham with the Rev. David Gottschalk officiating. Memorials are suggested to the church cemetery in care of Klines Mortuary in Hays and Victoria. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Jan. 22, 2003

Donald G. Herl 1939-2003

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. — Donald G. Herl, 64, died Jan. 20 at Independence Regional Health Center. He was born Dec. 9, 1938, at Great Bend, the son of A.R. "Obie" and Lillian Schmidt Herl. He married Eva. He was in sales, a food broker and manufactured homes. Herl was a member of St. Mark’s Catholic Church in Independence. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Lori Crain of Kearney, Mo., and Terri Ingle of Independence; two sisters, Carol Bramhall of Neodesha, and Janet Noblitt of Maybank, Texas; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Barbara Foust. Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the church. Intombment will be at Mound Grove Mausoleum in Independence. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until service time Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society in care of Speaks Chapel in Independence. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Jan. 22, 2003

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Leona M. Reisbig Keil 1924-2003

HOISINGTON — Leona M. Reisbig Keil, 78, died Jan. 19 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. She was born April 18, 1924, at Galatia, the daughter of John and Marie Eichman Reisbig. She married Herman Keil Oct. 3, 1946, at Hoisington. He died Aug. 28, 1997. A longtime resident of Hoisington, she was a dietician at Hoisington Lutheran Hospital in Hoisington and served in World War II as a Rosie the Riveter at Wichita. Mrs. Keil was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, a Sunday school teacher at the church and a member of Hoisington Lutheran Hospital Auxiliary, all of Hoisington. Survivors include one son Ron H. Keil of Hoisington; two brothers, Richard Reisbig of Billings, Mont., and Irvin Reisbig of LaCrescent, Minn. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Rudy Reisbig and Ralph Reisbig; and three sisters, Helen Lewis, Olefie Nahajio and Elsile Meier. Prayer service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Kelly Taylor Schaus officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-9 tonight at the funeral home and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 21, 2003

LaVerna M. Wenger 1921-2003

KIMBALL, Neb. — LaVerna M. Wenger, 81, died Jan. 18 at Kimball County Manor. She was born April 25, 1921, the daughter of Robert A. and Merle Joy Thomas Turner. She graduated high school in Kansas. She married Fay Wenger in Kansas. He died in 1983. A resident of Kimball, coming from Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Wenger was a member of the Christian faith. Survivors include three sons, James DeWayne Wenger of Hayward, Calif., and Ira Eugene Wenger and Robert Allen Wenger, both of Burley, Mo.; three daughters, Carol Dunegan of Kimball, Georgia D. Gaines of Alice, Texas, and JoLynn Ellis of Cleveland, Okla.; one sister, Jean Ewing of Mission, Texas; 14 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother and one sister. The body was cremated. There will be no service at this time. Memorials are suggested to Prairie Haven Hospice in care of the Cantrell Funeral Home in Kimball. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Jan. 21, 2003

Florence Fernandez Flores 1931-2003

Florence Fernandez Flores, 71, of Great Bend, a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, passed away on Jan. 18 at Bethesda Home in Goessel. succumbing to Alzheimer’s disease. She was born Nov. 7, 1931. in Granada, Colo. to Jess and Fernanda
Fernandez, raised in the Holly, Colo., area and moved to Great Bend in 1956, where she lived until November of 1999. She lived with her daughter in Wichita until March of 2001, and then at Bethesda Home in Goessel. She loved caring for babies and children and was an excellent homemaker, cook and baker. She taught herself how to sew, read patterns, embroider, crochet and quilt. She made many of her own clothes and often sewed, crocheted and quilted for other family members. She and her husband were very family-oriented and enjoyed traveling and spending time with family members in Kansas, Colorado, California, Utah, Hawaii and Mexico. She was a longtime member of St. Rose Catholic Church in Great Bend and a member of the Altar Society. She is survived by her husband, Pete Flores, who sadly is also afflicted with Alzheimer’s disease and resides at Bethesda Home in Goessel; and their children and their families, Margo, Jim and Clint Raustfeld of Wichita; Jim, Sandy, Somerlyn and Bryant Flores of Heber City, Utah; David and Beatrice Flores of Bakersfield, Calif.; Joseph, Keiko and Emily Flores of Wichita and Honolulu, Hawaii; Rick, Jacob and Hannah Flores of Derby; Ed, Jessica and Sofie Flores of Salina; Vic Flores, Tron and Mercedes Smith of Great Bend; and her niece who she helped raise, Teresa Sleefe of Wichita. She is also survived by her sisters, Frances Bendabides of Lamar, Colo., Rose Fernandez of Denver, Colo., Emma Gonzales of Turlock, Calif., Mary Upham of Sacramento, Calif., Virginia Herrera of Greeley, Colo., Valerie Coons of Loveland, Colo., Alice Baca of Lamar, Josie Domingues of Lamar, Angela Herrera of Greely and Peggy Dennis of Hartman, Colo.; and four brothers, Joe Fernandez of Modesto, Calif., Robert Fernandez of Berthoud, Colo., Tony Fernandez of Longmont, Colo., and Steve Fernandez of Windsor, Colo. There are also many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Annette Raulsten.

Irene Hoff 1915-2003

RUSSELL — Irene Hoff, 87, died Jan. 19 at St. John Nursing Home in Victoria. She was born Feb. 1, 1915, at Victoria the daughter of John and Katherine Schmidtberger Rupp. She married Emil Hoff Jan. 4, 1938, at Gorham. He died July 16, 1996. A resident of Victoria, coming from Northglenn, she worked at Ben Franklin and Duckwall’s Stores and was a cook at Bickerdike Grade School and the Russell High School, all of Russell. Mrs. Hoff was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Russell. Survivors include one daughter, Shirley Brungardt of Russell; one brother, Linus Rupp of Bushton; four sisters, Olinda Schantz of Colorado Springs, Colo., Sally Sullivan of Garden City, Alice Wasinger of Hutchinson and Tina Rome of Hays; and one grandchild. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Clarence, Edward, Dan and Elmer Rupp; and three sisters, Albina Rupp, Leona Dreiling and Alberina Rupp. Rosary will be at 7 tonight at Pohlman’s Memorial Chapel in Russell. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Charles Steier officiating. Burial will be at St. Fidelius Cemetery in Victoria. Friends may call from noon to 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to service time Wednesday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Bethesda Home in Goessel, or Hospice Care of Kansas of Newton, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Jan. 21, 2003

Dorothy Estelle King 1915-2003

LARNED — Dorothy Estelle King, 89, died Jan. 16 at Apache Junction, Ariz. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Jan. 21, 2003

Kathleen L. Raya 1963-2003

Kathleen L. Raya, 39, of Great Bend, died Jan. 19 at her residence. She was born May 20, 1963, at Denver, Colo., the daughter of Lawrence and Shirley Emerson Solder. She married Albert Adrian Raya Sept. 26, 1992, at Northglenn, Colo. A resident of Great Bend since 1993, coming from Northglenn, she was employed by Central Kansas Medical Center and was former owner of Hacienda Restaurant. Mrs. Raya was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Great Bend and a volunteer for Relay For Life. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Justin Nickerson and Steve Nickerson, both of the home, and Joshua Reynolds of Windsor, Colo. There are also many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Aubrey Cartlidge of the home; grandparents, Mike and Karen Cartlidge of Great Bend and Walter B. “Doc” and Connie Reynolds of Winfield; and great-grandparents, Lucy Cartlidge and Lilian Hoffhaus, both of Great Bend, and Jerry and Alice Geetz of Park. There will be a private family graveside service Wednesday at Great Bend Cemetery with the Rev. Jack Sweeney officiating. Memorials are suggested to Aubrey Cartlidge Educational Fund in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Jan. 21, 2003

January 20, 2003

Kathleen L. Raya 1963-2003

Kathleen L. Raya, 39, of Great Bend, died Jan. 19 at her home. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 20, 2003

Andrew Riley and Andrea Sue Cartlidge 2003-2003

Andrea Sue and Andrew Riley Cartlidge, infants, died Jan. 19 at Central Kansas Medical Center. They were born Jan. 19, 2003, at Great Bend, the son and daughter of John and Kayla Reynolds Cartlidge. Survivors include their parents of the home; one sister, Aubrey Cartlidge of the home; grandparents, Mike and Karen Cartlidge of Great Bend and Walter B. “Doc” and Connie Reynolds of Winfield; and great-grandparents, Lucy Cartlidge and Lilian Hofhaus, both of Great Bend, and Jerry and Alice Geetz of Park. There will be a private family graveside service Wednesday at Great Bend Cemetery with the Rev. Jack Sweeney officiating. Memorials are suggested to Aubrey Cartlidge Educational Fund in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Jan. 21, 2003
Florence F. Flores 1931-2003

Florence F. Flores, 71, of Great Bend, died Jan. 18 at Bethesda Nursing Home of Goessel. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 20, 2003

James 'Jim' Barber 1917-2003

AURORA, Colo. — James "Jim" Barber died Jan. 17 of natural causes. Jim died in his bed at Shalom Park, a residential center for senior citizens in Aurora. Jim died peacefully Friday morning surrounded by his family. He had been a resident at the facility since October when he fell and broke his hip. While recovering from his broken hip, Jim’s general health continued to decline. Jim and his family celebrated his 86th birthday with prime rib and angel food cake. He was born Jan. 1, 1917, at St. John, to his father Matthew Simpson (M.S.) Barber and mother Josephine Calloway. Jim followed in his father’s footsteps by becoming a funeral director and taking over the family business in St. John. M.S. received his embalmer license in 1907. Jim followed suit and received his license in 1936 from Williams Institute of Embalming in Kansas City. The title to the business exchanged hands between father and son. Following the exchange, Jim and his wife, Sid Barber, continued to serve their community. The couple remained in St. John for 20 years, before moving to Dodge City, Pratt and finally Great Bend, where they retired. Jim’s love of music was a trait family and friends knew him by. For several years, Jim sang tenor for the Bethany College Oratorio Society’s annual performance of Handel’s Messiah in Lindsborg. Jim knew the words by heart and was able to join the choir to perform at Carnegie Hall in 1997. He continued to listen to the choral music until his final good-bye. Jim’s professionalism and gentlemanly nature defined him his entire life. Jim Barber is survived by his wife Sid; sister, Elonora Reazin of Altamont; son Jay Barber and his wife Judy of Clearwater, Fla.; son, John Barber and his wife Aagle of Centennial, Colo. Jim and Sid have six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren: Bill Barber and his son, Joshua; Katy Ludwig and her children Jamier and Holly; Meagan Carmody and her daughter Emma; Ed Barber and his daughters Elisa and Caitlin; and Tina Barber; and Jason Barber. Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church in St. John. Friends may call from 3-8 today at Minnis Chapel in St. John. Memorials are suggested to the building fund of St. John United Methodist Church in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 20, 2003

Greta V. Magers 1916-2003

ST. JOHN — Greta V. Magers, 86, died Jan. 16 at Pratt Regional Medical Center. She was born July 14, 1916, at Little River, the daughter of Maurice and Nellie Smith Patterson. A longtime resident of St. John, she was a retired Licensed Practical Nurse. Survivors include two sons, Larry Chadd of Macksville and Michael Kennedy of Yuma, Ariz.; one daughter, Darleen Beaman of Sunnyvale, Calif.; one brother, Robert Zent of Ashgrove, Mo.; two sisters, Ardis Shelton of Joplin, Mo., and June Schultz of Mt. Vernon, Mo.; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one son, Duane Chadd; one daughter, LaWanda Detrich; and three brothers, Gayle Smith, Nevin Zent and Yule Zent. A private family inurnment will take place at a later date. There is no visitation. The body was cremated. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association in care of Minnis Chapel of St. John. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 20, 2003

Chester J. 'Chet' Ratzloff 1930-2003

MARION — Chester J. "Chet" Ratzloff, 72, died Jan. 17 at his home in Marion. He was born Jan. 30, 1930, at Moundridge, the son of Pete and Adina Smith Ratzloff. He married Bonnie Roberts on Nov. 14, 1953, at El Dorado. A resident of the Cedar Point and Burns communities, he was retired from the Santa Fe Railroad bridge and building department. Ratzloff was a member of Marion Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6958. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served during the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Michael Ratzloff of Marion; four daughters, Debra Regier of Peabody, Laurie Creamer of Marion, Jamie Hopkins of Ellinwood, and Sharon Terrel of Newton; one brother, Perry Ratzloff of Marion; three sisters, Loreen Regier of Olmitz; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Marion Christian Church with the Rev. Larry Timm officiating. Burial will be at Marion Cemetery with military graveside rites. Friends may call until 8 tonight at Zeiner Funeral Home in Marion. The family will receive friends from 7-8 tonight at the funeral home. Memorial services are suggested to Cedar Point Community Church or American Cancer Society, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 20, 2003

John F. Ackerman 1919-2003

SPEARVILLE — John F. Ackerman, 83, died Jan. 17 at Western Plains Medical Complex of Dodge City. He was born June 2, 1919, in Ford County the son of John and Frances Chalk Ackerman. He married Susie Shanley on Oct. 2, 1951, at Pratt. A lifetime resident of Spearville, he was a retired meat cutter for the Spearville Mercantile for 45 years. Ackerman was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, a third degree member and past grand knight of Knights of Columbus Council 1539, both of Spearville, a lifetime member of Howard Gotschall Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1714 of Dodge City, and several church committees. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served during World War II as a private first class in the European Theatre and was a recipient of the Purple Heart and Good Conduct Medal. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, John M. Ackerman and David D. Ackerman, both of Dodge City, and Larry Ackerman of Spearville; one daughter, Glenda Stoss of Olmitz; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandson. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Peter Ackerman, Charles Ackerman and Anthony Ackerman; and six sisters, Sister Mary Osmunda, Sister Mary Denis, Emmeline Heeke, Sister Mary Perpetua, Helen Temaat and Alma Schawe. Funeral was this morning at the church with the Bishop Ronald M. Gilmore and the Revs. John J. Maes and Robert A. Schremmer officiating. Burial was at St. John Cemetery in Spearville with full graveside military rites by Ft. Riley Honor Guard. Memorials are suggested to the church or Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, both in
W. Dean Batesel 1944-2003

TOPEKA — W. Dean Batesel, 58, died Jan. 17 at a local care facility. He was born July 1, 1944, at Great Bend, the son of Alvin and Hester B. Edwards Batesel. He was employed by the Kansas Department of Transportation for 42 years. Batesel was a member of First Christian Church of Overbrook. Survivors include one brother, Glenn D. Batesel of Las Vegas, Nev.; and one sister, Mary Johnson of El Dorado. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the church. Cremation has taken place. Inurnment will be at a later date. Friends may call from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Penwell-Gabel Mid-Town Chapel of Topeka. Memorials are suggested to the church or Cat Association of Topeka, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 20, 2003

Eugene Edward Baird 1924-2003

HUNTER — Eugene Edward Baird, 78, died Jan. 16 at Mitchell County Hospital of Beloit. He was born May 2, 1924, on a farm northwest of Hunter, the son of Robert Kelly and Anna Hildegarde Arens Baird. He was a 1942 graduate of Hunter High School. He married Jean Folkner on May 17, 1959, at Concordia. A lifetime resident of Hunter, he was a farmer, operator of the Hunter branch of the Boettcher Enterprises Fertilizer Plant, a concrete finisher, worked on local grain elevator construction projects and was a distributor for DeKalb seed. Baird was a member of Hunter United Methodist Church, Hunter Lions Club, Hunter Fire Department, former mayor of Hunter, and was honored as the Century farm owner by Farm Bureau. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Kris Baird of Ellinwood; one daughter, Kimberly Peterson of Courtland; one brother, Jerome "Jerry" Baird of Downs; three sisters, Delores Henrikson of Bolicar, Mo., Eulala Herl and Margaret Leathers, both of Topeka; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son Kelly Baird; and one brother, Richard Baird. Funeral service will be at 2:30 today at the church with the Revs. Marion Walker, Ed Thompson, Lyle Miller, Tod Anthony and Charlie Greene, all officiating. Burial was at Greenwood Union Cemetery of Hunter. McDonald-Roberts Funeral Service of Beloit were in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 20, 2003

Lois Faye Dipman 1932-2003

Lois Faye Dipman, 70 of Great Bend, died Jan. 18 at Central Kansas Medical Center of Great Bend. She was born Nov. 1, 1932 in Wichita, the daughter of Benjamin F. and Theckia U. Lansdowne Greider. She was a Stafford High School graduate. She married Donald E. Dipman on June 11, 1953 in Portsmouth, Va. A resident of Great Bend, she was a homemaker and mother. Mrs. Dipman was a member of the First Assembly of God church of Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Charles E. Dipman of Riverside, Calif. and Donald W. Dipman of Great Bend; two daughters, Linda Dipman of Overland Park and Sharon Price of Larned; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one son, Christopher Hobbs. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. There is no visitation. There will be a private family inurnment at a later date at Claflin Cemetery. The body was cremated. Memorials are suggested to the Multiple Sclerosis Society in care of Brawnt Funeral Home in Great Bend.

January 19, 2003

Anna Lucille Testorff Adams 1934-2003

VICTORIA, TEXAS — Anna Lucille Testorff Adams, 68, died Jan. 14 at Detar Hospital of Victoria. She was born May 8, 1934 in Chanute, the daughter of Otto and Marie Clugston Testorff. She was a 1952 graduate of Yates Center High School. She married Orville V. Adams on Feb. 3, 1956 in Yates Center. A resident of Victoria, coming from Yates Center, Ulysses and Ellinwood, she was a nursing home employee. Mrs. Adams was a member of the First Christian Church and the Golden Rod Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, both of Yates Center. Survivors include her husband of the home; one daughter, Rebecca M. Parker of Victoria; and one sister, Louise Webb of Wichita. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Janice, in 1958. Funeral service was held Saturday at Campbell Funeral Home of Yates Center, with Order of the Eastern Star services. Burial was in the Yates Center Cemetery. There are no memorials suggested. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 19, 2003

Lois Faye Dipman 1932-2003

Lois Faye Dipman, 70 of Great Bend, died Jan. 18 at Central Kansas Medical Center of Great Bend. She was born Nov. 1, 1932 in Wichita, the daughter of Benjamin F. and Theckia U. Lansdowne Greider. She was a Stafford High School graduate. She married Donald E. Dipman on June 11, 1953 in Portsmouth, Va. A resident of Great Bend, she was a homemaker and mother. Mrs. Dipman was a member of the First Assembly of God church of Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Charles E. Dipman of Riverside, Calif. and Donald W. Dipman of Great Bend; two daughters, Linda Dipman of Overland Park and Sharon Price of Larned; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one brother, Monty Greider. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Dwight Dozier officiating. Burial will be in the Hillcrest Cemetery of Great Bend. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the church, with family receiving friends from 10-11 a.m. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of Charter Funerals of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 19, 2003

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Walter S. Hobbs 1932-2003

Walter S. Hobbs, 70 of Great Bend, died Jan. 15 at his residence. He was born Aug. 19, 1932, at Pueblo, Colo., the son of Robert and Betty Ross Hobbs. He married Sue Feaster Jan. 21, 1954, at Claflin. A resident of Great Bend for 45 years, coming from Pratt, he was former owner of Jayhawk Transportation. Hobbs was an Elder of First Presbyterian Church, former president of Great Bend Chamber of Commerce and former Great Bend city councilman, all of Great Bend. He was a former president of Kansas Motor Carriers Association, United Fund and a member of Isis Shrine of Salina. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Monty Hobbs of Lawrence; one daughter, Deb Rainbolt of Great Bend; one brother, Earl Hobbs of Olathe; one sister, Marion Doty of Pueblo, Colo.; five grandchildren Travis Postlethwaite, Traci Rainbolt, Katelyn Hobbs, Ryan Hobbs, and Haley Hobbs. He was preceded in death by one son, Christopher Hobbs. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. There is no visitation. There will be a private family inurnment at a later date at Claflin Cemetery. The body was cremated. Memorials are suggested to the Multiiple Sclerosis Society in care of Brawnt Funeral Home in Great Bend.
**William D. “Bill” Taylor 1944-2003**

William D. “Bill” Taylor, 58, of Great Bend, died Jan. 15 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born April 8, 1944, at Trenton, Mo., the son of Roy and Shirley Schooler Taylor. He was a graduate of A.C.L. High School in Allerton, Iowa. He attended Indian Hills Junior College and Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Mo. He married Karla France Bright Aug. 22, 1965, at Lineville, Iowa. A resident of Great Bend for the past 17 months and coming from Jewell, Iowa, he was a teacher and coach for USD 428. He was a teacher and coached a variety of athletic teams including varsity golf and football for Anita High School in Anita, Iowa; Paul H. Hewitt High School in Omaha, Texas; South Hamilton Community School in Jewell; and Great Bend High School. Taylor was the 1982 Iowa Shrine All-Star Football coach for the North Squad and in May of 2001 received the Golden Apple Teaching Award. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served in South Korea from 1969-1970. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Clint Slayton Taylor of Austin, Texas; one daughter, Tegwen Kay Taylor of Ames, Iowa; and four brothers, Ben Taylor of Des Moines, Iowa, Steve Taylor of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Tim Taylor of Allerton, and Mark Taylor of Charlotte, N.C. He was preceded in death by one infant brother, John Taylor. Funeral will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Great Bend High School Gymnasium with the Rev. Shawn Winters officiating. Cremation has taken place. There will be no visitation. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Coach Bill Taylor Memorial Scholarship in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 17, 2003

**John Joseph ‘Jack’ Feist 1934-2003**

John Joseph “Jack” Feist, 68, died Jan. 15 at Hutchinson Hospital. He was born March 7, 1934, at Ellinwood, the son of Conrad and Viola Liebl Feist. He married Mary M. Axman Aug. 29, 1959, at Olmitz. A resident of Great Bend for 40 years, coming from Dodge City, he was a self-employed stone cutter. Feist proudly served in the Marine Corp from 1953 to 1956. Jack Feist came into his personal relationship with Jesus in 1973. The peace, love and joy of Christ shone through his life to all who knew him. Survivors include his wife of the home; four sons, Robert Feist of Oklahoma City, Okla., Gerald Feist of Elk City, Okla., Douglas Feist of Joplin, Mo., and Paul Feist of Topeka; three daughters, LaRnda Andrus and Connie Feist, both of Wichita and Leanna Parish of Topeka; one brother, William Feist of Great Bend; two sisters, Jolene Hammeke of Great Bend and Norma Lee Berscheidt of Yakima, Wash.; and ten grandchildren. Service of prayer and sharing will be at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Loren Dyke officiating. Burial will be at St. Peter and Paul Cemetery, six miles north of Ellinwood. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Hungry Heart Soup Kitchen and Lasting Life Ministries, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 17, 2003

**Aloysius ‘Blackie’ Walters 1922-2003**

Aloysius “Blackie” Walters, 80, died Jan. 15 at Via Christi St. Francis in Wichita. He was born Nov. 24, 1922, at Catherine, the son of Alois F. and Dora Meis Walters. He married Mary Glassman Nov. 5, 1947, at Hays. A resident of Great Bend for 55 years, coming from Hays, he worked for Western Auto, Coast to Coast and retired from Vicker Corporation, all of Great Bend. Walters was a member of Knights of Columbus, St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111 and American Legion Post 180, all of Great Bend. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served as a sergeant in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Ronald J. Walters of Hudson and Kenneth F. Walters of Shawnee; one daughter, Barbara Ann Holt of Olathe; two brothers, Archie Walters of Hays and Alfred Walters of Aurora, Colo.; five sisters, Hilari McGuire, Cecilia Basgall and Lorraine Wasinger, all of Hays, Eleanora Marzano of Tacoma, Wash., and Leona Schwartzzenberger of Hoxie; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by five brothers, Marcellus Walters, Richard Walters, Seraphin Walters, Albert Walters and Alvin Walters. Vigil service followed by Knights of Columbus Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Rene Guesnier officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery with military rites conducted by Ft. Riley Honor Guard. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday, all at the funeral home. Memorial services are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 17, 2003

**Marie L. Hughes 1929-2003**

ST. JOHN — Marie L. Hughes, 73, died Jan. 15 at her residence in St. John. She was born March 18, 1929, at Williamsport, Pa. She married Arthur J. Hughes March 25, 1952, at Berwick, Pa. He died June 10, 1997. She was an inspector for Garment Factory in Williamsport. Mrs. Hughes was a member of St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church and Moose Lodge, both of Williamsport. Survivors include two sons, Daniel L. Evans of Milton, Pa., and Arthur J. Hughes Jr. of Fayetteville, N.C.; two daughters, Zoe Staub and Cindy M. Parr, both of St. John; one brother, Bernard Kibler of Williamsport; 13 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Charles Kibler, Frederick Kibler and Leo Kibler. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Minnis Chapel in St. John with the Rev. Rene Guesnier officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 4 to 8 tonight at the funeral home. Memorial services are suggested to Southwind Hospice of Pratt in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 17, 2003

**January 16, 2003**

**Edward L. “Ed” Stremel 1913-2003**
HAYS — Edward L. “Ed” Stremel, 89, died Jan. 11 at the Hays Medical Center. He was born Oct. 13, 1913 near Loretto, the son of John R. and Susanna Haberkorn Stremel. He attended school in Loretto. He married Isabel A. Schuckman on March 2, 1941 in Liebenthal. A resident of rural Hays, he was a farmer. Stremel was a member of St. Anthony Church and the Knights of Columbus, both of Schoenchen. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Edward Stremel Jr of Shawnee and Michael Stremel of Hays; two daughters, Esther Schaffer of Wichita and Irene Foster of Woodbury, Minn.; one brother, Richard Stremel of Great Bend; 13 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; and one step great grandchild. He was preceded in death by one son, John Stremel; five brothers; and five sisters. Funeral service was held Tuesday at the church. Burial was in St. Anthony Cemetery of Schoenchen. Memorials are suggested to the church or cemetery fund, both in care of Brock’s North Hill Chapel of Hays. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 16, 2003

Evelyn L. Krug 1915-2003

LA CROSSE — Evelyn L. Krug, 87, died Jan.15 at Rush County Memorial Hospital Long Term Care Center in La Crosse. She was born July 9, 1915, at Ionia the daughter of James Monroe Workman and Nellie Estelle Hauser Workman. She graduated from Ionia High School in 1933. She married Paul Bowman June 1, 1937, at La Crosse. He died Sept. 26, 1977. She married Elmer Krug June 26, 1982. He died Sept. 17, 1984. A longtime resident of Rush County, she was a bank teller at Nekoma State Bank until her retirement in 1994. Mrs. Krug was a member of St. Michael’s Catholic Church, East Brookdale Unit, Town and Country Ladies Club and Pro Art Music Club. Survivors include two daughters, Dolores Lambotte of Topeka and Carolyn Daubert of Ols; eight grandchildren; twenty great-grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and six step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Reggie Workman, Homer Workman, Curtis Workman, Gerald Workman and Harold Workman; and four sisters, Gertrude Shellenberger, Nina Gibson, Grace Conger and Lena Blacker. A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Charles Mazouch officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Rush County Nursing Home, Rush County Memorial Hospital Long Term Care, the church or Rush County Amusement Company, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 16, 2003

Aloysius Walters 1922-2003

Aloysius Walters, 80 of Great Bend, died Jan. 15 at St. Francis Medical Center of Wichita. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 16, 2003

William Dale Taylor 1944-2003

William Dale Taylor, 58 of Great Bend, died Jan. 15 at Central Kansas Medical Center of Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 16, 2003

January 15, 2003


SAN ANTONIO, Texas — Brig. Gen. Leslie J. Campbell Jr USAF (Ret.), 80, died Jan. 12 in San Antonio. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Gunn Campbell; his brother, Harold L. Campbell and wife Dorothy of Great Bend. Gen. Campbell enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1942 and became an Air Academy Cadet in 1943. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1944. During the course of his career he was an instructor pilot for numerous aircraft including the B-17, B-26, B-47 and T-33. He was a project test pilot for the B-47. His many assignment duties include being Wing Safety Officer; Wing Accident Investigation Officer; Executive Officer and Executive Assistant to the Director of Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force. He became Vice Wing Commander, Executive Officer to the Deputy Chief of Staff (U.S. Air Force) after his return from the Republic of Vietnam where he was Commander of the 315th Tactical Airlift Wing at Phan Rang Air Base. His final assignment was in the Canal Zone where as Director, J-5 (Plans and Program Directorate), U.S. Southern Command, he was a liaison between heads of state and the military. He also participated in negotiations for the Panama Canal Treaty. The Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross and Vietnam Cross of Gallantry are among his many military awards and decorations. He was a command pilot with more than 7,000 hours in conventional, single and multi-jet aircraft. BG and Mrs. Campbell retired to San Antonio in 1982. He accepted a position at UTSA where he taught political science and international studies for many years. He is particularly remembered for his support of UTSA interns in a multitude of positions throughout San Antonio. Those whose lives he touched will always remember his professional contributions as a military leader and academic counselor. They will also remember his personal attributes of unfailing graciousness and integrity. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Porter Loring Funeral Home, 1101 McCollough. Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at First Presbyterian Church. Internment will be in Arlington National Cemetery. The family invites you to leave a message or memory at www.porterloring.com by selecting Visitation and Services. Select “Sign Guestbook” at the bottom of the individual Memorial. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 15, 2003

Ruth Haymond 1914-2003

BURDETT — Ruth Haymond, 88, died Jan. 14 at Hodgeman County Health Center in Jetmore. She was born May 7, 1914 at Swink, Col., the daughter of Thomas and Addie Walker Taylor. She married Earl Haymond in December 1939 in Great Bend. He died in December 1984. A resident of Burdett. she was a homemaker and farmer. Mrs. Haymond was a member of the
Edna Blanche Smith 1907-2003

LEWIS — Edna Blanche Smith, 95, died Jan. 13, 2003, at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born Nov. 7, 1907, at Fellsburg, the daughter of Willard V. and Clara Emily McCarty Smith. She married Floyd Ives Smith Aug. 5, 1928, at Attica. He died Oct. 23, 1974. A resident of Mennonite Fellowship Manor since 1997, coming from Edwards County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Smith was a member of the Christian faith, a charter member of Franklin EHU, 50 year member of Eastern Star and 50 year member of Royal Neighbors. Survivors include one son, Estel “Bo” Smith of Wichita; one daughter, Clara Jean Liggett of Owasso, Okla.; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Patricia Ann Jones; three brothers; and one sister. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Tony Horsley officiating. Burial will be in the Brown’s Grove Cemetery of Burdett. Friends may call until 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Beckwith Funeral Home of Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to the church or Burdett Emergency Medical Service, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 15, 2003

Susan Irene Gilbert 1953-2003

HIGHLANDS RANCH, Colo. — Susan Irene Gilbert, 49, died Jan. 13, at Illiff Care Center in Denver, Colo. She was born Aug. 14, 1953, at La Crosse, the daughter of Lloyd and Irene Kittle Carter. She was a 1971 graduate of Otis High School and a 1975 graduate of the School of Nursing in Dodge City. She married Terry L. Gilbert May 26, 1979 at Hugoton. A resident of Highlands Ranch, coming from Guymon, Okla., Flagstaff, Ariz., and Houston, Texas, she was a nurse. Mrs. Gilbert was a member of St. Mark’s Catholic Church of Highlands Ranch. Survivors include her husband of the home; and one son, Terry Gilbert of the home. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Ann’s Catholic Church in Olmitz with the Revs. Ultan Murphy and Larry Solon officiating. Burial will be at St. Ann Cemetery in Olmitz. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. A Mass of Christian burial was held today at Archdiocese of Denver Mortuary with the Rev. Larry Solon officiating. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 15, 2003

D. Dean Tiday 1915-2003

LARNED — D. Dean Tiday, 87, died Jan. 12 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. He was born May 2, 1915, in Ash Valley, the son of Dudley David and Fanny Hollenbeck Tiday. A lifetime resident of Pawnee County, he was a retired farmer. Tiday was a member of Pleasant Hill Methodist Church of Ash Valley. Survivors include one brother, Don Tiday of Larned. He was preceded in death by one brother, Henry Tiday and one sister, Beulah Adams. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Larned Cemetery with the Rev. Ken Walker officiating. Friends may call until 8 p.m. tonight at Morell Funeral Home of Larned. Memorials are suggested to Larned Healthcare and Living Center in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 14, 2003

Edna Blanche Smith 1908-2003

LARNED — Edna Blanche Smith, 95, died Jan. 13 at Hutchinson Hospital of Hutchinson. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 14, 2003

Steven Thomas Vasquez 1948-2003

DORRANCE — Steven Thomas Vasquez, 54, died Jan. 13 at Russell Regional Hospital in Russell. He was born Dec. 27, 1948, at Great Bend, the son of Luis P. and Frances Gomez Vasquez. A lifetime resident of the Hoisington area, he was a warehouse worker for Great Bend Packing Co. Vasquez was a member of St. John Evangelist Catholic Church of Hoisington, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8871 of Plainville, past president of ABATE of Kansas, Bikers of Central Kansas and National Rifle Association. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in the Vietnam War and received the U.S. Army Commendation medal, the Bronze Star and the Vietnam Combat Medal. Survivors include four brothers, Lawrence Vasquez and Luis A. Vasquez, both of Hoisington; Joe Vasquez of Sedalia, Mo., and Robert Vasquez of Great Bend; three sisters, Louise Bohn and Helen Harmon, both of Hoisington, and Dolores Dee Mietzner of Alma, Neb.; and his companion, Dee Steinert of Dorrance. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery in Hoisington with military graveside rites by VFW Post 7429 and American Legion Post 286. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday, all at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to the church, Clara Barton Foundation or Toys for Tots, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 14, 2003

January 14, 2003
Barbara A. Lang Pfister 1925-2003

Wichita — Barbara A. Lang Pfister, 78, died Jan. 9. Survivors include her husband, James R. Pfister; two sons, John Pfister and James Pfister; one daughter, Jane Schneider of Great Bend; and four grandchildren. Memorials are suggested to Hillside Christian Church in Wichita and Kansas Humane Society, both in care of Lakeview Funeral Home in Wichita. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 13, 2003

Leona Deiser 1923-2003

LA CROSSE — Leona Deiser, 79, died Jan. 11 at Grisell Memorial Hospital Long Term Care of Ransom. She was born Oct. 29, 1923, at Hyacinth, the daughter of Peter and Rose Weigel Brungardt. She married Al Deiser March 31, 1951 at Hays. A resident of the La Crosse area for 44 years, coming from Hays, she was a restaurant cook. Mrs. Deiser was a member of St. Michael’s Catholic Church of La Crosse, a former member of St. Michael’s Altar Society of La Crosse; and former member of Christian Mothers of Ness City. Survivors include her husband of the home; and one grandchild. She was preceded in death by one son, Peter William Deiser; six brothers, Ben Brungardt, Dan Brungardt, Justin Brungardt, Vic Brungardt, Clarence Brungardt and Robert Brungardt; and two sisters, Sally Stadelman and Pauline Damiana. Vigil service and rosary will be at 7 tonight at the church. Funeral service will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Charles Mazouch officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 4-8 tonight at the church. The family will receive friends from 6-7 tonight at the church. Memorials are suggested to St. Michael’s Social Commission of La Crosse or donor’s choice, both in care of Janousek Funeral Home of La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 13, 2003

Virgil Joseph Warnken 1910-2002

CENTENNIAL, Colo. — Virgil Joseph Warnken, 92, died Dec. 22, 2002, at Christian Living Campus of Centennial. He was born April 28, 1910, at Heizer, the son of Jost Warnken and Anna Reinecke. He married Faye Paxton. Later he married Alice Vernon. A resident of Centennial, he was an owner of a radio and tv repair shop for almost 60 years. Warnken was a member of Augustana Lutheran Church for 39 years. Survivors include his wife of the home; three daughters, LoisLee Thompson of California, Karen Puffett of Minnesota and Lisa VanDeWege of Colorado; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. Memorial service was Jan. 2 at the church. Burial was at Olinger Crown Hill Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church or Christian Living Center Campus-Johnson Center, both in care of Olinger Crown Hill Mortuary of Wheat Ridge, Colo. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 13, 2003

Raymond A. Wanek 1922-2003

WILSON — Raymond A. Wanek, 80, died Jan. 12 at Salina Regional Health Center. He was born Feb. 11, 1922, in Russell County, the son of Joseph and Cora Root Wanek. He married Wilma Casper on July 20, 1946, at Norton. A lifetime resident of the Wilson area, he was a foreman for an oil field construction company. Wanek was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Wilson, MSGR John F. McManus American Legion Post 262, Wilson Lions Club and was a service officer of Lutheran Brotherhood. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served during World War II. He was awarded the Purple Heart. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Alan Wanek of Hutchinson; one daughter, Diana Brooks of Wilson; one brother, Junior Wanek of Russell; two sisters, Laverne Libal and Betty Mog, both of Wilson; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Beverly; and one granddaughter in 1985. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Jim Wagner officiating. Burial will be at Wilson City Cemetery with military honors by MSGR John F. McManus American Legion. Friends may call from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday at Foster Mortuary of Wilson and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Camp Kuck of Lake Wilson or the church, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 13, 2003

Velma M. Amerine 1910-2003

ELLINWOOD — Velma M. Amerine, 92, died Jan. 10 at Woodhaven Care Center of Ellinwood. She was born Feb. 15, 1910, at Great Bend, the daughter of Walter and Hattie Miller Boyd. She married William LaVern Amerine on June 9, 1929, at Great Bend. He died Nov. 13, 1983. A lifetime resident of Barton County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Amerine was a member of the Methodist faith and Hope Fellowship Group of Great Bend. Survivors include two sons, Richard Amerine of Haysington and Marvin Amerine of Ellinwood; one daughter, Joyce Saelens of Loveland, Colo.; 10 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one son, Clifford Amerine; two brothers, Elmer Boyd and Melvin Boyd; and one sister, Thelma Boyd. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Bryant Funeral Home of 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 Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to First Southern Baptist Church or Great Bend Relay for Life, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 13, 2003

January 12, 2003

Lynn Cunday Buettner 1927-2003

Lynn Cunday Buettner. 75 of Great Bend. died Jan. 9 at Via Christi - St. Francis in Wichita. She was born Jan. 14, 1927 in
Wichita, the daughter of Fred Nelson and Alice Lucinda Kearney Cunday. She married Frank C. Buettner on Oct. 10, 1946 in Hutchinson. A resident of Great Bend since 1958, coming from Hutchinson, she was a teller for First Federal Savings & Loan for 25 years. Mrs. Buettner was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Joy Class, Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, the American Legion Auxiliary, all of Great Bend, and volunteered at Central Kansas Medical Center. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Jack B. Buettner of Leawood and John N. Buettner of Shawnee; one daughter, Jane A. Nelson of Lindsborg; and four grandchildren. Service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Fairlawn Burial Park of Hutchinson. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today, with family receiving friends from 7-8 p.m., at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church or American Diabetes Association, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 10, 2003

**Velma M. Amerine 1910-2003**

ELLINWOOD — Velma M. Amerine, 92, died Jan. 10 at Woodhaven of Ellinwood. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 12, 2003

**Mary Ann Walters 1923-2003**

HAYS — Mary Ann Walters, 79, died Jan. 9 at the Hutchinson Memorial Hospital in Hutchinson. She was born Aug. 12, 1923 in Catherine, the daughter of Leo and Claire Wasinger Leikam. She married Vincent Walter on May 15, 1946 in Hays. He died in 1988. A resident of Hays, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Walters was a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church of Hays. Survivors include four sons, Vern Walters of Lenexa, Tim Walters of Seattle, Wash., Mike Walters of Lawrence and Bob Walters of Kingman; two daughters, Norma Kuhn and Joyce Brack, both of Great Bend; two brothers, Elmer Leikam of Hays and Ralph Leikam of New Mexico; four sisters, Gladyss Dreiling and Celia Donkin, both of Denver, Colo., Alice Beal of Chicago, Ill., and Catherine Barnes of Larned; and 18 grandchildren, one great-grandson, and one great-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Jon Eric Polson, Chester William Polson, Carl Melvin Polson and Raymond Polson. Memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Fairlawn Burial Park of Hutchinson. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today, with family receiving friends from 7-8 p.m., at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to TMP-Marian High School, in care of Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home of Hays. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 12, 2003

**January 10, 2003**

**Hadley ‘Pete’ Polson 1925-2003**

ROZEL — Hadley “Pete” Polson, 77, died Jan. 8 at Larned Healthcare and Living Center in Larned. He was born Sept. 5, 1925 in Rozel, the son of Carl E. and Hulda Edlund Polson. He attended school in Rozel. A resident of Rozel, he was a retired farmer. Polson was a member of the United Methodist Church of Rozel. Survivors include one sister, Virginia Polson of Rozel. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Jon Eric Polson, Chester William Polson, Carl Melvin Polson and Raymond Polson and two sisters, Ruth Unruh and Dorothy Lill. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Morell Funeral Home of Larned, with the Rev. Tony Horsley officiating. Burial will be in the Garfield Cemetery of Garfield. Friends may call until 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Burdett and Rozel Emergency Medical Service, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 10, 2003

**Joseph M. Tucker Jr 1915-2003**

VALPARAISO, Ind. — Joseph M. Tucker Jr, 87, died Jan. 8. He was born Aug. 9, 1915 in Battle Creek, Mich., the son of Joseph M. and Ernestine Barker Tucker Sr. He graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1940 with engineering and business degrees. A resident of Valparaiso, coming from Pawnee Rock, he was a manager for several companies, including Montgomery Manufacturing, Rockwell International, Standard Steel Springs, Boeing and Southern Equipment Company, and a quality control supervisor for Lustron Homes. Tucker was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Valparaiso. Survivors include his wife, Mildred Brookover Tucker of the home; one son, Joseph M. Tucker III of Peoria, Ill.; one daughter, Judith Horsch of Andale; his stepmother, Mary Tucker of Clearwater, Fla.; five stepchildren, Beverly Endsley, Charlie Brockover, Jeri Naillieux, Barbara Ranta and Gaye Lindsley; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; 14 step grandchildren; and 10 step great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Dorothy; one sister, Marion Springer; and one grandson, Phil Hall. Following cremation at Angelcrest Crematory of Valparaiso, a memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Moeller Funeral Home of Valparaiso, with Bob Coolman officiating. Friends may call one hour prior to the service Saturday. Memorials are suggested to the Life Care Center, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 10, 2003

**January 9, 2003**

**Melba D. Schneider 1908-2003**

LARNED — Melba D. Schneider, 94, died Jan. 8 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. She was born Aug. 10, 1908 at Bison, the daughter of Henry E. and Martha Amanda Miller Schneider. She was a graduate of Bison High School, received her teaching certificate from Fort Hays College of Hays and attended Brown Mackie Business College of Salina. A resident of Larned since 1962, she taught in a rural school near LaCrosse and Bison for several years, worked at the LaCrosse Bakery and retired as an accountant for the Chevrolet Agency of Larned. She was a member of the United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Methodist Women Quilter’s, all of Larned, and taught Sunday school. Survivors include one brother, Oswald Schneider of Great Bend and one sister, Verna Mavse of Larned. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the church. with the Rev.
Charles Grant officiating. Burial will be at the LaCrosse City Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 p.m. today and from noon Friday, both at Morell Funeral Home of Larned. Memorials are suggested to the Welcome Inn Seniors, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 9, 2003

Matilda E. Boldt 1912-2003

PRATT — Matilda E. Boldt, 90, died Jan. 6 at Friendship Manor in Pratt. She was born Feb. 27, 1912 at Chase, the daughter of George and Sophia Ruhl Dipple. She was a graduate of Chase High School. She married Lowell E. Boldt on Aug. 22, 1934 in Bushton. He died July 19, 1995. A resident of Pratt since 1966, coming from Dodge City, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Boldt was a member of the First Church of the Nazarenes, Late Bloomers, RSVP, The Garden Club, all of Pratt, and taught Sunday school. Survivors include three sons, Milton Boldt and Charles Boldt, both of Pratt, and Keith Boldt of Bentonville, Ark.; one sister, Babe Kretzmann of Lindsborg; 13 grandchildren; and 17 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Robert Boldt; seven sisters; and three grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Kenneth Starkey officiating. Burial will be 2 p.m. Saturday at the Salem Cemetery of Bushton. Friends may call until 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, both at Larrison Mortuary of Pratt. Memorials are suggested to the church or Southwind Hospice, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 9, 2003

January 8, 2003

Altha May Gibson 1911-2003

BELPRE — Altha May Gibson, 91, died Jan. 5 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. She was born Dec. 16, 1911, in Cullison, the daughter of David Mace and Clara Alice Harris. She married Herbert F. Gibson March 17, 1942. He died in 1978. A resident of Edwards County for most of her life, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Gibson was a past member of Belpre Baptist Church, Belpre EHU and Belpre KEE-N-agers. Survivors include one daughter, Marie C. Gaeddert of Larned; one sister, Grace Sidebottom of Hutchinson; five grandchildren; and one great-grandson. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Alice Rose Gibson; one son, Carl Ray Gibson; five brothers, Willard Harris, Clifford Harris, Harold Harris, Don Harris and Clarence Harris; and three sisters, Agnes Moody, Mable Johnson; and Elsie Livingston. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bergthal Mennonite Church in Pawnee Rock with the Revs. Todd Schlosser and Lynn Schlosser officiating. Burial will be at Belpre Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Friday at Minnis Chapel in Macksville. The family will receive friends from 5-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association or Mennonite Central Committee, both in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 8, 2003

Alice L. Demuth 1916-2003

HUGOTON — Alice L. Demuth, 86, died Jan. 5 at St. Catherine Hospital in Garden City. She was born Oct. 10, 1916, in rural Stevens County, the daughter of Frank and Jessie Sillin Anderson. She was a graduate of Hugoton High School and received her teaching certificate from Northwestern State University of Alva, Okla. She married Francis A. Demuth on Nov. 16, 1935, at Coldwater. He died May 1, 1991. A resident of Hugoton, coming from Texas County, Okla., she farmed with her husband and taught school until 1962. Mrs. Demuth was a member of Hugoton United Methodist Church. Survivors include one son, H. Jan Demuth of Midland, Va.; one daughter, Anna Cousins of Westfield, Ind.; five sisters, Lillian Reynolds of Phoenix, Ariz., Mary Madden of Pueblo, Colo., Dorothy Thompson and Nora Swafford, both of Hugoton, and Betty Brown of Hot Springs, Ark.; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Woodrow Anderson. Funeral will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Donald J. Koehn officiating. Burial will be at Riverview Cemetery at 3:30 p.m. Friday at Kiowa. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at Garnard Funeral Home in Hugoton. Memorials are suggested to Pioneer Manor Retirement Home of Hugoton, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 8, 2003

Ruth Foos Parker 1914-2003

HUGOTON — Ruth Foos Parker, 88, died Jan. 5 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born July 13, 1914, at Bazine, the daughter of Philip and Scharlotte Fresorger Foos. She married Austin Leonard Parker in 1939 at Leoti. He died Jan. 15, 1973. A resident of Hugoton since 1939, coming from Garden City and Bazine, she was a cook for Hugoton Elementary School for 30 years and a homemaker. Mrs. Parker was a member of Hugoton United Methodist Church and Hugoton United Methodist Women. Survivors include one son, Phil Parker of Albuquerque, N.M.; one sister, Irene Dickens of Los Angeles, Calif.; and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Ronny Parker; six brothers, H.P. Foos, Philip Foos, George Foos, John Foos, Herman Foos and Manuel Foos; and two sisters, Lottie Giskie and Katie Schneider. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Donald J. Koehn officiating. Burial will be at Hugoton Cemetery. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Garnard Funeral Home in Hugoton. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 8, 2003

January 7, 2003

Joseph Daniel Rayla 1915-2003

Joseph Daniel Rayla, 87, of Great Bend, died Jan. 5 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Oct. 21, 1915, at San Francisco, Calif., the son of Felix and Elisa Griebnow Rayla. He was a Great Bend resident since 1964, coming
from San Francisco. He was a printer for American President Lines on the President Cleveland ship, was owner/operator of Rumpus Room and Gun Rack of Hoisington, later worked as projectionist for Commonwealth Theatres and worked in the sporting goods departments of the Great Bend Gibsons and K-Mart stores. Rayla was a past president of Eagles Lodge in Daly City, Calif. Survivors include five daughters, Jacqueline Fletcher of Great Bend, Virginia Rowlands of San Francisco, Dennise Wilson of Mobile, Ala., Brenda L. Rayla of Weatherby Lake, Mo., and Roxanna McVay of Urbandale, Iowa; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Florence Larsen and Ysabel Orozco; and one grandson, Mark Rowlands. Memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to the Joseph D. Rayla Memorial Fund in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 7, 2003

Clouse “Joe” Hamm 1933-2003

LARNED — Clouse “Joe” Hamm, 68, died Jan. 4 at Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice in Wichita. He was born Feb. 19, 1933, in Sparkman, Ark., the son of Daniel E. and Mattie Lee Ross Hamm. He married Linda Cloyd on Dec. 7, 1990 at Winfield. A Larned resident from 1996 to Oct. 2002, he was a machinist for the Boeing Company. Hamm was a member of East Heights Baptist Church in Great Bend and was a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Cloise “Joe” Hamm of Benton, Ark., and Timmy Hamm of Malvern, Ark.; two daughters, Betty Boehm of Decatur, Ark., and Jo Ann Draper of Malvern; two sisters, Clara Lee Horn and Bessie Wheeler, both of Malvern; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, Clarence Hamm. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. today at Eastside Southern Baptist Church in Great Bend with the Rev. Julius Ellis officiating. Burial will be at Malvern. Memorials may be sent to Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice or Victory in the Valley, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 7, 2003

January 6, 2003

Valetta Marie Mitchell 1910-2003

ST. JOHN — Valetta Marie Mitchell, 92, died Jan. 3 at Manor Care Nursing Home in Webster, Texas. She was born Dec. 11, 1910, at St. John, the daughter of Joseph Newton and Mary Elizabeth Buckles Mitchell. Having lived most of her life in the St. John and Antrim communities, she was a retired teacher after 48 years of teaching in the Hutchinson, Pratt and St. John schools. She was a member of First Baptist Church of St. John, retired teachers groups at Hutchinson and was St. John Woman of the year in 1979. Survivors include one nephew, Jerry Friess of Wichita; one niece, Joyce Friess of Wichita; and two great-nieces. She was preceded in death by one sister, Vona. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Fairview Park Cemetery of St. John with the Rev. Betty Partridge officiating. Friends may call from 2-4 p.m. Tuesday at Minnis Chapel in St. John. Memorials are suggested to the family’s choice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 6, 2003

Altha May Gibson 1912-2003

BELPRE — Altha May Gibson, 91, died Jan. 5 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Minnis Chapel in Macksville. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 6, 2003

Martina Reichert 1916-2003

HAYS — Martina Reichert, 86, died Jan. 3 at St. John’s Nursing Home in Hays. She was born Sept. 20, 1916, in rural Antonino, the daughter of Jacob and Pauline Dechant Haas. She married Frank Reichert Oct. 3, 1944, in Antonino. A resident of Hays, coming from Antonino, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Reichert was a lifetime member of Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church of Antonino, Antonino Christian Mothers and Third Order of St. Francis. Survivors include three sons, Frank J. Reichert of Blue Springs, Mo., Lawrence J. Reichert and Thomas Reichert, both of Hays; four daughters, Barbara Jean Robinson of Green Bay, Wis., Paulette Reichert, Alvera Reichert and Norma Pipkin, all of Hays; two brothers, Al Haas of Durango, Colo., and Francis Haas of Kearney, Mo.; one sister, Irene Pfeifer of Hays; nine grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Mary Ellen Reichert; a grandchild, Jacob Reichert; five brothers, Alfred Haas, Celestine Haas, Alex Haas, Robert Haas and Norbert Haas; and two sisters, Adeline Fisher and Philiomene Schuckman. Rosary will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday followed by a parish wake at 7 p.m., both at Brock’s North Hill Chapel in Hays. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Julian Haas officiating. Burial will be at the church cemetery. Friends may call from 1-4 p.m. and 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday and from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Thomas Moore Prep-Marian High School, St. John’s of Hays Nursing Home or for Masses, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 6, 2003

January 5, 2003

Naida L. Stinson 1915-2003

WILSON — Naida L. Stinson, 87, died Jan. 2 in St. Louis, Mo. She was born Sept. 9, 1915 in Topeka, the daughter of Herbert and Nellie Brownell. She married Dale Stinson on Sept. 2, 1938 in Topeka. A resident of Wilson from 1944 to 1999, she was a homemaker and owned and operated the Wilson World from 1944 to 1954. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Terry Stinson of Phoenix, Ariz.; one daughter, Jean Naney of St. Louis; one brother, Herb Brownell of Lincoln, Neb.; and three granddaughters. Memorial service will be held at a later date at the Wilson Methodist Church. Burial will be at the Wilson Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of Kriezhauser West Mortuvar of St. Louis. Great Bend (Kan.)
Andy Seeman Jr 1915-2003

LARNED — Andy Seeman Jr, 87, died Jan. 2 at Healthcare and Living Center of Larned. He was born Nov. 29, 1915 in Ash Valley, the son of Andy Sr and Elsie E. Fox Seeman. He married Maudie Hill on April 30, 1939 in Wichita. A lifetime resident of Pawnee County, he was a retired farmer/stockman. Seeman was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Larned and the Masonic Lodge of Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Patrick Seeman and Steven Seeman, both of Larned, and Mark Seeman of Salina; two daughters, Joanne Crosby of League City, Texas and Susan Smith of Larned; nine grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, John E. Seeman. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Jim Hawthorne officiating, with Masonic rites. Burial will be in the Larned Cemetery. There will be no visitation, cremation has taken place. Friends may sign a registrar book at the Morell Funeral Home from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. Memorials are suggested to the church or Larned Emergency Medical Service, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 5, 2003

Sophie Agatha Fugger 1911-2003

TULSA, OKLA. — Sophie Agatha Fugger, 91, died Jan. 3 at Franciscan Villa in Tulsa. She was born Nov. 8, 1911 in Marienthal, the daughter of Victor and Katie Weber Kerschen. She graduated from the Dominican School of Nursing of Great Bend in 1933. She married H.B. "Bert" Fugger on Nov. 8, 1933 at Marienthal. He died April 4, 1975. A resident of Tulsa since 1981, coming from Great Bend, she was a registered nurse. Mrs. Fugger was a member of Resurrection Catholic Church of Tulsa. Survivors include two sons, Marion Fugger of Cushing, Okla., and John Fugger of Fort Worth, Texas; three daughters, Kay Cain of Tempe, Ariz., Susie Crosatrosa of Overland Park and Linda Rose of Burlington; 16 grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Ralph Kerschen and Alphonse Kerschen. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Patrick Catholic Church of Great Bend, with the Rev. Warren Stecklein officiating. Burial will be in the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 5-9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Dominican Sisters, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 5, 2003

David Ross “Dave” Baird 1949-2003

HOISINGTON — David Ross “Dave” Baird, 53, died Jan. 3 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was born Sept. 24, 1949 in Hays, the son of LeRoy and Grace Sullivan Baird. He married Ronda Campbell on Dec. 14, 1969 in Great Bend. A resident of Hoisington for three years, coming from Russell and Farmington, N.M., he was manager of the Lake Barton Golf Club of Hoisington and a retired production operator for Conoco Oil, retiring in 1989. Baird was a member of New Covenant Methodist Church of Farmington and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7428 of Hoisington. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served during the Vietnam Conflict. Survivors include his wife of the home; his mother of Hoisington; two daughters, Anna Jones of Bloomfield, N.M., and Richelle Twilley of Farmington; two brothers, Dean Baird of Hoisington and Jim Baird of Junction City; one sister, Kay Taylor of Goddard; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, and seven brothers and sisters. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Graveside service will be held at 2:15 p.m. Tuesday at the Morlan Cemetery of Graham County with military graveside rites. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Barton County Relay for Life or Lake Barton Golf Club, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 5, 2003

Clouse “Joe” Hamm

LARNED — Clouse “Joe” Hamm, 69, died Jan. 4 at Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice in Wichita. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary of Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 5, 2003

January 3, 2003

Andy Seeman 1916-2003

LARNED — Andy Seeman, 87, died Jan. 2 at Healthcare and Living Center in Larned. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 3, 2003

Florence Marie Beck 1918-2002

HOISINGTON — Florence Marie Beck, 84, died Dec. 31 at Cherry Village Residential Care in Great Bend. She was born March 25, 1918, in Dillworth, Okla., the daughter of Clyde Leo and Eva Edna Wagner Stoops. She married Leonard L. Beck on April 25, 1941, at Hoisington. He died Oct. 26, 1972. A resident of Hoisington since 1973, coming from Elkhart, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Beck was a member of First Baptist Church of Hoisington. Survivors include two sons, Larry Beck of Aurora, Colo., and Richard Beck of Topeka; one brother, Harold Stoops of Grand Junction, Colo.; one sister, Loueva Horton of Elkhart; and one granddaughter. She was preceded in death by one son, Ronald Beck. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Don Fisher officiating. Burial will be at 3 o.m. at Elkhart Cemetery.
Bob Gene Kelley 1929-2003

ST. JOHN — Bob Gene Kelley, 73, died Jan. 1 at Hutchinson Hospital. He was born Jan. 5, 1929, at New Blaine, Ark., the son of Raymond and Faye Kelley. He graduated from St. John High School in 1948. He married Joan Popp on June 25, 1954, in Hutchinson. A resident of St. John, coming from Haven and Bella Vista, Ark., he was a mechanic for Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Co. for 30 years. Kelley was a member of First Baptist Church of St. John. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Lee Engweiler of McPherson; four daughters, Linda S. Luyster of Sterling, Patricia Allison of Phoenix, Ariz., Sherry Nickels of Hutchinson and Mary Miles of Macomb, Ill.; three brothers, Bud Kelley of Sterling, and Bill Kelley and Ben Kelley, both of Lyons; 13 grandchildren; and 18 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Berma Henks and Betty Howell. Memorial service will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the church with the Rev. David A. Ford officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery of St. John. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society in care of Minnis Chapel of St. John. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 3, 2003

Debra S. Bowles 1950-2002

WILSON — Debra S. Bowles, 52, died Dec. 31 at Ellsworth County Medical Center. She was born Nov. 16, 1950, in Ellsworth, the daughter of Dr. Dallas and Evelyn Sula Moeller. A resident of Wilson, coming from Phoenix, Ariz., she was a medical assistant. Bowles was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Wilson. Survivors include her mother and step-father, Evelyn and Anton Sula of Wilson; her father, Dr. Dallas Moeller of Phoenix; one step-son, Kenneth A. Bowles of Wilson; one daughter, Kelsey Youngblood of Phoenix; one brother, Brett Sula of Salina; and two half-brothers, Jan Moeller of Phoenix and Jon Moeller of Los Angeles, Calif. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Foster Mortuary Chapel in Wilson with the Rev. Elaine Lord officiating. Burial will be at Wilson City Cemetery. Friends may until 8 tonight until service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Muscular Dystrophy Foundation or Ellsworth County Ambulance Fund, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 3, 2003

Phoebe Brack 1909-2003

OTIS — Phoebe Brack, 93, died Jan. 1 at Russell Regional Hospital. She was born Nov. 9, 1909, north of Galatia the daughter of Conrad and Mary Steiert Keil. She married Edwin B. Brack on Aug. 16, 1931, at Otis. He died May 18, 1979. A lifetime resident of the Otis and Galatia area, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Brack was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Otis. Survivors include three daughters, Fara Popp of Russell and Mary Ann LeRoy of Wichita; one brother, Alvin Keil of Great Bend; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Sieg Keil, Edwin Keil, Ben Keil and Emanuel Keil, and two sisters, Rubina Keil and Elma Brack. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Jeri Drexheimer officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery of Galatia. Friends may until 9 tonight at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington. The family will receive friends from 9:30 a.m. until service time Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Otis EMS, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 3, 2003

Faie B. Donner 1910-2003

Faie B. Donner, 92, of Great Bend, died Jan. 1 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was born July 27, 1910, in Rush County, the daughter of Emory M. and Julia S. Boyle Whinery. She married Walter Lee Donner on Feb. 20, 1938, at Larned. He died Aug. 14, 1994. A resident of Great Bend since the late 1980s, coming from Norton County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Donner was a member of United Brethren Church and the Hobby Club, both of Edmond. Survivors include three daughters, Julia Pittig of Great Bend, Grace Harris of District Heights, Md., and Clara Schultz of Longmont, Colo.; nine grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Elmer Whinery and Holland Whinery. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. John Lutheran Church in Ellinwood with the Rev. Andy Keitner officiating. Burial will be at Hilltop Cemetery in Raymond. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Charter Funeral Home in Great Bend. Family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Memorial services are suggested to the American Cancer Society in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 3, 2003

January 2, 2003

Francis Cleo Long 1938-2002

ELLINWOOD — Francis Cleo Long, 64, died Dec. 31 at Ellinwood District Hospital. He was born Jan. 23, 1938, in Oklahoma City, Okla., the son of Cleo and Ruby Ross Long. He graduated from Chase High School in 1956. He married Geraldine Blackburn Dec. 1, 1956, in Wichita. A longtime residence of Ellinwood, coming from New Mexico, he was a retired owner of Ellinwood Pump and Supply. Survivors include his wife of the home; his mother of Great Bend; four sons, Rick Long, Bob Long, Rob Long and Randy Long, all of Ellinwood; two sisters, Barbara Herbel of Lawrence and Sharon Bradford of Hill City; and 11 grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. John Lutheran Church in Ellinwood with the Rev. Andy Keitner officiating. Burial will be at Hilltop Cemetery in Raymond. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Charter Funeral Home in Great Bend. Family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Memorial services are suggested to the American Cancer Society in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 2, 2003

Phoebe Brack 1909-2003
OTIS — Phoebe Brack, 93, died Jan 1 at Russell Regional Hospital in Russell. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan) Jan. 2, 2003

Bob Gene Kelley 1930-2003


Florence M. Beck 1918-2002


Nellie Pearl Conner 1919-2002

ELLINWOOD — Nellie Pearl Conner, 83, died Dec. 30 at Hesston. She was born Aug. 11, 1919, at Bruner, Mo., the daughter of George Washington and Cynthia Cornelia Burke McHaffie. She married Leonard L. Conner Dec. 24, 1937, at Bruner. He died Nov. 5, 1982. A resident of Ellinwood since 1949, she was a homemaker. She was a member of United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women and Rebekah Lodge, all of Ellinwood. Survivors include one son, George A. Conner of Rogersville, Mo.; three daughters, Betty E. Spangler of Hesston, Janice L. Ensle of Great Bend and Linda J. Gladhart of Wichita; one brother, Burke McHaffie of Bruner; one sister, Goldie Patterson of Rogersville; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Hadley McHaffie, Hollis McHaffie and Otis McHaffie; two sisters, Helen Bracken and Susan McHaffie. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the church with the Revs. Vernon Maelzer and Bill Wolf officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Commache Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Friday, both at Kimple Funeral Home of Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Jan. 2, 2003
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Richard L. Griffin 1934-2003


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Raymond J. Spacil 1933-2003

ELLINWOOD — Raymond J. Spacil, 69, died Feb. 25 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. He was born Nov. 21, 1933, at Ellinwood, the son of Ernest Frank and Alice Marie Batchman Spacil. He was a 1951 graduate of Ellinwood High School. He married Barbara Huff on Aug. 30, 1951, at Ellinwood. He married Jan Wescott on July 7, 1971, at Ellinwood. She preceded him in death. He married Patricia Lewick Branson on Jan. 21, 1984, at Ellinwood. She preceded him in death. A lifetime resident of Stafford and Barton counties, he was a retired farmer and mechanic for StoneRidge Golf Course. Spacil was a member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Ellinwood. Survivors include two sons, Steven Ray Spacil of Payton, Utah, and Michael Joseph Spacil of Topeka; one daughter, Melanie Kay Rehmert of Dodge City; two sisters, Norma Mae King of Great Bend and Marilyn E. Brehm of Phoenix, Ariz.; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by one infant brother, Ronald Spacil. Altar Society rosary will be at 3 p.m. Friday followed by a vigil service at 7 p.m., both at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. David Flagor officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Commache District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 5 to 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Ellinwood Area Health Care Foundation, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 27, 2003

SFC John William McAllister 1970-2003

CLAREMORE, Okla. — Services for SFC John William McAllister will be at 11 a.m. Friday in the Chapel of the Garden at Rice Funeral Service in Claremore, (918) 341-0376. U.S. Army Chaplain Mark Zerger will officiate. Friends may visit at the funeral home until 8 tonight with the family receiving visitors from 6 to 8 p.m. John passed away Feb. 24. He was 33. Born in Gillette, Wyo., on Feb. 15, 1970, John’s parents are Carol Zook McAllister and Gary McAllister, both of Hoisington. He was reared and educated in Gillette, New Mexico, Colorado and Kansas. He graduated from Great Bend High School. High school is where John met Kathy Jo Price, and the two were married May 11, 1991, after John returned from service in Saudi Arabia. With John’s army career, the couple made their first home in Ft. Sill, Okla. They spent three years in Germany, and in 1995, returned to Ft. Sill. In 1997, John was stationed in Claremore as a recruiter and then in 2001, with a new assignment to Bartlesville, Okla., the McAllisters settled in Skiatook, Okla. Their family had grown to include two sons, Cody McAllister and Colton McAllister. John represented his country proudly. He set high standards for himself and those around him. He was committed to his family and spending time with them was his first priority. John is survived by his wife Kathy, of the home in Skiatook; two sons, Cody McAllister and Colton McAllister, of the home; his parents, Carol and Gary McAllister of Hosington; three siblings, Mike McAllister of Sterling, David McAllister of Kansas City and Jaime McAllister of Hosington; maternal grandmother, Jimmie Kimp of Corvallis, Mont.; and paternal grandmother, Eloise McAllister of Casper, Wyo. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, John Zook; and his paternal grandfather, William McAllister. Memorial contributions in John’s honor may be made to the local Humane Society or to the Army Emergency Relief Fund Drive, c/o Army Community Services Building, 4700 N. Mow-Way Rd., Ft. Sill, OK 73503. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 27, 2003

Clara B. Sommer 1904-2003

TOPEKA — Clara B. Sommer, 98, died Feb. 23 at Dillon Living Center in Hutchinson. She was born Nov. 15, 1904, near Larned, the daughter of Charles and Mary McLaughlin Graebner. She received her bachelor degree from McPherson College. She married F. Eugene Sommer June 25, 1933, at Ft. Dodge. He died June 29, 1995. A resident of Hutchinson in 1997, coming from Topeka, she was a school teacher at Macksville 1928-1933, and a special education teacher at Topeka from 1958-1971. Mrs. Sommer was a member of First Congregational Church in Topeka and Order of the Eastern Star. Survivors include a niece, Norma Long of Hutchinson. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Charles Graebner, Harry Graebner and Jim Graebner; and one sister Mary Neill. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Minnis Chapel in St. John with Tom Long officiating. Private family burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church, 1701 SW Collins Ave., Topeka, KS 66604. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 27, 2003

February 26, 2003

Elmer L. Fenn 1927-2003
Elmer L. Fenn, 75, of Great Bend, died Feb. 24 at Central Kansas Medical Center. He was born Aug. 22, 1927, in rural Great Bend, the son of Ernest A. and Katherine Drehle Fenn. He was a 1945 graduate of Great Bend High School. He married Louise E. Behrens June 13, 1954, at Wichita. A resident of Great Bend for most of his life, he owned and operated Fenn’s Paint and Wallpaper Store and was engineer for Petrolog. Fenn was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Great Bend and served on the advisory board of Shafer Memorial Art Gallery. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in the 22nd Regimental Headquarters Company 4th Infantry Division from October of 1950 to September of 1952. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Matthew A. Fenn of Liberal; and one sister, Thelma Hipp of Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. David E. Carlson officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery north of Great Bend. Friends may call from noon until 9 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, all at the funeral home, and from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Shafer Memorial Art Gallery, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 26, 2003

Helen Nicklaus Riedl 1913-2003

HOISINGTON — Helen Nicklaus Riedl, 89, died Feb. 24 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. She was born June 1, 1913, at Haven, the daughter of William and Emma Bauman Nicklaus. She married Joseph Riedl Jr. Oct. 8, 1936, at Kingman. He died Nov. 3, 1970. A longtime resident of Hoisington, coming from Haven, she was retired from Suburban Laundry of Hoisington. Mrs. Riedl was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Hoisington. Survivors include two sons, Bert Riedl of Hoisington and Martin Riedl of Woodward, Okla.; one daughter, Sharon Sohl of McPherson; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Arthur Nicklaus, Elmer Nicklaus, Fritz Nicklaus and Robert Nicklaus; and four sisters, Augusta Tindall, Elsie Steiner, Ethel Rumbaugh and Margaret Reimer. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. Thursday followed by Altar Society Rosary, both at care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. John Church Cemetery in Hoisington. Friends may call from 1 to 9 today, 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 Hoisington Ambulance Service in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 26, 2003

LuAnne M. McAllister Poole 1962-2003

ST. JOHN — LuAnne M. McAllister Poole, 40, died Feb. 13 at her home in Denver, Colo. She was born July 25, 1962, at Great Bend, the daughter of Donald L. and Helen Maxine Gerstenkorn McAllister. She graduated from Macksville High School and attended Barton County Community College. Survivors include two brothers, Carey McAllister of Macksville and Clayton McAllister of Great Bend; six sisters, Timarie A. Walters of Hudson, Janet K. McKemy of Sugarland, Texas, Kayla J. Clowers and Cassie L. Miller, both of Belpre, Jamie L. Keiter of Kansas City, Mo., and Melissa G. McAllister of St. John; and father and step-mother, Donald L. and Lynda McAllister of St. John. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Minnis Chapel of St. John. The body was cremated. There is no visitation. Funeral Mass will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church of Seward with the Rev. Rene Guesnier officiating. Inurnment will be at Fairview Park Cemetery at St. John. Memorials are suggested to Capitol Hill Contingency Fund of Denver in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 26, 2003

Raymond J. Spacil 1933-2003

ELLINWOOD — Raymond J. Spacil, 69, died Feb. 25 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 26, 2003

February 25, 2003

Elmer L. Fenn 1927-2003

Elmer L. Fenn, 75, of Great Bend, died Feb. 24 at Central Kansas Medical Center. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 25, 2003

Helen Riedl 1913-2003

HOISINGTON — Helen Riedl, 89, died Feb. 24 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 25, 2003

February 24, 2003

Joyce Nagel 1917-2003

HOLYROOD — Joyce Nagel, 85, died Feb. 22 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. She was born Oct. 2, 1917, at Lilbourn, Mo., the daughter of George W. and Lula Stokes Ford. She married Martin Henry Louis Nagel on Nov. 21, 1937, at Holyrood. He died Feb. 10, 1987. A resident of Holyrood and Ellsworth County since 1964, coming from Barton County, she was a municipal judge at Holyrood. Mrs. Nagel was a volunteer at Ellsworth Good Samaritan Village. Survivors include two granddaughters, Fawnia Miller of Ellinwood and Marcelle Hawks of Long View, Texas, and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by
one son, Terry Nagel; one sister, Pauline DesBennett; and one grandson, Martin Lynn Hawks. There will be no service. Memorials are suggested to Good Samaritan Village or donor's choice, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 24, 2003

Verna V. Gustin 1914-2003

HOISINGTON — Verna V. Gustin, 88, died Feb. 22 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. She was born April 12, 1914, in Barton County, the daughter of Jacob and Mary Lebsack Muth. She married Ora W. Gustin on Nov. 25, 1942, at Otis. A lifetime resident of the Galatia and Hoisington area, she was a homemaker and worked as a telephone operator in Otis. Mrs. Gustin was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Galatia and a former member of Sunflower HDU. Survivors include her husband of Hoisington; one daughter, Kay Steinert of Hoisington; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Cindy Gustin; and one brother, Elmer Muth. Prayer service will be at 7 tonight at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Shannon Vogelezang officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Galatia. Friends may call until 9 tonight at the funeral home and from 10 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or American Heart Association, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 24, 2003

Beverly Ann Herren 1936-2003

Beverly Ann Herren, 67, of Great Bend, died on Feb. 20 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. She was born Feb. 11, 1936, at El Dorado, the daughter of Emory and Helen Brenzikofer Barnes. She was a graduate of Kansas State School for the Blind in Kansas City. She married Roger Milberger on Nov. 23, 1961, at Burns. They were divorced. She was married to James W. Herren on July 10, 1978, at Wichita. A resident of Great Bend since 1984, coming from Wichita, she worked at St. Rose Hospital in Great Bend, Terramerra Pottery in El Dorado, Topeka Broom in Topeka and Blind Shop in Wichita. Mrs. Herren was a member of First Christian Church of Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; and one brother, Don Barnes of Great Bend. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Edith Marie Millberger; and one brother, Craig Barnes. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Ebenezer United Methodist Church of Burns, with the Rev. Steve Hysom officiating. Inurnment will be at Ebenezer Cemetery in Burns. There will be no visitation. The body has been cremated. Memorials are suggested to Ebenezer United Methodist Church, in care of Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 24, 2003

Earl Healtzer 1918-2003

NESS CITY — Earl Healtzer, 85, died Feb. 22 at Ness County Hospital in Ness City. He was born Feb. 9, 1918, at Alexander, the son of Adam and Katherine Kerbs Healtzer. He graduated from Alexander High School and attended Fort Hays State University. He married Verneta Steitz on March 5, 1947, at Otis. A resident of Ness City since 1947, he was owner of Healtzer Tire Inc. of Ness City for the past 55 years. Healtzer was a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, the church council, Lions Club, city council, Ness County Hospital Board and American Legion Frank Stall Post 153, all of Ness City. He was U.S. Air Force veteran, having served as a B-24 pilot in World War II. Survivors include two sons, Stan Healtzer and Paul Healtzer, both of Ness City; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sons, John Healtzer and Mark Healtzer; two brothers, Fred Healtzer and Roy Healtzer; five sisters, Pauline Newcomer, Rose Lappin, Lillian Nickel, Elsie Hunt and Katherine Hartwig. Funeral will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City with the Rev. Barry Levine officiating. Burial will be at Ness City Cemetery with military graveside rites by the American Legion Frank Stall Post 152 of Ness City. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 24, 2003

Ruth Hanks 1925-2003

Ruth Hanks, 77, of Great Bend, died Feb. 22 at her home. She was born Aug. 24, 1925, at Crosby, Texas, the daughter of James Richard and Willie D. Gibson Dafft. She married Edwin L. Hanks on Dec. 1, 1945, in Richmond, Texas. He died Nov. 4, 1994. A resident of Great Bend for 47 years, coming from Conroe, Texas, she was a nurse at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Survivors include one son, David L. Hanks of Overland Park; two daughters, Brenda Urban of Wichita and Sharon Hanks of Great Bend; and three grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Julius C. Ellis officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Eastside Baptist Church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 24, 2003

Clara B. Sommer 1905-2003

MACKSVILLE — Clara B. Sommer, 98, died Feb. 23 at Dillon Living Center in Hutchinson. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Minnis Chapel in St. John. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 24, 2003

February 23, 2003

Harry Neil ‘Bud’ Clothier 1933-2003
Albert Partin 1919-2003

OSBORNE — Albert Partin, 84, died Feb. 21 at Osborne County Memorial Hospital. He was born March 12, 1919, at Wilson, the son of Joseph and Hermina Houdek Zvolanek. He married Lillian Mattas on Dec. 23, 1947, at Ellsworth. A resident of Osborne County, coming from Wilson, he was a retired welder and farmer. He was a U.S. army veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Bill J. Zvolanek, Terry L. Zvolanek and Larry G. Zvolanek, all of Osborne; one brother, Richard Zvolanek of Holyrood; and three sisters, Hermina Zvolanek of Salina, Libby Preston of Wichita and Anna Beth Bath of Loveland, Colo. He was preceded in death by one son, Dick Zvolanek. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Thieme-Shadel-Hicks Funeral Service at Colonial Chapel, with Matt Flanders officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Rose Memorial Park with military rites by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4107 of Lebanon. Memorials are suggested to VFW Post 4107, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 23, 2003

George Zvolanek 1915-2003

OSBORNE — George Zvolanek, 87, died Feb. 21 at Osborne County Memorial Hospital. He was born March 12, 1915, at Wilson, the son of Joseph and Hermina Houdek Zvolanek. He married Lillian Mattas on Dec. 23, 1947, at Ellsworth. A resident of Osborne County, coming from Wilson, he was a retired welder and farmer. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Bill J. Zvolanek, Terry L. Zvolanek and Larry G. Zvolanek, all of Osborne; one brother, Richard Zvolanek of Holyrood; and three sisters, Hermina Zvolanek of Salina, Libby Preston of Wichita and Anna Beth Bath of Loveland, Colo. He was preceded in death by one son, Dick Zvolanek. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Foster Mortuary Chapel in Wilson, with the Rev. Elaine Lord officiating. Burial will be at Wilson City Cemetery with military honors. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 8 a.m. until service time Monday, all at the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 23, 2003

Melvin Eugene Blake Sr. 1944-2003

LEBANON, Mo. — Melvin Eugene Blake Sr., 59, died Feb. 17 at his residence in Lebanon. He was born Feb. 15, 1944, at Beloit, the son of Fenton Cool and Ilene Echyner Blake. A resident of Lebanon, he was rancher. Survivors include two sons, Melvin Gene Blake Jr. of Aurora, Mo., and Robert Fenton Blake of St. Robert, Mo.; one brother, Eddy Blake of Lebanon; four sisters, Joyce Fell of Longton, Pat Henson of Great Bend, Janice Nuss of Kansas and Sharon Lavy of Los Alamos, N.M.; and one grandson. Funeral was held Saturday at Thieme-Shadel-Hicks Funeral Service at Colonial Chapel, with Matt Flanders officiating. Burial was at Mt. Rose Memorial Park with military rites by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4107 of Lebanon. Memorials are suggested to VFW Post 4107, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 23, 2003

Beverly Jean `Bev' Ingalls 1935-2003

ELLINWOOD — Beverly Jean “Bev” Ingalls, 67, died Feb. 19 at Wesley Hospital in Wichita. She was born April 16, 1935, at Wayne, Neb., the daughter of Donald and Rose Stamm Carlson. Bev was a member of United Church of Christ in Ellinwood, Altar Guild and Women’s Fellowship. She participated in several bridge clubs and was very involved in her grandchildren’s activities. On Aug. 20, 1954, she married David H. Ingalls, at Yuba City, Calif. He survives. Other survivors include: a daughter and son-in-law, Kathleen and Chris McGuire of Ellinwood; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Don and Kathy Ingalls of Morgan Hill, Calif., John Ingalls of Hutchinson and Jay Ingalls of Wichita; her mother, Rose Carlson of Wayne; one sister, Donna Tietos of Wayne; one brother, Larry Carlson of Wayne; and six grandchildren, Ryan and Ross McGuire of Ellinwood, Shayla Ingalls of Wichita and Derek, Kylee and Luke Ingalls of Hutchinson. Her father, Donald Carlson, and brother, Ronald Carlson, preceded her in death. A memorial service will be at Immanuel United Church of Christ in Ellinwood on Monday at 10:30 a.m. No visitation or graveside services are planned. Memorials may be sent to Ellinwood Public Education and Library Foundation or Immanuel United Church of Christ. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 23, 2003

Lawrence E. ‘Larry’ Smith 1934-2003

Lawrence E. “Larry” Smith, 68, of Great Bend, died Feb. 20 at his residence. He was born Dec. 14, 1934, at Sabetha, the son of Amos Alexander and Myrtle Maude Nieberger Smith. He married Barbara Jean Easdon in December 1961 at Miami, Okla. She died May 11, 1967. He married Peggy Jo Duft on Sept. 9, 1967, at Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend since 1952, coming from Sabetha, he was an electrical contractor for Stanion Wholesale and retired from Amerine Electric. Smith was a U.S. army veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, David Duft of Great Bend and Daniel Smith of Ness City; two daughters, Monica Lynne Meek and Linda Schneidewind, both of Great Bend; and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, John Smith, Marvin Smith and Mervin Smith; and two sisters, Marvell Larkin and Maxine Hartsock. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park north of Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the American Lung Association, in care of Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 23, 2003

George Lawrence Clothier 1934-2003

"I’ve gone fishing in the big blue sky, and one day all my friends will join me.” Harry Neil “Bud” Clothier, 69, of Great Bend, died Feb. 19 at Central Kansas Medical Center. He was born Sept. 20, 1933, at Raymond, the son of Harry I. and Nellie J. Lofland Clothier. He married Gloria Dorshaffer on Oct. 6, 1956, at Raton, N.M. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he was a self-employed brick mason and worked for Fuller Brush Company, retiring in 1994. Clothier was a member of the Protestant Faith. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving as private first class. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Tim Clothier of Great Bend; three daughters, Tammy Crain of Tribune, Teresa Bartolotta of Rowlett, Texas, and Tonya Mathes of Knoxville, Tenn.; one brother, Dr. Orval Clothier of Wichita; three sisters, Wilma Renfro of Augusta, Helen James Johnson of Saratoga, Texas, and Jean Jordan of Great Bend; nine grandchildren, Candace Scott, Michael Crain Jr., Lance Cpl. Justin Neil “J.P.” Crain, Ronald Rosignol, Robert Crain, Trista Rosignol, Lucas Crain, Zachary Clothier and Sidney Matthes; and one great-grandchild, Tristan Scott. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Millard Clothier, Everett Clothier and Homer Clothier; and one sister, Ilia Scott. Funeral was Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. John Grummon officiating. Burial was at Hillcrest Memorial Park north of Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the American Lung Association, in care of Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 23, 2003

Orval Clothier 1919-2003

"I’ve gone fishing in the big blue sky, and one day all my friends will join me.” Harry Neil “Bud” Clothier, 69, of Great Bend, died Feb. 19 at Central Kansas Medical Center. He was born Sept. 20, 1933, at Raymond, the son of Harry I. and Nellie J. Lofland Clothier. He married Gloria Dorshaffer on Oct. 6, 1956, at Raton, N.M. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he was a self-employed brick mason and worked for Fuller Brush Company, retiring in 1994. Clothier was a member of the Protestant Faith. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving as private first class. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Tim Clothier of Great Bend; three daughters, Tammy Crain of Tribune, Teresa Bartolotta of Rowlett, Texas, and Tonya Mathes of Knoxville, Tenn.; one brother, Dr. Orval Clothier of Wichita; three sisters, Wilma Renfro of Augusta, Helen James Johnson of Saratoga, Texas, and Jean Jordan of Great Bend; nine grandchildren, Candace Scott, Michael Crain Jr., Lance Cpl. Justin Neil “J.P.” Crain, Ronald Rosignol, Robert Crain, Trista Rosignol, Lucas Crain, Zachary Clothier and Sidney Matthes; and one great-grandchild, Tristan Scott. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Millard Clothier, Everett Clothier and Homer Clothier; and one sister, Ilia Scott. Funeral was Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. John Grummon officiating. Burial was at Hillcrest Memorial Park north of Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the American Lung Association, in care of Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 23, 2003

Memorial Services for Lawrence E. “Larry” Smith 1934-2003

Memorial Services for Lawrence E. “Larry” Smith, 68, of Great Bend, died Feb. 20 at his residence. He was born Dec. 14, 1934, at Sabetha, the son of Amos Alexander and Myrtle Maude Nieberger Smith. He married Barbara Jean Easdon in December 1961 at Miami, Okla. She died May 11, 1967. He married Peggy Jo Duft on Sept. 9, 1967, at Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend since 1952, coming from Sabetha, he was an electrical contractor for Stanion Wholesale and retired from Amerine Electric. Smith was a U.S. army veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, David Duft of Great Bend and Daniel Smith of Ness City; two daughters, Monica Lynne Meek and Linda Schneidewind, both of Great Bend; and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, John Smith, Marvin Smith and Mervin Smith; and two sisters, Marvell Larkin and Maxine Hartsock. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Monday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice or Barton County Relay for Life, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 23, 2003

Zelpha Jean McGurk 1929-2003

Zelpha Jean McGurk, 73, of Great Bend, died Feb. 21 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. She was born Aug. 29, 1929, at Great Bend, the daughter of Amos B. and Fern E. Scott Clark. She married William McGurk in 1948 in Pratt. He died November 1983. A resident of Great Bend since 1984, coming from Yukon, Okla., she was an area manager for San Inc. in Wichita. Mrs. McGurk was a member of Episcopal Church and Beta Sigma Phi Social Sorority. Survivors include one son, William Michael “Mike” McGurk of Great Bend; one daughter, Karen Ochs of Hutchinson; one brother, Jon Clark of Dover, Del.; and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Patrick Alan McGurk; and two brothers, Allan Clark and Ralph Clark.

Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend, with the Rev. Dave Carlson officiating. Inurnment will be at Larned Cemetery. Cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 23, 2003

February 21, 2003

Arley Willard Jones 1917-2003

ELLINWOOD — Arley Willard Jones, 85, died Feb. 17 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. He was born April 14, 1917, at Blocker, Okla., the son of Thomas R. and Haddie E. Phelps Jones. He married Eula Mae Barker Aug. 28, 1945, at Ft. Smith, Ark. She died March 26, 2000. A longtime Ellinwood resident since 1945, he was a truck driver for NCRA for 26 1/2 years, a gauger and operator, retiring in 1979. Jones was a member of Cornerstone Fellowship of Great Bend and Masonic Lodge 217 of Ellinwood. He was a World War II army veteran, serving in the 158th Infantry Regimental Combat Team from 1941-1945, earning a silver star. Survivors include three sisters, Opal Brannham, Ruth Inez Johnson and Ida Mae Foster, all of Tulsa, Okla.; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Judy Brooks. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Curtis Reinhardt officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to Lasting Life Ministries or the church, both of Great Bend in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 23, 2003

Zelpha Jean McGurk 1929-2003

Matt William Schibbelhut 1963-2003

Matt William Schibbelhut, 40, died Feb. 18, at Hammett Idaho. He was born Jan. 10, 1963, at Las Animas, Colo., the son of Robert and Jeraldine Murray Schibbelhut. He married Janet Dunham Meyeres in July of 1992 at Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend since 1992, coming from Hasty, Colo., he was owner and operator of J.A.M. Trucking. Survivors include three sisters, Debbie Schibbelhut, Penny Gonzales, Shelia Schibbelhut and Peggy Shankle, all of Colorado and Vicky Slansky of Kansas; half sister, Barbara Weimer of Kansas; and one granddaughter. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park north of Great Bend. Friends may call from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday and from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Matt Schibbelhut Memorial Fund in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Feb. 21, 2003

Lawrence E. “Larry” Smith 1934-2003

Lawrence E. "Larry" Smith, 68, of Great Bend, died Feb. 20 at his residence in Great Bend. He was born Dec. 14, 1934, at Sabetha the son of Amos Alexander and Myrtle Maude Nieberger Smith. He married Barbara Jean Easdon in December of 1961 at Miami, Okla. She died May 11, 1987. He married Peggy Jo Duff Sept. 9, 1967, at Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend since 1952, coming from Sabetha, he was an electrical contractor for Stanion Wholesale and retired from American Electric. Smith was a U.S. army veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, David Duff of Great Bend and Daniel Smith of Ness City; two daughters, Monnica Lynne Meek and Linda Schneidewind, both of Great Bend; and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, John Smith, Marvin Smith and Mervin Smith; and two sisters, Marvell Larkin and Maxine Hartsock.

Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday and 9 a.m. until service time Monday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice or Barton County Relay for Life, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 23, 2003

Harry Neil ‘Bud’ Clothier 1933-2003

Harry Neil “Bud” Clothier, 69, of Great Bend, died Feb. 19, at Central Kansas Medical Center. He was born Sept. 20, 1933, at Ravmond. the son of Harrv I. and Nellie J. Loffland Clothier. He married Gloria Dorfshaffer Oct. 6, 1956. at Raton. N.M. A lifetime
resident of Great Bend, he was a self employed brick mason and worked for the Fuller Brush Company, retiring in 1994. Clothier was a member of the Protestant Faith. He was a U.S. Army veteran serving as private first class. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Tim Clothier of Great Bend; three daughters, Tami Crain of Tribune, Teresa Bartolotta of Rowlett, Texas, and Tonya Mathes of Knoxville, Tenn.; one brother, Dr. Orval Clothier of Wichita; three sisters, Wilma Renfro of Augusta, Helen James Johnson of Saratoga, Texas and Jean Jordan of Great Bend; nine grandchildren; Candace Scott, Michael Crain Jr.; Lance Cpl Justin Neil “J.P.” Crain, Ronald Rosignol, Robert Crain, Trista Rosignol, Lucas Crain, Zachary Clothier and Sidney Mathes; and one great-grandchild, Tristin Scott. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Millard Clothier, Everett Clothier and Homer Clothier; and one sister, Ila Scott. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. John Grummon officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park north of Great Bend. Friends may call from noon to 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Lung Association in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 21, 2003

Beverly A. Herren 1936-2003

Beverly A. Herren, 67, of Great Bend, died Feb. 20 at Great Bend Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 21, 2003

February 20, 2003

Robert L. ‘Bob’ McCart 1917-2003

LIBERAL — Robert L. “Bob” McCart, 85, died Feb. 18 at Southwest Medical Center in Liberal. He was born Sept. 15, 1917, at Edinburgh, Ill., the son of James W. and Ora Etherton McCart. He married Betty J. Brenner Nellis on March 4, 1957, at Liberal. A resident of Liberal since 1957, he was an operator and tool pusher for Bruce Well Service for 28 years and an oilfield consultant and troubleshooter. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Jimmy McCart of Apache Junction, Ariz., and Mark McCart of Montesano, Wash.; four daughters, Aleta Spreer of Grantsville, Vicki Sandrifer of Shreveport, La., Marsha Melchiori of Coffeeville and Janet McCart of Amarillo, Texas; 13 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, David McCart; one daughter, Laura McCart; one brother; and two sisters. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Fellowship Baptist Church in Liberal with the Revs. Bill Prater and Andrew Linder officiating. Burial will be at Restlawn Memorial Gardens in Liberal. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Friday, all at Miller Mortuary of Liberal. No memorials are suggested. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 20, 2003

Harold C. Schulte 1919-2003

LOGANVILLE, Wis., — Harold C. Schulte, 83, died Feb. 17 at Maplewood Nursing Home in Sauk City, Wis. He was born Feb. 27, 1919, at Lime Ridge, Wis., the son of John and Anna Seamandel Schulte. He married Kathryn Pyffereon on Aug. 15, 1941. She died Oct. 1, 1965. He married Helen Bindl on July 12, 1969. He was a maintenance man for Ithaca High School until 1982 and farmed most of his life. Schulte was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church at Loreto, Wis. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Joe Schulte of Ellinwood and Robert Schulte of Madison, Wis.; three daughters, Mary Kay of Loyd, Wis., Alice Ann of rural Reedsburg, Wis., and Sandy of rural Hillpoint, Wis.; one sister, Mabel Kitzke; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one great-grandson; twin great-granddaughters; one brother, Awald Schulte; and one sister, Alice Schulte. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Mike Resop officiating. Burial will be at St. Paul’s Lutheran Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Barton County Historical Society in Great Bend or Ellinwood Library Art Restoration Project, all in care of Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 20, 2003

Matt William Schibbelhut 1963-2003

Matt William Schibbelhut, 40, of Great Bend, died Feb. 18 at Hammett, Idaho. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 20, 2003

Mollie Seltmann 1903-2003

NESS CITY — Mollie Seltman, 99, died Feb. 19 at Ness County Hospital in Ness City. She was born Feb. 23, 1903, at Bison, the daughter of Henry and Mollie Marsh Krug. She married Dan Ewy on Sept. 6, 1922. He died in 1956. She married George Yost on Aug. 31, 1959. He died in 1975. She married Louis Seltmann on March 26, 1983. He died Jan. 17, 1994. A resident of Ness City since 1994, coming from La Crosse, she was an employee at the John Weitzel factory making airplane parts. Mrs. Seltman was a member of United Methodist Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and Silver and Gold Club, all of La Crosse. Survivors include one stepson, Delmer Seltmann of Wichita; one step-daughter, Kay Ummel of Homington; and one sister, Esther Hayes of Mishawaka, Ind. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City with the Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. Burial will be at Bazine Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and from 9 a.m. until service time Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or donor’s choice, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 20, 2003

February 19, 2003
Arnold William Thurow Sr. 1917-2003

GREELEY, Colo. — Arnold William Thurow Sr., 86, died Feb. 15 at Life Care Center. He was born Jan. 13, 1917, at Dillwyn, the son of Adolph and Emma Lebbin Thurow. He graduated from Macksville High School in 1935 and attended Hutchinson Junior College for one year in 1936. He did leather work in his youth. From 1937 to 1942 he farmed with his father and brother, until he entered the Army. He was a member of the Army Air Corps 18th Fighter Squadron from Oct. 8, 1942, to Sept. 22, 1945, in the Aleutian Islands near Alaska. On March 9, 1946, he married Marian Held in Denver, Colo. She preceded him in death June 25, 1994. After he left the Army, he lived and ranched in Steamboat Springs from 1946-1961, where he and his sons built the family cabin. He also had ranches in Broomfield and Hayden during that time. He moved to Denver in 1961, where he sold ranches and farms with Wright Realty. He retired in 1978. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Greeley. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge AF & AM, the Elk Mountain Lodge 118 in Steamboat Springs, El Jebel Shrine in Denver, OES Hayden Chapter 99, the American Angus Association, and a charter member of the Broomfield Lions Club. He enjoyed fishing and hunting with his boys. He also enjoyed witching for oil and studying geology and mineralogy. He was an avid rock hound.

Survivors include two sons, John (Janet) Thurow of Ellinwood and Arnold “Bill” (Zanna) Thurow Jr. of Greeley; one daughter, Pamela Thurow of Greeley; four grandchildren, Tammy Schneider of Kersey, Colo., Wendy Cunningham of Seattle, Wash., Anelit Weeks of Manhattan and Jarred Milke of Ellinwood; three great-grandchildren, Reno Schneider of Kersey and Alexandria Stigus and Serena Cunningham, both of Seattle; two nieces; one sister-in-law, Lucille Thurow of Wichita. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Marian Thurow; two brothers, Russell Thurow and Oliver Thurow; and one sister, Ethel Hanson. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Allnutt Funeral Service — Macy Chapel in Greeley. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Fairmount Cemetery in Denver. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Shriners Children's Hospital in care of AFS, 702 13th St., Greeley, CO 80631. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 19, 2003

Keith R. Sitterley 1918-2003

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. — Keith R. Sitterley, 84, a 26-year resident of Grand Junction, passed away peacefully Feb. 14 at his home surrounded by his family following an extended illness. Keith was born on March 14, 1918, in Great Bend, to Jay and Evelyn Sitterley. He graduated from Great Bend High School, attended the University of Kansas and enlisted in the army in 1941. The earlier part of his service was spent in the last U.S. unit of the horse-drawn artillery at Fort Riley. As a World War II veteran of the 9th Armored Division, Keith honorably served in the Battles of the Bulge and Remagen Bridge. Keith met Elaine Kurtz at Kansas State University in 1941, married in 1944 and was anticipating the celebration of their 59th wedding anniversary on Feb. 27, 2003. He was a third generation skilled carpenter and building contractor, retiring at the age of 74. He was an avid outdoorsman who passed on his love of camping, fishing and hunting to his children and grandchildren. He was active in scouting in his youth and continued to support scouting programs through his children and grandchildren. He was an active member of the Redland’s United Methodist Church, an active Lion in Kansas, Arizona and a former president of Clifton Lions Club. He will be dearly missed by his wife, Elaine; children and their spouses, Brian Sitterley of Broomfield, Colo.; Gordon Sitterley and Francis Sitterley of Westminster, Colo., Carl and Laurie Sitterley of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Coleen and Steve Lovato of Scottsdale. Also his grandchildren, Paul Sitterley, Ilene Svaldi, Stephanie Jones, Todd Sitterley, Joshua and Blaine Lovato along with four great-grandchildren. Keith was buried at the 11 a.m. Friday at Great Bend Cemetery with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. He will be honorably laid to rest with a ceremony by Ft. Riley Color Guard. Memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church Youth Program or Great Bend Lions Club, both in care of Charter Funerals of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 19, 2003

February 18, 2003

Arley W. Jones 1917-2003

Arley W. Jones, 85, of Great Bend, died Feb. 17 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 18, 2003

Correction

LA CROSSE — Surviving sister of Eric D. Riley, 23, who died Feb. 15 at Great Bend, is Nicole R. Riley of La Crosse, not Nicole R. Briney as reported. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 18, 2003

February 17, 2003

Ruth Krentzel 1913-2003

ABILENE — Ruth Krentzel, 89, died Feb. 14 at Geary Community Hospital in Junction City. She was born June 15, 1913, at Ft. Supply, Okla., the daughter of Bert and Elizabeth Willinger Rice. She married John Ervin Krentzel Sept. 21, 1930, at Great Bend. He died July 27, 1974. A resident of Abilene, coming from Chapman, Garden City, Ulysses, St. John and Hudson, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Krentzel was a lifelong member of Eagles Auxiliary and Church of Christ. Survivors include one son, Martin Krentzel of Kimberling City, Mo.; one daughter Berneice Ashby of Abilene; one brother, Albert Rice of Ellinwood; one sister, Lillie Miller of Lyons; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, George Rice and Leonard Rice; three grandsons; and one great-great-grandson. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Londeen Funeral Chapel in Chapman with the Rev. Kenneth Trickle Jr. officiating. Burial will be at Indian Hill Cemetery in Chaoman. Friends may call until service time Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Heart
LA CROSSE — Eric D. Riley, 23, died Feb. 15 at Great Bend. He was born Dec. 7, 1979, at Hoisington, the son of Robert C. Riley and Yvonne A. Pangburn Briney. He was a graduate of La Crosse High School. A resident of La Crosse for the past seven years, coming from Great Bend, he was employed as a pulling unit hand for the oil industry. Riley was a member of Future Farmers of America and enjoyed baseball, football, basketball and soccer. Survivors include his father and step-mother, Robert and Regina Riley of Port Clinton, Ohio; his mother and step-father, Yvonne and Rick Briney of La Crosse; three brothers, Douglas A. Riley of Hutchinson, and Ricky O. Briney and Billy D. Briney, both of Ness City; two sisters, Nicole R. Briney of La Crosse and Deseree Briney of Colby; grandparents, Gerald and Barbara Kaiser of Great Bend and Harold and Lorene Riley of Amarillo, Texas; and great-grandparents, Herb and Gladys Tyler of La Crosse. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday 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 to 8 today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Babe Ruth Baseball of Great Bend in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb.17, 2003

Candida Rosa Ruiz 1904-2003

Candida Rosa Ruiz, 98, of Great Bend, died Feb. 15 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. She was born Oct. 3, 1904, at Sagua, La Grande, Las Villas, Cuba, the daughter of Serafin and Rosa Santos. She married Carlos Ruiz Feb. 25, 1922, at Sagua, La Grande, Las Villas. He died Feb. 27, 1980. A resident of Great Bend since 1980, coming from Larned, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Ruiz was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and was a part of the Cuban Refugee Program, coming from Cuba in 1965. Survivors include one son, Dr. Carlos Ruiz of Great Bend; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Great Bend Cemetery with the Rev. Angel Dy officiating. Cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to the church or Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders Association in care of Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb.17, 2003

George W. Asher 1929-2003

George W. Asher, 73, of Great Bend, died Feb. 16 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. He was born Nov. 16, 1929, at Great Bend, the son of Vernon G. and Anna Irene Wetig Asher. He married Helen A. Lemuz June 14, 1971, at Great Bend. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he was a farmer and stockman. Asher was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church of Great Bend and was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one step-son, John Perez of Wichita; six step-grandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Dean Asher. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Warren Stecklein officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from noon until 9 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb.17, 2003

Ralph E. Stum 1915-2003

NESS CITY — Ralph E. Stum, 87, died Feb. 14 at Hodgeman County Healthcare Center in Jetmore. He was born Sept. 25, 1915, in Russell County, the son of Elmer Henry and Carrie Cordelia Emenhiser Stum. He married Lorraine Hollenbeck June 10, 1939, at Dodge City. A resident of Ness City for 75 years, he was a farmer and stockman. Stum was a member of United Methodist Church, Ness County Historical Society and Rotary Club, all of Ness City. He was a former Ness County Noxious Weed Director for 44 years and a member of the Kansas Livestock Association. Survivors include his wife of the home; three daughters, Linda Yvonne Stull of Blaine, Wash., Bette Denise Knight of Lakewood, Colo., and Marlene Sue Stum of Shoreview, Minn.; one sister, Opal Dupp of Pueblo, Colo.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Larry Ralph Stum. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Sue Talbot officiating. Burial will be at Ness City Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, all at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City, and until service time Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Ness County Historical Society in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb.17, 2003

February 16, 2003

LuAnne M. McAllister Poole

ST. JOHN — LuAnne M. McAllister Poole, 40, died Feb. 13 at her home in Denver, Colo. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Minnis Chapel in St. John.

February 14, 2003

Robert ‘Bob’ E. McNemee 1951-2003

DODGE CITY — Robert “Bob” E. McNemee, 51, died Feb. 12 at Western Plains Medical Complex in Dodge City. He was born...
July 4, 1951, at Hays, the son of Ralph and Marian Tuzicka McNemee. A longtime resident of Dodge City, coming from Pratt, he was a former employee of National Beef of Dodge City. McNemee was a member of A.B.A.T.E. District Seven of Dodge City. Survivors include his mother and step-father, Marian and Eilt Miller of Albert; one brother, Mark McNemee of McLouth; and two sisters, Carol Olson of Olivia, Minn., and Karen Lambert of Gillette, Wyo. Memorial service will be at 5 p.m. Saturday at Burkhart-Ziegler Funeral Chapel in Dodge City with the Rev. Dick Robbins officiating. Cremation has taken place. Friends may sign the register until 5 today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 14, 2003

Nicholas Allen Pound 1981-2003

ST. JOHN  — Nicholas Allen Pound, 21, died Feb. 10 at his home in Emporia. He was born Oct. 2, 1981, at Great Bend, the son of Donnie L. and Donna R. Kindhart Pound. A lifetime resident of St. John, he was a 2000 graduate of St. John High School and a student at Emporia State University. Pound was a member of First United Methodist Church of St. John. Survivors include his parents of St. John; one brother, Jake Pound of Emporia; grandfather and grandmother, Ralph and Elsie Pound of St. John; grandfather and step-grandmother, Leo G. and Wanda Kindhart of Hutchinson; and grandmother, Shirley R. Kindhart of Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Harlan Rittgers officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 1 to 8 tonight at Minnis Chapel Inc. in St. John. Memorials are suggested to Colton Bieker Education Fund in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 14, 2003

Fred H. Schultis 1906-2003

LOVELAND, Colo. — Fred H. Schultis, 96, passed away Feb. 11 at Medioplex Specialty Hospital in Thornton, Colo. He had resided in Good Samaritan Center in Loveland for five years. He was born to George J. and May Schultis on Dec. 22, 1906, at Hildreth, Neb. Fred had polio when he was three in 1909. In 1913, the family moved by covered wagon to Hildreth to Sylvan Grove. A graduate from Sylvan Grove High School in 1926, he was awarded a Union Pacific 4-H Scholarship in 1926 to attend Kansas State University. Fred graduated with honors with a B.S. degree in agricultural administration from K-State in 1930. While in college, he was a member of the Kansas State Dairy judging team, the junior livestock judging team and the senior livestock judging team. He was a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Delta Kappa and Alpha Zeta National Honor Scholarship fraternities. Fred married Ruby Ann Ensign July 12, 1931, at Sylvan Grove. They resided at Alton where Fred taught vocational agriculture for five years. In 1935, they moved to Inman where Fred started a new vocational agricultural department and Future Farmer chapter. In 1939, they moved to Great Bend where Fred started another vocational agricultural department and Future Farmers of America chapter. All in all Fred taught vocational agriculture for 32 years; five at Alton; four at Inman and 23 at Great Bend. While teaching, Fred was president of the Kansas Vocational Teachers Association in 1945-1947, and for a second time in 1965-1966. In 1971, he was recognized as the Master Vocational Teacher in Kansas. He also served as president of the Great Bend Education Association for two different times; once in the early ‘40s and again in the ‘60s. He also served as president of the Barton County 4-H board for five years. Fred and family lived on a farm west of Great Bend for 15 years and had a herd of registered Angus cattle. He served as president of the Kansas Angus Association in 1952, then as treasurer for 22 years. He was exalted ruler of Great Bend Elks Lodge 1127 for three years, chairman of the house committee for two years and secretary for two years before moving to Loveland, Colo., July 1, 1972. Fred served as secretary of Loveland Elks Lodge 1051 for nine years before retiring. He served as chairman of many committees, and was chosen Elk of the Year for Loveland Lodge 1051. Following this he was chosen Elk of the Year for Colorado North District in 1986. He served on the Bingo committee for 15 years. He was editor of the Elks Lodge Bulletin for six years. He is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Loveland. Fred served on the trustee board two different times and was chairman for one year. Fred is survived by one son, Estel J. Schultis and wife Patsy of Loveland; and one daughter, Ann M. Mauck and husband Jim of Longmont, Colo. Grandchildren include, Tammy Friese and husband Mat of Loveland, Bryan Schultis and wife Dawn of Wichita, Michael Scott Wade and wife Angela of Idaho Falls, Idaho, Jeffry E. Wade and wife Nancy of Las Vegas, Nev., Michelle Cross of Silverthorne, Wendy L. Brackeen and husband Steve of Great Bend, Kendall D. Hoskins and wife Jennifer of Great Bend, Dawn Marie Hoskins of Great Bend; stepgrandchildren, James D. Mauck of Beaver Creek, Kerrie Clark and husband Bob of Loveland; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter. He was preceded in death by his father, mother, three brothers, Emanuel, Bill, and George Schultis; one sister, Kathryn Wolf; one daughter, Norma Jean Schultis and his wife Ruby Ann Ensign Schultis who passed away Aug. 3, 1995. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Loveland Good Samaritan Village Chapel. A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Great Bend Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to Loveland Good Samaritan Village, in care of Kibbey-Fishburn Funeral Home, 1102 N. Lincoln Ave., Loveland, Colo. 80537; and Charter Funerals, 2115 Washington St., Great Bend, KS 67530. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 14, 2003

Kristin Kathleen Potter 1986-2003

Kristin Kathleen Potter, 16 of Great Bend, was called home to be with the Lord on Feb. 12. She was born Oct. 7, 1986, in Great Bend, the daughter of Joseph and Margaret Abratis Potter. Kristin had a long-time battle with Rett Syndrome and was recently diagnosed with Acute Myelogenous Leukemia. She was a sophomore at Great Bend High School and a member of Cornerstone Fellowship Church. She enjoyed the love of her parents, family and many friends. She also enjoyed school, her videos, Lamb Chop and McDonalds. Kristin will be dearly missed by all who loved her. She is survived by her parents, Joseph and Margaret Potter, two brothers, Jeffrey Potter and Jay Potter, all of Great Bend; four sisters, Michelle Brodie of Mason, Ohio, Angela Melnier of Wichita, Kimberly Johnson of Lawrence and Kelly VanDeventer of Independence, Mo.; grandparents, Duane and Rosemary Potter of Great Bend; aunts and uncles, Jennifer and Shannon Scharzt of Great Bend, Mike and Cindy Potter of Olathe, Kathy and Bill Turgeon of Akeley, Minn., Annette and Gary Rowe of Springfield, Mo., and Mark and Rochelle Abratis of East Hartford, Conn.; three nephews, one niece and several cousins. She was preceded in death by one sister, Suzanne Gayle Potter. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Visitation will be until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, all at the funeral home. The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the International Rett Syndrome Association or Kans for Kids, both in care of the
Richard L. Lewis 1944-2003

LARNED — Richard L. Lewis, 58, died Feb. 13 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. He was born Feb. 18, 1944, in Concordia, the son of Lloyd and Naomi Bedwell Lewis. He married Karen M. Mead on Aug. 19, 1965, at Great Bend. A lifetime Larned resident, he was the former owner of Pawnee Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning and the former water supervisor for the city of Larned. Lewis was a member of United Methodist Church, American Legion and Kansas Rural Water Association, all of Larned. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Carla Leanne Wood of Larned; his father, Lloyd Lewis of Larned; and two brothers, Gerald Lewis of Larned and Steven Lewis of Roeland Park. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with the Rev. Ken Walker officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery with military honors. Friends may call until 8 tonight, from 9 a.m to 9 p.m. Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday and from 9 a.m. until service time Monday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Larned EMS or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 14, 2003

Zenas Evans ’Z.E.’ Boroughs 1926-2003

LYONS — Zenas Evans “Z.E.” Boroughs, 76, died Feb. 13 at Hutchinson Hospital. He was born July 20, 1926, at Great Bend, the son of Ruble and Wanda Bennett Boroughs. He graduated from Lyons High School in 1945 and attended Hutchinson Junior College. He married Constance Maxine Ericksten on April 30, 1950, at Great Bend. A longtime Lyons resident, he was owner of Boroughs Oil Company of Lyons. Boroughs was a member of United Methodist Church and Masonic Lodge, both of Lyons. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; five sons, David E. Boroughs, Harold R. Boroughs and Michael G. Boroughs, all of Lyons, Paul M. Boroughs of Evanston, Wyo., and Nathan L. Boroughs of Hutchinson; two sisters, Marian B. Hunter of Derby and Wanda L. Wilson of Wichita; 13 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by four sisters, Barbara Jean Jackson, Betty Joyce Heffner, Ruth Lawrence Pontius and Mary Kathryn Bogle. Funeral will be at 10 am. Monday at the church with the Rev. Cindy Watson officiating. Burial will be at Lyons Municipal Cemetery in Lyons with full military honors by Ft. Riley. Friends may call from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to Bell and Star Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 14, 2003

Patrick A. Harren 1958-2003

WICHITA — Patrick A. Harren, 44, died Feb. 12. He was born April 3, 1958. He married Claudette Wilson. A resident of Wichita, he was a company line assemblyman for Raytheon Aircraft Company of Wichita. Survivors include his wife of the home; his mother, Mary Harren of Wichita; five brothers, Michael Harren of Westminster, Colo., Christopher Harren of Claremore, Okla., John Harren and Vincent Harren, both of Wichita, and Peter Harren of Denver, Colo.; and one sister, Brigid Harren of Aurora, Ill. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Wichita. Friends may call from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Victory in the Valley of Wichita, in care of Cochran Mortuary and Crematory, 1411 N. Broadway, Wichita, KS 67214-1191. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 14, 2003

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Nicholas Allen Pound 1981-2003

ST. JOHN — Nicholas Allen Pound, 21, died Feb.10 at his home in St. John. He was born Oct. 2, 1981, at Great Bend, the son of Donnie L. and Donna R. Pound. A lifetime resident of St. John, he was a student at Emporia State University. Pound was a member of First United Methodist Church of St. John. Survivors include his parents of Great Bend; one brother, Jake Pound of Emporia; and grandparents, Ralph and Elsie Pound of St. John and Shirley R. Kindhart of Hoisington and Leo G.and Wanda Kindhart of Hutchinson. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Harlan Rittgers officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 5 to 8 tonight and from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday, all at Minnis Chapel Inc. in St. John. Memorials are suggested to Colton Bieker Education Fund in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 13, 2003

Gerald Arnold Brandt 1920-2003

SALINA — Gerald Arnold Brandt, 82, died Feb. 10 at Salina. He was born Sept. 8, 1920, at Jamestown, N.D. He married Alice. He was a district manager in refrigeration sales in the Midwest until his retirement. Survivors include his wife, Alice A. of the home; four daughters, Sharon Metzler of LaCenter, Wash., Linda Davis of Salina, Kathleen Brown of Pinedale, Wyo., and Mary Waits of Great Bend; one brother, Donald Brandt of Plymouth, Minn.; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Vigil will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Ryan Mortuary in Salina. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Salina. Burial will be at Mt. Calvary Cemetery of Salina. Friends may call from 6 p.m. until vigil time Friday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to St. John Catholic Church in Lawrence. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 13, 2003

Kristin Kathleen Potter 1986-2003

Kristin Kathleen Potter. 15. of Great Bend. died Feb. 12. at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral
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Fred A. Wondra 1906-2003

HOISINGTON — Fred A. Wondra, 96, died Feb. 11 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center of Hoisington. He was born May 7, 1906, at Odin, the son of Frank and Mary Monica Zorn Wondra. He married Eleanor J. Linsner on Nov. 14, 1928, at Hoisington. She died April 20, 1998. A lifetime resident of the Odin and Hoisington area, he was a retired farmer, stockman and an oilfield pumper for six years. Wondra was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, both of Hoisington.

Survivors include one son, Wilfred J. Wondra of Hewitt, Texas; two daughters, Elizabeth Ann Woydziak of Hoisington and Rita Louise McDonald of Ontario, Canada; 18 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Yozelle Newell; and one grandson, G.T. Crockett. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Dennis Reed officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the church or Cheyenne Meadows Living Center, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 12, 2003

Connie Lou Cline 1948-2003

GARFIELD — Connie Lou Cline, 54, died Feb. 10 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital of Larned. She was born Feb. 18, 1948, at Larned, the daughter of Howard and Jane Carlson Cline. A lifetime area resident, she lived at Rosewood Service in Great Bend.

She was a member of Garfield United Methodist Church. Survivors include her parents of Garfield; and two brothers, Bob Cline and Bill Cline, both of Garfield. She was preceded in death by one brother, Stephen Cline. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday 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. to 8 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 Feb. 12, 2003

Bernice M. Weber 1916-2003

Bernice M. Weber, 86 of Great Bend, died Feb. 9 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. She was born May 7, 1916, at Humphrey, Neb., the daughter of William G. and Odelia Bethscheider Weber. A resident of Great Bend since 1981, coming from Denver, Colo., she was retired from Coors Porcelain in Golden, Colo. She was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church and St. Patrick Altar Society, both of Great Bend. Survivors include one sister, Rosemary Potier of Great Bend. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Eugene Weber, Paul Weber, Gerald Weber and Marvin Weber; and one sister, Dorothy Fitzgerald. Altar Society rosary will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday followed by a vigil service at 7 p.m. Wednesday, both at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Dennis Reed officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family School Endowment Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 11, 2003

Calvin Foss 1933-2003

LARNED — Calvin Foss, 69, died Feb. 9 at Hodgeman County Health Center in Jetmore. He was born March 25, 1933, at Las Vegas, the son of Marion and Elsie Atwater Foss. He married Lois Mae Davis on Nov. 2, 1965, at Larned. A lifetime resident of Larned, he worked for Larned State Hospital and the city of Larned. Foss was a member of the Protestant faith. Survivors include his wife of the home; two stepsons, Harold Dwayne Basler of Kingston, Tenn., and Donald Eugene Basler; one sister, Lois Brother of Larned; and three step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Loren Foss. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Garfield Cemetery with the Rev. Ron Day officiating. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday at Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 11, 2003

Bernard E. Bartlett 1929-2003

STAFFORD — Bernard E. Bartlett, 73, died Feb. 10 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born Sept. 4, 1929, at rural Stafford, the son of Cecil E. and Leona Nelson Bartlett. He was a graduate of Stafford High School. He married Barbara Irvin on July 23, 1950, at Stafford. A lifetime Stafford resident, he was a cabinet maker and a building contractor. Bartlett was a member of Order of the Arrow, Stafford Troop Committee, Stafford Saddle Club, First Christian Church of Stafford, a Boy Scout leader, past Sunday School teacher, Sunday school superintendent, church elder and deacon, past president of Stafford Jaycees, and co-chair of Stafford Centennial committee. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Troy Bartlett of Stafford; two daughters, Denise Poddshun of Overland Park and Melesa Fredrick of Pratt; two sisters, Bonnie Robinson of Winfield and Tonette Blackburn of Brea, Calif.; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Yozelle Newell; and one grandson, G.T. Crockett. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Karen Ault officiating. Burial will be at Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday. all at Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Memorials are suggested to the church. Stafford Educational
Leon A. Keil 1931-2003

RUSSELL — Leon A. Keil, 71, died Feb. 9 at Russell Regional Hospital. He was born Dec. 12, 1931, in Russell County, the son of Alexander and Ella F. Deines Keil. He married Carol Joan Keil on Aug. 14, 1955, at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Russell. A longtime resident of Russell, he worked for Carter Block Plant, Tip Top Dairy, Electrolux Company, was a distributor and route person for Prestige Coffee Company of Wichita, serving the Russell and Great Bend areas, and a part-time employee of Fossil Station in Russell. Keil was a member of St. John’s Lutheran Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars 6240, American Legion Post 99 and Russell Regional Hospital Auxiliary, all of Russell. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served in the Korean War from 1951-1954. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Bradley L. Keil of Wichita; one brother, Darrell Lee Keil of Great Bend; and one sister, Velda Nuss of Russell. He was preceded in death by one brother, Kenneth Keil. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Henry Hartman officiating. Burial will be at St. John Lutheran Cemetery in Russell. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until noon Wednesday, all at Pohlman’s Mortuary in Russell. Family will receive friends from 7 to 9 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Russell Regional Hospital Auxiliary, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Feb. 11, 2003

Fred A. Wondra

HOISINGTON — Fred A. Wondra, 96, died Feb. 11 at Cheyenne Meadows Nursing Home in Hoisington. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Feb. 11, 2003

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Bill Bruce Cole 1920-2003

BIRD CITY — Bill Bruce Cole, 82, died Feb. 6 at his residence in rural Bird City. He was born July 29, 1920, in Cheyenne County. He was a farmer. Survivors include one son, Al Cole of Aurora, Colo.; one daughter, Sharon Sieventhal of Morrison, Colo.; one sister, Carol Connett of St. Francis; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. CST Tuesday at Knodel Funeral Home in St. Francis. Burial will be at Bird City Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-9 CST today at the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 10, 2003

Jack L. Ford 1929-2003

ST. FRANCIS — Jack L. Ford, 74, died Feb. 7 at his residence in St. Francis. He was born Jan. 3, 1929, at Strasburg, Colo. He married Josephine Hoffinan. He was a farmer. Survivors include his wife of the home; five sons, Ed Ford of Northglenn, Colo., Bruce Ford of Greeley, Colo., Doyle Ford of Goodland, and Darrell Ford and Bryan Ford, both of St. Francis; two daughters, Jacque Brydich of Goodland and Gwen Jacobs of Greeley; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 CST today at United Methodist Church in St. Francis. Burial will be at St. Francis Cemetery with military graveside rites performed by Ft. Riley. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, in care of Knodel Funeral Home in St. Francis. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 10, 2003

Alfred E. Guthrie Jr. 1924-2003

STAFFORD — Alfred E. Guthrie Jr., 78, died Feb. 8 at Hutchinson Hospital. He was born Dec. 30, 1924, at Preston, the son of Alfred E. Sr. and Lucretia Long Guthrie. He was a 1942 graduate of Preston High School. He married Bonnie Merkle on Nov. 24, 1943, at Wichita. A Stafford resident since 1946, he was co-owner of Click Electric and associated with the business for 41 years. Guthrie was a member of First United Methodist Church of Stafford, a 50-year member of Stafford American Legion Post 131, Stafford Lions Club, Stafford County Country Club and an active volunteer for Stafford Senior Center, Ritz Theatre and Christmas Wonderland. He was an U.S. Army Air Corps veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Philip Guthrie of Manhattan; one daughter, Kay Kinnamon of St. John; three brothers, Buck Guthrie of Violet Hill, Ark., Don Guthrie of Salem, Ark., and Bill Guthrie of Preston; one sister, Betty Toney of Preston; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Jim Guthrie; and one sister, Leona. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford with the Revs. Kasey Crosby and Karl Feril officiating. Burial will be at Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Stafford Senior Center, Ritz Theatre or Christmas Wonderland, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 10, 2003

Bernice M. Weber

Bernice M. Weber, 86, of Great Bend, died Feb. 9 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 10, 2003

Sofia Restrepo Bennett 1912-2003

HAYS — Sofia Restrepo Bennett, 90, died Feb. 6. She was born Feb. 12, 1912, at Medellin, Antioquia, Columbia, South America,
February 9, 2003

Ruth J. Everhart 1932-2003

SALINA — Ruth J. Everhart, 70, died Feb. 6. She was born June 30, 1932, at Topeka. She married Loren W. Everhart Sept. 14, 1952, at Salina. He died Oct. 20, 1992. A longtime resident of Salina, she was office manager for Royal Tire Company in Salina, retiring in 1981 Mrs. Everhart was a member of Lady Elks Lodge 716, National Association of Federal Employees, AARP and a volunteer at Kenwood Nursing Center. Survivors include two sisters, Arlene Disney of Salina and Betty Harris of Myrtle Beach, S.C. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Ryan Mortuary in Salina. Burial will be at Gypsum Hill Cemetery in Salina. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and from 10 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Salina Hospice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Feb. 9, 2003

Marybelle Fay Shauers 1926-2003

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo. — Marybelle Fay Shauers, 76, died Feb. 5 at Castle Rock Convalescent Center in Green River, Wyo. She was born Sept. 14, 1926, in Garden City, the daughter of Glenn Warren Whitis and Nelle L. Hawkins. She graduated from Ness City High School in 1946.She married Robert Shauers on Jan. 14, 1947, at Ness City. They were divorced. She married Ted Tynsky December 1971 in Rock Springs. They were divorced. A resident of Rock Springs, she was a volunteer for the fire department and ambulance as an Emergency Medical Technician. She was a member of the Methodist Church. Survivors include three sons, Michael Shauers and Andy Shauers, both of Rock Springs, and Dean Shauers of Parker, Colo.; one daughter, Linda Stevens of Driggs, Idaho; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother Jack Whitis; and stepfather L.L. Shultz. Funeral service was Saturday at Fox Funeral Home in Rock Springs with the Rev. Sue Pierce officiating. Additional funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City. Friends may call from 1-2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at the Arnold Cemetery in Arnold. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to a local hospice organization, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 9, 2003

Mario 'Pat' Peroli 1919-2003

BISON — Mario "Pat" Peroli, 83, died Feb. 7 at Salina Regional Health Center in Salina. He was born June 1, 1919, at Waterman, Penn., the son of Joseph and Maria Pesci Peroli. He married Eleise Elder on Aug. 6, 1945, at Bisan. A 57 year resident of Rush County, he was a farmer and retired maintenance engineer for USD 403, as well as owning a plumbing and electrical business for many years. Peroli was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and a volunteer fireman. He was U.S. Army Air Force veteran of World War II, serving in the South Pacific Theater. Survivors include his wife of the home; four daughters, Patricia Urban of Middlesex, N.J., Jeanette Peroli Eklund of Salina, Carolyn Purdue of St. Joseph, Mo., and Sherri Commons of Fort Riley; one brother, Anthony Peroli of Tearing Run, Penn.; one sister, Jenny Stella of Lucasboro, Penn.; seven grandchildren; three step grandchildren; and five step great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Joseph Peroli; and four sisters, Josephina Albertelli, Louisa Sasala, Lena Strini and Lena Peroli. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Bison Methodist Church in Bison with the Revs. Marilyn Christmore and Charles Mazoucz officiating. Burial will be at Lone Star Cemetery in Bison. Friends may call from 1-3 today at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Memorials are suggested to Mario "Pat" Peroli Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 9, 2003

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Diane D. Radke-Guthrie

WICHITA — Diane D. Radke-Guthrie, 26, died Feb. 4, at her residence in Wichita. She was a CNA in Wichita. Survivors include her father, Donald Radke of Aurora, Colo.; her mother, Lyla Baker of Wichita; two sons, Taylor Radke and Tyler Gaul, both of Wichita; one daughter, Callie Guthrie of Wichita; three brothers, Gene W. Baker III and Steven Baker, both of Wichita, and Michael Burris of Hobbs, N.M.; and one sister, Alyssa Radke of Aurora. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. today at All Faiths Funeral Services in Wichita. There is no visitation and no memorials. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Friday Feb. 7, 2003

Berthold 'Bert' Schafer 1920-2003

VICTORIA — Berthold "Bert" Schafer. 82, died Feb. 5 at St. John’s Nursino Home of Victoria. He was born Oct. 16. 1920. in Rush
LAURIE, Mo., — James B. Fuller, 75, died Feb. 2 at Amanillo, Texas. He was born Dec. 16, 1927, in Kansas City, the son of Thomas and Marie Roth Fuller. He graduated from Kansas State University with a major in accounting. He married Lila M. Rogers on Oct. 16, 1944, in Great Bend. A resident of Laurie, coming from Ellinwood and Sunrise Beach, Mo., he was former city clerk of Ellinwood and owner and operator of Bay Bridge Resort near Sunrise Beach until his retirement in 1991. Fuller was a member of Ozark Chacel United Methodist Church in Laurie. Hiohwave Five Association. a volunteer fireman. scout master and city
government. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served in the Navy Reserves and World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Stephen Fuller of Seattle, Wash.; one daughter, Patricia Rush of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two step-sons, Rod Rogers of Salina and Dr. Jim Rogers of Amarillo; three step-daughters, Paula Rogers of Hoisington, Linnette Carlson of Rio Rancho, NM, and Jannelle Drelling of Frisco, Texas; two brothers, Thomas Fuller of Dallas, Texas, and Dale Fuller of Corpus Christi, Texas; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, the Rev. Gregory James Fuller. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. James Lawley officiating. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Great Bend Cemetery with the Rev. Gary Harms officiating. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Kidwell-Garber Laurie Sunrise Beach Chapel in Laurie and from 10-11 a.m. Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Feb. 5, 2003

Ralph LeRoy Harper

SEATTLE, Wash. — Ralph LeRoy Harper, 95, died Jan. 17 at Harborview Hospital in Seattle. He was born in Winona in Western Kansas. He graduated from Great Bend High School in 1926. A resident of Seattle, coming from New York City, N.Y. and Great Bend, he was both assistant manager and store manager of J.C. Penney in Great Bend, a buyer for J.C. Penney, was employed by Bon Marche and Boeing Aircraft, both of Seattle. He was a U.S. Army veteran having served as an antiaircraft gunner in World War II. Survivors include his companion, Violet McNamee of Seattle; one son, Ralph C. Harper of Livingston, Mont.; one daughter, Mary Baskin of Bellevue of Washington; four grandsons; and two stepsons. Bleitz Mortuary in Seattle was in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Feb. 5, 2003

Edith Agnes Wigington 1902-2003

QUINTER — Edith Agnes Wigington, 100, died Feb. 3 at Gove County Medical Center LTCU in Quinter. She was born Sept. 19, 1902, in Harrison County, Mo., the daughter of Darby and Chloe Thomas. She graduated from Quinter High School. She married Clifford Ulrich on Sept. 2, 1922. He died in 1948. She married Elmer James Wigington on June 30, 1947. He died in 1972. A resident of Quinter, she was a cook at Gove County Medical Center for a number of years. Mrs. Wigington was a charter member of Gray Ladies Organization and Church of the Brethren, both of Quinter. Survivors include two daughters, Rosalie Bussen of Winona and Twila Bowsher of Great Bend; numerous grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and numerous great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two daughters, Jackie McNitt and Doris Fleenor; four brothers, Roy Thomas, Clarence Thomas, Reuben Thomas and Lee Thomas; and three sisters, Jennie Thomas, Dorothy Shaw and Clara Hefner. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Schmitt Funeral Home in Quinter with the Rev. Keith Funk officiating. Burial will be at Quinter Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-6 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. The family will receive friends from 1-3 p.m. Friday, and from 10 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Gove County Medical Center LTCU Activity Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Feb. 5, 2003

February 4, 2003

Nancy L. Popp 1934-2003

RUSSELL — Nancy L. Popp died Jan. 27 at Scripps Mercy Hospital in San Diego, Calif. She was born Oct. 31, 1934, at Murray, Ky, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Freed Cotham. She received a bachelor’s degree from Murray State University and a master’s degree in 1962 from Indiana University. She married Robert L. Popp Aug. 13, 1967, at Russell. A longtime resident of Russell, she was a teacher and coach at St. Cloud Florida High School, Chicago Area High School and the Department of Health and Human Performance at Fort Hays State University. She was also FHSH Women’s Athletic Director in 1970, Associate Athletic Director in 1975, and later a full-time professor, retiring in 1996. She was recognized by the Mortar Board Association as the "Top Prof" in the spring of 1995. Mrs. Popp was a member of the Russell Regional Hospital Board and St. John Lutheran Church in Russell. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Mark Popp of Canon city, Colo.; one daughter, Kelly Kley of Olathe; one sister, Bette Caddas of Murray, KY; mother, Clover Cotham of Murray; and three grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Henry Hartman officiating. The body was cremated. Memorials are suggested to Russell Regional Hospital Building Fund or the church, both in care of Pohlman's Mortuary of Russell. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 4, 2003

Esther E. Sausen 1922-2003

WICHITA — Esther E. Sausen, 80, died Feb. 2 at Catholic Care Center in Wichita. She was born Feb. 9, 1922, the daughter of Simon and Mollie Fuden Sausen. She was a graduate of Hoisington High School and received a nursing degree from the Dominican School of Nursing. A resident of Wichita, formerly of Hoisington and Great Bend, she was a retired registered nurse, having served St. Rose Hospital of Great Bend and St. Joseph Hospital of Wichita. She was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church of Wichita and a charter member of Immaculate Conception Daughters of Isabella Circle 744 of Great Bend. Survivors include one niece, Lisa Wallace of Wichita. Rosary will be at 7 tonight at Downing & Lahey Mortuary East Chapel of Wichita. Funeral will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Elizabeth Chapel, Spiritual Life Center. Graveside service will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at St. John’s Catholic Cemetery in Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to Daughters of Isabella 744 Scholarship Fund, 254 SE 56th Ave., Great Bend, KS 67530, and Make A Wish Foundation of Kansas, Inc., 2016 North Amidon St., Wichita, KS 67203, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 4, 2003

Correction
February 3, 2003

Harry P. Warren 1929-2003

Harry P. Warren, 73, of Great Bend, died Feb. 2 at his home. He was born Nov. 28, 1929, at Pryor, Okla., the son of Samuel Alexander and Maude Esther Rinehart Warren. He married Janey P. Doherty May 26, 1956, at Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend since 1959, coming from Oklahoma, he was a welder and machinist for Warren Brothers Inc. in Great Bend. Warren was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church of Great Bend and Claffin Golf Club. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home, five sons, Christopher Lee Warren of Great Bend, Thomas Joseph Warren of Corpus Christi, Texas, Philip James Warren of Wichita, Robert Matthew Warren of Las Vegas, Nev., and Paul Douglas Warren of Berkeley, Calif.; three brothers, Ralph Warren of Tulare, Calif., Alex Warren of Pryor and Nelson Warren of Rozel; one sister, Pauline Myers of Rosel; and 10 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by six brothers, Andrew Warren, Lewis Warren, Charlie Warren, Harold Warren, Walter Warren, and Raymond Warren; and two sisters, Martha Gabbard and Lorene Stafford. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Angel Dy officiating. Burial will be at St. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1 to 9 today, and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family School Endowment Fund or Claffin Golf Club, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 3, 2003

Anthony J. “Tony” Basgall 1927-2003

LORETTO — Anthony J. “Tony” Basgall, 75, died Feb. 1 at Loretto. He was born April 30, 1927, in Rush County, the son of Alois G. and Mary Weber Basgall. A lifelong Rush County resident, he was a farmer. Basgall was a member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus Council 2340, both of Liebenthal, and was a member of Midstate Farmer’s Cooperative Board of Bison. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in Germany. Survivors include one brother, Al Basgall of Victoria; and four sisters, Sister Agnes Claire Basgall of Wichita, Esther Smith of Denver, Colo., Mildred M. Brungardt of Victoria and Alvina Ann Engel of Lake Havasu City, Ariz. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Bernard Basgall, Victor Basgall, and A.A. Herman; and one sister, Sister Rita Basgall. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Loretto with the Rev. Charles Mazouch officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary’s Catholic Cemetery in Loretto. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. The family will receive friends from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday. Memorials are suggested to St. Mary’s Shrine Inc., in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 3, 2003

Leonard M. Wallert 1924-2003

WILSON — Leonard M. Wallert, 79, died Jan. 30 at Wilson Nursing Center. He was born Jan. 9, 1924, at Wilson, the son of Alex and Anne Friebus Wallert. He married Osyshe Kuck Nov. 19, 1943, at Russell. A lifetime Wilson area resident, he was a lease operator for Cities Service Oil Company. Wallert was a member of the American Legion of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include his wife of Great Bend; one son, Rick Wallert of Great Bend; one daughter, Jackie Adams of Bushton; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Rocklin Wallert in 2000; three brothers, Edwin Wallert, Albert Wallert and Ray Wallert; and two sisters, Anna Betz and Alice Sheridan. Funeral will be at 2 today at Foster Mortuary Chapel in Wilson with the Rev. Jim Wagner officiating. Burial will be at Wilson City Cemetery. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 3, 2003

Marion Dale Peak 1946-2003

Marion Dale Peak, 56, of Great Bend, died Jan. 31 at his residence. He was born Sept. 18, 1946, at McLeansboro, Ill., the son of Ray and Iris Mitchell Peak. He married Pamela Deines in 1965. He married Rebecca D. Comstock June 4, 1977, at Tulsa, Okla. A resident of Barton County most of his life, he was a delivery man for Tip Top Dairy and Rainbow Bread in the 1970s and owner and operator for M & P Exterior Remodeling. Peak attended Community Christian Church in Pawnee Rock and was a former law enforcement reserve officer. Survivors include his wife of Great Bend; one son, Travis Peak of Great Bend; three daughters, Radonna Stewart of Sacramento, Calif., Regina O’Hern of Inola, Okla., and Ramona Marbut of Great Bend; two brothers, Jim Peak of Wichita and Roy Peak of Hutchinson; seven grandchildren, Kristin Marie Stewart, Brandt Thomas Stewart, Kody Lyn Patterson, Allison RaeAnn Peak, Karah Lyn Stewart, Kailyn Necole Patterson and Braydan Michael Peak; and three step-grandsons, Roger and Chris O’Hern and Tyler Marbut. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Burial will be at Pawnee Rock Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight, from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Grandchildren Educational Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 3, 2003

Donald N. Schauf 1925-2003

OVERLAND PARK — Donald N. Schauf. 77, died Jan. 30 at Shawnee Mission Medical Center. He was born July 4, 1925, at
Albert Tittel 1919-2003

Albert Tittel, 83 of Great Bend, died Jan. 30 at VA Medical Center in Wichita. He was born March 18, 1919, in Ness County, the son of Johannas and Sophia Agnes Friebus Tittel. He married Blanche Dunbar on Sept. 6, 1942, in San Diego, Calif. She died Aug. 31, 1998. A resident of Great Bend for 13 years, coming from Bazine, he was a self-employed farmer. Tittel was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving as a staff sergeant during World War II. Survivors include two sons, Ronald Lee Tittel of Douglas and Larry Dean Tittel of Ness City; four daughters, Barbara Ann White of Ness City, Beverly Jean Strouse of Wichita, Joyce Colleen Anschutz of Great Bend and Marlene Kay Hall of Winfield; three brothers, Theodore “Ted” Tittel of Adelanto, Calif., Werner “Vernie” Tittel of Hays and Carl Tittel of Gore, Okla.; one sister, Regina Stoppel of Ness City; 15 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Otto Tittel, Edward Tittel and Garhardt “Gary” Tittel, and one sister, Betty Waterhouse. Funeral service was Saturday. Burial was in the Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 2, 2003

Dennis Lee Sanders 1937-2003

Dennis Lee Sanders, 65 of Great Bend, died Jan. 30 at Lincoln East Nursing Home in Wichita. He was born Dec. 5, 1937, at Hays, the son of Edgar J. and Helen Hammerschmidt Sanders. A resident of Great Bend for 28 years, coming from Stockton and Tucson, Ariz., he was a self-employed painter and also worked for Guthrie Steaming. Sanders was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church of Great Bend. Survivors include one daughter, Dorothy Wolfe of Argonia; two sisters, Betty Zimmerman and Gladys Webster both of Great Bend; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Leon F. Sanders and Donald K. Sanders; and one sister, Charlotte Shearner. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Angel Dy officiating. Burial will be in the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, both at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 2, 2003

J. Donald Amos 1911-2003

LARNED — J. Donald Amos, 91, died Jan. 31 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Aug. 12, 1911, in White City, the son of Fred and Harriet Kendall Amos. He married Helen R. Bocook. A Larned resident since 1997, coming from Green Valley, Ariz., he was a trooper with the Kansas Highway Patrol. Amos was a member of the Kansas Peace Officers Association, American Red Cross and Elks. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, K. Diane Magers of Larned; one sister, K. Diane Magers of Larned; one brother, Theodore “Ted” Tittel of Adelanto, Calif., Werner “Vernie” Tittel of Hays and Carl Tittel of Gore, Okla.; one sister, Regina Stoppel of Ness City; 15 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Otto Tittel, Edward Tittel and Garhardt “Gary” Tittel, and one sister, Betty Waterhouse. Memorial service and inurnment will be set by the family at a future date. Memorials are suggested to the donor’s choice in care of Beckwith Mortuary, Inc. of Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 2, 2003

Marion Dale Peak 1946-2003

Marion Dale Peak, 56 of Great Bend, died Jan. 31 at his residence. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 2, 2003

Donald N. Schaaf 1925-2003

OVERLAND PARK — Donald N. Schaaf, 77, died Jan. 30 at Shawnee Mission Medical Center. He was born July 4, 1925, at Dubuque, the son of Nicholas and Gertrude Thill Schaaf. A resident of Overland Park, he worked for Corps of Engineers for 32 years, retiring in 1988. Survivors include his wife, Barbara Schaaf; one son, Mickey Schaaf; two daughters, Melinda Blansit and Sheila Davila; and four grandsons. Rosary will be at 5:30 p.m. today at McGilley and Hoge Chapel in Overland Park. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Church of the Holy Cross in Overland Park. Entombment will be in Resurrection Mausoleum in Lenexa. Friends may call from 4-6 p.m. today at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to St. Lawrence Catholic Campus Center, 1631 Crescent Rd., Lawrence, KS 66044. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 2, 2003

Eddie Drake 1942-2003

Eddie Drake, 60 of Great Bend, died Jan. 31 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Aug. 18, 1942, at Ellsworth, the son of Charles E. and Juanita Baughman Drake. He married Judith A. Robinson on Feb. 16, 2002, in Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend for two-and-a-half years, coming from Overton, Texas, he was a truck driver for Swift Transportation of Harrisonville. Mo. Drake was a member of the First Christian Church of Great Bend, the Christian Motorcycle Association and was
a certified alcohol and drug abuse counselor. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Vietnam Conflict. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Carl E. Drake Jr. of Keller, Texas, and Jason E. Drake of Harrisonville, Mo.; four daughters, Nita Drake of Russell; Dottie Thomson of Marysville, Wash. and Shelly Mallow and Denice Seely, both of Wichita; one sister, Barbara Ritter of Great Bend; and 27 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles Drake Jr. and Jim Drake. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Burial will be at the Hoisington Cemetery, 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 at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, with the family receiving friends from 3-5 p.m., and from 10 a.m. until service time Monday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the church building fund or Christian Motorcycle Association, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 2, 2003

James “Jim” A. McAnulla 1946-2003

OTIS — James “Jim” A. McAnulla, 56 of Otis and Great Bend, died Jan. 30 at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. He was born Oct. 24, 1946 at Parsons, the son of Anthony Peter and Margeritte Adel Doonan McAnulla. He married Carol Sue Schrimsher on Jan. 7, 1968 in Dixon, Mo. A resident of Otis, he was an over the road truck driver for BOC Gases of Otis. McAnulla was a member of the Crossroads Community Church of Hoisington and served in the military. His hobbies included fishing. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Susan D. and husband Matt Elliott of Otis; two sons, James A. Jr. and wife Mary Jean McAnulla of Taipei, Taiwan, and Patrick D. and wife Denise M. McAnulla of Larned; his mother of Great Bend; three brothers, Mike and wife Marie McAnulla, Steve and wife Debie McAnulla, Don McAnulla and Roger and wife Rhonda McAnulla; one sister, Jane and husband Ed Youngers; two foster children, Mary JoAnn and husband Budd Mull and Beverly M. and husband Nicholas Witt; and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father. Funeral service will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Charter Funerals Chapel of Great Bend, with the Rev. Daniel Trickey officiating. Burial will be at the Hillcrest Cemetery of Great Bend. Friends may call from noon to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home, with family receiving friends from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday. Memorials are suggested to the James A. McAnulla Memorial Fund in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 2, 2003
March 29, 2003

Isabel ‘Belle’ Dorothy Lounsberry Boucher 1929-2003

Isabel “Belle” Dorothy Lounsberry Boucher, 73, of Great Bend, died March 28 at Select Specialty Hospital in Wichita. She was born June 14, 1929, at Loretta, the daughter of John J. and Margaret Dinkel Stegman. She married James Phillip Lounsbury April 14, 1951, at Emporia. He died June 28, 1975. She married Alpha “Jake” Boucher Nov. 10, 1984, at Great Bend. He died Nov. 2, 1985. A resident of Great Bend since 1959, coming from Eaton, Colo., she was a homemaker and worked for the custodial department at Harrison Junior High, retiring in 1985. Mrs. Boucher was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, St. Rose Altar Society, Senior Friends, all of Great Bend, and AARP. Survivors include two brothers, Hubert Stegman of Scottsbluff, Cre., and Norbert Stegman of Great Bend; and two sisters, Leona Krmela of Great Bend and Lydia Schuckman of La Crosse. She was preceded in death by one brother, Linus Stegman; and two sisters, Rosaline Weikert McAfee and Armella Graf. Altar Society rosary will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday and vigil will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday, both at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Angel Dy officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. The register may be signed from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 29, 2003

Lyle Clifford Trapp 1909-2003

WALDO — Lyle Clifford Trapp, 93, died March 29 at Salina Regional Health Center in Salina. He was born Oct. 24, 1909, in Russell County near Bunker Hill, the son of John Charles and Cora Sellens Trapp. He was a graduate of Waldo High School. He married Evelyn Elizabeth Bean Aug. 5, 1939, at Beverly. A resident of rural Waldo, he was a lifetime farmer and stockman. Trapp was active on Russell County Extension Council and had been presented with a conservation award for his efforts on his farm. He served as livestock leader for Paradise Dell and Lone Star 4-H clubs, was active as a school board member for many years and had been a member of Kansas Livestock Association for nearly 50 years. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, John Trapp of Salina and James Trapp of Stillwater, Okla.; one brother, Earl Trapp of Luray; one sister, Ida Terry of Russell; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Elmer Trapp; and one sister, Mary Wheeler. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Pohlman’s Memorial Chapel in Russell, with the Rev. Ed Palmer officiating. Burial will be at Russell City Cemetery in Russell. Friends may call from noon until 9 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Waldo Senior Center, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 29, 2003

Gilbert Eugene ‘Gib’ Scheck 1935-2003

HAYS — Gilbert Eugene “Gib” Scheck, 67, died March 28 at his home in Hays. He was born Sept. 25, 1935, at Walker, the son of Joseph P. and Magdalena Windholz Scheck. He married Judith “Jude” Mai Oct. 29, 1962, at Victoria. A resident of Hays since 1965, coming from Victoria, he retired from Kansas Corporation Commission in 1991. Scheck was a member of St. Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church of Hays. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Monique Scheck-Holmes of Douglas, Wyo.; four brothers, Peter Scheck of Great Bend, Edwin Scheck and Melvin Scheck, both of Russell, and Linus Scheck of Macksville; four sisters, Rubina Dinkel of Oakley, Mary Weigel, Katie Scheck and Lena Meder, all of Victoria; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Seraphine Scheck and Victor Scheck; and two sisters, Bertha Denning and Leona Scheck. Vigil service will be at 6 p.m. Sunday followed by a Victoria Daughters of Isabella rosary at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, both at St. Joseph’s Mortuary of Hays. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays. Friends may call from 3-9 p.m. Sunday and from 8:30-9:45 a.m. Monday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Gilbert E. Scheck Scholarship Memorial or Northwest Kansas Dementia/Alzheimers Association. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 29, 2003

Angela Murphy 1986-2003

TUCSON, Ariz. — Angela Murphy, 17, died March 22. She was born Jan. 20, 1986, the daughter of Patricia Thompson and Steven Murphy. She was a member of the Concert Choir at CDO High School. She was enrolled in CDO’s culinary program and interned at Jano’s Restaurant. Survivors include her mother of Tucson; her father of Wichita; one brother, Taylor Murphy of Tucson; and grandparents, Virginia Smith of Overland Park, and Robert and Coralie Button of Great Bend. A memorial service was held in Tucson. Desert Sunset Funeral Home of Tucson was in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 29, 2003

March 28, 2003

Lyndon G. ‘Shorty’ Yeager 1929-2003

LARNED — Lyndon G. “Shorty” Yeager, 74, died March 26 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Jan. 1.
1929 in Pawnee County, the son of Jesse and Grace Butts Yeager. He married Leta Maxine Clawson Oct. 12, 1948, at Larned. A lifetime resident of Larned, he was a power plant operator for the City of Larned. Survivors include three sons, Stanley Yeager of Columbus, S. C., Denye Yeager of Gatou, Tenn., and Galyn Yeager of Winfield; one daughter, Linda Cavanaugh of Rockford, Ill.; two brothers, Meldon Yeager of Larned and Drexel Yeager of Waterberry, Conn.; and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Arlen Yeager. Memorial service was at 10:30 today at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with the Rev. John Grummon officiating. Burial was at Larned Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Larned Food Pantry in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 28, 2003

Harold E. Richardson 1930-2003

STAFFORD — Harold E. Richardson, 72, died March 26 at Leisure Homestead in St. John. He was born Dec. 12, 1930, at Hutchinson, the son of Clinton and Alice McGregor Richardson. A resident of Stafford most of his life before moving to St. John Leisure Home in 1995. He was an oil pumper and farmer. Richardson was a veteran, having served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was preceded in death by a brother, Bill Richardson. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Peace Creek Cemetery in rural Stafford. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Leisure Homestead of St. John in care of Minnis Chapel of St. John. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 28, 2003

C.M. Phinney Jr. 1930-2003

LARNED — C.M. Phinney Jr., 72, died March 27 at Larned Health Care and Living Center in Larned. He was born June 4, 1930, at Larned, the son of Clyde Montgomery Sr. and Hilda Katherine Shiplett Phinney. He was a graduate of Kansas State University in chemical engineering and had an advanced degree in business from Hamilton Institute of Business. He married Marylee Meals Aug. 22, 1952, at Dodge City. A lifetime resident of Larned, he was a chemical engineer and was prior owner of Phinney’s LTD, Tabor State Bank of Larned. He served with EPA in Kansas City as a licensed chemical engineer and was also licensed in Missouri. Phinney was a member of First Presbyterian Church, KSU Alumni, Chemical Engineer Society and Pawnee County Extension Council. He was founding member of Pawnee County 4-H foundation and active in 4-H. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Monte Phinney of Colorado Springs, Colo.; one daughter, Deb Phinney of Tallahassee, Fla.; two brothers, Dick Phinney of Dallas, Texas, and Don Phinney of Pasadena, Calif.; and one sister, Joy Jillson of Russell. He was preceded in death by one brother, James Phinney. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. James Hawthorne officiating. Burial will be at Belpre Cemetery in Belpre. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the church or Pawnee County 4-H Foundation, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 28, 2003

James O. Thetford 1943-2003

James O. Thetford, 59, of Great Bend, died March 26 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Dec. 12, 1943, at Redmond, Calif., the son of Patrick M. and Betty Jean Goddard Thetford. He married Rebecca Bennett Feb. 7, 1965, at Moline. A resident of Great Bend for 34 years, coming from Dallas, Texas, he was employed as warehouse superintendent for Midwest Energy. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Jeff Thetford of Moline; three brothers, Pat Thetford and Morris Thetford, both of Topaska, and William Thetford of Harveyville; one sister, Retha Ann Huske of Topaska; and two grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home at Great Bend, with the Rev. Dick Ogle officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Moline Cemetery in Moline, with the Rev. Gary Boles officiating. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today, and from 9 a.m. to service time Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, and from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Sunday at Zimmerman Funeral Home in Howard. Memorials are suggested to American Lung Association or Great Bend Humane Society, both in care of Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 28, 2003

March 27, 2003

Helen Frances Strahan 1911-2003

SALINA — Helen Frances Strahan, 91, died March 26 at her residence in Salina. She was born July 22, 1911, at Morland, the daughter of Dr. William Roy and Ella May Benner Dillingham. She graduated from Marymount College in 1932. She married Ernest W. Strahan Feb. 17, 1938, at Oklahoma City, Okla. He died April 17, 1971. She was a teacher at Sunset School in Salina and co-owner of Strahan Creamery and Ice Cream Store. Mrs. Strahan was a member of First Baptist Church, Delta Kappa Gamma, KNEA and Salina Country Club. Survivors include one son, John W. Strahan; and one granddaughter. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Arthur Dillingham and Roy Dillingham. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Peace Creek Cemetery in rural Stafford. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Presbyterian Manor Good Samaritan Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 28, 2003

March 26, 2003

Bessie M. McGinness 1916-2003

Bessie M. McGinness, 86, of Great Bend, died March 24 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Aug. 28, 1916, at Bowling Green, Mo, the daughter of Samuel and Ida Isabell Houchin Phillips. She married James McGinness April 25, 1935, at Hambro, Iowa. A resident of Great Bend since 1973. comina from Tribune. she was a former owner of Dairy Kino in
Gordon A. Cavenee 1930-2003

TRIBUNE — Gordon A. Cavenee, 73, died March 25 at his daughter's home in Manhattan. He was born March 7, 1930, at Little River, the son of James K. and Cora Ellen Snodgrass Cavenee. He married Sandra L. Notestine May 16, 1953, at Scott City. A Greeley County resident since 1965, he was a farmer. Cavenee was a member of Sharon Springs Co-op. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include two sons, Michael G. Cavenee of Ordway, Colo., and Mark J. Cavenee of Tribune; four daughters, Michelle Ballah of Leoti, Melanie Graber of Manhattan, Marci Hillhouse of Shawnee Mission and Meredith Johnson of Larkspr, Colo.; his father of Tribune; two brothers, Jimmy Cavenee of Manhattan and Bill Cavenee of Lexington, Ky.; 18 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. MST Saturday at United Methodist Church of Tribune, with the Revs. Gary Gooding and Jeff Smith officiating. Burial will be at Greeley County Cemetery in Tribune. Friends may call from noon until 8 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Friday, all at Price & Sons Funeral Home in Tribune. Memorials are suggested to Youth with a Mission, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 26, 2003

March 25, 2003

Lucile D. Coleman 1908-2003

CHASE — Lucille D. Coleman, 94, died March 22 at Woodhaven Nursing Home in Ellinwood. She was born Dec. 27, 1908, at Bison, the daughter of Henry and flora Pfotenhaus Niewald. She was a 1927 graduate of Bison High School and 1930 graduate from Grace Hospital School of Nursing. She married Charles C. Coleman Sr. Sept. 24, 1939, at Hutchinson. He died Sept. 26, 1990. A resident of Chase since 1939, she was a retired registered nurse. Mrs. Coleman was a member of Salem United Methodist Church and Women’s Methodist Fellowship, both of rural Bushton, and Eastern Star of Lyons. Survivors include one son, Charles “Clark” Coleman of Chase, one daughter, Carol Jonson of Carrolton, Texas, one sister, Joann Edwards or Russiaville, Ind.; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Eugene Niewald; one sister, Esther Hardy; and one step-brother, John Niewald. Funeral will be at 3 today at the church in rural Bushton with the Rev. Vernon Maelzer officiating. Burial will be at Salem United Methodist Church Cemetery in rural Bushton. Memorials are suggested to scholarship fund in care of Sillin Funeral Home of Lyons. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 25, 2003

March 25, 2003

Agnes ‘Donita’ McCormick 1923-2003

LA CROSSE — Agnes “Donita” McCormick, 79, died March 24 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital Long Term Care in Larned. She was born Sept. 5, 1923, at Alexander, the daughter of James Albert “Bert” and Bertha Vesta Elliot Lyda. A lifelong Rush County resident, she was a lunch supervisor in education before her retirement. Mrs. McCormick was a member of First United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Rebecca Circle and Sixty Plus, all of La Crosse, and a former member of Monday Evening Club.

Survivors include one son, Kevin McCormick of Suwanee, Ga.; two daughters, Patricia Oakland of Fort Collins, Colo., and Marla Holmes of Larned; one brother, Ernest Lyda of Lubbock, Texas; and eight grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Michael McCormick; three brothers, Harry Lyda, Carl Lyda and Everett Lyda; and two sisters, Elma Jecha and Wilda Ream. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse, with the family receiving friends from 6 to 7 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the church or American Cancer Society, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 25, 2003

March 24, 2003

Dorothy Ann Gunnels 1926-2003

HUTCHINSON — Dorothy Ann Gunnels, 76, died March 22 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born Sept. 14, 1926, at Freeman, S.D., the daughter of A.V. and Jacobina Tiahrt Tieszen. She graduated from Freeman Academy and Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing in Newton. She married Clifton Paris Gunnels Aug. 12, 1950, at Freeman. A resident of Hutchinson since 1990, she was a registered nurse and a homemaker. Mrs. Gunnels was a member of First Baptist Church of Hutchinson. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Chuck Gunnels of Kansas City; two daughters, Marsha Kay Frink and Susan Lynn West, both of Great Bend; two brothers, Paul Tieszen of Pierre, S.D., and Karl Tieszen of Freeman; one sister, Ruth Epp of Henderson, Neb.; six grandchildren; and one great-grandson. She was preceded in death by one brother, Norma Reimer. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Greenwood Cemetery in Newton with the Rev. Jim Autrey officiating. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson and Sons Funeral Home and Crematory in Hutchinson with family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday. Memorials are suggested to Bethel Alumni Nurses Association of Bethel College. North Newton, for Nurses Department
Robert John Briscoe 1953-2003

Robert John Briscoe, 49, of Great Bend died March 19 at his home. He was born Oct. 18, 1953, at Dodge City, the son of Donald and Joyce Strait Briscoe. He was a resident of Great Bend for four years, coming from Salt Lake City, Utah. Briscoe was a U.S. Navy veteran. Survivors include his father of Great Bend; and two brothers, Randy Briscoe of Dubois, Wyo., and Ronald Briscoe of Wichita. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Ness City Cemetery with the Rev. Sue Talbot officiating. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorial services are suggested to the Great Bend Public Library in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune March 21, 2003

Richard A. ‘Dick’ Hawthorne Sr. 1942-2003

Richard A. “Dick” Hawthorne Sr., 60, of Great Bend, died March 19 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Sept. 15, 1942, at Kansas City, Mo., the son of Herbert and Maxine Young Hawthorne. He married Betty Jean Bridges on Aug. 26, 1961, at Hamilton. He was formerly employed at Semco Machine Co. for over 30 years as a shop supervisor, and former owner of Tumble Inn Laundry. He was a resident of Great Bend for 42 years, coming from Thrall. Hawthorne was a member of Ridge Riders Cycle Club, Flatlanders CB Club and a former member of R.E.A.C.T. Club which helps with emergency road situations, all of Great Bend. Survivors include his wife Betty Hawthorne of Great Bend; son and companion, Matt Rose and Tina Pontios of Branson, Mo.; eight grandchildren, Christina and Jeremy Crain, Allen and Angel Bays, Daniel Bays, Shawndra Hipp, Jeffrey Hipp, Timothy Schroeder, Jordan Preston and Jaiden Preston; and four great-grandchildren, Corey Bays, Malachai Crane, Joshua Bays and Katelyn Bays. He was preceded in death by one son, Timmy Hawthorne. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Warren Stecklein officiating. There is no visitation and memorials are suggested to the family in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune March 21, 2003 paid announcement
William V. ‘Bill’ Meyers 1909-2003

PLAINVILLE — William V. “Bill” Meyers, 93, died March 20 at Rooks County Health Center in Plainville. He was born Sept. 8, 1909, in Rooks County, the son of William and Anna Havlas Meyers. He married Freeda Casey Jan. 9, 1933, in Plainville. She died Jan. 5, 1999. A lifelong Plainville area resident, he was a farmer, manager of Graves Truck Line, oil field pumper, Rooks County assessor and carpenter. Meyers was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus Council 1857, both of Plainville. Survivors include four sons, Greg Meyers of Plainville, Bill Meyers of Olathe, James Meyers of Reno, Nev., and Michael Meyers of Bakersfield, Calif.; two daughters, LaVivian Drake of Lawrence and Sonja McMullen of Great Bend; one brother, Edmund Meyers of Plainville; two sisters, Lenora Garvert of Plainville and Grace Mongeau of Zurich; 16 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by five brothers, Leo Meyers, Henry Meyers, Lawrence Meyers, Victor Meyers and James Meyers; and one granddaughter, Michelle Roth. Ladies Guild rosary will be at 3 today at Moore-Overlease Funeral Chapel in Plainville. A parish vigil service followed by a Knights of Columbus rosary will be at 7:30 tonight at the church. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Joseph Popelka officiating. Burial will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery. Friends may call until 6 tonight at the funeral chapel and from 7-8:30 p.m. tonight at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Sacred Heart School, both in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 21, 2003

Eve Marie Watson 1948-2003

HOISINGTON — Eve Marie Watson, 54, died March 20 at College Hill Nursing Home in Wichita. She was born Sept. 17, 1948, in Philadelphia, Pa., the daughter of Clifford and Mary Fell Reynolds. A resident of Hoisington for three years, coming from Colorado, she was a retired computer bookkeeper for Merrill Lynch and worked at the Coastal Mart in Hoisington. Survivors include two sons, Larry Alphonso Starr of Denver, Colo., and Pepito Jose Watson of Lakewood, Colo.; three daughters, Trec’a Lee Watson of Thornton, Colo., Carmen Elizabeth Correa and Carlita Maria Ramos, both of Bluffton, S.C.; and 12 grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church of Hoisington, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Cremation will follow the service. Friends may call from noon until service time Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Eve Marie Watson Memorial Fund, in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 21, 2003

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Harold H. Miller 1924-2003

GARFIELD — Harold H. Miller, 78, died March 17 at his home in Garfield. He was born Nov. 29, 1924, in rural Garfield, the son of Herbert Charles and Mamie Leora Latham Miller. He married Rita Agnes Hammekke Jan. 6, 1957, at Larned. She died Feb. 3, 2002. A lifetime resident of Garfield, he was a farmer. Miller was of the Christian faith. Survivors include three sons, George Miller of Royersford, Penn., Dan Miller of Lewis and Pat Miller of Garfield; one sister, Rose Wagner of Garfield; and seven grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned, with the Rev. Dennis Reed officiating. Burial will be at Garfield Cemetery at a later date. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 8 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Garfield Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 20, 2003

Frances Adamek 1910-2003

ELLSWORTH — Frances Adamek, 92, died March 18 at Wilson Nursing Center in Wilson. She was born Aug. 9, 1910, at Blackwell, the daughter of Stephen and Catherine Cantwell Miller. She married George Adamek Oct. 1, 1929, at Salina. He died Dec. 4, 1986. A lifetime resident of Ellsworth, she was a nurse’s aide at Ellsworth Hospital for 22 years and a homemaker. Mrs. Adamek was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Ellsworth EHU and Ladies Aide, secretary for First Presbyterian Sunday school department and a 4-H leader for Jayhawk Club, all of Ellsworth. Survivors include one daughter, Georgia Frances Keaton of Midland, Texas; one brother, Stephen Miller of Ellsworth; two sisters, Martha Hill of Arkansas City and Adaline Vondra of Glendale, Ariz.; one grandchild; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, George Miller and Joe Miller; and four sisters, Ethel Macek, Elizabeth Stumpff, Lucy Kotlas and Dorothy Adamek. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Parsons Funeral Home in Ellsworth with the Rev. Elaine Lord officiating. Burial will be at Ellsworth Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Wilson Nursing Home, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 20, 2003

Billy J. Colson 1943-2003

HUTCHINSON — Billy J. Colson, 59, died March 16 at Hutchinson Hospital. He was born Dec. 25, 1943, at Muncie, Ind., the son of Virgil Morris and Roberta Rose Case Colson. He was a driller working in the oil fields. Colson was a member of Fraternal Order of Eagles. Survivors include two sons, Brian Colson of Astoria, Ore., and Bradley Colson of Great Bend; four sisters, Diana Rose Miller and Mary Lou Ashby, both of Muncie, Penney Jean Bolin of Blountsville, Ind., and Linda Walden of Hope; and five great-grandchildren. Cremation has taken place. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home and Crematory of Hutchinson is in charge of arrangements. Personal condolences may be left for the family at www.funeralchoice.com. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 20, 2003

Barbara Ann Campbell 1937-2003

Barbara Ann Campbell, 65, of Great Bend, died March 18 at her home. She was born Sept. 1, 1937, at Lyons, the daughter of Orville and Lois Odessa Ford Hatcher. She was a graduate of Lyons High School. A resident of Great Bend for 20 years. coma
from Lyons, she was a homemaker. Survivors include her companion, Dwayne Simon of Great Bend; one son, Marty Campbell of New Virginia, Iowa; one daughter, Teresa Bryant of Chase; two sisters, Kay Novotny of Springfield, Ark., and Phyllis Kuffer of Hutchinson; three grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren. A memorial service will be at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday at First Southern Baptist Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. Gary Simon officiating. Inurnment will be at Lyons Municipal Cemetery in Lyons. Cremation is planned. Family will receive friends from 2-4 p.m. Friday at Charter Funerals of Great Bend. The register book may be signed from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Rice County EMS of Lyons, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 20, 2003

Verna Grace Dawson 1912-2003

ELLINWOOD — Verna Grace Dawson, 90, died March 19 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. She was born Sept. 7, 1912, at Fairbury, Neb., the daughter of James Marion and Virginia Grace Crum Pigg. She married Howard Joseph "Joe" Dawson Nov. 17, 1930, at Fairbury. He died April 28, 1961. A resident of Barton County for the past two-and-a-half years, coming from Fairbury, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Dawson was a member of First Christian Church in Fairbury. Survivors include three daughters, Barbara Thurlin of Lawrence, Neb., Lagreta Jensby of Ellinwood and JoLetta Hall of Anthem, Ariz.; 15 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Gerdes-Meyer Funeral Home in Fairbury, with the Rev. Tim Adams officiating. Burial will be at Fairbury Cemetery in Fairbury. Friends may call from 2-7 p.m. Friday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons, with family receiving friends from 5-7 p.m. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or Chase High School Alumni Association, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 20, 2003

Marion F. Peterson 1932-2003

CHASE — Marion F. Peterson, 70, died March 19 at Hutchinson Hospital. He was born Oct. 3, 1932, at Chase, the son of Orla J. and Flora Haas Peterson. He was a 1951 graduate of Chase High School. He married Janice C. Footy May 8, 1954, at Chase. A lifetime resident of the Chase area, he was a farmer. Peterson was a member and former trustee of Community Presbyterian Church, former USD 410 school board member and former Chase Co-op board member, all of Chase. He received the Farm Bureau Century Farm Award. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Steven Peterson of Chase; two daughters, Cathy Delgadillo of Macksville and Carolyn Piper of Scribner, Neb.; one sister, Evelyn Warhurst of Chanute; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by one sister, Dorothy Young. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Revs. Jesse Patrick, Arlene Patrick and Cindy Watson. Burial will be at Chase Springdale Cemetery, with full military honors by Fort Riley Honor Guard. Friends may call from 2-7 p.m. Friday at Silllin Funeral Home in Lyons, with family receiving friends from 5-7 p.m. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or Chase High School Alumni Association, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 20, 2003

Vernon A. ‘Friday’ Schultz 1913-2003

LARNED — Vernon A. “Friday” Schultz, 89, died March 18 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. He was born Sept. 7, 1913, at Hoisington, the son of Edward J. and Maggie Miller Schultz. He married Bernita Bahls Oct. 29, 1935, at Larned. She died March 1, 1998. A resident of Larned since 1928, he worked at the Kraft cheese plant in Larned, worked for Harwood Plumbing, was co-owner of Schultz Brothers and retired as sole owner of Schultz Plumbing and Heating. Schultz was a member of First Baptist Church, life member of Fort Larned Lions Club, Welcome Inn Seniors and Chamber of Commerce, all of Larned, and past president and vice president of Kansas Plumbing and Heating Contractors Association. Survivors include one son, Richard V. Schultz of Wichita; four daughters, Edith Winkler, Betty Lou Douglas, Mary Jo Gibson and Marsha Fox, all of Larned; two sisters, Elinora Jinks of Larned and Gladys Williamson of Lorraine; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by one brother, Estes Schultz; and two sisters, Kay Novotny of Springdale, Ark., and Phyllis Kuffer of Hutchinson; two daughters, Mary Ellen Allen and Cora Jennings, both of Great Bend; three brothers, Richard Vonfeldt of Council Grove, Rudy Vonfeldt of Wichita and Roy Vonfeldt of Great Bend; two sisters, Albertine Denning of Great Bend and Pauline Vonfeldt of Liberal; 15 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son. LaVern R. Vonfeldt: one
Margaret E. ‘Midge’ Hanzlick 1909-2003

HOISINGTON — Margaret E. “Midge” Hanzlick, 93, died March 17 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born April 20, 1909, at Sylvan Grove, the daughter of Ray Florian and Maude Ella Kistler Peck. She was a valedictorian and graduate of Bunker Hill High School. She married George A. Hanzlick Dec. 23, 1930, at Great Bend. He died Jan. 14, 1967. A longtime Hoisington and Barton County resident, she was a school teacher and a nurse at CKMC in Great Bend and Hoisington Lutheran Hospital. Mrs. Hanzlick was a member of Hoisington Bible Church and a life member of Order of Eastern Star No. 101 of Bunker Hill. Survivors include three sons, Neal T. Hanzlick of Springfield, Mo., George R. Hanzlick of Russell and Dennis J. Hanzlick of Hoisington; one daughter, Shirley Smith of Great Bend; one sister, Joy McGill of Texas; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Bill Hanzlick; five sisters, Alice Peck, Lou Harri, Mae Schaeffer Hyter, Faye Hill and Martha Nairn; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Friends may call from 1 to 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at Hanzlick Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to American Lung Association or St. Rose Memorial Fund, both at Hooverton, Kan. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 19, 2003

March 18, 2003

Cliff ‘Shorty’ Bates 1959-2003

EL RENO, Okla. —Funeral service for Cliff “Shorty” Bates, 44, of El Reno, formerly of Hoisington, will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Trinity Baptist Church, 620 W. Vandament Ave., Yukon, Okla. Burial will be at El Reno Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home in El Reno. "Shorty" Bates died March 16 at Integris Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City, Okla. He was born Feb. 9, 1959, in Hoisington. He was a lifetime resident of Hoisington and has lived the past three years in El Reno. Mr. Bates was an owner/operator truck driver. He loved his family and was very dedicated to them. He was a member of First Church of God of Great Bend and Trinity Baptist Church of Yukon. Bates is survived by his wife Mary Beth Bates; and two sons, Austin Bates, age 11, of Yukon, Okla., and Allen Lee Bates, age 3 years, all of the home. Everyone is invited to attend services or you may call Mary Beth at 405-422-4826 if you would like to visit. "Shorty" died a believer, trusting in the Lord and is now more alive than ever! The family has requested memorials or donations for the children to be sent to: Bank of Union, 2000 S. County Club Rd., El Reno, OK 73036; 405-262-6577. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 18, 2003

Robert Lee Krom 1928-2003

OSAGE CITY — Robert Lee Krom, 74, died March 16 at his home in Osage City. He was born June 19, 1928, at Galatia, the son of Phillip Eugene and Mamie Jones Krom. He married Rosie V. Depperschmidt. She died in April 1993. A resident of Osage City for the past two years, coming from Rush Center, he was an oil patch worker in the Rush Center area and a mail carrier for Emporia before he retired. Krom was a member of Knights of Columbus of Liebenthal and a member of the Catholic faith. Survivors include one son, Robert Leon Krom of Osage City; three daughters, Ramona Ihde and Roxann Vollrath, both of Osage City, and Rebecca Gautreau of Keytesville, Mo.; two brothers, Don Krom of Seattle, Wash., and Richard Krom of Great Bend; one sister, Nadine Listen of Hoisington; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by infant sons, Randy Krom and Rav Gene Krom; one grandson, Leon Ihde; one brother. Marvin Krom; and one sister, Clara Armor. Graveside
service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Rush Center Cemetery with military graveside rites by Ft. Riley Honor Guard. The body will lie in state from 3 to 7 p.m. today with the family receiving friends from 6 to 7 tonight, all at Crable VanArsdale Funeral Chapel at Osage City. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or Disabled American Veterans, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 16, 2003


Walter L. “Buck” Brown, 65, of Great Bend, died March 15 at his home. He was born Aug. 25, 1937, at Quenemo, the son of Orlin Walter and Iva Watkins Brown. He married Mae Heckens Dec. 3, 1960, at Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend for most of his life, he was a truck driver for Duke Drilling Company, retiring in 2000. Brown served in the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Hot Rod Association and a lifelong racing enthusiast, having raced when he was young. His love of racing continued through his two sons. Spending the weekends at the race track with his family and friends was his favorite pastime. He was a wonderful and loving husband, father, grandfather and friend who will be greatly missed. Survivors include his wife of Great Bend; two sons, Scott Brown and Chad Brown, both of Great Bend; one daughter, Becky Sigler of Great Bend; one brother, John Brown of Wichita; one sister, Bernie Ann Nightengale of El Dorado; and five grandchildren, Josh Sigler, Jeremy Sigler, Justin Kelly, Cody Kelly and Brianna Brown. He was preceded in death by one brother, Jim Brown. Service was at 11 a.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. John Grummon officiating. Inurnment will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 18, 2003

Edith E. McPherson 1910-2003

ELLINWOOD — Edith E. McPherson, 92, died March 17 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born Oct. 30, 1910, at Roy, N.M., the daughter of Leo S. and Meddie Davis. She married Walter Ray McPherson Feb. 12, 1927, at Perry, Okla. He died Feb. 27, 1990. A resident of Ellinwood since 1952, coming from Rice County and Oklahoma, she was a homemaker. Mrs. McPherson was a member of Heritage Club of Ellinwood, several card clubs and a lifetime duplicate bridge club member. Survivors include two daughters, Norma L. Chambers of Monett, Mo., and Helen Hickel of Ellinwood; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one infant son, Charles Ray McPherson; two brothers, Roy L. Davis and Carl Davis; and one sister, Jewell Dean. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Kimple Funeral Chapel in Ellinwood, with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to Heritage Club or donor’s choice, both in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 18, 2003

Ralph J. Vonfeldt 1921-2003

Ralph J. Vonfeldt, 81, of Great Bend, died March 17 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 18, 2003

Willa F. Smith 1922-2003

Willa F. Smith, 80, of Great Bend, died March 17 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 18, 2003

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Edwin Miller 1910-2003

Edwin Miller, 92, of Great Bend, died March 14 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. He was born Oct. 25, 1910, in Barton County, the son of John and Elizabeth Mai Miller. He married Mae M. Winters April 24, 1968, at Wichita. She died March 4, 1989. A resident of Barton for most his life, he was a retired farmer. Miller was a member of Jehovah’s Witness. Survivors include many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one brother, Raymond Miller; and four sisters, Lydia Boxberger, Marthe Stricker, Pauline Karst and Elma Deckert. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. today at Great Bend Cemetery with Edward J. Forton officiating. Friends may call until 1 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 17, 2003

T.J. Hellerud 1986-2003

BROWNEELL — T.J. Hellerud, 16, died March 14, at Grisell Memorial Hospital in Ransom. He was born March 19, 1986, at Goodland. He was a junior at La Crosse High School and active in FFA. Hellerud competed in football, FCCLA and G-Club, all at Goodland. Survivors include his father, Tom Hellerud and companion, Karen Nelson, both of Goodland; his mother, Cynthia and Steven Maier, both of Brownell; one brother, Joey McDonald of Milberger; four sisters, Kristen Hellerud and Danielle Hellerud, both of Great Bend, Autumn Hellerud of Mulvane and McKenna Hellerud of Goodland; grandparents, Isabel Hellerud of Goodland, Joe and Barbara McDonald of Brownell, and Doris Maier of Nekoma. Memorial service was this morning at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City. Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. mountain time Tuesday at United Methodist Church in Goodland. Burial will be at Goodland Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Goodland High School Scholarship Fund or Kansas Department of Wildlife and
Roy L. Bryant 1963-2003

HOISINGTON — Roy L. Bryant, 39, died March 16 at Beverly Health Care of Lucas. He was born May 2, 1963, at Lincoln, the son of Carl L. and Rose M. Bird Bryant. A lifetime resident of Hoisington, he was employed by Sunflower Diversified Services in Great Bend. Bryant was a member of Church of the Nazarene in Hoisington. Survivors include his parents of Hoisington; one brother, Vivian L. Bryant of Hoisington; and two sisters, Janice Hamby and Louann Marcum, both of Great Bend. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Don Fisher officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, 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 Sunflower Diversified Services, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 17, 2003

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Bernice Mary George 1907-2003

ST. JOHN — Bernice Mary George, 95, died March 13 at Stafford District Hospital in Stafford. She was born May 29, 1907 at St. John, the daughter of Jesse M. and Bertha Blake. She married Ira George March 28, 1937, at St. John. He died in 1987. A resident of St. John, she was a homemaker, a piano teacher and a farmer. Mrs. George was a member of New Hope United Methodist Church in rural St. John and was treasurer and pianist for the church. Survivors include three cousins, Frances Proctor of Chester, Texas, Marvin Ives of Wichita and Charlie Ives of Loomis, Calif. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Minnis Chapel in St. John with the Rev. Larry Staton officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday at Minnis Chapel in St. John. Memorials are suggested to New Hope Church or Leisure Homestead, both of St. John. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 16, 2004

Ralph L. Bell 1924-2003

Ralph L. Bell, 78, of Great Bend, died March 13 at Homestead Assisted Living in Great Bend. He was born Oct. 23, 1924, at Douglass, the son of Wade and Bernice Schockley Bell. He married Orpha Glea Schroeder Jan. 26, 1948, at Dodge City. A resident of Great Bend since 1940, he was former owner of Bell Engine Service in Great Bend. Bell was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Elks Lodge, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Masonic Blue Lodge, all of Great Bend; Consistory and Shrine Club of Salina; and a lifetime member of National Rifle Association. Survivors include his wife of Great Bend; three daughters, Linda Rousseau of Norfolk, Va., Carla Beydler of Wakeeney and Nancy Winslow of Oregon City, Ore.; one brother, Keith Bell of Great Bend; one sister, Norma Smith of Great Bend; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. There will be no funeral or visitation. Cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice or Donor’s Choice, both in care of Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 16, 2003

Marguerite I. Smith 1910-2003

Marguerite I. Smith, 92, of Hoisington, died March 14 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born May 21, 1910 at Boyd, the daughter of John W. and Anna Kemmery Carroll. She married Frenis O. Smith May 11, 1932, at Great Bend. He died March 20, 1987. She was a homemaker. Smith was a member of the First United Methodist Church, past president of the Methodist Women Society, served on boards at the church and taught Sunday school for 19 years, all at Hoisington. Survivors include several cousins. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at the Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-5 p.m. Tuesday, and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday with the family receiving friends from 6-8 p.m., all at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 16, 2003

Edwin Miller 1910-2003

Edwin Miller, 92, of Great Bend, died March 14 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. He was born Oct. 25, 1910, in Barton County, the son of John and Elizabeth Mai Miller. He married Mae M. Winters April 24, 1948, at Wichita. She died March 4, 1989. He was a retired farmer. Miller was a member of Jehovah’s Witness. Survivors include many nieces and nephews. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Great Bend Cemetery with Edward J. Forton officiating. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Fund in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 16, 2003

March 14, 2003

Dorothy Lee Boman 1928-2003

LARNED — Dorothy Lee Boman, 74, died March 13 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. She was born April 8, 1928, at Nash, Okla., the daughter of John and Julia Rees Wallace. She married Cecil Boman July 25, 1948, at Harrison, Ark. A resident of Larned since 1966, coming from Lamar, Mo., she was a custodian for Larned State Hospital and St. Joseph’s Hospital in

Service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John with the Rev. W. Harlan Rittgers officiating. Memorial services are for: son, Duane Chadd; one daughter, LaWanda Detrich; and three brothers, Gayle Smith, Nevin Zent and Yule Zent. Graveside service with military honors will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Larned Cemetery with the Rev. Doyle Smith officiating. Survivors include: one son, Kevin Cossman of Hutchinson; and two sisters, Jolene Bryant of Ellinwood and Vaudene Hiller of Hays.

W. Laverne Cossman 1943-2003

LARNED — W. Laverne Cossman, 60, died March 9 at Veterans Administration Hospital in Great Bend. He was born Feb. 24, 1943, at Pawnee County, the son of Wayne Laverne and Ethel Eggerman Cossman. A lifetime Pawnee County resident, he was a farmer. Cossman was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, both of Larned. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War, having received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal and Vietnam Service Medal. Survivors include: one son, Kevin Cossman of Hutchinson; and two sisters, Jolene Bryant of Ellinwood and Vaudene Hiller of Hays.

Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. David H. LeRoy officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Memorial services are suggested to Alzheimer's Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune March 13, 2003 paid announcement

Greta V. Magers 1916-2003

EUREKA — Greta V. Magers, 86, died Jan. 16 at Pratt Regional Medical Center. She was born July 14, 1916, at Little River, the daughter of Maurice and Millie Smith Patterson. A longtime resident of St. John, she was a retired licensed practical nurse. Survivors include: two sons, Larry Chadd of Macksville and Michael Kennedy of Yuma, Ariz.; one daughter, Darleen Beaman of Sunnyvale, Calif.; one brother, Robert Zent of Ashgrove, Mo.; two sisters, Ardis Shelton of Joplin, Mo., and June Schultz of Mt. Vernon, Mo.; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by many brothers and sisters. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Howell Cemetery in Milford, Mo., with the Rev. Cliff Hazard officiating. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. Saturday and from 1 p.m. until 9 p.m. Sunday, all at the funeral home. The family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial services are suggested to Alzheimer's Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune March 14, 2003

March 13, 2003

Stacy Jim Engleman 1955-2003

Stacy Jim Engleman, 47, of Great Bend, died March 10 at Pawnee Rock State Park. He was born Aug. 23, 1955, at Great Bend, the son of Edmond James and Patricia Lynn Wright Engleman. He married Jill Renee Yost Feb. 17, 1989, in Great Bend. A lifetime resident of Great Bend. He was emoloves by McDonald Tank Service. Survivors include: his wife of Great Bend; two sons, John and Matt; one brother, Robert of Great Bend; and one sister, Flossie Miller of Oregon and Ruth Jones of California; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by many brothers and sisters. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Burial will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Howell Cemetery in Milford, Mo., with the Rev. Cliff Hazard officiating. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. Saturday and from 1 p.m. until 9 p.m. Sunday, all at the funeral home. The family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial services are suggested to Alzheimer's Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune March 14, 2003
La Velle Berneice Ellison 1917-2003

La Velle Berneice Ellison, 85, of Great Bend, died March 11 at Bellevue Health Center in Oklahoma City, Okla. She was born July 28, 1917, at South Haven, the daughter of Alpha Pearl and Luanna Lee Howk. She married Robert Isaac Ellison Sept. 20, 1939, at Newkirk, Okla. He died Nov. 8, 1969. A resident of Great Bend for more than 50 years, coming from Russell, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Ellison was a member of First Christian Church, Fraternal Order of the Eagles and Barton County Historical Society, all of Great Bend; a 57-year member of Order of the Eastern Star, South Haven chapter, and other local civic organizations. Survivors include one sister, Deloit Brewer of Blackwell, Okla. She was preceded in death by one son, Bobby Lee Ellison; five brothers, Paul Howk, Gerald Howk, Harold Howk, Keith Howk and John Howk; and three sisters, Mrs. Ottis Erwin, Mrs. Ruby Johnston and Mrs. De Veda Westbrook. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park north of Great Bend. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend and from 10-11 a.m. Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune March 13, 2003

March 12, 2003

Magdalene C. Coe 1912-2003

STAFFORD — Magdalene C. Coe, 81, died March 9. She was born July 23, 1921, near Otis, the daughter of Rudolph and Minnie Seidl. She attended grade school in Otis and high school in Great Bend. She married Robert Coe in October 1958. He preceded her in death. A resident of Leisure Homestead in Stafford, coming from Wichita where she lived most of her life, she retired after 35 years at Internal Revenue Service Audit Services Branch in Wichita. Mrs. Coe enjoyed world-wide traveling and genealogy. Survivors include one sister, Valeria Boxberger of Great Bend; one nephew, Randy Boxberger of Overland Park; and two great-nieces, Megan Boxberger and Erin Boxberger, both of Overland Park. She was preceded in death by one sister, Fannie Eveliegh; Rosary will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at All Saints Catholic Church in Wichita. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in Wichita. Friends may call Thursday and Friday at Downing & Lahey Mortuary East Chapel in Wichita. There is no set visitation. Memorials are suggested to Leisure Homestead in Stafford in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune March 13, 2003 paid announcement

Darrell N. Engel 1939-2003

SOUTH HUTCHINSON — Darrell N. Engel, 63, died March 5 at his residence in South Hutchinson. He was born June 10, 1939, at Ellis, the son of Florian P. and Clara Rohleder Engel. He was a graduate of Ellis High School. He married Helen Lillian Ours Aug. 20, 1976, at South Hutchinson. A resident of Hutchinson, coming from Great Bend, he was a courier for a pharmaceutical company and spent years working for Eaton. Engel was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Moose Lodge of Hutchinson, 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus, Holy Name Society and National Rifle Association. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Darrell J. Engel of Colwich, Mike Engel of Hutchinson and Eric D. Engel of Sand Springs, Okla.; five daughters, Christina C. LeBlanc of Newton, Elizabeth Graham of Sand Springs, Brenda Munds and Elaine Engel, both of Hutchinson, and Annette Wasinger of Andover; two brothers, Clayton Engel of Hays and Verlin Engel of Lancaster, Calif.; four sisters, Norma Sander of Great Bend, Imelda Karlin and Elgerine Gross, both of Hays, and Phyllis Stuart of Wichita; 20 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Anita M. Engel. Funeral Mass was held Monday at the church, with the Rev. Ned Blick officiating. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Johnson and Sons Funeral Home and Crematory of Hutchinson. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune March 12, 2003

Thornton Sanders 1917-2003

STOCKTON — Thornton Sanders. 85, died March 10 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. He was born Dec. 5, 1917. the son of
Charlie and Madeline Hutton Sanders. He married Myrtle Phillips Oct. 20, 1964, in Stockton. She died Aug. 19, 1997. A lifelong area resident, he was a house painter. Survivors include one stepson, Harold Tangye of Salina; one stepdaughter, Sylvia Gilmore of Great Bend; two brothers, Charles Sanders of Manhattan and Marion Sanders of Red Cloud, Neb.; three sisters, Ametia Hrabe of Big Springs, Texas, Diana Hulse of Stockton and Roberta Folsom of Washington; eight stepgrandchildren; and seven stepgreat-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Ronald Sanders; two brothers, Robert Neal Sanders and Donald Sanders; three sisters, Marjorie Cooper, Zelda Gilley and Rosanna Weaver; and one stepgrandson, Ricky D. Gilmore. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Smith-Moore-Overlease Funeral Home in Stockton, with the Rev. David Carlson officiating. Burial will be at Mount Vernon Cemetery northwest of Stockton. Friends may call from 3-8 today, from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Hays Humane Society, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 12, 2003

Wayne L. Cossman

LARNED — Wayne L. Cossman, 60, died March 9 at Veteran's Hospital in Wichita. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 12, 2003

Margaret Huslig 1912-2003

HOISINGTON — Margaret Huslig, 91, died March 10 at Holiday Resort in Salina. She was born Jan. 20, 1912, in Claflin, the daughter of Peter M. and Frances Hoffman Sauber. She married Leonard E. Huslig Nov. 5, 1945, at Ellinwood. He died June 3, 1999. A resident of Salina since 1999, coming from Hoisington, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Huslig was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Hoisington, and Immaculate Conception Circle 744 of Daughters of Isabella of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Eldon L. Huslig of Lombard, Ill.; one daughter, JoAnn F. Maddox of Salina; three brothers, Ambrose Sauber and James Sauber, both of Ellinwood, and Emanuel Sauber of Hutchinson; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one son, Dennis M. Huslig; and one brother, Lawrence Sauber. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, followed by Altar Society and Daughters of Isabella rosary, all at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. John Church Cemetery in Hoisington. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimers and Related Disorders, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 12, 2003

Terry L. Clark 1955-2003

HOLYROOD — Terry L. Clark, 47, died March 10 at his home in Holyrood. He was born March 17, 1955, at Ellsworth, the son of Fount and Barbara Clark. He married Coleen “Coke” Suchy Feb. 10, 1979, at Great Bend. A lifetime resident of the Holyrood and Bushton area, he was an electrical and industrial technician for Oneok Bushton Plant. Clark was a member of Phi Sigma Epsilon of Hays and kids wrestling coach. Survivors include his former wife of Bushton; one son, Justin Clark of Hays; three daughters, Amanda Stevenson and Amy Clark, both of Bushton, and Audra Clark of Holyrood; his mother, Barbara Clark Massey of Marshall, Ark.; one sister, Sherry Keller of Douglas; his grandfather, Clifford Massey of Marshall, Ark.; and two grandsons. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at St. Paul's United Church of Christ of Holyrood with the Rev. Mary Lou Klein officiating. Burial will be at the church cemetery in Holyrood. Friends may call from 1-8 today and from 8-10 a.m. Thursday at Parsons Funeral Home in Ellsworth, and from 1-2 p.m. Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Terry L. Clark Memorial Fund, in care of Bank of Holyrood. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 12, 2003

Zelma Pearl ‘Mimi’ Miles 1902-2003

ST. JOHN — Zelma Pearl “Mimi” Miles, 100, died March 10 at Kansas Masonic Home in Wichita. She was born June 1, 1902, at Salem, Mo., the daughter of William and Rachel Wallace Floyd. She married Orva “Sprout” Miles Sept. 22, 1930, at Wellington. He died Oct. 10, 1992. She was a homemaker and Harvey Girl at the Harvey House in Dodge City and Denver, Colo. Mrs. Miles was a member of Church of Christ of St. John. Survivors include one daughter, Helen Lorraine Broadfoot of Wichita; two grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one grandson. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Minnis Chapel Inc. in St. John, with the Rev. Carl Feil officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 2-8 tonight at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to Kansas Masonic Home in Wichita, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 12, 2003

Stacy J. Engleman

Stacy J. Engleman, 47, of Great Bend, died March 10. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 12, 2003

Emma A. Dirks 1907-2003

Emma A. Dirks, 95, of Great Bend, died March 9 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. She was born Sept. 7, 1907, at Garvin Countv, Okla., the daughter of Bill and Sarah Rose. She married Chester Dirks in 1947 at Meade. He died March 23, 1997.
A resident of Great Bend since 1998, coming from Dodge City, she was a retail sales clerk. Survivors include one daughter, Jocile Hansarik of Great Bend; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. There will be no visitation or funeral service. Inurnment will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. No memorials are suggested. Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 11, 2003

Lenora H. Smith 1917-2003

LARNED — Lenora H. Smith, 85, died March 9 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital Long Term Care in Larned. She was born May 20, 1917, in Great Bend, the daughter of David T. and Agnes Smith. She married Roy R. Smith at Pawnee Rock. A longtime Larned resident, she was a homemaker and housewife. Mrs. Smith was a member of Berghal Mennonite Church and church mission workers, all at Pawnee Rock. She also did craftwork. Survivors include her husband of the home; one daughter, Betty Nicholson of Larned; two grandchildren, Tamara Beckwith of Jetmore and Kerry Nicholson of Larned; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Harry Smith, Frank Smith and Dan Smith; four sisters, Sophia Meinershagen, Davina Schmidt, Lena Shaw and Gertrude Schultz; and one granddaughter, Tanya Potter. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Berghal Mennonite Church at Pawnee Rock with the Revs. Todd Schlosser and Lynn Schlosser officiating. Burial will be at the church cemetery in Pawnee Rock. Friends may call until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, all at Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 11, 2003 paid announcement

Margaret Huslig 1912-2003

SALINA — Margaret Huslig, 91, died March 10 at Holiday Resort in Salina. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 11, 2003

March 10, 2003

Ruth Stephens 1915-2003

ELLSWORTH — Ruth Stephens, 88, died March 8 at Center for Longterm Care in Salina. She was born Jan. 21, 1915, at Hominy, Okla., the daughter of Claude T. and Ruby Alice Williams Pore. She married V.M. Stephens June 2, 1933, at Bristow, Okla. He died Sept. 20, 1991. A resident of Ellsworth since 1968, coming from Claflin, she was a homemaker and a telephone operator in Claflin. Survivors include two daughters, Yvonne Allen and Vicki Hopkins, both of Ellsworth; six grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. today at Parsons Funeral Home in Ellsworth with the Rev. Jim Newkirk officiating. Burial will be at Chase Springdale Cemetery in Chase. Memorials are suggested to United Methodist Church Television Ministry Fund in Ellsworth, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 10, 2003

Helen Jean ‘Tullis’ Quincy 1924-2003

WICHITA — Helen Jean “Tullis” Quincy, 79, died March 7. Survivors include her husband, Billy Quincy; two sons, William C. Quincy and James A. Quincy, both of Wichita; one daughter, Shelley J. Quincy of Wichita; one sister, Ruth Leek of Roseberg, Ore.; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Watson Funeral Home of Garden Chapel of Wichita is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 10, 2003

March 9, 2003

Leona Kathleen Murphy 1921-2003

LARNED — Leona Kathleen Murphy, 81, died March 6 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born May 16, 1921, at Larned, the daughter of James R. and Clara A. Byrum. She married Melvin M. Murphy Sr. March 15, 1941, at Wichita. A resident of Larned since 1945, coming from Wichita and Hodgeman County, she was a homemaker and farmer. Mrs. Murphy was a member of United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, a former Methodist Church Sunday School teacher, a member of Best in the West Club, Pawnee County Election Board and Ash Valley Granger, all of Larned. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Melvin Murphy Jr. of Larned; three daughters, Jacquelynn Schultz of Larned, Derinda L. Folkerts of Timken and Ruth A. Bruce of Leawood; one brother, William Byrum of Payson, Ariz.; eleven grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, John Byrum, George Byrum and James Byrum; and two sisters, Leila Mae Johnson and Ruth Darlene. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Charles Grant officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may until 8 p.m. today at Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 9,2003

Gary Dean Gardiner 1960-2003

CULLISON — Gary Dean Gardiner, 42, died March 7 at Riverside Hospital in Wichita. He was born Sept. 9, 1960, at Valentine, Neb., the son of Judy A. Crawford. He graduated from Valentine High School in 1978. A resident of Cullison for four years, he was an elevator worker and a truck driver. Survivors include his mother of Pawnee Rock; one son, Kasey Gardiner of Pawnee Rock; one daughter, Jessie Lee Gardiner of Pawnee Rock; two brothers, Marty A. Gardiner and Jerry L. Gardiner, both of Stafford; and
Landon Fletcher Akings 1928-2003

OLATHE — Landon Fletcher Akings, 75, died March 3 at Olathe Medical Center in Olathe. He was born Feb. 29, 1928 at Bristol, Va. He married Jane. A resident of Olathe for the past 30 years coming from the Galatia and Russell areas, he was owner/operator of Oxford Place Steak House in Olathe. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Dean Akings of Great Bend; three daughters, Shirley Foust of Hutchinson, Diana Aelmore of Olathe and Betty Quinn of Olathe; 11 grandchildren; and 5 great grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Memorial Chapel Funeral Home in Olathe, with the family receiving friends from 5-7 p.m. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 9, 2003

March 7, 2003

Ruby M. Brickey 1922-2003

Ruby M. Brickey, 81, of Great Bend, died March 6 at Rossville Valley Manor. She was born Jan. 3, 1922, at Stafford County, the daughter of Clyde and Jennie DeGarmo Stimatze. She married William “Bill” Brickey Aug. 31, 1941, at Kinsley. He died Feb. 26, 1989. A resident of Topeka since 1994, coming from Great Bend and Zook, she was a salesclerk for Duckwalls, Self Service Drug and Family Pharmacy, all of Great Bend. Mrs. Brickey was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Russell, United Methodist Women and a church circle. Survivors include one son, Larry Meredith of Gunnison, Colo.; one daughter, Linda Jo Pore of Topeka; two brothers, Leo Stimatze of Byers and Truman “Fat” Stimatze of Ft. Dodge; two sisters, Lois Spencer and Opal Covey, both of Ulysses; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Orban Stimatze and Carrol “Casey” Stimatze; and three great-grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Memorial Chapel Funeral Home in Olathe, with the family receiving friends from 5-7 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Hospice Care of Kansas or the church in Russell, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 7, 2003

Dolan Schlup Ater 1916-2003

SHAFFER — Dolan Schlup Ater, 87, died March 5 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. She was born Jan. 5, 1916, at Great Bend, the daughter of John Samuel and Rose Anna Wilson Schlup. She married Charles Elmer Ater Dec. 19, 1934, at La Crosse. He died in September 1980. A lifetime area resident, she was a housewife, bookkeeper and involved in farming. Mrs. Ater was of the Baptist faith. Survivors include one son, Dale Ater and his wife, Barbara, both of Shaffer; three grandchildren, Allen Ater of Shaffer, Jeanette Whisnant of Ellinwood and Teresa LaChance of Great Bend; seven great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, May Jones and Fidelia Weesner. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Dick Ogle officiating. Burial will be at Otis Ambulance Service or Albert Fire Department, both in care of the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Muscular Dystrophy Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 7, 2003 paid announcement

Charles Robert Rumage 1937-2003

Charles Robert Rumage, 65, of Great Bend, died March 5 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Dec. 22, 1937, at Emporia, the son of John Edward and Ruth Marie Simmons Rumage. He married Barbara Mary Richard Aug. 19, 1958, at Miami, Okla. She died March 26, 1988. He married Debra Oller Dec. 24, 1996, at Pratt. A resident of Great Bend since 1997, coming from Pratt, he was a railroad engineer for Southern Pacific and Cottonbelt. Rumage was a member of Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Grace United Methodist Church, American Legion, BPOE, AARP and Barton County Farm Bureau. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served in the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, John Paul Rumage of Crowley, Texas; two daughters, Natalie Gaw Liner of Shawnee and Loretta Lynne Keith of Lincoln, Neb.; steadoughter, Amy M.
March 6, 2003

Rochelle Nadyne Reece 1948-2003

Rochelle Nadyne Reece, 54, died March 2 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. She was born Aug. 2, 1948, in both of the home; her father, Keith Jones of ElDorado; her mother, Mary Jones of Larned; four brothers, Tom Cody of Salina, Curt Woodson of Omaha, Neb.; 13 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Memorial service and burial will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Memorial Lawn Cemetery in Emporia with Lee Hoskins officiating. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice or United Way of Barton County, both in care of Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 7, 2003

Ruth V. Bray 1914-2003

Ruth V. Bray, 89, of Great Bend, died March 4 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Feb. 26, 1914, at Lincoln County, the daughter of John C. and Marie Katt Schulz. She married William James Bray Jan. 20, 1946, in Lincoln County. A resident of Great Bend since 1958, coming from La Crosse, she was a school teacher for many years in Rush County and Great Bend. Mrs. Bray was a member of First Christian Church, Golden Belt Community Concert Association, Clara Barton Rebecca Lodge 58, Fort Zarah League 38, Northwest HDU, Delta Kappa Gamma, AAUW and AARP. Survivors include her husband of the home; two daughters, Joyce Marie Bray of Wichita and Vivian Jane Bray of Longmont, Colo.; and one sister, Florene Girton of Wichita. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Herbert Schulz, Norman Schulz and Dee Schulz; and one sister, Irene Schulz. Funeral will be at 3:30 p.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park north of Great Bend. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Friday, all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church building fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 6, 2003

Rita C. Johns 1921-2003

TOPEKA — Rita C. Johns, 82, died March 4 at a health center in Topeka. She was born Feb. 26, 1921, at Topeka, the daughter of August and Mary V. Wilkinson Johns. She was employed at a bank in Emporia for many years. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Topeka and was active in the USO at Forbes Field in Topeka. Survivors include two brothers, Robert N. Johns of Topeka and Raymond F. Johns of Oskaloosa; and two sisters, Helen Johns of Topeka and Jeanne Guesnier of Great Bend. Parish rosary will be at 6:30 tonight at Brennan-Mathena Funeral Home in Topeka. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the church. Burial will be at Mount Calvary Cemetery. Friends may call after 2 today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Midland Hospice Care Inc. or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 6, 2003

Eva G. Cline Loreg 1907-2003

LA CROSSE — Eva G. Cline Loreg, 95, died March 4 at Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse. She was born April 12, 1907, at Webster, the daughter of Jessie and Mattie Donner Cline. She married Mike Loreg June 7, 1922. He preceded her in death. She was a resident of La Crosse, coming from Codell. Survivors include four sons, Melvin Loreg of Great Bend, Ivan Dean Loreg of Topeka, Darrell Loreg of Hays and Mike Loreg of Hoisington; four daughters, Helen McKenna of Lyons, Catherine Collins of Hoisington, Marjorie Boeckner of Hays and Ladonna Flax of Ellis; and one sister, Esther Cline of Centerville, Mo. She was preceded in death by two infant sons, Keith Loreg and Joseph Loreg; three daughters, Della Mae Loreg, Loree Blair and Dorothy Loreg; five brothers, Maurice Cline, Charlie Cline, Herman Cline, Clifford Cline and Harry Cline; and three sisters, Carrie Bice, Myrtle Loreg and Addie Winters. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Codell Baptist Church with the Revs. Steve Matthews and the Rev. Don Fischer officiating. Burial will be at Paradise Center Cemetery in rural Codell. Friends may call from 3 to 8 tonight at Moore-Overlease Funeral Chapel in Plainville. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or American Diabetes Association, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 6, 2003

March 5, 2003

Georgia Dawn Tammen 1975-2003

ALBERT — Georgia Dawn Tammen, 27, died March 2 at her home in Albert. She was born Nov. 15, 1975, at Syracuse, the daughter of Keith E. and Mary I. Cody Jones. She married Troy Tammen May 23, 1998, at Albert. A resident of Albert for six years, coming from Larned, she was a homemaker. She was a Girl Scout leader for Troop 240 of Larned. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Travis Nathan Tammen of the home; two daughters, Monica Marie Lara and Tami Nicole Tammen, both of the home; her father, Keith Jones of ElDorado; her mother, Mary Jones of Larned; four brothers, Tom Cody of Salina, Curt Whaley of Great Bend, Bruce Jones of Holts Summit, Mo., and Cody Whaley of Larned; seven sisters, Keithetta Nanneman of Albuquerque, N.M., Melinda Wilson of Liberal, Rita Garfio of Lakin, Jennifer Hupp of Killeen, Texas, Stacee Anderson of Topeka, Trish Warren of Hutchinson and Cherie Shaver of Larned; father-in-law, Ted Tammen of Albert, mother-in-law and step-father-in-law, Dot Tammen and Larry Vaughn of Russell; and brother-in-law, Travis Tammen of Wichita. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Kevin Jones and Robyn Dean Jones. Prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Peace Lutheran Church in Albert with the Rev. Jack Russell officiating. Burial will be at Peace Lutheran Church Cemetery in Albert. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Georgia Tammen Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 4, 2003 paid announcement

Rochelle Nadyne Reece 1948-2003

LARNED — Rochelle Nadyne Reece. 54. died March 2 at St. Joseph Memorial Hosptial in Larned. She was born Aug. 2, 1948, in
CLIFTON — Nicholas ‘Nick’ Thill, 97, died March 4 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born Sept. 21, 1905, at Turon, the son of Frank Paul and Mary Susan Weber Thill. A lifetime Barton County resident, living in both Claflin and Ellinwood, he was a retired farmer and stockman. Thill was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Ellinwood. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include his wife of Great Bend; two daughters, Glenda Zimmermann of Wichita and worked as an oilfield driller. Tegarden was a member of Masonic Lodge, Shrine Club and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include his wife of Great Bend; two daughters, Glenda Zimmerman and Carol Elliott, both of Great Bend; two stepsons, Howard Johnson of Great Bend and Gary Johnson of North Highlands, Calif.; two stepdaughters, Judy Pulee of Great Bend and Irene Strunk of Bossier City, La.; his mother of Pratt; 16 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at First Church of the Nazarene with the Revs. Mark Pennington and John Wicker officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery with full military honors. Friends may call from 5 to 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorial services are suggested to the American Lung Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 5, 2003

Ruth V. Bray 1914-2003

Ruth V. Bray, 89, of Great Bend, died March 4 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Feb. 26, 1914, at Lincoln County, the daughter of John C. and Marie Katt Schulz. She married William James Bray Jan. 20, 1946, in Lincoln County. A resident of Great Bend since 1958, coming from La Crosse, she was a school teacher for many years in Rush County and Great Bend. Mrs. Bray was a member of First Christian Church, Golden Belt Community Concert Association, Clara Barton Rebecca Lodge 58, Fort Zarah League 38, Northwest HDU, Delta Kappa Gamma, AAUW and AARP. Survivors include her husband of the home; two daughters, Joyce Marie Bray of Wichita and Vivian Jane Bray of Longmont, Colo.; and one sister, Florene Girton of Wichita. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Herbert Schulz, Norman Schulz and Dee Schulz; and one sister, Irene Schulz. Funeral will be at 3:30 p.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park north of Great Bend. Friends may call from 5 to 9 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorial services are suggested to the church building fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 5, 2003

Dorothy E. Brown 1915-2003

HOISINGTON — Dorothy E. Brown, 87, died March 3 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born Dec. 15, 1915, at Douglass, the daughter of Oscar and Mabel Cronk Farmsworth. She married Elton B. Brown March 2, 1935, at Independence, Mo. He died Oct. 5, 2002. A resident of Hoisington since 1949, coming from Andale, Valley Center, Cambridge and Rose Hill, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Brown was a member of First Christian Church in Hoisington. Survivors include one son, Mike Brown of Great Bend; three daughters, Lineea Winter of Great Bend, Loretta Thornbrugh of Plano, Texas, and Martha Brown of Kansas City; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Benny Brown; two brothers, Earl Farmsworth and Merle Farmsworth; and one sister, Lula Foote. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Paula Bell officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorial services are suggested to the church or Clara Barton Foundation, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 5, 2003

Nicholas ‘Nick’ Thill 1905-2003

CLAFLIN — Nicholas ‘Nick’ Thill, 97, died March 4 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born Sept. 21, 1905, at Dubuque, the son of Frank Paul and Mary Susan Weber Thill. A lifetime Barton County resident, living in both Claflin and Ellinwood, he was a retired farmer and stockman. Thill was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Ellinwood. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in the European Theatre in World War II. Survivors include two sisters, Mary Ann Brungardt of Wichita and worked as an oilfield driller. Tegarden was a member of Masonic Lodge, Shrine Club and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include his wife of Great Bend; two daughters, Glenda Zimmerman and Carol Elliott, both of Great Bend; two stepsons, Howard Johnson of Great Bend and Gary Johnson of North Highlands, Calif.; two stepdaughters, Judy Pulee of Great Bend and Irene Strunk of Bossier City, La.; his mother of Pratt; 16 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at First Church of the Nazarene with the Revs. Mark Pennington and John Wicker officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery with full military honors. Friends may call from 5 to 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorial services are suggested to the American Lung Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 5, 2003

March 4, 2003
Nicholas 'Nick' Thill 1906-2003

ELLINWOOD - Nicholas "Nick" Thill, 97, died March 4 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 4, 2003

Fred L. Decker 1937-2003

SALIDA, Colo. - Fred L. Decker, 66, died March 1 at Salida. He was born Oct. 26, 1937, at Silica, the son of Floyd and Irene McDaniel Decker. He married Rita Marie Knoll June 14, 1958, in Wakeeny. He worked in the oilfield all of his life. Decker was a U.S. Army veteran, having served from 1954 to 1958. Survivors include two sons, Fred Decker of Roosevelt, Utah, and Melvin Decker of Great Bend; three daughters, Delores Gates of Salida, Maxine Wilkinson and Pauline Greene, both of Great Bend; one brother, Leon Decker of Bloomfield, N.M.; three sisters, Berniece Siedel of Sterling, Helen Rhines of Puryear, Tenn., and Thelma Stapleton of Sapulpa, Okla.; and 13 grandchildren. A private family service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Salida. The body was cremated. Lewis and Glenn Funeral Home in Salida are in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 4, 2003

Zella M. Hickerson 1913-2003

NEWTON - Zella M. Hickerson, 89, died March 1 at Newton Presbyterian Manor. She was born Nov. 23, 1913, at Hesston, the daughter of Aaron and Frances Bitikofer Stolfus. She graduated from Newton High School in 1932. She married Loren J. Hickerson Aug. 25, 1932, at Peabody. He died April 19, 1987. A longtime resident of Newton, living in Missouri from 1998 to 2000, she was a cosmetic and clothing clerk for Henry's in Wichita and was employed by Wilson Drug Store in Newton. Mrs. Hickerson was a member of First United Presbyterian Church in Newton. Survivors include one son, the Rev. Loren W. "Bill" Hickerson of Newton; four grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. today at First United Church of Christ in Newton with the Rev. James Anderson officiating. Burial will be at Restlawn Gardens of Memory in rural Newton. Memorials are suggested to Newton Presbyterian Manor, in care of Broadway Colonial Funeral Home in Newton. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 4, 2003

Wilma M. Popp 1919-2003

Wilma M. Popp, 83, of Great Bend, died March 3 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. She was born Dec. 20, 1919, at Ft. Smith, Ark., the daughter of Benjamin and Ella Cantrell Witt. She married Elmer Popp Nov. 12, 1950, at Henryetta, Texas. He died Oct. 23, 1982. A resident of Barton County since 1940, coming from Ft. Smith, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Popp was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Great Bend. Survivors include one daughter, Dell Hayden of Great Bend; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother and four sisters. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the church with the Revs. James A. Strasen and David E. Carlson officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 9 tonight, and from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 4, 2003

Alvin A. Keil 1912-2003

Alvin A. Keil, 90, of Great Bend, died March 2 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. He was born March 8, 1912, at Galatia, the son of Conrad and Mary Steinert Keil. He married Alberta Buchheister Nov. 5, 1939, at Plainville. A resident of Great Bend since 1952, coming from Otis, he was a lineman with Central Electric Company, retiring in 1977. Keil was a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church in Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Albert Keil of Pittsburg; two daughters, Cheryl Wesley of Great Bend and Jolene Morgan of Valdez, Alaska; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Ben Keil, Seigmund Keil, Emanuel Keil and Edwin Keil; and three sisters, Elma Brack, Rubena Keil and Phoebe Brack. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Shannon Vogelzang officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery north of Great Bend. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday with family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church building fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 4, 2003

Grayce L. Crider 1909-2003

HOISINGTON - Grayce L. Crider, 94, died March 1 at her residence in Hoisington. She was born Jan. 16, 1909, at Salina. She married Erbie A. Crider. He died Dec. 17, 2001. She was a telephone operator and supervisor for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, retiring in 1964. Survivors include one nephew, William Giltnner of Salina; and one niece, Bertha Louise Norton of Hoisington. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Gypsum Hill Cemetery in Salina. The body was cremated. There is no visitation. Ryan Mortuary of Salina is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 4, 2003

March 3, 2003

Allan Lance Bates 1950-2003

HOISINGTON — Allan Lance Bates, 53, died March 2 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born Jan. 25, 1950, at Hoisington, the son of Melvin Lester and Gladys Marcum Bates. He married Tracy Lynn Fritz Sept. 2, 1995, at Hoisington. A
Richard Lee Griffin, 69, of Great Bend, died Feb. 26 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was born Dec. 21, 1934, at Pleasanton, the son of Lee Ralph and Mabel Christine Lambkin Griffin. He was a 1952 graduate of Pleasanton High School, a 1954 graduate of Fort Scott Junior College and graduated with honors from Commonwealth College of Sciences in Houston, Texas, in 1955. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Topeka, he was owner and funeral director of Cheney's Funeral Chapel, an emergency medical technician and Red Cross instructor at Fort Scott from 1952 to 1973, manager for Tibbetts Brothers Mortuary in Belleville from 1973 to 1975; owner and funeral director of Tibbetts-Griffin Funeral Chapel in Topeka from 1975-1992; a licensed funeral director and embalmer in Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri; a salesperson for Steinert Furniture in Great Bend from 1993 to 1994; emergency medical technician and Red Cross instructor at Fort Scott from 1952 to 1973, manager for Tibbetts Brothers Mortuary in Belleville from 1973 to 1975; owner and funeral director of Tibbetts-Griffin Funeral Chapel in Topeka from 1975-1992; a licensed funeral director and embalmer in Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri; a salesperson for Steinert Furniture in Great Bend from 1993 to 1995; and assistant manager of Lake Barton Golf Club in Hoisington from 1995-2002. Griffin was a member of First Presbyterian Church and Kiwanis Club of Fort Scott, Eureka Masonic Lodge 88 of Pleasanton, Scottish Rite AF and AM York Rite Bodies, Oriental Shrine Band, Fort Scott Chapter 3 R.A.M, and Fraternal Order of Eagles, White Shrine of Jerusalem 6, past commander of the Hugh De Payne Commandry, all of Fort Scott; American Legion Capital Post 1, Charter Member Order of DeMolay Chapter Dad for 25 years, Legion of Honor award, Arab Temple of Topeka, and received a Eagle Boy Scout award from Pleasanton. He was a veteran, having served in the Army Reserves. Survivors include one son, Brad Griffin of Wichita; one daughter, Carla Griffin-Peterson of Great Bend; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Stanley Bates. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Paula Bell officiating. Burial will be at Goldenbelt Memorial Park Cemetery in Barton County with full military honors by Ft. Riley Honor Guard. Friends may call from 3 to 8 today, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday, all at the funeral home. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday. Memorials are suggested to Natalie Deutsch Medical Fund or Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Refuge, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 3, 2003

Richard Lee Griffin 1934-2003

HUTCHINSON—John C. Ochs, 63, died Feb. 28 at Hutchinson Hospital. He was born July 30, 1939, at Hutchinson, the son of Calvin and Pauline Arnhold Ochs. He married Marilyn J. Means on Sept. 4, 1960, at Dodge City. A resident of Hutchinson, coming from Dodge City, he was a retired truck driver for Jackson’s Ice Cream and Betts Bakery. Ochs was a member of Park Place Christian Church, Moose Lodge 982, Teammasters Local 795 and RSVP Hutchinson Community College. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons. David J. Ochs and Scott T. Ochs. both of Hutchinson: one brother. George K. Ochs of Arcadia. Calif.:
one sister Marie Jannsen of Fountain Valley, Calif.; and seven grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Kim Biery officiating. Burial will be at Wildmead Cemetery in Nickerson. There is no visitation, cremation has taken place. Friends may sign the registry book from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday at Heritage Funeral Home in Hutchinson. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the church or Arthritis Foundation, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 2, 2003

Carl Madden 1920-2003

HUTCHINSON — Carl Madden, 82, died Feb. 28 at Hospice of Reno County Hospice House in Hutchinson. He was born Dec. 5, 1920, at Guthrie, Okla., the son of Carl and Hazel Smith Madden. He was a graduate of Ellinwood High School. He married Mary Ann Schartz on Aug. 18, 1941, at Ellinwood. A resident of Hutchinson since 1998, coming from Barton County, he was a retired farmer. Madden was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church of Hutchinson, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Kent S. Madden and John D. Madden, both of Hutchinson; and Paul D. Madden of Topeka; one daughter, Jane A. Fuhr of McPherson; one brother, B.W. Madden of Ellinwood; two sisters, Bette Kennedy of Lyons and Dorothy Davis of Wichita; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Martha Marshall. Rosary will be at 2 today at the church. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Joe Ecberg officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Lakin-Commanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 5-9 today at the church. Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Reno County, in care of Johnson and Sons Funeral Home and Crematory in Hutchinson. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 2, 2003

Carl William Bernard Sittner 1917-2003

RENVILLE, Minn. — Carl William Bernard Sittner, 85, died Feb. 27 at RenVilla Nursing Home in Renville. He was born March 4, 1917, at Hudson, the son of Paul Ernest and Clara Anna Wiedner Sittner. He married Clelia Belle Whitfield on Dec. 15, 1940, at Ellinwood. She preceded him in death. A resident of Renville, coming from Hudson, he was a farmer, and worked for the county for 15 years doing township and road maintenance. Sittner was a member of Peace United Church of Christ. Survivors include one son, Riley Sittner of Santa Rosa, Calif.; one daughter, Linda Haen of Renville; one sister, Emma Weinhold of Stafford; and five grandchildren; and two great-grandsons. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Paul Sittner, Ernest Sittner and Max Sittner; and two sisters, Annie Sittner and Alma Weinhold. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. George Redington officiating. Burial will be at the church cemetery. Friends may call from 9:30 a.m. to service time Tuesday at the church. Minnis Chapel of St. John is in charge of local arrangements. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 2, 2003

Frank E. Sibrava 1923-2003

WILSON — Frank E. Sibrava, 79, died March 1 at Ellsworth County Medical Center in Ellsworth. He was born June 23, 1923, at Wilson, the son of Frank E. Sr. and Vena Wolfe Sibrava. He married Georgia Ward on June 1, 1955. She died Dec. 5, 2002. A lifetime resident of Wilson, he was a farmer and stockman. Sibrava was a member of John F. McManus American Legion Post 262. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Foster Mortuary Chapel in Wilson with the Rev. Elaine Lord officiating. Burial will be at Wilson City Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. today, and from 8 a.m. until service time Monday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to John F. McManus American Legion Post 262, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 2, 2003
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Dee Rochelle Van Natta 1960-2003

Dee Rochelle Van Natta, 42, of Great Bend, died April 28 at her home. Funeral arrangements and survivors will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 30, 2003

Henrietta M. Farmer 1935-2003

HOISINGTON — Henrietta M. Farmer, 67, died April 29 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center in Wichita. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 30, 2003

April 29, 2003

George Edward Sporn 1929-2003

PEARLAND, Texas — George Edward Sporn, 74, died April 25 at Memorial Hermann S.E. Hospital in Houston, Texas. He was born April 22, 1929, at Ellinwood, the son of Leo A. and Thelma Irene Christiansen Sporn. He married Dorothy Denyer, Aug. 27, 1945, at Ellinwood. A resident of Pearland for five years, coming from Hutchinson, he was a retired manager of a steel plant. Sporn was a member of Congregational United Church of Christ of Little River; Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, both of Hutchinson. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include his wife, of the home; three sons, Richard Sporn of Evanston, Wyo., Mark Sporn and Michael Sporn, both of Wichita; two daughters Georgine Salinas and Teresa Sydnor, both of Pearland; one brother, Richard M. Sporn of Boulder, Colo.; one sister, Cathy Young of Little River; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Patricia Link. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Ted Weis officiating. Burial will be at Bean Memorial Cemetery at Little River. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to service time Thursday at the church. Sillin Funeral Home, Lyons, is in charge of local arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 29, 2003

Ralph J. Hammock 1940-2003

LIBERAL — Ralph J. Hammock, 62, died April 26 at Southwest Medical Center in Liberal. He was born July 19, 1940, at Willifred, Ark., the son of Jesse J. and Flora D. Morgan Hammock. He married Faye Trivitt May 21, 1960, at Hardy, Ark. He attended school in Hardy. A resident of Liberal since 1972, coming from Great Bend, he was a former employee of Western Testing in Great Bend, a production superintendent for Lamony- Mahoney Production Company and started Ralph’s Hot Oil Service. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Linnie Hammock and Tim Hammock, both of Liberal; one brother, Phillip Hammock of Cape City, Ark.; one sister, Delthaflota Smith of Hardy; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister. Memorial service will be at 7 tonight at Miller Chapel of Liberal with the Rev. Jerry Odel officiating. Inurnment will be at Turkey Pin Cemetery in Hardy. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 29, 2003

Gilbert Junior Dean 1950-2003

CLARKSVILLE, Ark. — Gilbert Junior Dean, 52, died April 20 at Johnson Regional Hospital. He was born May 26, 1950, in Barton County, the son of Gilbert C. and Barbara Boele Dean. He married Jennifer Matson Dean May 18, 2001, at Clarksville. A resident of Clarksville, coming from Great Bend, he was self employed. Dean was of the Baptist faith. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Jeff Dean of Hays, Jonathan Dean of Wichita, and Scott Dean of Arora, Ohio; one brother, Billy Dean of Wichita; one sister, Shirley Dean of Great Bend; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Bobby Dean; and one half-brother, Walter “Butch” Boele. Memorial service was held Saturday at Roller-Cox Chapel in Clarksville. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 29, 2003

Peggy S. German 1959-2003

STERLING — Peggy S. German, 43, died April 27 at Lyons District Hospital. She was born Sept. 22, 1959, in Ainsworth, Neb., the daughter of Donald and Lois Harp Richards. She married Gary German May 22, 1998, at Sterling. A resident of Sterling since 1986, coming from Alden, she worked for Malm Construction of Lindsborg. Survivors include two sons, Rusty Walton of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Mitchell Walton of Sterling; one daughter, Sandra Belote of Sterling; her father and stepmother, Donald and Lee Richards of Grand Junction, Colo.; her mother and stepfather, Lois and Lloyd Smith of Yukon, Okla.; one brother, Brian Richards of Tallahassee, Fla.; and one sister, Mary Weese of Macksville. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Sillin Funeral Home in Sterling with the Rev. Ken Conner officiating. Burial will be at Raymond Hilltop Cemetery of Raymond. Friends
Anna Theresa Penka 1906-2003

Anna Theresa Penka, 97, of Great Bend, died April 25 at Great Bend Health & Rehabilitation Center. She was born Feb. 4, 1906, at Ellinwood, the daughter of Joseph and Mathilda Beran Birzer. She married William Joseph Penka Nov. 25, 1935, at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, north of Ellinwood. He died Jan. 22, 1955. President of Great Bend since 1935, she was a homemaker. Penka was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and St. Rose Altar Society, both of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Robert Penka of Champaign, Ill.; two daughters, Louise Hammeke of Ellinwood and Mary Ellen Whitson of Junction City; seven sisters, Clara Bahr of Olmitz, Laura Tinkle of Claflin, Margaret Reichuber of Odin, Eleanor Penka of Healy, Cecilia Denning of Russell, Inez Giessel of Larned and Bertha Achatz of Ellinwood; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers, George Birzer, Albert Birzer, Robert Birzer and James Birzer; and by four sisters, Mary Birzer, Kate Birzer, Helen Schartz and Elizabeth Ohnmacht. Funeral is at 10:30 a.m. today at the church with the Rev. Angel Dy officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 29, 2003


Robert Keith Rich, 46, of Great Bend, died April 26, at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Aug. 7, 1956, at Great Bend, the son of William E. and Shirley McClain Rich. He married Roxanne R. Schenk May 31, 1980, at Great Bend. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he was employed by USD 355. Rich was a member of Grace Community Church, AWANA and chairman of Rural Water District No. 2 board of directors. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Jenna Rich and Laci Rich, both of the home; his mother of Great Bend; one brother, Mike Rich of Montrose, Colo.; and three sisters, Iris Jenkins of Great Bend, Tricia DeFilippis of Tucson, Ariz., and Julie Thompson of Oklahoma City, Okla.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Shawn Winters officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Memorial is suggested to the St. Rose Altar Society, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 29, 2003

Lottie Buehler 1911-2003

CLAFLIN — Lottie Buehler, 91, died April 27 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. She was born Oct. 14, 1911, at Holyrood, the daughter of John and Mary MicKalesky Rezac. She married Walter William Buehler March 24, 1931, at Dorrance. He died June 26, 1976. A lifetime resident of Ellsworth and Barton counties, she was a clerk at Claflin Drug Store for 35 years. Mrs. Buehler was a member of United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Martha Circle, all of Claflin, and a 50-year member of Eastern Star. Survivors include one son, Roland Keith Buehler of Anchorage, Alaska; one daughter, Geraldine Ann Hauser of Manhattan, Mont.; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Emil Rezac, Ernest Rezac and George Rezac. Memorial is at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Janet Myers officiating. Burial will be in Claflin Cemetery. Memorial is suggested to the Peggy S. German Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 29, 2003

April 26, 2003

George Edward Sporn 1929-2003

PEARLAND, TEXAS - George Edward Sporn, 74, died April 25 at Memorial Hermann S.E. Hospital in Houston, Texas. He was born April 22, 1929, at Ellinwood, the son of Leo A. and Thelma Irene Christiansen Sporn. He married Dorothy Denyer, August 27, 1955 at Ellinwood. A former resident of Hutchinson, he had lived in Pearland for five years and was a retired manager of a steel plant. Sporn was a member of the Congregational United Church of Christ of Little River; the V.F.W. and American Legion, both of Hutchinson and was a Navy veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include his wife, of the home; three sons, Richard Sporn of Evanston, Wyo., Mark Sporn and Michael Sporn, both of Wichita; two daughters Georgine Salinas and Teresa Sydnor, both of Pearland, Texas; one brother, Richard M. Sporn of Boulder, Colo.; one sister, Cathy Young of Little River; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Patricia Link. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church with Pastor Ted Weis officiating. Burial will be in Bean Memorial Cemetery, Little River. Memorial is suggested to the Peggy S. German Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 29, 2003

Anna Theresa Penka 1906-2003

Anna Theresa Penka, 97, died April 25 at Great Bend Health & Rehabilitation Center. She was born Feb. 4, 1906, at Ellinwood, the daughter of Joseph and Mathilda Beran Birzer. She married William Joseph Penka Nov. 25, 1935 at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, north of Ellinwood. He died Jan. 22, 1955. A homemaker, she was a resident of Great Bend since 1935. Penka was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and the St. Rose Altar Society, both of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Robert Penka of Champaign, Ill.; two daughters, Louise Hammeke of Ellinwood, and Mary Ellen Whitson of Junction City; seven sisters, Clara Bahr of Olmitz, Laura Tinkle of Claflin, Margaret Reichuber of Odin, Eleanor Penka of Healy, Cecilia Denning of Russell, Inez Giessel of Larned and Bertha Achatz of Ellinwood; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was
Juliana M. Dinkel 1925-2003

HAYS — Juliana M. Dinkel, 77, died April 24 at Saint John’s of Hays Nursing Home. She was born Nov. 16, 1925, in Vincent, the daughter of Leo and Anna Huser Rajewski. She married Victor J. Dinkel Sept. 20, 1948, at Vincent. A resident of Hays, coming from Brownell, she was a cook at Grissell Memorial Hospital in Ransom for more than 15 years. Mrs. Dinkel was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church of Hays. Survivors include her husband of Victoria; one son, George V. Dinkel of Victoria; one daughter, Judith M. Augustine of Hays and Denice A. Fuller of Concordia; two brothers, Howard Rajewski of Brownell; two daughters, Jamey Kasselman of Tampa, Fla., and Janice Bruner of Irvine; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four brothers, George Birzer, Albert Birzer, Robert Birzer and James Birzer; and by four sisters, Mary Birzer, Kate Birzer, Helen Schartz and Elizabeth Ohnmacht. Altar Society Rosary is set for 3 p.m. Monday and Vigil Service is 7 p.m. Monday, both at Bryant Funeral Home. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church with Father Angel Dy officiating. Burial will be at Dorrance City Cemetery. Friends may fall from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune

Lee E. Nusser 1934-2003

ST. JOHN — Lee E. Nusser, 68, died April 25 at Stafford District Hospital in Stafford. He was born Aug. 5, 1934, in Rolla, the son of Walter J. and Anna Irene Nusser. He was a 1952 graduate of Plevna High and attended Sterling College. He married Audrey F. Nusser June 16, 1956, at Sylvia. A resident of St. John since 1968, coming from Emporia, he was 20th District Judicial Magistrate Judge from 1975-1999. Hutchinson policeman from 1959-64, and Kansas Highway Patrolman from 1964-1973. Nusser was a member of First United Methodist Church of St. John, Veterans of Foreign Wars of Russell, Masonic Lodge 254, IOOF Lodge 539, Scottish Rites, Kansas District Magistrate Judges Association, Court Appointed Special Advocate and Kansas Troopers Association. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Phillip E. Nusser of St. John and Kelly L. Nusser of Lyons; one daughter, Lori D. Nusser of St. John; his stepmother, Iva Nusser of Irvine, Calif.; two brothers, Wendell J. Nusser of Topeka and Wallace Andsager of South Hutchinson; two sisters, Sharon R. Barz of Gainesville, Fla., and Janice Bruner of Irvine; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Marvin F. Nusser; and one sister, Virginia Palmer. Funeral will be at 2 p.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 p.m. Sunday and Monday at Minnis Chapel in St. John. Memorials are suggested to CASA or Methodist Church New Building Fund, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 26, 2003

Athol D. Betts 1927-2003

DORRANCE — Athol D. Betts, 75, died April 23 at Memorial Hospital in McPherson. He was born Aug. 23, 1927, at Dorrance, the son of Martin and Elsie Miller Betts. He married Mary A. Scheppmann Feb. 4, 1951, at Holyrood. All the time resident of Dorrance, he was owner and operator of AJ&E Oil Field Service. Betts was a member of First Lutheran Church of Dorrance, life member of Russell Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6240, member of Dorrance American Legion and Dorrance Volunteer Fire Department. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Larry Betts of Sherman, Texas, and Michael Betts of Hays; one daughter, Jacque Lyn Betts of Dorrance; three brothers, Leroy “Tiny” Betts of Russell County, Edward Betts of Gillette, Wyo., and Lester “Butch” Betts of Dorrance and McCook, Neb.; one sister, Imogene Galliart of Wilson; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Marvin Betts; and one sister, Verba Gilmore. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Diane Wagner officiating. Burial will be with military rites at Dorrance City Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. Sunday at Foster Mortuary in Wilson. Memorials are suggested to the church or Dorrance Fire Department, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 26, 2003
Helen Rae Hudson 1920-2003

LYONS — Helen Rae Hudson, 83, died April 23 at Lyons District Hospital in Lyons. She was born April 16, 1920, at Lyons.

Thelma S. Caro 1918-2003

LARNED — Thelma S. Caro, 84, died April 21 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center St. Francis in Wichita. She was born April 28, 1918, at Sterling, the daughter of James Zachariah and Jessie Mae Morris Stewart. She married Lyle Eugene Caro Nov. 22, 1937, at Lyons. He died June 10, 1998. A resident of Wichita, coming from Sterling, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Caro was a member of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Wichita and a former member of Eastern Star of Hutchinson. Survivors include three daughters, Michelle Stewart of Pope, Ala., Fontella Kay Buddin of Detroit, Mich., and Zetta Mae Sims of Wichita; ten grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, James Eugene Caro. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Escue CME Church in Larned with the Revs. Edward Cottner, Johnny Augmon and Lincoln Montgomery officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday, all at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association or Kidney Foundation, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 25, 2003

Evelyn W. Barb 1913-2003

HUTCHINSON — Evelyn W. Barb, 90, died April 24 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born Jan. 18, 1913, at Spearville the daughter of George W. and Caroline Fowler Umbach. She was a 1929 graduate of Spearville High School and a 1933 graduate of Kansas State Teachers College at Emporia. She married Harold S. Barb May 25, 1935. He died Aug. 30, 1983. A Hutchinson resident since 1974, she was a teacher and a homemaker. Mrs. Barb was a member of Forest Park Presbyterian Church in Hutchinson. Survivors include one son, Ken Barb of Rochester Hills, Mich.; one daughter, Carol Weibe of Hillsboro; one sister, Eleanor Wright of Albuquerque, N.M.; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by an infant son, Don; and three sisters, Hazel Gregory, Mildred Wilcox and Marjorie Clayton. Funeral will be at 10 this morning at Wesley Towers Chapel with the Rev. Robert B. Brooks officiating. Burial will be at Fairlawn Burial Park. Memorials are suggested to the church or Good Samaritan Fund and Wesley Towers, all in care of Elliott Mortuary in Hutchinson. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 22, 2003

April 25, 2003

Edith Irene Wilson 1924-2003

STAFFORD —Edith Irene Wilson, 78, died April 23 at Stafford District Hospital. She was born Nov. 29, 1924, at rural Stafford, the daughter of John and Anna Witt Allen. She was a 1942 graduate of Stafford High School and attended Hutchinson Business College. She married Harry Rick Calvird Jan. 10, 1944. She then married Billie Wilson May 12, 1963, at Stafford. He died Oct. 3, 1982. A lifetime Stafford resident, she was a homemaker and a secretary/bookkeeper for Stafford Grain and Supply, Farmer’s National Bank of Stafford and Kansas State Grain Inspection of Hutchinson. Mrs. Wilson was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, a Sunday school teacher, an officer of Women’s Missionary Fellowship and a member of Stafford Housing Board. Survivors include one son, Ronald Douglas Calvrid of Custer, S.D.; two sisters, Marjorie Adel Kail of Tribune and Elsie Pound of Tribune; and two granddaughters. She was preceded in death by one brother, Edgar Allen; and two sisters, Lillian Laverne Frink and Mae Valetta Roe. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church in Stafford with the Rev. Dave Vetter officiating. Burial will be at Fairlawn Burial Park. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 26, 2003

George Howard Glenn 1915-2003

CAMINO, Calif. — George Howard Glenn, 87, died April 16 at his home in Camino. He was born May 31, 1915, at Galatia, the son of George Claybrooks and Floy Amanda Brown Glenn. He married Mary Frances Dale Jan. 10, 1936, at Stafford. A resident of Camino for 31 years, coming from southern California, he was an electrician and had worked in many missile silos and in general and power line construction. Glenn was a member of Pollock Pines First Baptist Church of Pollock Pines, Calif., and National Pony Express Association. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Chuck Glenn of Placerville, Calif.; three daughters, Thais Fritzemeier of Modesto, Calif., Clarke Wetmore of Camino and Ruth Ann Eide of Kelsey, Calif.; one sister, Ruth Eldridge of Meetetse, Wyo.; 13 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, John Glenn; two sisters, Effie Bugglen and Twila Goodwin; and one great-grandchild, Weston Michael Cruz. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Great Bend Cemetery, with his grandson, Rick Fritzemeier, officiating. Friends may call from 9-11 a.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Snowline Hospice, 670 Placerville Dr. Suite 2&3, Placerville, CA 95667 or National Pony Express Association, P.O. Box 236, Pollock Pines, CA 95726. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 26, 2003

April 26, 2003

Thelma S. Caro 1918-2003

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Helen Rae Hudson 1920-2003

LYONS — Helen Rae Hudson, 83, died April 23 at Lyons District Hospital in Lyons. She was born April 16, 1920, at Lyons the
daughter of Elmer and Hazel Douglas Vaughn. She was 1938 graduate of Lyons High School. She married Cleo Hudson June 22, 1940, at Lyons. He died Sept. 26, 1974. Alfie (Mrs.) Lyons resident, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Hudson was a member AME Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, both of Lyons. Survivors include two sons, Michael Hudson of Lyons and John Hudson of Los Angeles, Calif; one brother, Don Vaughn of Lyons; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Neal Vaughn. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons with the Rev. Robert Friesen officiating. Burial will be at Lyons Municipal Cemetery in Lyons. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Lyons Good Samaritan Center in Lyons in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 25, 2003

Julia Irene Most 1919-2003

Julia Irene Most, 83, of Great Bend, died April 23 at Central Kansas Medical Center. She was born Dec. 23, 1919, at Nowata, Okla., the daughter of John C. and Dora Humes Broker. She married Lonnie H. Brown in 1938 at Nowata. He died in November of 1969. She married Floyd H. Most on Sept. 4, 1960, at Great Bend. He died Nov. 27, 1987. A resident of Barton County since 1958, coming from Hominy, Okla., she was a sales clerk for J.C. Penney, retiring in 1977. Mrs. Most was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ of Great Bend and AARP. Survivors include one brother, Johnie Broker of South Coffeyville, Okla.; and one sister, Ethel Beal of Clayton, Okla. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Georgia June Brown; and one sister, Leila Baker. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Mount Washington Cemetery in Lenepah, Okla. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the church or Cherry Village Nursing Home, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 25, 2003

Martin S. Turner 1922-2003

LA CROSSE — Martin S. Turner, 81, died April 23 at Rush County Memorial Long Term Care in La Crosse. He was born Jan. 6, 1922, at Arkansas City, the son of Arthur and Eureka Hardy Turner. He graduated from Arkansas City High School, Sterling College and Kansas State University in Manhattan. He married Laura A. Stacey May 20, 1951, at Mayfield Country Church near Longford. A resident of Arkansas City, coming from La Crosse, he was a teacher at Preston, Great Bend and Otis-Bison High School and a principal at La Crosse High School. Turner was a member of United Methodist Church in La Crosse, various church boards, United Methodist Church Choir, past president Barnard Library, past board member of Rush County Memorial Hospital and past board member of Baker Trust. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served as a lieutenant in Germany during World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Keith S. Turner of Keller, Texas; one daughter, Peggy L. Schrott of Lake Jackson, Texas; one brother, Alvah Turner of Hutchinson; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Jim Turner; and one sister, Rose Crumley. Funeral 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 1 this afternoon to 8 tonight with family receiving friends from 6 to 7 p.m. tonight at Janousek Funeral home in La Crosse. Memorials are suggested to the church or Rush County Memorial Hospital Long Term Care in La Crosse, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 25, 2003

April 24, 2003

Phyllis Virginia Casper 1919-2003

Phyllis V. Casper, 83, of Great Bend, died April 22 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Nov. 6, 1919, at Clifton, the daughter of John Andrew and Anna Anderson Casper. After working as a secretary for the State of Kansas in Topeka, and later Boeing in Wichita, Phyllis moved to Great Bend in the late 1940s where she worked for Howard’s Apparel Shop. She later became a part owner of Howard’s Apparel Shop, which closed last October. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church. Survivors include one brother, Harlan Casper of Wichita; one sister, Audrey Hall of Great Bend; two nieces; and four nephews. She was preceded in death by her sister Jeanette Livingston in November 1990 and by her sister Marjorie Howard in November 2002. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home with the Rev. Mary Ohlmeier officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or the American Lung Association, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 23, 2003 paid announcement

Correction

Billy C. Barnes, 80, of Detroit Lakes, Minn., who died April 17 at Ridge Village in Bullhead City, Ariz., was a waist gunner in the Army Air Corps from 1943-1945. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 24, 2003

Douglas Dean Mohr 1948-2003

PASADENA, Texas — Douglas Dean Mohr, 57, died April 15. He was born June 9, 1945, in Great Bend, the son of Carl S. and Zoe V. Hull Mohr. Survivors include five brothers, Bud Mohr of Pasadena, Bob Mohr of Chilicothe, Mo., Jim Mohr of Woodbine, Richard Mohr of Great Bend and Tommy Mohr of Cypress, Texas; and four sisters, Virginia Sharp of Wichita, Joyce Loftand and Rosilyn Kruckenberg, both of Great Bend, and Marilyn Bird of Nashville, Tenn. A memorial service was held April 19 at Grand View Funeral Home in Pasadena with the Rev. Bob Mohr leading the Remembrance service. Cremation has taken place. No memorials are suggested. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 24, 2003
Ervin E. Henry 1919-2003

GARDEN CITY — Ervin E. Henry, 83, died April 23 at his home in Garden City. He was born Sept. 10, 1919, at St. John, the son of Lester A. and Minnie I. Baker Henry. He married Doris E. Haynes May 24, 1941, at Macksville. A resident of Garden City, coming from Great Bend, he was founder of Henry’s Irrigation Engine Service in Garden City and worked for Carson Machine Supply in Great Bend. Henry was a member of Assembly of God Church, John J. Haskell Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2279, Harry H. Renick American Legion Post 9 and Finney County Senior Center, all of Garden City, and AARP. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include one son, Ervin “Jim” Henry of Garden City; one daughter, Judy Young of Tribune; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Ray Holman officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Garden City. Friends may call from noon to 8 tonight at Price and Sons Funeral Home in Garden City. Memorials are suggested to St. Catherine Hospice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 24, 2003

Marla Ann-Marie Blackburn 1971-2003

RAYMOND — Marla Anne-Marie Blackburn, 31, died April 22 at rural Raymond as a result of an automobile accident. She was born Aug. 23, 1971, at Wichita, the daughter of Marlo and Evelyn Sally Krestine Strus. She married Kevin Lee “Bear” Blackburn July 17, 1990, at Great Bend. A resident of Raymond for 13 years, coming from Great Bend, she was owner of Enchanted Forest Gift Shop in Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; two daughters, Skya Blackburn and Akia Blackburn, both of the home; foster daughter, Kristy Sorrell of Sapulpa, Okla.; her mother, Evelyn Sally Medlock of Great Bend; stepfather, Dennis Medlock of Raymond; her father of Vista, Calif; one brother, William Medlock of Hutchinson; and one foster grandchild. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Skya and Akia Blackburn Educational Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 24, 2003

April 23, 2003

William ‘Bill’ Russell Bush 1930-2003

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — William “Bill” Russell Bush, 63, of Huntsville, formerly of Kansas, died April 12 at his residence. Graveside services with full military honors will be at 2 p.m. May 5 at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va. Bush is survived by his wife of 46 years, Geneva Armstrong Bush; one son, Rusty Bush, wife Debbie and children, Russell, Dorian and Ryan of Fishers, Ind.; son, Ken Bush, wife Jan and children, Zachariah, Macy, Madison and Malachi of Buford, Ga.; daughter, Silesia Mohler and children, Shelby and Matthew of Huntsville; daughter, Alethia Reece, husband Aaron and children, McKenzie and Adaline of Platte City, Mo.; mother-in-law Violet Laverne Armstrong; five brothers, Sonny Hall, Mike Hall, Donnie Hall, Tim Hall and Bobby Melia; four sisters, Sharon Carter, Blanche Lamb, Beatrice Arvello and Debbie Crow; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends. Bill served 20 years in the U.S. Army Special Forces and retired in 1977 as a Master Sergeant. He served in Southeast Asia and South and Central America. Some of Bill’s decorations and commendations include the Combat Infantry Badge, Purple Heart, Bronze Star Medal and two oak leaf clusters, the Vietnam Service Medal with four Bronze Service Stars and Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with palm. After the military, Bill served in Hays as pastor of First Southern Baptist Church for nearly 20 years. He also served as chaplain for Hays Police Department and the Ellis County Sheriff’s Department. Other areas of ministry included prison ministries, revivals, seminars, motorcycle ministries, mission trips and Texas Sports Reach chaplain. For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to the University Heights Baptist Church building fund at 2400 Sycamore, Huntsville, Texas, 77340. Forest Lawn Funeral Home in Huntsville is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 23, 2003 paid announcement

Phyllis V. Casper 1919-2003

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April 22, 2003

Marie Winget 1921-2003

JETMORE — Marie Winget, 81, died April 19 at Hodgeman County Long Term Care Center in Jetmore. She was born Aug. 4, 1921, at Noveltv, Mo., the daughter of Martin and Nellie Haskin Hunsaker. She married Norman Winget Dec. 31, 1939, at Noveltv. He died Oct. 29, 1997. A longtime area resident, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Winget was of the Baptist faith. Survivors include one son, Larry Winget of Hugoton; one daughter, Karen Klinge of Garden City; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at First Baptist Church in Jetmore with
LARNED — Rosa J. Newhouse, 65, died April 16, at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. She was born Dec. 20, 1937, at Ringgold, La., the daughter of Joe and Vida Newhouse. She married W. L. Newhouse, Jr. on July 18, 1959, at Larned. She was one of three children raised by the family. A resident of Larned for many years, she was a retired dispatcher for the Larned Police Department. She was a member of the Second Baptist Church in Larned. Survivors include one son, Lemoral Love, Jr., of Colorado Springs, Colo.; one daughter, Karen Love, of Colorado Springs; her mother, Anna Belle Brewer of Larned; one brother, Bishop Moore of Larned; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, James Gene Moore; one half-brother, Ezell Love; and one sister, Sarah Hutcherson. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. on Friday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned with the Rev. William Harden Sr. officiating. Burial will be at the Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Arthritis Research Center in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 22, 2003.

LARNED — Gale L. Meckfessel, 76, died April 19 at Salina Regional Medical Center in Salina. He was born Nov. 15, 1926, in Pawnee County, the son of Harry and Marie Detjen Meckfessel. A lifetime resident of Pawnee County, he was a custodian for Larned High School, worked for Marlette Mobile Homes of Great Bend, and Dillon’s Grocery Store in Larned. He was a member of Kingdom Hall, a past member of the First Christian Church, and a former member of the American Legion, all of Larned. He was a US Army Veteran. Survivors include one twin brother, Hale Meckfessel of Salina; and one sister, June Berglund of Ford Dodge. He was preceded in death by one brother, Ralph Meckfessel; and two sisters, Nina Marie Meckfessel and Joyce Kerns. 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 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Wednesday and until service time on Thursday. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society or American Heart Association, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 22, 2003.

LARNED — Gale L. Meckfessel, 1926-2003

LARNED — Lyle W. Hillman, 85, died April 18 at Salina Regional Medical Center in Salina. He was born Feb. 11, 1918, at Cheney, the son of William and Helen Powers Hillman. He married Maxine Croft May 2, 1942, at Hanston. She died Oct. 16, 1999. A resident of Dodge City for 40 years, moving to Jetmore several years ago, he was a farmer. Survivors include three sons, Jerold Hillman of Jetmore, Steve Hillman of Gilbert, Ariz., and Marc Hillman of Delores, Colo.; one daughter, Patty Lawson of Okmulgee, Okla.; one brother, Allen Hillman of Emporia; one sister, Eileen Schroeder of Murrieta, Calif.; eight grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 2 this afternoon at Greencrest Cemetery in Dodge City, with the Rev. Mark Durham officiating. Friends may call from 9 this morning until noon 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, April 22, 2003.

LAWNED — Robert L. Miller, 95, died April 19 at Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital in El Dorado. He was born May 15, 1907, at Claflin, the son of Joseph W. and Frances Linsner Miller. He married Theresa M. Liebl on Aug. 8, 1927, at Claflin. She died Dec. 15, 2000. A lifetime resident of Claflin, he was the former owner of J.W. Miller and Company in Claflin. Miller was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, a lifetime member of Knights of Columbus Council No. 1500 4th Degree and former city clerk, all of Claflin. Survivors include one daughter, Bernadette A. Spradling of El Dorado; two brothers: Walter Miller of Dodge City and Jack Miller of Great Bend; 12 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sons, Robert and James Miller; three brothers, Albert Miller, Joseph Miller, and Arthur Miller; three sisters, Ella Casad, Marie Reasoner, and Ann Norton; and one great-grandson Michael Travis Cates. Knights of Columbus rosary will be at 6:30 p.m. with vigil service at 7 tonight at the church. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. John J. Maes officiating. Burial will be at Claflin Cemetery. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home and from 6 to 9 tonight at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, Robert J. Miller Scholarship Fund, or Lincoln Elementary School Library, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 22, 2003.

CLAFLIN — Robert L. Miller, 1907-2003

WICHITA— Chester "Chet" Morse Flory, 83, Retired Southwestern Bell Telephone Company after 40 years, died Saturday, April 19, 2003. Service will be at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 23, at the Broadway Christian Church in Wichita. Chet grew up in Great Bend, Kan., and started working for the telephone company as a janitor. He entered into the Army Air Corp during World War II and was trained to fly biwing planes. Chet returned to Wichita and raised a family with two boys. During his time with SWBT he was a “Kansas” Lineman, Safety Supervisor and the Personnel Manager for the Southern half of Kansas. He was President of the Telephone Pioneers Sunflower Chapter and was very active in Broadway Christian Church as an Elder, Deacon and Sunday School Teacher for Tri-C. Chet enjoyed fishing, model trains and planes for many years as a hobby. After retiring he then started woodcraft work for many of his friends and family members. He married Jane after his first wife, Hazel, passed away and his family crew from two to seven sons and daughters. Dad and Mom traveled to many states and to Europe twice. His favorite son
was "Me And My Shadow" and he loved any kind of organ music. Survivors include his wife, Jane; sons Dan, Sr. of Albuquerque, NM, David of Kansas City, MO, Morris of Monmouth Junction, NJ, Robert of Wichita, Wes of Needles, CA; daughters, Carla and Kay, both of Wichita; 17 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Memorials have been established with Hospice Care of Kansas and The American Cancer Society, both in care of Broadway Mortuary, Wichita, Kan. Paid announcement. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 22, 2003. Flor

Billy C. Barnes 1922-2003

DETROIT LAKES, Minn. — Billy C. Barnes, 80, died April 17 at Silver Ridge Village in Bullhead City, Ariz. He was born Nov. 15, 1922, at Rush Center, the son of Corwin and Elizabeth Burns Barnes. He was a 1940 graduate of La Crosse High School. He married Dorras Johnson on Dec. 2, 1944, in Savannah, Ga. He served with the Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1945 as a waste gunner with the 8th Air Force. A resident of Detroit Lakes, coming from Great Bend and Moorhead, Minn., he worked for Dowell Inc. from 1945 to 1969, and as a mechanic for Dan Dugan Trucking until 1984. Survivors include his wife, of the home; one son, Billy Barnes, Jr. of Wichita; three daughters, Karen Fellis of Fargo, N.D., Beverly Miller of Fort Mohave, Ariz., and Becki Ingmar Bielski of Big Lake, Minn.; 10 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Houston Barnes, Robert Barnes, and Leonard Barnes. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. today at Faith Hope Love Church in Moorhead, with the Rev. Ron Bakken officiating. Burial will be at Oak Grove Cemetery in Detroit Lakes. Friends may call at the church one hour prior to the service. There are no memorials suggested. Funeral arrangements are in care of David, Donehower Funeral Home in Detroit Lakes. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 22, 2003.

April 19, 2003

Lyle W. Hillman 1918-2003

DODGE CITY — Lyle W. Hillman, 85, died April 18 at Hodgeman County Long Term Care Center of Jetmore. He was born Feb. 11, 1918, at Cheney, the son of William and Helen Powers Hillman. He married Maxine Croft May 2, 1942, at Hanston. She died Oct. 16, 1999. A resident of Dodge City for 40 years, moving to Jetmore several years ago, he was a farmer. Survivors include three sons, Jerold Hillman of Jetmore, Steve Hillman of Gilbert, Ariz., and Marc Hillman of Delores, Colo.; one daughter, Patty Lawson of Okmulgee, Okla.; one brother, Allen Hillman of Emporia; one sister, Eileen Schroeder of Murrieta, Calif.; eight grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Greencrest Cemetery in Dodge City, with the Rev. Mark Durham officiating. Friends may call from 5-6 p.m. on Sunday, from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Monday, and from 9 a.m. until noon on Tuesday 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, April 19, 2003

Wilhelmina ‘Minnie’ Lanterman 1922-2003

ELLINWOOD — Wilhelmina “Minnie” Lanterman, 80, died April 17 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. She was born June 23, 1922, at Lincolnville, the daughter of Richard and Otilie Albright Strauss. She was a 1940 graduate of Lincolnville High School. She married Milton H. Lanterman Oct. 16, 1949, at Lincolnville. He died June 3, 2000. A resident of Ellinwood since 1949, coming from Wichita and Lincolnville, she was a homemaker and a Sunday school teacher. Mrs. Lanterman was a member of St. John’s Lutheran Church of Ellinwood and LWML. Survivors include two sons, Duane Lanterman and Robert Lanterman, both of Great Bend; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Andy Keltner officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Commanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 3 until 8 tonight, from 5 until 8 p.m. Sunday, all at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood, and from 9 a.m. until service time Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to LWML or St. John’s Child Development Center, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 19, 2003

Velma D. Schmidt 1920-2003

PAWNEE ROCK — Velma D. Schmidt, 82, died April 18 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was born Nov. 6, 1920, in Pawnee County, the daughter of Peter Christian and Lillie Mae Urnruh Schultz. She married Fred William Schmidt on Sept. 11, 1943, at Hutchinson. He died Nov. 26, 1993. A lifetime Barton and Pawnee County resident, she worked for 16 years as a Pawnee Rock School secretary. Schmidt was a member of Berghal Mennonite Church, Pawnee Rock, where she served as organist for 60 years. She was active in the Women’s Mission Society for most of her married life. Survivors include: two sons, Jarold Schmidt of Larned and Sandy Schmidt of Pawnee Rock; one daughter, Sharon Schaefer of Mound City; one brother, Elwyn Schultz of LaMarque, Texas; 10 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Orville Schultz; and one sister, Glennis Carr. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Revs. Todd Schlosser and grandson Kevin Schmidt officiating. Burial will be at Berghal Mennonite Church Cemetery in Pawnee Rock. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 19, 2003

Frank Keller 1926-2002

ALBERT — Frank Keller, 77, died Oct. 11, 2002, at Yuma, Ariz. He married Frances Keller April 22, 1961, at Great Bend. She died Jan. 28. He was a longtime resident of Albert. Survivors include one brother, Lynn Keller of Albert. Graveside memorial service and inurnment will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Great Bend Cemetery. Pohlman Mortuary of Russell is in charge of
Frances Keller 1929-2003

ALBERT — Frances Keller, 74, died Jan. 28 at Great Bend. She married Frank Keller April 22, 1961, at Great Bend. He died Oct. 11, 2002. She was a longtime resident of Albert. Survivors include two sisters, Virginia Jones of Utica and Marjorie Glenn of Island Road, Vt. Graveside memorial service and inurnment will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Great Bend Cemetery. Pohlman Mortuary of Russell is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 19, 2003

Ellida E. Picket 1921-2003

KINSLEY — Ellida E. Picket, 81, died April 18 at her home in Kinsley. She was born April 23, 1921, at Kinsley, the daughter of Donald and Ellen A. Abbott Chenoweth. She married Ernest E. Houdeshell June 22, 1938, at Garnett. He died Jan. 26, 1974. She married Earl I. Picket July 17, 1976, at Kinsley. He died March 13, 1983. A lifetime Kinsley resident, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Picket was a member of Kinsley Baptist Church. Survivors include three sons, Donald of Fountain, Colo., Keith of Hutchinson and Leslie of Kinsley; and two daughters, Darlene Ricker of Great Bend and Lorita Danler of Kinsley; one sister, Leona Birney of Kinsley; 14 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son and one daughter. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Kinsley Baptist Church in Kinsley with the Rev. Aaron Kirkwood officiating. Burial will be at Hillside Cemetery in Kinsley. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday at McKillip Memorial Funeral Home in Kinsley. Memorials are suggested to Southwind Hospice or American Diabetes Association, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 19, 2003

April 18, 2003

Mayme Bertha Huffman 1908-2003

Mayme Bertha Huffman, 94, of Great Bend, died April 17 at Central Kansas Medical Center. She was born Dec. 1, 1908, at Stratford City, Penn., the daughter of Thomas and Matilda West. She married Charles William Huffman Aug. 29, 1926, at Trinidad, Colo. He died July 6, 2000. A resident of Great Bend most of her life, she was a homemaker. Huffman was a member of First Church of the Nazarene of Great Bend. Survivors include two sons, Don Huffman of Great Bend and Glenn C. Huffman of Bethany, Okla.; one daughter, Darlene Rowland of Great Bend; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by many brothers and sisters. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Mark Pennington officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 18, 2003

April 17, 2003

Rosa J. Newhouse 1938-2003

LARNED — Rosa J. Newhouse, 65, died April 16 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced later by Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 18, 2003

Colonel Evan E. Murdock 1913-2003

WESTWOOD, Calif., — Colonel Evan E. Murdock, 90, died Oct. 3, 2002 at Westwood. He was born Feb. 17, 1913, at Atallas, Iowa, the son of Henry and Alice Edmonds Murdock. He married Francis Carroll May 27, 1937, at El Paso, Texas. Murdock was a member of the Catholic faith. He was a retired colonel in the U.S. Army of Engineers. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Erwin Murdock of Westwood; one daughter, Kay Francis of Westwood; and one sister, Gayle Slack of Great Bend. Graveside service was Oct. 1, 2002, at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, Calif. Memorials are suggested to American Legion of Ness City in care of Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 18, 2003

Addition

SALINA — Survivors of Leonard F. Homolka, 81, who died April 11 at his residence in Salina include one daughter, Gloria Espinosa of Great Bend. Burial has taken place. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 18, 2003

April 17, 2003

Clyde Vinson 1921-2003

GARFIELD — Clyde Vinson, 82, died April 14 at Masonic Home in Wichita. He was born March 8, 1921, at Pawnee County, the son of Wayne and Ada Jane Gibson Vinson. He married Madeline Hall Dec. 27, 1944, at Larned. A Garfield area resident since 1950, coming from rural Larned, he was a rural mail carrier. Vinson was a member of United Methodist Church and American Legion, both of Garfield, Kinsley Gun Club and Good Ol Boys Team. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Harlan Vinson of Wichita: one daughter. Bonnie Olson of Wichita: one brother. Harrv Vinson of Denver. Colo.: one sister. Lois Moecikel of
LeRoy John Matzek 1937-2003

LeRoy John Matzek, 66, of Great Bend, died April 15 at his residence. He was born April 6, 1937, at Barton County, the son of Frank and Rickie Hoops Matzek. A lifetime resident of Barton County, he was owner and operator of Parkview Service Station until his retirement. Matzek was a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include one son, Charles Matzek of Calhan, Colo.; one brother, Gene Matzek of Norton; one sister, Dolores Perrill of Grand Island, Neb.; and two grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Community Foundation, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 17, 2003

April 16, 2003

Leonard F. Homolka 1921-2003

SALINA — Leonard F. Homolka, 81, died April 11. He was born Nov. 12, 1921, in Salina. A resident of Salina, he was a retired construction contractor. Survivors include one stepdaughter, Gloria Espinosa of Great Bend; three brothers, Chester Homolka of Puyallup, Wash., Calvin Homolka of Wichita and Robert Homolka of Salina; and three sisters, Janet Jaeger and Donna Giersch, both of Salina, and Shirley Hines of Fayetteville, Ark. Services will be at a later date. There is no visitation. No memorials are suggested. Roselawn Mortuary of Salina is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 16, 2003

Jewell Mae Springer 1914-2003

LARNED — Jewell Mae Springer, 88, died April 14 at Comanche County Hospital in Coldwater. She was born Sept. 10, 1914, at Mcdade, Texas, the daughter of John William and Olive Blanche McCarty Wilson. She married C.C. Springer Oct. 28, 1940, at Tahlequah, Okla. He died Dec. 30, 1982. A resident of Larned since 1988, recently moving to Protection Valley Manor, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Springer was a member of Seventh Day Adventist Church of Larned. Survivors include one niece, Ramona Ryder of Anza, Calif., and two cousins. She was preceded in death by one brother, Ray Wilson. There is no service planned. Cremation has taken place. Inurnment will be at Karoma Cemetery in Goltry, Okla. Friends may sign a registry from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Thursday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to donor’s choice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 16, 2003

Wyeth Delos LoVette 1918-2003

LEWIS — Wyeth Delos LoVette, 84, died April 12 at Veterans Hospital in Wichita. He was born Dec. 16, 1918, in Edwards County, the son of Arlie R. and Lottie Abrams LoVette. He married Jewell La Rue Darby Jan. 18, 1947, at Wichita. A resident of Lewis, coming from Cheyenne Wells, Colo., he was a farmer and had a family custom harvesting operation. He was a member of Methodist Church of Lewis. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Larry Charles LoVette and Bill Alan LoVette, both of Lewis; one sister, Wilma Mae Latham of Hutchinson; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Sharon; and one brother, Wilbur LoVette. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Church of Christ in Larned, with John Hamm officiating. Burial will be at Wayne Cemetery in Lewis. Friends may call until 8 p.m. Thursday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to Maude Carpenter Home or Back to the Bible, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 16, 2003

Elma May Ward 1908-2003

Elma May Ward, 94, of Great Bend, died April 14 at Homestead Assisted Living in Great Bend. She was born May 25, 1908, at Ness County, the daughter of Fred and Pearl Robertson Cummins. She married Leonard Ward March 4, 1930, at Ashland. He died June 26, 1974. A resident of Great Bend since 1976, coming from Ness City, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Ward was a member of River of Life Foursquare Church and Women’s Aglow, both of Great Bend. Survivors include two daughters, Nancy Myers of Great Bend and Beth Blankenship of Hutchinson; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. David H. LeRoy officiating. Burial will be at 12:30 p.m. Thursday at Bazin Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 tonight 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, April 16, 2003

Richard J. Bond 1916-2003

STAFFORD — Richard J. Bond, 86, died April 14 at Pratt Regional Medical Center. He was born April 25, 1916, at Stafford, the son of James H. and Elizabeth Belle Spear Bond. He married Delsie Newby Aug. 31, 1935, at Stafford. A lifetime resident of Stafford County, he was employed by the Stafford Police Department for 22 years and retired as chief of police of Stafford. Bond was a member of Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, Stafford Nazarene Church, a former member of Stafford Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scout leader, a board member of Stafford Recreation Center, a board member of Stafford Lake Association, volunteer for Quivira Wildlife Refuge for 20 years and volunteer at Stafford Senior Center. Survivors include his wife of the home:
one son, Donald W. Bond of Topeka; one daughter, Patricia J. Titus of Stafford; two grandchildren; and four great-grandsons. He was preceded in death by one brother, Abel Jay Bond; two halfbrothers; four halfsisters; and one granddaughter, Nancy Poage. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford with the Rev. Ron Moser officiating. Burial will be at Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 16, 2003

LeRoy John Matzek 1937-2003

LeRoy John Matzek, 66, of Great Bend, died April 15 at his home in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 16, 2003

Clyde Vinson 1920-2003

GARFIELD — Clyde Vinson, 82, died April 14 at Masonic Home in Wichita. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 16, 2003

Francis J. ‘Frank’ Ireland 1916-2003

Francis J. “Frank” Ireland, 87, of Great Bend, died April 15 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. He was born March 31, 1916, at Nelsonville, N.Y., the son of Albert and Katherine Magee Ireland. He married Muriel Hayes in Peekskill, N.Y. She died in 1986. A resident of Great Bend since 1987, coming from Peekskill, he was plant superintendent for Dorwood Inc., in Peekskill. Ireland was a member of Assumption Catholic Church in Peekskill. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include two sons, Kevin Ireland of Cortland Manor, N.Y., and James Ireland of Great Bend; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Albert Ireland. Services will be held at a later date at the church in Peekskill. Burial will be at Assumption Cemetery in Cortland Manor. Friends may call from noon until 9 tonight at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Great Bend Humane Society, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 16, 2003

April 15, 2003

Margaret M. Paxton 1917-2003

MCPHERSON— Margaret M. Paxton, 86, died April 11 at The Cedars Health Care Center in McPherson. She was born Feb. 24, 1917, at Beaumont, Texas, the daughter of Delbert and Ethel Chandler Moore. She married Fay M. Paxton Jan. 1, 1938, at Guyman, Okla. He died Dec. 26, 1988. A resident of McPherson, coming from Durango, Colo., she was a teacher and homemaker. Mrs. Paxton was a member of First United Methodist Church in Durango, and League of Women Voters. Survivors include two sons, Paul M. Paxton of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., and Joseph A. Paxton of Pueblo, Colo.; one daughter, Alice P. Young of Great Bend; one brother, Delbert Moore of Archer City, Texas; and two grandchildren. Mrs. Paxton was a member of First United Methodist Church in Durango, and League of Women Voters. Survivors include two sons, Paul M. Paxton of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., and Joseph A. Paxton of Pueblo, Colo.; one daughter, Alice P. Young of Great Bend; one brother, Delbert Moore of Archer City, Texas; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, John W. Paxton. Memorial service will be held at a late date at the church in Durango. There is no visitation, cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Glidden-Ediger Funeral Home in McPherson. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 15, 2003

Teresa Renee Stephens Ramey 1957-2003

GARFIELD — Teresa Renee Stephens Tatman Ramey, 45, died April 12 near Larned as the result of a car accident. She was born Dec. 23, 1957, at Gardena, Calif., the daughter of Clifford Edward and Hope Calico Stephens. She married Robert Ramey. A resident of Garfield coming from Marshall, Texas, Ellinwood and Stafford, she was employed at Dillons in Larned. Survivors include her husband of the home; one daughter, Amanda N. Tatman of Hudson; her parents of Ellinwood; one brother, Dr. Gregory E. Stephens of Osseo Isle, Mich.; and one half brother, Mark Stephens of Las Vegas, Nev. Memorial service was held Monday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood, with the Rev. Andy Keltner officiating. The body was cremated. Memorials are suggested to Toys for Tots, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 15, 2003

Hattie Pundsack 1916-2003

Hattie Pundsack, 86, of Great Bend, died April 12 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. She was born July 8, 1916, at Pfeifer, the daughter of Herman Joseph and Mary Weigel Linenberger. She married Otto S. Pundsack March 7, 1941, at Kansas City, Mo. He died Oct. 3, 1989. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Seward, she was administrative secretary at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend, retiring in 1981. Mrs. Pundsack was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Altar Society and a charter member of Central Kansas Medical Center Auxiliary, all in Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Donald J. Pundsack of Great Bend; two daughters, Diane Mary Downs of Lincoln City, Ore., and Joanne Kay Pavia of Portland, Ore.; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, the Rev. Herbert Linenberger; and one sister, Helen Hall, Clara Sellers and Laura Brungardt. Altar Society rosary and vigil service was held Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10:30 this morning at the church, with the Rev. Warren Stecklein officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Cherry Village Living Memorial, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 15, 2003
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Max Eugene Grove, 81, died April 13 at Richard Roudebush Veterans Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born April 20, 1921, at Wakita, Okla., the son of Timothy Vernon and Lucy Mable Pracht Grove. He married Nadene Lois White March 10, 1946, at Indianapolis. He owned and operated Ray-Max Welding in Claflin for 50 years, retiring in 1985. Grove was a member and deacon of Gasburg Baptist Church in Gasburg, Ind. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Timothy P. Grove of Indianapolis; two daughters, Diana F. Ridenour of Mooresville and Kristi A. Holmes of Springhill; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Revs. Jack Elliott and Tony Manning officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Hall, Ind., with military honors. Friends may call from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at Carlisle and Son Funeral Home in Mooresville, Ind. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 15, 2003

McPherson — Margaret M. Paxton, 86, died April 11 at The Cedars Health Care Center in McPherson. She was born Feb. 24, 1917, the daughter of Delbert and Ethel Chandler Moore. She married Fay M. Paxton, Jan. 1, 1938, at Guymon, Okla. He died Dec. 26, 1988. A resident of McPherson, coming from Durango, Colo., she was a teacher and homemaker. Mrs. Paxton was a member of First United Methodist Church in Durango, and League of Women Voters. Survivors include two sons, Paul M. Paxton of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., and Joseph A. Paxton of Pueblo, Colo.; one daughter, Alice P. Young of Great Bend; one brother, Delbert Moore of Archer City, Texas; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, John W. Paxton. Memorial service will be held at a late date at the church in Durango. There is no visitation, cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of Glidden-Ediger Funeral Home in McPherson. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 13, 2003

GARFIELD - Teresa Renee Stephans Tatman Ramey, 45, died April 12 near Larned as the result of a car accident. She was born Dec. 23, 1957 at Gardena, Calif., the daughter of Clifford Edward and Hope Calico Stephans. She married Robert Ramey. A resident of Garfield coming from Marshall, Texas, Ellinwood, and Stafford, she was employed at Dillons in Larned. Survivors include her husband of the home; one daughter, Amanda N. Tatman of Hudson; her parents of Ellinwood; one brother, Dr. Gregory E. Stephans of Gosse Isle, Mich.; and one half brother, Mark Stephans of Las Vegas, Nev. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood with the Rev. Andy Kelthner officiating. There will be no burial, cremation has taken place. Friends may call from 9-11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Toys for Tots in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 13, 2003

MCPHERSON — Hattie Pundsack, 86, of Great Bend, died April 12 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. She was born July 8, 1916 at Pfeifer, the daughter of Joseph and Mary Weigel Linenberger. She married Otto S. Pundsack March 7, 1941 at Kansas City, Mo. He died Oct. 3, 1989. A resident of Great Bend coming from Seward, she was administrative secretary at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend, retiring in 1981. Mrs. Pundsack was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Altar Society, and a charter member of Central Kansas Medical Center Auxiliary all in Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Donald J. Pundsack of Great Bend; two daughter, Diane Mary Downs of Lincoln City, Org., and Joanne Kay Pavia of Portland, Org.; three grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Father Herbert Linenberger; and three sisters, Helen Hall, Clara Sellers, and Laura Brunagardt. Altar Society Rosary will be at 4 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Vigil Service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Warren Stecklein 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 Cherry Village Living Memorial in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 13, 2003

Max Eugene Grove 1921-2003

Hattie Pundsack 1916-2003

GARFIELD - Teresa Renee Stephans Tatman Ramey, 45, died April 12 near Larned as the result of a car accident. She was born Dec. 23, 1957 at Gardena, Calif., the daughter of Clifford Edward and Hope Calico Stephans. She married Robert Ramey. A resident of Garfield coming from Marshall, Texas, Ellinwood, and Stafford, she was employed at Dillons in Larned. Survivors include her husband of the home; one daughter, Amanda N. Tatman of Hudson; her parents of Ellinwood; one brother, Dr. Gregory E. Stephans of Gosse Isle, Mich.; and one half brother, Mark Stephans of Las Vegas, Nev. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood with the Rev. Andy Kelthner officiating. There will be no burial, cremation has taken place. Friends may call from 9-11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Toys for Tots in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 13, 2003

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April 12, 2003

Carroll Duane Boyter 1922-2003

Carroll Duane Boyter, 80, of Great Bend, died April 11 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. He was born Nov. 24, 1922 at Enid, Okla., the son of James Edward and Lucille Walls Boyter. Boyter was a resident of Great Bend coming from Woodward, Okla. Boyter was a member of the Church of Christ. Survivors include two sons, Larry D. Boyter of Virginia Beach, Va., and Christopher R. Boyter of Gahu, Hawaii; one daughter, Dana Lancaster of Great Bend; one sister, Delma Archie of Shawnee, Okla.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, Gary Boyter, and a sister, Cristal Boyter. A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Elmwood Cemetery in Woodward, Okla., with John Knox officiating. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday at Bryant Funeral Home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Apirl 12.
Wendell R. Bott 1924-2003

SPRINGFIELD, ORE. — Wendell R. Bott, 78, died April 10. He was born Nov. 9, 1924 at Hoisington, the son of Albert and Lucy Humphrey Bott. He was a 1947 graduate of Hoisington High School. He married Elizabeth "Betty" Jane McCurry Oct. 1, 1948 at Tucumcari, N.M. She died April 22, 1988. A resident of Springfield, Ore., coming from Eugene and Hoisington, he was a carpenter. He was a decorated Army Air Corps veteran having served as a sergeant in North Africa and the Middle East during World War II. Bott was a Methodist and a member of the American Legion. Survivors include one son, Brent Reed Bott of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; one daughter, Cindi Jane Hengstler of Eugene; and one sister, Joyce Donahue of Eugene; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, Larry Bott. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Lane Memorial Garden Funeral Home in Eugene. Burial will be in Lane Memorial Gardens, Eugene. Memorials are suggested in lieu of flowers, to Sacred Heart Foundation Home Health Division, Box 10905, Eugene, Ore., 97440. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 12

Marian Lucille Schultz 1933-2003

RUSSELL — Marian Lucille Schultz, 69, died April 10 at Russell Regional Hospital. She was born Oct. 25, 1933 in Russell, the daughter of Henry and Katherine Bender Berschauer. She married Willis L. Schultz on Oct. 14, 1951 in Russell. Employed at Gibson’s, Gambles and later, for 17 years, at Don Dawson Pharmacy in Russell, she was a lifelong Russell resident. Schultz was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Russell. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Scott Schultz and Shane Schultz, both of Russell; three daughters, Kelly Jacobs of Hoisington, and Kori Sellens and Kim Kilian, both of Russell; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Art Berschauer; and a sister, Doris Steinert. 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 visit from 3-8 p.m. today and from noon to 8 p.m. Sunday at Pohlman’s Mortuary in Russell, with family will receive friends from 7-8 p.m. Sunday. Memorials are suggested to St. John Lutheran Church in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 12, 2003

Captain Michael Travis Cates 1972-2003

FORT WORTH, TEXAS — Captain Michael Travis Cates, 31, died April 9 at Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital in Milwaukee, Wis. He was born March 27, 1972, at Killeen, Texas, the son of Raymond Allen and Rebecca Lynn Miller Cates. He was a lifetime resident of Texas. He graduated from Trinity High School, Euless, Texas, in 1990 and Terrant County Junior College with an associate degree. He also attended Columbia University in Louisiana receiving his bachelor’s degree in business. He attended flight school in Fort Worth, Texas, and was a flight instructor and aerobatic pilot at the NW Regional and Hicks Airports in Texas. He was employed by Skyway Airlines based out of Milwaukee, Wis., where he was captain of a Donier 328 jet. Travis married Kim Schmidt. He was a member of Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Keller, Texas. Travis’ hobbies included professional karoke singing, scuba diving, boating and water skiing, horseback riding, baseball and especially his many friends. Travis is survived by his parents, Raymond and Rebecca Cates of Haslet, Texas; one son, Sean Michael Cates and one daughter, Aubrey Ann Cates, both of Fort Worth; his fiancee, Rebecca Zorns of Fort Worth; a brother, Jason Ray and his wife, Rebekah Lynn Cates of Wichita; a nephew, Brodie Cates and a niece, Jayden Cates, both of Wichita; his grandmothers, June Miller and Thelma Cates, both of Claflin; his great-great-grandpa Robert L. Miller of El Dorado; 35 uncles and aunts and 63 cousins. Travis was preceded in death by his grandfathers Robert J. Miller and Vivan E. Cates. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. this afternoon to 9 tonight and from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, and from 6 to 9 p.m. Sunday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Claflin. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at the church in Claflin. Funeral Mass will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. John Maes officiating. Burial will be in Claflin Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Travis Cates Children’s Education Fund in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, P.O. Box 146, Hoisington, KS 67544. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 12, 2003

April 11, 2003

Margaret A. Welch 1904-2003

HUTCHINSON — Margaret A. Welch, 99, died April 9 at Dillon Living Center in Hutchinson. She was born Feb. 24, 1904, at Fontana, the daughter of Clinton and Grace Flook Brewington. She married George B. Welch Nov. 20, 1921, at Liberal. He died Feb. 27, 1970. A longtime Hutchinson resident, coming from Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Welch was a member of Tenth Avenue United Methodist Church. Survivors include one daughter, Marjorie Beery of Hutchinson; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Jack Welch and James Welch; two grandsons, William Welch and Michael Welch; one granddaughter, Margaret Jean Welch; one great-grandson, Michael Welch; and one great-great-granddaughter, Casey McConnell. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Fairlawn Cemetery in Hutchinson with the Rev. Alan D. Stambaugh officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Elliotts Mortuary in Hutchinson. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 11, 2003

Michael Travis Cates 1972-2003

FORT WORTH, Texas — Michael Travis Cates, 31, died April 9 at Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital in Milwaukee, Wis. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Claflin. Funeral Mass will be at 1:30 o.m. Monday
at the church. Friends may call after 1 p.m. Saturday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 11, 2003

April 10, 2003

Helen Louise Kimpler 1909-2003

Helen Louise Kimpler, 94, of Great Bend, who died April 5, was preceded in death by one daughter, Joan Williams; three brothers, James Ehly, Richard Ehly and August Ehly; and two sisters, Lois Ehly Linsner and Lucille Bergstrom. The Tribune regrets the omission. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 10, 2003

Randall K. ‘Randy’ Evans 1951-2003

HOISINGTON — A service of remembrance for Randall K. “Randy” Evans, 51, who died April 6 at Rose Hill, will be at 5:30 p.m. today at First United Methodist Church in Hoisington, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Evans was former superintendent of USD 431 in Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to Hoisington Education Foundation or Rose Hill Education Foundation, both in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 10, 2003

William D. Adams 1944-2003

WICHITA — William D. Adams, 58, died April 7 at his residence in Wichita. He was born Aug. 15, 1944, in Great Bend, the son of Eugene W. and Ruth Hurt Adams. He was a former employee of the Coleman Company in Wichita. Survivors include one son, Matthew Adams of Wichita; his mother, Ruth Laudick of Hoisington; two brothers, Robert E. Adams and Dale Adams, both of Wichita; four sisters, Connie Weber of Wichita, Julie Tubbs of Levant, Maria Breitenbach of Shawnee and Denise Elliott of Olathe; and one grandchild. Memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Resthaven Mortuary in Wichita. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or Knights of Columbus, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 10, 2003

Jerome T. ‘Jack’ Axman 1923-2003

OLMITZ — Jerome T. “Jack” Axman, 79, died April 8 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born July 1, 1923, at Barton County, the son of Joseph F. and Mary Stoss Axman. He was a 1942 graduate of Olmitz High School. He married Betty Mae Smolik May 18, 1953. A lifetime Olmitz resident, he was a farmer and stockman. Axman was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church, 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Council 2100 and a former Otis-Bison USD 403 school board member. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Mike Axman and Joe F. Axman, both of Olmitz, and Paul Axman of Hoisington; three daughters, Lillian Palsmeier of Conway Springs, Barb Boldt of Oakley and Rita Hickel of Hoisington; one brother, Joseph B. Axman of Great Bend; and 13 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Judy Axman; two brothers, Ben Axman and Hank Axman; and one grandson, Joseph Jerome Axman. Wake service will be at 7:30 tonight, followed by a Knights of Columbus rosary, both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Ultan Murphy officiating. Burial will be at St. Ann Cemetery in Olmitz. Friends may call from 9 this morning until 9 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or Knights of Columbus Council 2100, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 10, 2003

April 9, 2003

George Y. Gross 1900-2003

NESS CITY — George Y. Gross, 103, died April 8 at Ness County Long Term Care Center in Ness City. He was born April 7, 1900, at Merkel, Russia, the son of Jacob and Elizabeth Butherus Gross. He married Alma Eichman Sept. 8, 1922, at La Crosse. A resident of Ness City since 1951, coming from southwest of Bazine, he was a farmer and carpenter. Gross was a member of United Methodist Church and Odd Fellows Lodge, both of Ness City. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Jerry Gross of Bazine; two daughters, Opal Steider of Sun City West, Ariz., and Celesta Reed of Rochelle, Ill.; one sister, Martha Milerberger of Ness City; 15 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and 30 great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Berdina Eibert; four brothers, Jake Gross, Henry Gross, Adam Gross and Raymond Gross; seven sisters, Elizabeth Erb, Amelia Ritter, Mary Weber, Pauline Bacon, Hanna Cox, Edna Gross and Eva Gross. Funeral will be 2 p.m. Friday at the church. Burial will be at Ness City Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and Thursday and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday, all at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City. Memorials are suggested to the church, Ness County Long Term Care or Ness City Leisure Years Center, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 9, 2003

Vernon Ray Phillips 1940-2003

ANAHUAC, Texas — Vernon Ray Phillips, 62, died March 24 at his home in Anahuac. He was born Sept. 13, 1940, near Saxman, the son of Claude and Clarice North Phillips. He was a graduate of Alden High School. He married Nancy Manwarren in 1959. A longtime resident of Kansas, he was a dental lab technician. Phillips was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and National Association of Dental Labs. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in the Medical Corps. Survivors include one
Helen Leona Kimpler, 94, of Great Bend, died April 5 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. She was born Jan. 6, 1909, at Claflin, the daughter of August and Mary Knorr Ehly. She married Omar B. Kimpler June 20, 1932, at Claflin. He died Aug. 9, 1990. A resident of Great Bend for 19 years, coming from Claflin, she was the co-owner of Kimpler Cleaners and later worked for Suburban Cleaners, Sweetbriar, Gunn’s Clothing and Licheskeys. Mrs. Kimpler was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Daughters of Isabella, Altar Society, AARP, RSVP and Dio. Survivors include three sons, Gary Phillips of Latham, Larry Phillips and Tom Phillips, both of Wichita; one daughter, Debbie Rouse of Great Bend; one brother, Bobbie Joe Robinson of Wichita; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband. Her body has been cremated. Fellowship for family and friends will follow at Veteran’s of Foreign Wars, 1012 W. Main St., Lyons. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Epilepsy Foundation, 4351 Garden City Drive, Landover, Md. 20785-7223 in Phillips’s name. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 9, 2003

Mary Louise Brungardt Sack 1913-2003

ELLINWOOD — Mary Louise Brungardt Sack, 90, died April 6 at Missouri Valley, Iowa. She was born Feb. 14, 1913, south of Victoria, the daughter of Mike J. and Agatha Bollig Brungardt. She married Casper G. Sack June 12, 1935, at Hays. He died Sept 26, 1999. A longtime Ellinwood resident, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Sack was a member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Altar Society and Daughters of Isabella, all of Ellinwood, and Fraternal Order of the Eagles of Hays. Survivors include one son, Marvin E. Sack of St. Louis, Mo.; one daughter, Evelyn M. Lynch of Missouri Valley; one brother, Edwin Brungardt of Aurora, Colo.; and one sister, Neva Kolb of Lincoln, Neb.; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Rosary will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood, followed by a vigil service at 7 p.m. at the church. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Jack Maes officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Commanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Grace Hospice in Omaha, the church in Ellinwood or Macular Eye Degeneration Foundation, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 9, 2003

Carl Jean Robinson Phillips 1927-2003

HAYSVILLE — Carol Jean Robinson Phillips, 75, died April 4. She was born Dec. 24, 1927. She married Randall Phillips. He preceded her in death. She was a homemaker. Survivors include three sons, Gary Phillips of Latham, Larry Phillips and Tom Phillips, both of Wichita; one daughter, Debbie Rouse of Great Bend; one brother, Bobbie Joe Robinson of Wichita; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Denny Phillips; and three sisters, Lois Wood, Coralee Robinson and Betty Ann Robinson. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. today at Resthaven Mortuary in Wichita. Burial will be at Resthaven Cemetery in Wichita. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 9, 2003

Herbert Lewis Phillips II 1926-2003

HEIZER — Herbert Lewis Phillips II, 77, died April 7 at his home. He was born Jan. 24, 1926, at Dawson, N.M., the son of Herbert Lewis and Bertha M. Shuff Phillips. He married Cecil Marie McCullough Sept. 21, 1944, at Wichita. She died May 24, 2001. A Great Bend area resident, coming from Augusta, he was a carpenter, salesman, hearing aid dealer and pawn broker, all of Great Bend. Phillips was a member of Masonic Lodge, National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association, a life member of National Rifle Association and American Motorcyclist Association. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include two sons, Herbert L. “Herb” Phillips III of Great Bend and William C. Phillips of Derby; one sister, Vivian Redburn of Phoenix, Ariz.; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three sisters. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at First United Methodist Church in Great Bend with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Feed the Children, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 9, 2003

April 8, 2003

Helen Leona Kimpler 1909-2003

Helen Leona Kimpler, 94, of Great Bend, died April 5 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. She was born Jan. 6, 1909, at Claflin, the daughter of August and Mary Knorr Ehly. She married Omar B. Kimpler June 20, 1932, at Claflin. He died Aug. 9, 1990. A resident of Great Bend for 19 years, coming from Claflin, she was the co-owner of Kimpler Cleaners and later worked for Suburban Cleaners, Sweetbriar, Gunn’s Clothing and Licheskeys. Mrs. Kimpler was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Daughters of Isabella, Altar Society, AARP, RSVP and Dio. Survivors include one daughter, Carmelita Kwaiser of Saginaw, Mich.; one stepson, Omar Kimpler Jr. of Hutchinson; one stepdaughter, Carolyn Ward of Evergreen, Colo.; one brother, Walter Ehly of Claflin; two sisters, Beatrice Jarchou of Wichita and Joleen Walden of Apple Valley, Calif.; 15 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren. Altar Society rosary will be at 4 today and vigil will be at 7 tonight, with Daughters of Isabella rosary following, all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Warren Stocklein officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 3:30 to 9 tonight, with family receiving friends from 5 to 8 tonight, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family School Endowment Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 8, 2003

Willie R. Osburn 1924-2003

PEABODY — Willie R. Osburn, 78, died March 6 at Evans, Ga. He was born April 28, 1924, at Hackett, Ark., the son of Garland and Leslie Hamby Osburn. He married Dorothy S. Tiede Dec. 26, 1948, at Herington. She died April 4, 2002. He was a retired machinist. Osburn was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include one son, Gary L. Osburn of Evans; one daughter, Jeannie Gripping of Great Bend; and five grandchildren. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Peabody, with the Rev. Robert Kloth officiating. Private family burial will be at Prairie Lawn Cemetery in Peabody. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Baker Funeral Home in Peabody. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 8, 2003
**Kathleen Marie McKittrick 1946-2003**

LARNED — Kathleen Marie McKittrick, 56, died April 5 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born Oct. 11, 1946, in Great Bend, the daughter of Martin and Dorothy Murphy Ochs. She married Carl R. McKittrick at Hays on March 31, 1970. A Larned resident since 1970, coming from Hays, she was a certified nurses aide and homemaker. Mrs. McKittrick was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Altar Society, Fort Larned Lions Club and FCE, all of Larned. Survivors include her husband of the home; one brother, Michael T. Ochs of Weld County, Colo.; and three sisters, Judy Pauli of Columbia, Mo., Joan Esperanza of Denver, Colo., and Susan Lear of Hiawatha. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Dennis Reed officiating. Burial will be at St. John’s Catholic Cemetery in Hays. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, both at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Ft. Larned Lions Club, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 8, 2003

**Randall K. ‘Randy’ Evans 1951-2003**

ROSE HILL — Randall K. “Randy” Evans, 51, died April 6. He was born Sept. 21, 1951, at Hays, the son of Virgil and Dee Evans. He married Jan on June 11, 1971. He lived most of his life in western Kansas, growing up in Gove. He received both a bachelor and masters degree from Fort Hays State University. A resident of Rose Hill, coming from Hays, he was superintendent of schools at Rose Hill. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Trever Evans of Stillwater, Okla., and Brandon Evans of Manhattan; two brothers, Ryan Evans of Dallas, Texas, and Rod Evans of Allen, Texas; and one sister, Rachelle Evans of Garden City. He was preceded in death by one brother, Ricky Evans. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Rose Hill United Methodist Church. Private burial will be at a later date. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Smith Mortuary in Derby, with family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorial contributions are suggested to Rose Hill Education Foundation and Haysongton Education Foundation, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 8, 2003

**Annette I. Rothe 1912-2003**

WICHITA — Annette I. Rothe, 91, died April 5 at William Newton Hospital in Winfield. She was born March 27, 1912, at Rush County, the daughter of Frank and Katie Jones. She married Wilbur W. Rothe in Rush County. He died July 13, 2000. A resident of Wichita for 15 years, coming from Salina, she was an officer manager in the health care industry before her retirement. Mrs. Rothe was a member of First United Methodist Church of Wichita, a lifetime member of Harmony Chapter No. 2 of the Order of Eastern Star of Salina and Century Book Club. Survivors include one son, Dennis R. Rothe of Chico, Calif.; one daughter, Deanne F. Jamison of Wichita; one brother, Harold P. Jones of Kansas City; one sister, Ruth Sites of Buena Vista, Colo.; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Fred T. Jones; and two sisters, Elizabeth Burger and Vera Linn. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at United Methodist Church in Otis, with the Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. Burial will be at Otis Methodist Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 to 10:45 this morning at the church and the family will receive friends at that time. Memorials are suggested to Good Samaritan Village in Winfield, in care of Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 8, 2003

**Louise Joann Simpson 1907-2003**

OVERLAND PARK — Louise Joann Simpson, 95, died April 5. She was born Dec. 26, 1907, the daughter of Conrad and Hanna Balzer. She married Ralph B. Simpson Oct. 20, 1928. He died in 1954. She was a homemaker until the 1950s and was employed at Emery Bird, Thayer, Klines Department Store and Wolff Brothers, from which she retired at age 72. She was a member of the Lutheran Church. Survivors include two sons, Bob G. Simpson of Bentonville, Ark., and Dan L. Simpson of Hays; two daughters, Dorothy Nicely of Overland Park and Peggy Snell of Kansas City, Mo.; 10 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Conrad Balzer Jr. and Eugene Balzer; and one grandson, Bobby Snell Jr. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. today at Maple Hill Funeral Home in Kansas City. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Friends may call one hour prior to services. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Overland Park Manor, 6501 W. 75th St., Overland Park, KS 66204. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 8, 2003

**Melvin B. Karst 1918-2003**

HAYS — Melvin B. Karst, 84, died April 3 at Hays Medical Center. He was born July 4, 1918, on a farm near Milberger, the son of Alex and Mary Popp Karst. He married Bridgett Jacobs Aug. 9, 1939, at Olmitz. He was a farmer and stockman in Barton, Rush and Ellis counties. Karst was named Kansas Wheat King in 1953, and founded Karst Water Well Drilling in 1935, retiring in 1984. He was a member of Knights of Columbus, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Kansas Ground Water Association and National Ground Water Association. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Mel Karst Jr., of Hays; two daughters, Sharron Befort of Hays and Melly Karst Schmidt of Topeka; one brother, Leo Karst of Wamego; two sisters, Joyce Wegele of Galatia and Darlene Mylar of Hays; two stepbrothers, Milton Rein of Bramson, Mo., and LeRoy Rein of New Mexico; 20 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Charlsie, and two grandsons, Clayton Schmidt and Andrew Schmidt. Funeral was Monday at Hays Memorial Chapel of Hays. Memorial contributions are suggested to Thomas Moore Prep-Marian High School, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 8, 2003

April 6, 2003
Helen Leona Kimpler 1909-2003

Helen Leona Kimpler, 94, died April 5 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. She was born Jan. 6, 1909, at Claflin, the daughter of August and Mary Knorr Ehly. She married Omer B. Kimpler June 20, 1932, at Claflin. He died Aug. 9, 1990. A resident of Great Bend for 19 years, coming from Claflin, she was co-owner of Kimpler Cleaners and later worked for Suburban Cleaners, Sweetbriar, Gunn’s Clothing and Licheskeys. Mrs. Kimpler was a member of St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, Daughter’s of Isabella, Altar Society, AARP, RSVP and Dio. Survivors include one daughter, Carmelita Kwaiser of Saginaw; one step-son, Omer Kimpler Jr. of Hutchinson; one step-daughter, Carolyn Ward of Evergreen, Colo.; one brother, Walter Ehly of Claflin; two sisters, Beatrice Jarchou of Wichita and Joleen Walden of Apple Valley, Calif.; 15 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren. Altar society rosary will be at 4 today and vigil will be at 7 tonight, with Daughters of Isabella following, all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Warren Stecklein officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 3:30 to 9 tonight with family receiving friends from 5 to 8 tonight, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family School Endowment Fund, in care of the funeral home. 

Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend in charge of arrangements.

April 5, 2003

Eva M. Smith 1915-2003

LARNED — Eva M. Smith, 87, died April 2 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. She was born Sept. 30, 1915, at Hays, the daughter of Ernest and Lou Bucklew Grippin. She married Walter Raymond Smith March 31, 1934, at Tribune. He died Feb. 4, 2000. A resident of Larned since 1955, coming from Scott City, she was a homemaker. Survivors include: three sons, Raymond Smith of Larned, Lenard Smith of Pawnee Rock, and Warren Smith of Oak Grove, Mo.; one daughter, Marguerite Horn of Great Bend; two sisters, Opal Vandermark of Rickreall, Ore., and Ruby Comer of Holly, Colo.; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Leslie Grippin, Harold Grippin and Jimmy Grippin. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with the Rev. Jim Hawthorne officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Sunday, both at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Presbyterian Church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 5, 2003


Alexander Gene Brown, newborn, died April 3 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was the son of Jason L. and Kristal M. Krom Brown. Survivors include his parents of Great Bend; one brother, Nicholas Brown of the home; and grandparents, Don and Linda Krom, Darrell Brown and Denise Eaton. A private service will be held. Memorials are suggested to the family, in care of Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 5, 2003

April 4, 2003

Eva M. Smith 1915-2003

Eva M. Smith, 87, died April 2 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. She was born Sept. 30, 1915, at Hays, the daughter of Ernest and Lou Bucklew Grippin. She married Walter Raymond Smith March 31, 1934, at Tribune. He died Feb. 4, 2000. A resident of Larned since 1955, coming from Scott City, she was a homemaker. Survivors include: three sons, Raymond Smith of Larned, Lenard Smith of Pawnee Rock, and Warren Smith of Independence, Mo.; one daughter, Marguerite Horn of Great Bend; two sisters, Opal Vandermark of Rickreall, Ore., and Ruby Comer of Holly, Colo.; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Leslie Grippin, Harold Grippin and Jimmy Grippin. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday 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. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Presbyterian Church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 4, 2003

Elsie Mae Clapham 1923-2003

LARNED — Elsie Mae Clapham, 79, died April 2 at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa, Okla. She was born April 22, 1923, at Tangier, Okla., the daughter of Bert Allison and Mary Alice Payne Musselman. She married Wilbur Gaylord Clapham June 25, 1938, at Tangier, Okla.; one step-son, Omer Kimpler Jr. of Hutchinson; one step-daughter, Carolyn Ward of Evergreen, Colo.; one brother, Walter Ehly of Claflin; two sisters, Beatrice Jarchou of Wichita and Joleen Walden of Apple Valley, Calif.; 15 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren. Altar society rosary will be at 4 today and vigil will be at 7 tonight, with Daughters of Isabella following, all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Warren Stecklein officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 3:30 to 9 tonight with family receiving friends from 5 to 8 tonight, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Kansas State University Center for Basic Cancer Research or American Heart Association, both at the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 4, 2003
Frances C. Miller 1920-2003

Frances C. Miller, 82, of Great Bend, died April 3 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born Nov. 26, 1920, at El Dorado, the daughter of Frank U. and Marie A. Cunningham Muth. She married Cyril “Cy” W. Miller June 5, 1939, in El Dorado. He died Feb. 28, 1998. A resident of Great Bend since 1950, coming from El Dorado, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Miller was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, St. Rose Altar Society, both of Great Bend, Beta Sigma Phi and IGAS (Graphoanalysis Association.) Survivors include three sons, Tim J. Miller of Great Bend, Ro A. Miller of Ellinwood and Don R. Miller of Hutchinson; one daughter, Monica A. Bowers of Great Bend; two brothers, Phillip Muth of Salida, Colo., and Francis Muth of Los Angeles, Calif.; three sisters, Lucille Thomas of Okmulgee, Okla., and Regina Walter and Ruth Strumfa, both of El Dorado; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Michael Miller; three brothers, Maurice Muth, John Muth and Ulyssess Muth; two sisters, Verdis Muth and Geneva Walter; and one granddaughter. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Angel Dy officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Lung Association or Great Bend Humane Society, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 4, 2003

Jackie Burton 1931-2003

Jackie Burton, 72, of Great Bend, died April 3 at his residence. He was born Jan. 31, 1931, at Squires, Mo., the son of George and Ola Frye Burton. He married Kathleen Evans June 14, 1953, at Longrun, Mo. A resident of Great Bend for 50 years, coming from Ava, Mo., he was employed by Thies Packing Company for 27 years and was an equipment operator for Kansas Department of Transportation for 10 years before retiring. Burton attended First Assembly of God Church for 50 years. His last years were spent on the river banks of Kansas fishing. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Keith Burton and wife, Heidi Jo, of Great Bend; one daughter, Keela Jackson and husband, Jim, of Great Bend; two brothers, Roy Burton and Bob Burton; one sister, Alieen; seven grandchildren, Jimmy Jackson, Grant Jackson, Heather Jackson, Valerie Burton, Lucas Burton, J.C. Bosch and Corbin Bosch. He was preceded in death by one son, Duane Burton. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Revs. Dwight Dozier, J.P. McCamey, Brian Norvell and David Hartzell officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until 9 tonight with the family receiving friends from 7 to 8 tonight, all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church or Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 4, 2003

Bernard Mai 1919-2003

RUSSELL — Bernard Mai, 83, died April 2 at Russell Regional Hospital in Russell. He was born Nov. 23, 1919, on the family farm near Russell, the son of David D. and Nathalie Boxberger Mai. He married Ruth Alberta Nuss Feb. 6, 1944, at Russell. A lifelong Russell area resident, he was employed as a carpenter in both commercial and residential construction, and was a farmer. Mai was a member of St. John’s Lutheran Church, American Legion Post 99, where he served as past commander, Elk’s Lodge, all of Russell, and Eagles Lodge of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; one brother, Eimer Mai of Russell; and one sister, Rozille Martin of Colorado Springs, Colo. Prayer service will be at 7 tonight at Pohlman’s Mortuary in Russell. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Harlan Kaden officiating. Burial will be at St. John’s Lutheran Cemetery in Russell. Friends may call from noon to 9 tonight at the funeral home. The family will receive friends after the prayer service until 9 p.m. tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church cemetery, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 4, 2003

Correction

Bernadene Isabel Shelton, 94, of Great Bend, who died April 2 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood, was a graduate of Great Bend High School. She has one son, Rodney Shelton of Greensburg. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 4, 2003

Leo Alexander Schemm 1929-2003

LYONS — Leo Alexander Schemm, 73, died April 2 at his residence in Lyons. He was born Dec. 13, 1929, at WaKeeneey, the son of Paul George and Katerine Pastor Schemm. He attended Pittsburg Teacher’s College. He married Therese Pfannenstiel Sept. 16, 1954, at WaKeeneey. A resident of Lyons since 1957, he was a linotype operator, a newspaper printer-pressman and a production superintendent, retiring in 1997 after 40 years of service to the Lyons Daily News. Schemm was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church, Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 03184 and American Legion Post 129, all of Lyons, and International Retread Motorcycle Association. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, having served a tour in Japan during the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; four sons, Mark Schemm and wife, Mary Ann, of Smith Center, Kevin Schemm and wife, Debbie, of Hutchinson, Kurt Schemm and wife, Kayan, of Derby, and Father Michael Schemm of Wichita; two brothers, Richard Schemm of New York City, N.Y., and Thomas Schemm of Tribune; four sisters, Esther Pearson of WaKeeneey, Helen Ziegler of Collyer, Ruth Nollette of Cathedral City, Calif., and Doris Koehn of WaKeeney; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Herman Schemm and August Schemm. Parish rosary will be at 7 tonight at the church. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Most Reverend Thomas J. Olmsted, bishop of Wichita, officiating. The Most Reverend Eugene J. Gerber, bishop emeritus of Wichita, will be homilist. Burial will be at St. John’s Lutheran Cemetery in Lyons with full military honors by McConnell Air Force. Friends may call from 2-5:30 today at Stillin Funeral Home in Lyons and from 6-8:30 tonight at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Rice/Reno County Hospice, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) April 4, 2003 paid announcement
April 3, 2003

Amanda I. Price 1916-2003

ROZEL — Amanda I. Price, 86, died April 1 at Larned Health Care and Living Center in Larned. She was born May 27, 1916, at Nekoma, the daughter of Adam and Mollie Wertz Schenk. She married John G. Price Nov. 14, 1934, at Scott City. A lifetime resident of Pawnee County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Price was a member of Hope Lutheran Church, ALCW Woman's Group, both of Rush Center, and Golden Rural Quilting Club of Rozel. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Larry Price of Larned and John Price Jr. of Rozel; one daughter, Donna Wells of Newton; one sister, Mabel Price of Nekoma; seven grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Elsie Folkerts and Helen Burk. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Maurice A. Schaus officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. today and Friday, both at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Family will receive friends Friday at the Price home in Rozel. Memorials are suggested to Larned Healthcare and Living Center, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 3, 2003


HOISINGTON — David A. Harper, 43, died March 30 at his residence in Hoisington. He was born Feb. 3, 1960, at San Diego, Calif., the son of Donald D. and Elaine Jacobson Harper. A resident of Hoisington for seven years, coming from Lakeside, Calif., he was owner of Harper Satellite Sales in Lakeside. Harper attended First Christian Church in Hoisington. Survivors include his wife, Cynthia Harper of Hoisington; one son, Steven Harper of Alpine, Calif.; one daughter, Kimberly Kay Harper of the home; his mother of Lakeside; one sister, Christy Harper of Lakeside; and his grandmother, Thelma Harper of Hoisington. He was preceded in death by one brother, Ronnie Harper. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Paula Bell officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Kans for Kids or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 3, 2003

Mathilda Leikam 1906-2003

JETMORE — Mathilda Leikam, 97, died March 31 at her home near Jetmore. She was born Feb. 14, 1906, at Munjor, the daughter of Ludwig J. and Elizabeth Gerstner Gabel. She married Jacob Leikam Oct. 4, 1927, at Ness City. He died June 17, 1982. A lifetime Jetmore area resident, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Leikam was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Jetmore. Survivors include one son, Jacob Leikam Jr. of Jetmore; five daughters, Eleanor Leikam of Alamosa, Colo., Hilda Leikam of Topeka, Velma Frank of Limon, Colo., Mildred Armstrong of Manhattan and Joann Kummer of Colorado Springs, Colo.; one sister, Catherine Harmon of Garden City; 13 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Haberkorn and Lillian Rupp; and eight brothers, Isidore Gabel, Henry Gabel, Edmond Gabel, Raymond Gabel, John Gabel, Jacob Gabel, Adam Gabel and Ludwig “Shorty” Gabel. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. Friday at the church. Funeral will be at 9 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Henry Hildebrandt officiating. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, all at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to the church or Hospice of the Prairie, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 3, 2003

Bernadene Isabel Shelton 1908-2003

Bernadene Isabel Shelton, 94, of Great Bend, died April 2 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. She was born Oct. 26, 1908, at Great Bend, the daughter of Lyman John and Clementine McCab Dodge. She married Francis Christie “Red” Shelton Sept. 3, 1935, at Corpus Christi, Texas. A longtime resident of Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband of Ellinwood; one son, Rodney Richard Shelton of Ellinwood; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. A private family burial is planned. There will be no public services. Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 3, 2003

Shirley Rae Kindhart 1930-2003

ST. JOHN — Shirley Rae Kindhart, 72, died April 1 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. She was born July 26, 1930, in Hancock, Iowa, the daughter of Raymond L. and Florence Henrietta Brandes. She married Leo G. Kindhart of Hutchinson. A resident of Hoisington, she was a bookkeeper for First National Bank, hospital and SF Co. Engineers office, all of St. John. Mrs. Kindhart was a past member of First United Methodist Church and Harmony Club, both of St. John. Survivors include one son, David R. Kindhart of Emporia; one daughter, Debra R. Pound of St. John; two brothers, Raymond Brandes Jr. of Oakland, Iowa, and Wayne Brandes of Hancock; one sister, Elva Joyce Haas of Council Bluffs, Iowa; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one grandson, Nicholas Allen Pound. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Minnis Chapel Inc. of St. John, with the Rev. W. Harlan Rittgers officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery of St. John. Friends may call from 7-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to the church building fund or Multiple Sclerosis Fund, both in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 3, 2003

Eva M. Smith 1915-2003

Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 3, 2003
LARNED — Eva M. Smith, 87, died April 2 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary of Larned. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 3, 2003

April 2, 2003

Lyle L. Smith 1929-2003

GOODLAND — Lyle L. Smith, a longtime insurance agent and civic leader in Sherman County, died March 30 at Presbyterian/St. Luke’s Hospital in Denver, Colo. Smith was born April 26, 1929, at Beardsley, the son of Ethel (Lavell) and John J. Smith, and grew up on the family’s wheat and milo farm. He graduated from high school in Stratton, Neb., and attended McCook Junior College at McCook, Neb., for one year. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in October 1950 and was honorably discharged as a yeoman second class in March 1954, having served in California, Rhode Island and Japan. His commanding officer at the time of his discharge, Lt. E.A. Wagner, wrote that “Smith possesses a quiet, friendly personality and is very well liked by all of his associates. The moral standards he has set for himself are of the highest. ... He has my unqualified recommendation in whatever venture he undertakes upon his return to civilian life.” On March 25, 1955, he and Marsha C. Wallace were married at McDonald. They would have three children: Tony, Sheila and Joni. Mr. Smith farmed from 1954 to 1958, raising wheat, corn, cows and sheep. From 1958 to 1962, he worked in various posts with the Boy Scouts of America, first in Omaha, Neb., as a district executive and director of training, and then in Hutchinson as a district executive. Beginning in 1962, he held management posts at Wiley’s department store in Great Bend, rising to manager for all store and restaurant operations there. In June 1966, Smith and his family moved to Goodland. Smith became an agent with the New York Life Insurance Co., which he served for more than 30 years. Smith also sold crop insurance. It was in Goodland, especially, that Smith became extensively involved with civic and church activities. He was a member of the Methodist church in every community he and Marsha lived, and taught Sunday school and served on a number of committees at his final church, the Goodland First United Methodist Church. He also was part of the special Stephen Ministers of the church. Smith also was elected to the Goodland City Council in 1969, and the Sherman County Board of County Commissioners in 1972 and again in 1976. Smith continued his involvement with Boy Scouting. In 1992, he ran unsuccessfully for a representative’s post to the Kansas state Legislature. Smith also was active in shaping health care in northwest Kansas, serving as a trustee of the Northwest Kansas Regional Medical Center and on the advisory board of the Sherman County Good Samaritan Center. Recently, he also was president of Rural Health Ventures, which sought to provide doctors and other experts to Goodland and Sharon Springs. In addition, Mr. Smith served on the board of the Kansas State Quarter Horse Association, and was a well-known horseman for some years. He was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Goodland Elks Lodge, Goodland Chamber of Commerce, and the booster club Goodland Ambassadors, which he helped start and served as its first president. He also belonged to the Masonic Lodge and its Scottish Rite, and had earlier belonged to the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs. He is survived by his wife, Marsha C. Smith, at home in Goodland; a son, Tony, and his wife, Tina, of Guymon, Okla.; and daughters Joni Smith, of Goodland, and Sheila Cunningham and her husband, Douglas, of Milford, Penn. His grandchildren, on whom he doted, are Taos, Tucson and Tekoa Smith, and Olivia, Benjamin and Sophie Cunningham. In addition, survivors include one sister, Marlene Schoonover, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; her former husband, Leo Schoonover, of Scott City; one brother, Duane Smith, and his wife, Verla, of Burlington, Colo.; two sisters-in-law, Verda Smith, of Hobbs, N.M., and Kay Smith Howard, of Fairfield, Mont.; and several nieces and nephews. Lyle and Marsha’s beloved dog, Jake, also remains at home. Preceding him in death were his parents and three brothers, Eldon, John and Veral. The funeral will be at 1:30 today, mountain standard time, at the First United Methodist Church in Goodland with Pastor Janet Hernandez officiating. Burial will be at 4:30 p.m. central standard time at McDonald, Kansas, Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 to 11 a.m. this morning at Koons Memorial Chapel in Goodland, or at the church before the service. Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church in Goodland, or to Boy Scout Troop 142 of Goodland, all in care of Koons Funeral Home, 211 North Main, Goodland, KS 67735-1555. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 2, 2003

Mabel Ruth Carpenter 1919-2003

NESS CITY — Mabel Ruth Carpenter, 84, died April 1 at Ness County Long Term Care in Ness City. She was born March 16, 1919, south of Bazine, the daughter of Reinhart and Amelia Karst Borger Jr. She married Everett A. Carpenter June 20, 1943, at Dodge City. He preceded her in death. A resident of Ness City, she was a seamstress and operated a sewing business for many years. Mrs. Carpenter was a member of Assembly of God Church and Eastern Star, both of Ness City. Survivors include one brother, Gilbert Borger of Ness City; and two sisters, Viola Harman of Dodge City and Fay Meyersick of Benton. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Cheryl Carpenter; and four brothers, Bill Borger, Emanuel Borger, Reuben Borger and Clarence Borger. Burial will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City with the Rev. Forrest Frazier officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call today from 1 to 9 p.m., 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 or Ness County Long Term Care, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 2, 2003

Amanda Irene Price

LARNED — Amanda Irene Price, 86, died April 1 at Larned Health Care and Living Center in Larned. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 2, 2003

April 1, 2003

Lyle Clifford Trapp 1909-2003
WALDO — Lyle Clifford Trapp, 93, died March 29 at Salina Regional Health Center in Salina. He was born Oct. 24, 1909, in Russell County near Bunker Hill, the son of John Charles and Cora Sellens Trapp. He was a graduate of Waldo High School. He married Evelyn Elizabeth Bean Aug. 5, 1939, at Beverly. A resident of rural Waldo, he was a lifetime farmer and stockman. Trapp was active on Russell County Extension Council and had been presented with a conservation award for his efforts on his farm. He served as livestock leader for Paradise Dell and Lone Star 4-H clubs, was active as a school board member for many years and had been a member of Kansas Livestock Association for nearly 50 years. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, John Trapp of Salina and James Trapp of Stillwater, Okla.; one brother, Earl Trapp of Luray; one sister, Ida Terry of Russell; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death in one brother, Elmer Trapp; and one sister, Mary Wheeler. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. today at Pohiman’s Memorial Chapel in Russell, with the Rev. Ed Palmer officiating. Burial will be at Russell City Cemetery in Russell. Memorials are suggested to Waldo Senior Center, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 1, 2003

Isabel ‘Belle’ Lounsbury Boucher 1929-2003

Isabel “Belle” Dorothy Lounsbury Boucher, 73, of Great Bend, died March 28 at Select Specialty Hospital in Wichita. She was born June 14, 1929, at Loretta, the daughter of John J. and Margaret Dinkel Stegman. She married James Philip Lounsbury April 14, 1951, at Emporia. He died June 28, 1975. She married Alpha “Jake” Boucher Nov. 10, 1984, at Great Bend. He died Nov. 2, 1985. A resident of Great Bend since 1959, coming from Eaton, Colo., she was a homemaker and worked for the custodial department at Harrison Junior High, retiring in 1985. Mrs. Boucher was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, St. Rose Altar Society, Senior Friends, all of Great Bend, and AARP. Survivors include two brothers, Hubert Stegman of Scappoose, Ore., and Norbert Stegman of Great Bend; and two sisters, Leona Krmela of Great Bend and Lydia Schuckman of La Crosse. She was preceded in death by one brother, Linus Stegman; and two sisters, Rosaline Weikert McAfee and Armella Graf. Altar Society rosary will be at 3 today and vigil will be at 6 tonight, both at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Angel Dy officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 1, 2003

Marie E. Ross 1917-2003

LA JUNTA, Colo. — Marie E. Ross, 85, died March 29 at Arkansas Valley Regional Medical Center in La Junta. She was born Nov. 8, 1917, at Sterling, Colo., the daughter of Burton and Lottie Kintner Hollingshead. She married Raymond O. “Jimmy” Ross July 18, 1936, at La Junta. He died Aug. 15, 1991. Survivors include one son, Gary R. “Verlea” Ross of Hoisington; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother and three sisters. Funeral will be at 2 today at Peacock Memorial Chapel in La Junta with the Rev. Solomon Adams officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in La Junta. Friends may call until 1 p.m. today at Peacock-Larsen Funeral Home in La Junta. Memorials are suggested to Arkansas Valley Hospice Association or La Junta Rural Fire and Ambulance, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 1, 2003

Elva M. Schugart 1914-2003

HOISINGTON — Elva M. Schugart, 88, died March 29 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born April 9, 1914, at Osawatomie, the daughter of Lester Finn and Dora Mae Aldrich Brewer. She married Leo H. Schugart Oct. 20, 1934, at Great Bend. He died Nov. 13, 1987. A lifetime resident of Hoisington, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Schugart was a member of First Christian Church, Christian Women’s Fellowship, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliaries, founding board of the Senior Center, past president of Rebekah Lodge, past president of Roosevelt Parent Teacher Association, Lady Fireman’s Lodge, Clara Barton Hospital Auxiliary and a Sunday school teacher. Survivors include one son, Gary Schugart of Houston, Texas; two brothers, Everett Brewer of Olmitz and Jack Brewer of Hogansville, Ga.; two sisters, LaDene Broughton of Larned and Dolores Lindsay of Olmitz; two grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Vera Branyan. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with the Rev. Paula Bell officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Clara Barton Hospital, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 1, 2003


HOISINGTON — David A. Harper, 43, died March 30 at his residence in Hoisington. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 1, 2003

Linda Rose Weeks 1951-2003

RUSSELL — Linda Rose Weeks, 51, died March 29 at her home in Russell. She was born Nov. 25, 1951, at Great Bend, the daughter of John and Wilma Schultz Ulrey. She married Roger Weeks Dec. 22, 1993, at Russell. A resident of Russell, coming from Olmitz area, she worked as a nurse’s aide and was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband of the home; one daughter, Samantha Resner of Butler, Mo.; and one granddaughter. She was preceded in death by one brother, Charles “Butch” Ulrey, and one infant daughter, Sheila Resner. Private family inurnment will be at a later date at Olmitz Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Linda R. Weeks Memorial Fund, which will be designated later by her family, in care of Pohiman’s Mortuary in Russell. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 1, 2003

March 29, 2003
Isabel "Belle" Dorothy Lounsbury Boucher 1929-2003

Isabel “Belle” Dorothy Lounsbury Boucher, 73, of Great Bend, died March 28 at Select Specialty Hospital in Wichita. She was born June 14, 1929, at Loretta, the daughter of John J. and Margaret Dinkel Stegman. She married James Phillip Lounsbury April 14, 1951, at Emporia. He died June 28, 1975. She married Alpha “Jake” Boucher Nov. 10, 1984, at Great Bend. He died Nov. 2, 1985. A resident of Great Bend since 1959, coming from Eaton, Colo., she was a homemaker and worked for the custodial department at Harrison Junior High, retiring in 1985. Mrs. Boucher was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, St. Rose Altar Society, Senior Friends, all of Great Bend, and AARP. Survivors include two brothers, Hubert Stegman of Scappoose, Ore., and Norbert Stegman of Great Bend; and two sisters, Leona Krmela of Great Bend and Lydia Schuckman of La Crosse. She was preceded in death by one brother, Linus Stegman; and two sisters, Rosaline Weikert McAfee and Armella Graf. Altar Society rosary will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday and vigil will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday, both at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Angel Dy officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. The register may be signed from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 29, 2003
Margaret L. Heckele 1910-2003

ELLINWOOD — Margaret L. Heckele, 93, died May 29 at Ellinwood District Hospital. She was born April 24, 1910, at Odin, the daughter of Alois and Barbara Probst Birzer. She married John F. Heckele May 6, 1935, at Odin. He died Oct. 7, 1977. A lifetime resident of Barton County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Heckele was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Altar Society and Daughters of Isabella. Survivors include one son, John Heckele of Great Bend; three daughters, Peggy Stremel of Great Bend, Rosella Herrman of Maple Valley, Wash., and Evelyn Swanson of Taylor, S.C.; one brother, the Rev. W.L. Birzer of Great Bend; two sisters, Tillie Prosser of Ellinwood and Ann Dreiling of Odin; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by six brothers, Louis Birzer, Joe Birzer, John Birzer, Frank Birzer, Tom Birzer and Nick Birzer. Altar Society rosary will be at 3 p.m. followed by Daughters of Isabella rosary vigil service at 7 p.m. Sunday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. John Maes officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Commanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 5 to 8 tonight and from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph’s School Endowment in care of the funeral home.

Victor C. Koelsch 1925-2003

Victor C. Koelsch, 78, of Great Bend, died May 29 at his residence in Great Bend. He was born March 15, 1925, at Great Bend, the son of Emmett K. and Elizabeth Kern Koelsch. He married June Fanshier April 14, 1951, at Great Bend. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he was a retired farmer. Koelsch was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, Elks Lodge 1127, Eagles Lodge 646, an associate member of American Legion, former member of USD 428 board of education and soil conservation board, all of Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Ronald Lee Koelsch of Great Bend and Richard Kent Koelsch of Lincoln, Neb.; one daughter, Sandra Sue Spencer of Phoenix, Ariz.; one brother, Emmett Koelsch of Longview, Wash.; two sisters, Mary Lou Weiser of Great Bend and Rose Carroll of Overland Park; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Maurice Koelsch. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Warren Stecklein officiating. The body was donated to the University of Kansas Medical Center for Myelofibrosis research. A private family inurnment will take place at a later date. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Central Kansas Medical Center Foundation or Heartland Cancer Center of Great Bend, both in care of the funeral home.

Gertrude Sarah Catherine Johnston 1907-2003

LYONS — Gertrude Sarah Catherine Johnston, 95, died May 30 at Buhler Sunshine Home in Buhler. She was born July 5, 1907, at rural Chase, the daughter of John and Sarah Catherine Quarterman Revel Lewis. She attended school in Chase and Lyons. She married Frank E. Shannon Oct. 26, 1930, at Hutchinson. He died Dec. 4, 1944. She married Roscoe C. Johnston Dec. 21, 1949, at Lyons. He died May 9, 1982. A lifetime Rice County resident, she was a homemaker and employed at the American Salt Company for 11 years. Survivors include two brothers, Wilbur B. Revel of Lincoln, Neb.; one sister, Sandra Sue Spencer of Phoenix, Ariz.; one brother, Emmett Koelsch of Longview, Wash.; two sisters, Mary Lou Weiser of Great Bend and Rose Carroll of Overland Park; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by six brothers, William Revel, Roscoe Revel, Clem Revel, Ansel Revel, Claude Revel and Alvin Revel; and one sister, Marcella Heter. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Lyons Municipal Cemetery in Lyons with the Rev. Gary Karas officiating. Friends may call from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to donor’s choice in care of the funeral home.

Albert Lee Ward 1940-2003

SYLVIA — Albert Lee Ward, 62, died May 29 at St. Francis Medical Center in Wichita. He was born Oct. 1, 1940, at Olustee, Okla., the son of Dempsey and Helen Cox Ward. He married Thelma Puch Oct. 1, 1974, at Sylvia. A resident of Sylvia since 1992, he was the manager of Farmer’s Co-op Grain and Supply of Ashland and a former physical education teacher and coach. Ward was a member of Ashland Masonic Lodge in Ashland. Survivors include his wife of the home; three daughters, Tracy Casey of Amarillo, Texas, Leslie Richardson of Sylvia and Lynda Anderson of Conway, Ark.; his mother of Altus, Okla.; two brothers, Ophus Ward of Bristow, Okla., and Calvin Ward of Maine; one sister, Barbara Sue Ishmael of Eldorado, Okla.; and four grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Burial will be at Sylvia Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Margaret Smith 1950-2003

May 30, 2003
BUSHTON — Margaret Smith, 53, died May 28 at her home in Bushston. She was born March 20, 1950, at Great Bend, the daughter of Robert W. and Anna Mae Mangus Sanders. She was a graduate of Great Bend High School. She married Allen Lee Smith June 13, 1970, at Great Bend. A resident of Bushton for eight years, coming from Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Allen W. Smith and Eric O. Smith, both of Ellinwood; one daughter, Lisa M. Smith Woods of Ellinwood; her mother of Bushton; three brothers, Robert L. Sanders and William Sanders, both of Great Bend, and Ralph Sanders of Bison; one sister, Gloria Towner of Paola; and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by an infant brother. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Charter Funeral Chapel in Great Bend. Cremation has taken place and inurnment will take place at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Margaret Smith Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 30, 2003

Harry A. Horner 1923-2003

GALVA — Harry A. Horner, 79, died May 28. He was born Dec. 7, 1923, at Ash Grove. He married Carolyn. A resident of Galva, he was an employee of Certainteed of McPherson. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Allen Horner of Marquette and Merwin Horner of McPherson; three daughters, Patsy Love of Germany, Tammy Lutts of Galva and Angela Skipworth of Canton; two brothers, Ralph Horner of Great Bend and Everett Horner of Indiana; one sister, Elsie Miller of Great Bend; and eight grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Marquette Cemetery with military rites by Lindsborg American Legion. Friends may call from 7 to 9 tonight at Olson's Funeral Home in Marquette. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 30, 2003

William T. ‘Bill’ Nelson 1922-2003

KERRVILLE, Texas — William T. “Bill” Nelson, 80, died May 28 at a local hospital. He was born Nov. 7, 1922, in Lewiston, N.Y., the son of Frank and Myrtle Young Nelson. He married Betty Banks. She preceded him in death. He married Wanda Harris Pence July 2, 1977, at Great Bend. A resident of Kerrville since 2001, coming from Great Bend, he was employed in the oil industry as a superintendent and worked for Blue Goose and Mustang Drilling, both of Great Bend. Nelson was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, both of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran, having served in World War II with tours in France and Germany. Survivors include his wife of the home; three daughters, Barbara Nelson of Fruita, Colo., Rebecca Hefner of Parma, Mich., and Janice Levernz of Accident, Md.; his mother of Burt, N.Y.; one brother, Frank Nelson Jr. of Gasport, N.Y.; one sister, Margaret Schmitt of Lockport, N.Y.; one step-son, Steve Pence of Crested Butte, Colo.; two step-daughters, Janet Phillips of Lawrence and Ellen Nixon of Basking Ridge, N.J.; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; six step-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren. Memorials are suggested to Sid Peterson Memorial Hospital Foundation or donor’s choice, all in care of Kerrville Funeral Home of Kerrville. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 30, 2003

Earl Wayne Barnes 1931-2003

LARNED — Earl Wayne Barnes, 72, died May 28 at Hutchinson Hospital. He was born May 11, 1931, at Longview, Texas, the son of Louise Smith Barnes. He married Marjorie Louise Bird Nov. 24, 1950, at Larned. A lifetime Pawnee County resident, he was former manager of Garfield Co-op. Barnes was a member and an elder of The Father’s House Church of Larned, and was a member of Garfield Lions Club. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Kim Alan Barnes of Larned; two daughters, Marsha Kaye Hinds of Salina and Cheryl Diann Lawrence of Great Bend; and six grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church, formerly New Covenant Church, with the Revs. Brett Hill and Tim Oglesby officiating. Burial will be at Garfield Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the church or Central Kansas Medical Center Cancer Research Center, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 30, 2003

Obed Vazquez Juarez 2003-2003

Obed Vazquez Juarez, 46 days old, of Great Bend, died May 28 in Children’s Mercy Hospital, Kansas City, Mo. He was born April 12, 2003 at Great Bend, the son of Samuel Juarez and Nohemi Vazquez. Survivors include his parents of the home; two brothers, Ever Juarez of Mexico and Aaron Juarez of Great Bend; one sister, Abigail Juarez of Great Bend; and grandparents, Pascual and Enedina Villa de Vazquez of Mexico. Prayer service will be at 7 tonight at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Iglesia De La Cosecha with the Rev. Hector Alonso Castro officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from noon until 9 today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Obed Vazquez Juarez expense fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 30, 2003

Margaret Heckele 1910-2003

ELLINWOOD — Margaret Heckele, 93, died May 29 at Ellinwood District Hospital. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 30, 2003

Retha Fern Dougherty 1921-2003

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Retha Fern Dougherty, 82, died May 26 in St. Louis. She was the daughter of Warren and Esther O’Brien of Ness City. She married Gerald Dougherty. He preceded her in death. A resident of St. Louis. coming from Midland, Texas.
Houston, Texas, and Great Bend, she was a production accountant for Union Texas Petroleum for 15 years, retiring in 1986. Survivors include two sons, Gerald M. Dougherty of Houston and Thomas W. Dougherty of Columbia, Mo.; two daughters, Diane O’Brien and Pat Dougherty, both of St. Louis; one sister, Lorraine Holmes of El Dorado; 10 grandchildren. Rosary will be at 7 tonight at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland. Funeral Mass will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at St. Stephen’s Catholic Church of Midland. Burial will be at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland. Memorials are suggested to the church building fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 30, 2003

Mervin L. Fisher 1915-2003

LARNED — Mervin L. Fisher, 88, died May 27 at Hospice of the Valley in Mesa, Ariz. She was born Jan. 4, 1915, at Atchison, the daughter of John Thomas and Margaret Elizabeth Kohn Flynn. She married Chester Lee Fisher Aug. 9, 1939, at Atchison. He died Aug. 13, 1998. A resident of Phoenix, Ariz., coming from Larned, she was a registered nurse at Larned State Hospital and a homemaker. Fisher was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and a charter member of Altar Society, both of Larned. Survivors include three sons, Dr. Robert Lee Fisher of Normal, Ill., John Emery Fisher of Aspen, Colo., and Thomas Wayne Fisher of Larned; one daughter, Patricia Ann DiSomma of Phoenix; one sister, Alice M. Smith of Topeka; 18 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, three sisters, and one grandson, Ken Armstrong. Parish vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Dennis Reed officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 8 p.m. Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Sacred Heart School, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 30, 2003

Joyce Colleen Plaugher 1957-2003

LARNED — Joyce Colleen Plaugher, 45, died May 23 at Kansas Heart Hospital in Wichita. She was born Nov. 21, 1957, at Cheyenne Wells, Colo., the daughter of Floyd and Arzola Houston. She married Michael C. Plaugher Sept. 25, 1999, at Custer Addition, W.Va. A resident of Pawnee Rock, coming from Larned, she was an accountant and nurses aide. Plaugher was a member of Second Baptist Church in Larned. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Daniel Moon Jr. and Clifford Moon; two step-sons, Jason Plaugher and Jeremy Plaugher; her parents; one brother, Mark Houston of Baltimore, Md.; and one sister, Dorla Houston of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with the Rev. McArthur Thomas officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society in care of the mortuary chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 29, 2003

Margerie M. Firkins Cram 1918-2003

SALINA — Margerie M. Firkins Cram, 85, died May 28 at Salina. Memorial service arrangements will be announced later by Ryan Mortuary of Salina. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune May 2003

Mervine L. Fisher 1915-2003

LARNED — Mervine L. Fisher, 88, died May 27 at Hospice of the Valley in Mesa, Ariz. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune May 29, 2003

Michelle Lynn Lumpkins 1975-2003

ABILENE — Michelle Lynn Lumpkins, 28, died May 24 at Abilene. She was born May 15, 1975, at Kansas City, the daughter of Albert and Jeanette Whitmer Schendel. A resident of Abilene, coming from Wilson, she was a cosmetologist at The Cedars in Abilene. Lumpkins was a member of Wilson United Methodist Church in Wilson. Survivors include one son, Gage Lumpkins of Abilene; and her parents of Wilson. She was preceded in death by one sister, Valerie. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Elaine Lord officiating. Burial will be at Wilson City Cemetery. Friends may call from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Sacred Heart School, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 28, 2003

May 27, 2003

John B. Hann 1911-2003

HANSTON — John B. Hann, 91, died May 25 at Hodgeman County Health Center in Jetmore. He was born June 4, 1911, at Hanston, the son of John C. and Mayme Hanlon Hann. He married Opal Salmans July 18, 1931, at Lyons. A lifetime resident of Hanston, he was a farmer. Hann was a member of First Baptist Church and Lions Club, both of Hanston. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Leolah Mae Webster of Tucson, Ariz., and Teryln Jon Shaw of Broomfield, Colo.; 17 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Duane “Sandy”
Hann; and one daughter, Patricia Ann Smith; and three brothers, Bill Hann, Shirley Hann and Merlin Hann. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. this morning at United Methodist Church in Hanston with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. Burial will be at Hanston Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Hospice of St. Catherine’s of Garden City or Hearts Ministries, both in care of Beckwith Funeral Home of Jetmore. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune May 27, 2003

Beverly J. Asher 1918-2003

STAFFORD — Beverly A. Asher, 84, died May 23 at Pratt Regional Medical Center. He was born Aug. 27, 1918, at Stafford, the son of Chester and Minnie Fortner Asher. He married Alma Ella Conwell June 22, 1940. A lifetime Stafford resident, he was a farmer. Asher was a member of the Township Board and Calvary Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Larry C. Asher of Kanthandum, Nepal, James C. Asher of Flower Mound, Texas, and Donald D. Asher of Ellinwood; one daughter, Barbara S. Hildebrand of Pratt; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, James Randall Asher; and two sisters, Doris McNickle and Madeline Sanford. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. David Vetter officiating. Burial will be at Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Memorials are suggested to the church or the United Mission to Nepal, both in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune May 27, 2003

Roy R. Smith 1913-2003

LARNED — Roy R. Smith, 90, died May 25 at St. Joseph Long Term Care in Larned. He was born March 31, 1913, at Pawnee Rock, the son of George and Susie Schultz Smith. He married Lenora Smith June 12, 1938, at Pawnee Rock. She died March 9, 2003. A lifetime Pawnee County resident, he was a farmer and taught woodworking at Larned State Hospital for 10 years. Smith was a member of Berghal Mennonite Church in Pawnee Rock. Survivors include one daughter, Betty Nicholson and her husband, Bill of Larned; two grandchildren, Tamara Beckwith and husband Kyle of Jetmore, and Kerry Nicholson and wife Kathy of Larned; one grandson-in-law, Ron Potter of Collinsville, Okla.; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Lamont Smith, Oliver Smith and Lester Smith; two sisters, Gladys Siebert and Ethel Polzin; and one granddaughter, Tanya Potter. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the church with the Revs. Todd and Lynn Schlosser officiating. Burial will be at Berghal Mennonite Church Cemetery in Pawnee Rock. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Wednesday, all at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune May 27, 2003 paid announcement

Mike Lumpkins 1974-2003

ABILENE — Mike Lumpkins, 28, died May 24 at Abilene. He was born Aug. 6, 1974, at Great Bend, the son of Loren and Ann Hannaberry Lumpkins. He was a graduate of Quivira Heights High School. A resident of Abilene since 1999, coming from Salina, he was a sales manager for Green Ford in Abilene. Survivors include one son, Kanyon Lumpkins of Abilene; two daughters, Kristen Lumpkins and Kandycce Lumpkins, both of Wichita; his father and stepfather, Ann and Jim Thompson of Holyrood; one brother, Tom Lumpkins of Wichita; one stepbrother, Kristopher Thompson with the U.S. Army in Iraq; one stepsister, Brooke Thompson of Ellsworth; two half-brothers, Dalton Lumpkins and Brady Lumpkins, both of Scott City; grandparents, Mildred Hannaberry of Holyrood, Delwin and Ramona Lumpkins of Liberty, Texas; and stepgrandparents, Lex and Florence Thompson of Russell. Funeral will be at 4 p.m. Thursday at St. Paul’s United Church of Christ in Holyrood, with the Rev. Mary Lou Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. Paul’s United Church of Christ cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Wednesday, from 8 a.m. until noon Thursday, both at Parson Funeral Home of Ellsworth, and from 3-4 p.m. Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Mike Lumpkins Athletic Scholarship Fund at Quivira Heights High School, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 27, 2003

Malcolm William McKibbin 1926-2003

DODGE CITY — Malcolm William McKibbin, 76, died May 25 at his residence in Dodge City. He was born Sept. 30, 1926, in Hodgeman County, the son of Malcolm John and Ida Mae Gasgill McKibbin. He married Joanne Lee Fagen Nov. 30, 1952, at Jetmore. A resident of Dodge City, he was a self-employed contractor. McKibbin was a member of First United Methodist Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Moose Lodge, all of Dodge City. He was a petty officer in the U.S. Navy Seabees, serving from 1943 until 1945. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Scot Ty McKibbin of Dodge City; two daughters, Kim Denise Gibbs of Dodge City and Shari Rae McKibbin of Greensburg; one sister, Maxine Salmons of Hanston; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Willard McKibbin, Ramond McKibbin and Franklin McKibbin; and three sisters, Veda Humphrey, Vera Shiew and Irene Newsome. Memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at United Methodist Church of Jetmore, with the Rev. Dick Robbins officiating. Inurnment will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until noon Wednesday, all at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to Hospice of the Prairie or Parkinsons Disease Foundation, both in care of funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 27, 2003

Richard Dean Tudor 1933-2003

HOLTON — Richard Dean Tudor, 70, died May 22 at Colmery-O’Neill V.A. Medical Center in Topeka. He was born April 21, 1933, on a farm east of Holton. the son of Walter E. and Carrie Todd Tudor. He was a 1951 graduate of Holton High School. He
married Donna Lee Mathewson Nov. 17, 1957, at Sabetha. A lifetime Holton area resident, he was a farmer and stockman and after retirement had a commercial lawn mowing business in Holton. Tudor was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Holton and a past member of Elk Valley Grange. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Jerry Tudor of Holton; two daughters, Linda Reschke of Great Bend and Lorraine Jensby of Beatrice, Neb.; one brother, Edward Tudor of Shreveport, La.; three sisters, Doris Shoff and Phyllis Zibell, both of Holton, and Helen Hunter of Topeka; and five grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church. Burial will be at Holton Cemetery. Friends may call from 7 - 8 p.m. Monday at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Memorials are suggested to the church or Jackson County Emergency Medical Service, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune May 24, 2003

Emelia E. Elsen 1909-2003

Emelia E. Elsen, 93, of Great Bend, died May 22, at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. She was born July 29, 1909, at St. Leo, the daughter of John and Elizabeth Geiger Schwartz. She married Nicholas Raymond “Nick” Elsen April 28, 1932, at Colwich. He died June 27, 1978. A resident of Great Bend since 1948, coming from Colwich, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Elsen was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church and St. Patrick Altar Society, both of Great Bend. Survivors include five sons, Nick Elsen and Jerome Elsen, both of Great Bend, Richard Elsen of Ellinwood, Ralph Elsen of Parsons and Stan Elsen of Timken; three daughters, Elvira Henning and Connie Watts, both of Great Bend, and Betty Staudinger of Beaver; 42 grandchildren; 71 great-grandchildren; and six step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Julitta Dyer; three brothers, William Schwartz, Charles Schwartz and Raymond Schwartz; four sisters, Frances Hauser, Minnie Bock, Ida Theis and Rose Theis; two grandchildren, Mike Elsen and Kevin Henning; and one great-grandchild, Joshua Gaunt. Altar Society rosary will be at 4 p.m. Monday followed by vigil service at 7 p.m., both at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Revs. Warren Stecklein and Angel Dy officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday and Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Emelia Elsen Memorial Fund in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune May 24, 2003

Marvin Dean Johnson 1947-2003

LARNED — Marvin Dean Johnson, 55, died May 21 at Methodist Hospital in San Antonio, Texas. He was born Oct. 9, 1947, at Nashville, the son of Carl August and Florence Evelyn Stillwell Johnson. A longtime resident of San Antonio, he was a truck driver for J.B. Hunt Trucking. Johnson was of the Christian faith and was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in the Vietnam War. Survivors include one son, Joe Johnson of Larned; one daughter, Kay Keller of Larned; two step-sons, Tony Chandler and Rocky Chandler, both of Wichita; mother of Pawnee Rock; three brothers, Frank Johnson of Wichita, John Johnson of Turpin, Okla., and Howard Johnson of Claffin; five sisters, Carla Nutting of Port Lavoca, Texas, Shalaa Woods of Larned, and Darla Belt, Maria Johnson and Monica Brackbill, all of Pawnee Rock; and 15 grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Burial will be at Garfield Cemetery. Friends may call from noon until 8 p.m. Sunday and Monday and from 9 a.m. until service time, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune May 24, 2003

May 23, 2003

Kenneth Samuel Rudeen 1929-2003

NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla. — Kenneth Samuel Rudeen, a four-decade veteran of Sports Illustrated magazine, died on May 21 in New Port Richey, Fla. He was 73. The cause was complications of cancer. Mr. Rudeen was born on Aug. 21, 1929, in Kansas City, Mo. His career in journalism began at age 14 when he went to work for The Kansas City Star and Times, folding papers for delivery. He became obituary editor and later the top general assignment reporter for the Times. He was the Star’s own correspondent while attending the University of Kansas, where he graduated in 1952. After serving in the Army during the Korean War, he joined the staff of Sports Illustrated in September 1954, three months after the magazine was founded. Starting out as a reporter, then writer, he became senior editor in charge of baseball, college football, hockey, motor racing and sailing. Noted for being an excellent headline writer, he posed Joe Namath in Times Square for the cover of the magazine, creating “Broadway Joe.” Mr. Rudeen was executive editor of Sports Illustrated when he retired in 1991. He wrote Men at Speed, The Swiftest and an enduring series of books for children about minority sports heroes: Wilt Chamberlain, Roberto Clemente, Jackie Robinson and Muhammed Ali. His interests were long-distance bicycling, ballroom dancing and bridge. He is survived by his wife, Anne of South Salem, N.Y., and New Port Richey; his sister, Joan Bleich of Kansas City; his daughter, Louisa Rudeen Beckett of Norwalk, Conn., editor in chief of Motor Boating magazine; and Gary Beckett and Kaitlyn Beckett. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society. Preferred Funeral Alternatives in Holiday, Fla., is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune May 23, 2003 paid announcement

David J. Clarke 1914-2003

ELLINWOOD — David J. Clarke, 88, died May 21 at Galichia Heart Hospital at Wichita. He was born June 26, 1914, in Stafford County, the son of Wade H. and Julia Clarke. He married V. Marie Corkins Sept. 20, 1941, at Rawlins, Wyo. A resident of Ellinwood since 1952, he was a truck driver, a welder and a mechanic. Clarke was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Holton since 1985. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Jerry Clarke of Hutchinson; two daughters, Marilyn Sherman of Lyons and Darlene Oglesbee of Palatka, Fla.; one brother, Fred Clarke of Moreno Valley, Calif.; one stepson, Jim Clarke of Ellinwood; seven grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Wade Clarke; and four sisters, Elma Clarke, Dora Delker, Molly Lovell and Ollie Pickernick. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Minnis Chapel in St. John with the Rev. Richard Foster officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 1 to 8 tonight at the chaoph.
with the family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. tonight. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association, both in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune May 23, 2003

Clarence V. Brack 1921-2003

HOISINGTON — Clarence V. Brack, 81, died May 22 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. He was born July 15, 1921, at Otis, the son of David E. and Mollie Schneider Brack. He married Charlotte Muzzal Curtis April 11, 1955, at Tucumcari, N.M. She died Dec. 23, 2002. A Hoisington resident since 1955, coming from Otis, he was a truckdriver and toolpusher in the oilfield and a self-employed welder. Brack was a member of United Methodist Church of Otis; Survivors include one daughter, Melissa Nech of Hoisington; one stepson, William A. Curtis of Valley Center; one sister, Helen Krug of Great Bend; and one step grandson. He was preceded in death by one brother, Ervin Brack. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Revs. Marilyn Christmore and Kathy Bannister officiating. Inurnment will take place at a later date at Methodist Cemetery in Otis. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington and from 10 a.m. until service time Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Otis Senior Center, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune May 23, 2003

Emelia E. Elsen 1909-2003

Emelia E. Elsen, 93, of Great Bend died May 22 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune May 23, 2003

May 22, 2003

Peter G. Smith 1916-2003

CONCORDIA — Peter G. Smith, 86, died May 20 at Mitchell County Hospital in Beloit. He was born June 20, 1916, at rural Concordia, the son of Benjamin and Nellie Peterson Smith. He married Margaret J. Fitch May 10, 1942, at Salina. He was a farmer in the Macyville area most of his life and was a millwright for Dressler Engineering. Smith was a member of St. John's Lodge 113 AF and AM, Leah Chapter O.E.S., First United Methodist Church and Kansas Explorers Club. He served on the Jamestown School Board, Jamestown Cemetery Board and was a Buffalo Township Tax Assessor. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, David Smith of Scottsville; one daughter, Susan Haver of Concordia; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother and one sister. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Chaput-Buoy Funeral Home in Concordia with the Rev. Tim Harlan officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Concordia at a later date. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, Concordia Animal Shelter and Teens for Christ, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune May 22, 2003

May 21, 2003

James ‘Ed’ Abel 1908-2003

JETMORE — James “Ed” Abel, 94, died May 19 at Manor of the Plains in Dodge City. He was born Dec. 1, 1908, at Lyndon, the son of Joseph and Maude Webb Abel. He married Mabel E. Beckley Aug. 9, 1931, at Hoisington. She died July 19, 1995. A resident of Dodge City, coming from Denver, Colo., and Hoisington, he worked for Gates Tire Company of Denver for 36 years. Abel was a member of the Christian Church. Survivors include two nieces, Rowena Wilson of Jetmore and Carol Hinote of Paola; and several great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one son, Dennis Abel; two brothers, Lloyd Abel and Clauda Abel; three sisters, Mae Sorem, Helen Giesick and Maxine Webb; and one nephew, Jim Sorem. The body was cremated and burial will take place at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Manor of the Plains in care of Beckwith Funeral Home of Jetmore. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune May 21, 2003

Milton J. Gruber 1921-2003

LINWOOD, N.J. — Milton J. Gruber, 81, died April 17 at Shore Memorial Hospital in Somers Point, N.J. He was born May 22, 1921, in Elkhart, Ind., the son of William G. and Nellie B. Westover Gruber. He received a bachelor's degree from St. John’s University. He was a self-employed certified public accountant. Gruber was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served from 1941 to 1948 as chief petty officer. He received the World War II Victory Medal, American Theater Medal, American Defense Medal with (A) European-African-Middle Eastern Theater (3) Star Medal and Good Conduct Medal. Survivors include two sons, Milton Gruber Jr. of Switzerland and John Gruber of Northfield, N.J.; two daughters, Jeannie Price of Galloway, N.J. and Linda Raub of Linwood; one brother, Art. C. Gruber of Norman, Okla.; three sisters, Louise Reed and Thelma Brack of Hoisington, and Lucille Hester of Valley Center; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Glenn W. Gruber and Eugene E. Gruber; one sister, Pauline and one grandson. Graveside services were held April 23 in New Jersey, Adams-Perfect Funeral Home, Inc., of Northfield, N.J. was in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune May 21, 2003

Rosemary Flakus 1914-2003

ELLINWOOD — Rosemary Flakus, 89, died May 19 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Feb. 8,
Ida Irene Crotinger 1919-2003

HOISINGTON — Ida Irene Crotinger, 83, died May 17 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. She was born Sept. 20, 1919, at Timken, the daughter of Jacob and Mollie Ickes Reifschneider. She married Lawrence E. Crotinger April 11, 1939, at Timken. He died July 26, 1999. A longtime resident of Barton County, coming from Wichita, she was executive secretary for Earl Wakefield Independent Oil Producers in Wichita until 1946, a bookkeeper for Home Lumber and Supply in Ellinwood, and a homemaker. Mrs. Crotinger was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Ellinwood. Survivors include one son, Stephen Flakus of Ellinwood; two daughters, Virginia Shults of Webster, N.Y., and Mary Ann Spangler of Scott City; one sister, Caroline Reichuber of Larned; and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Leo Hines. Altar Society Rosary will be at 4 p.m. today and vigil will be at 7 tonight, all at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. John Maes officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Commanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1 to 8 today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Central Kansas Medical Center Foundation in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 21, 2003

Loree Gayle Achenbach 1942-2003

LINWOOD — Loree Gayle Achenbach, 60, died May 18 at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn. She was born May 31, 1942, in Great Bend, the daughter of Donald and Vera Bressler. She graduated from Hoisington High School in 1959. She received a bachelor's degree in English, French and Russian from Emporia State University and a master's degree in Slavic area. She married Rick Achenbach of Kansas City, Mo., March 18, 1989. A resident of Linwood, she was retired from the Social Security Administration, a teacher of English at ESU and of Russian at the University of Kansas. Mrs. Achenbach was a pianist, a published author, a volunteer for the Agricultural Hall of Fame, a Sunday school teacher and a member of First Christian Church of Bonner Springs. Survivors include her husband of the home; one brother, Troy Bressler of Hoisington; and one sister, Ramona Becker of Wichita. Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Alden - Harrington Funeral Home in Bonner Springs. Friends may call from 6 to 8 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home or Edward Kroesch Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 480, Hoisington KS 67544. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 21, 2003

Thomas L. Schremmer 1948-2003

CLAFLIN — Thomas L. Schremmer, 54, died May 16 at his home in Claflin. He was born Oct. 29, 1948, at Great Bend, the son of Frank Jr. and Irene Driscoll Schremmer. He married Jane A. Hekele June 7, 1969, at Claflin. A resident of Claflin since 1972, he owned and operated Schremmers Plumbing, worked at S&H Lumber and was a custodian at the Claflin schools. Schremmer was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, past grand knight of Knights of Columbus Council No. 1500 and past commander and quarter master of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 8668, all of Claflin. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in the Vietnam War. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, James Schremmer of Columbia, Mo.; one daughter, Kristi Greene and her husband Jerome of Garden City; five brothers, Wayne Schremmer of Wichita, Marvin Schremmer of Great Bend, Leonard Schremmer of Aurora, Colo., Melvin Schremmer of Phillipsburg and Dick Schremmer of Derby; one sister, Dee Volpert of Great Bend; and three grandchildren, Aleasha Greene, Katelyn Greene and Emily Greene. He was preceded in death by an infant son and by a brother, Alvin Schremmer. Funeral was Monday at the church, with the Rev. John J. Maes officiating. Burial was at Claflin Cemetery in Claflin with full military rites by Fort Riley Honor Guard. Memorials are suggested to Claflin Knights of Columbus, Claflin VFW, Claflin USD 354 Education Foundation or Beaver Cemetery Tree Fund, all in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, May 20, 2003 (paid announcement)

Benjamin Nuss 1918-2003

OTIS — Benjamin Nuss, 84, died May 18 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born July 31, 1918, at Bazine, the son of Fred and Charlotte Meier Nuss. He married Janet Moore May 19, 1940, at Russell. She died May 1, 1996. A longtime resident of Otis, he was a former owner of the pool hall in Otis and a retired insurance agent for Lutheran Mutual and CUNA Insurance. Nuss was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Lions Club and former member of the city council, all of Otis; American Legion, Elks, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Fort Hays Shrine Club and past board member of Clara Barton Hospital. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Survivors include three sons, Larry Nuss of Great Bend, Scott Nuss of Otis and Steve Nuss of Plains; two brothers, Rudy Nuss of Jetmore and Herb Nuss of Wichita; a companion, Lorraine Krug of Russell; seven granddaughters; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Edwin Nuss, Solomon Nuss and Albert Nuss; and two sisters, Elma Kindsvater and Clara Nuss. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church, with Larry Frank officiating. Burial will be at Otis Methodist Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday at the church. The family will receive friends from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Otis Fire Department or Otis Ambulance Service, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, May 20, 2003

Ida Irene Crotinger 1919-2003
preceded in death by one son, Lawrence E. Crottinger Jr.; two sisters, Marie Reifschneider and Molly Bott; and one step-granddaughter, Rebecca Nicholson. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. today. Memorials are suggested to Cheyenne Meadows Living Center Activity Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, May 17, 2003

May 17, 2003

Thomas L. Schremmer 1948-2003

CLAFLIN - Thomas L. Schremmer, 54, died May 16 at his home in Claflin. He was born Oct. 29, 1948, at Great Bend, the son of Frank Schremmer Jr. and Irene Driscoll Schremmer. He married Jane A. Hekele June 7, 1969, at Claflin. A resident of Claflin since 1972, he owned and operated Schremmers Plumbing, worked at S&H Lumber and was a custodian at the Claflin Schools. Schremmer was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church; past grand knight of Knight of Columbus Council No. 1500 and past commander and quarter master of VFW Post No. 8668, all of Claflin. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in the Vietnam War. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, James Schremmer of Columbia, Mo.; one daughter, Kristi Greene and her husband Jerome of Garden City; five brothers, Wayne Schremmer of Wichita, Marvin Schremmer of Great Bend, Leonard Schremmer of Aurora, Colo., Melvin Schremmer of Phillipsburg and Dick Schremmer of Derby; one sister, Dee Volpert of Great Bend; and three grandchildren, Aleasha Greene, Katelyn Greene and Emily Greene. He was preceded in death by an infant son and by a brother, Alvin Schremmer. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. John J. Maes officiating. Vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday followed by a Knights of Columbus Rosary, both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Burial will be at Claflin Cemetery in Claflin with full military rites by the Fort Riley Honor Guard. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Claflin Knights of Columbus, Claflin VFW, Claflin USD 354 Education Foundation or Beaver Cemetery Tree Fund, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, May 17, 2003

Barbara E. Marple

BELLEVUE, Neb. — Barbara E. Marple, 49, died May 9. She was the daughter of Charles and Helen Roth. She was a resident of Bellevue. Survivors include her husband, Phil Marple of the home; two sons, Chris Marple and Brian Marple, both of Bellevue; her mother of Verona, N.D.; and two sisters, Nancy Christensen and Carol Smith. She was preceded in death by one sister, Mary Ann Jones. Funeral was held May 14 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bellevue. She was buried at Bellevue Cemetery. Bellevue Memorial Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, May 17, 2003.

Robert H. Wells 1931-2003

LEHIGH — Robert H. Wells, 71, died May 14 at Memorial Hospital in McPherson. He was born June 13, 1931, at Cherokee, Okla., the son of Howard and Molly Belle Finner Wells. He married Margaret Currier Dec. 24, 1950, at rural Grant County, Okla. A resident of Lehigh since 1997, coming from Lamont, Okla., he was a teacher, coach, principal and superintendent of schools at public schools in Kansas. Wells was a member of Hillsboro United Methodist Church, Logan Kansas Masonic Lodge and ISIS Shrine Circus of Salina. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Steve Wells of Springfield, Neb., Jim Wells of Great Bend and Jeff Wells of Chapman; two daughters, Lynn Hilgers of McPherson and Lori Feldkamp of Manhattan; one brother, Richard Wells of Clearwater; one sister, Mary Deardorff of Mulvane; 10 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and four step grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a grandson, Trevor Wells. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Laney Kuhn officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Monday at McPherson Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until service time Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of Glidden-Ediger Funeral Home in McPherson. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune May 16, 2003

Tom E. Ayres 1957-2003

PHOENIX, ARIZ. — Tom E. Ayres, 45, died May 7 at Phoenix, Ariz. He was born June 21, 1957, at Smith Center. He was a certified cosmetology instructor. Survivors include one son, Yancy Ayres of Overland Park; and two sisters, Kathy Hansen of McPherson and Lori Feldkamp of Manhattan; one brother, Richard Wells of Clearwater; one sister, Mary Deardorff of Mulvane; 10 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and four step grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a grandson, Trevor Wells. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at First Christian Church in Smith Center. Burial will be at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society in care of Simmons Mortuary of Smith Center. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune May 16, 2003

Leota Schulz 1913-2003

PALM DESERT, Calif. — Leota Schulz, 90, died May 8 at Palm Desert. She was born March 9, 1913, in Great Bend, the daughter of Park Hugh and Clairi Elsie Clark Noe. She married Stanley G. Schulz in 1930 at Great Bend. He preceded her in death. A resident of Palm Desert coming from Great Bend, she was a real estate broker for 20 years. Survivors include one son, Stan Schulz of Palm Desert; two dauhters. Connie DeWeese of Glendale, Ariz., and Rochelle of Corona: one brother. Lloyd Noe
of Loveland, Colo.; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Ramon Chapel, Palm Springs Mortuary, Cathedral City, Calif. Burial will be at Desert Memorial Park, Cathedral City. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 15, 2003

Otto O. Wirth 1920-2003

CLAFLIN — Otto O. Wirth, 82, died May 13 at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minn. He was born July 9, 1920, at Redwing, the son of Robert A. and Anna Beck Wirth. He was a 1938 graduate of Claflin High School. He married Dolores M. Ney Aug. 16, 1950, at Dubuque. She died May 14, 1998. A lifetime resident of the Claflin and Hoisington areas, he was a retired farmer, stockman and carpenter. Wirth was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Claflin and Knights of Columbus in Odin. Survivors include one son, Kevin Wirth of Claflin; one daughter, Julie Schuster of Rochester; one sister, Marion Schauf of Topeka; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Robert A. Wirth, Jr. Wake will be at 7 p.m. Friday, followed by K of C rosary, all at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. John J. Maes officiating. Burial will be at Claflin Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Claflin Ambulance Service in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 15, 2003

Otto O. Wirth 1920-2003

Hulda Algrim Kruse 1916-2003

Hulda Algrim Kruse, 86, of Great Bend died May 14 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation. She was born Nov. 2, 1916, at Stafford, the daughter of Louis and Dena Burhenn Hildebrand. She married Ivan Algrim Dec. 19, 1939, at Stafford. He died March 2, 1971. She married Henry "Kenneth" Kruse on June 30, 1972, at Great Bend. He died Oct. 19, 2002. A resident of Great Bend since 1972, coming from Stafford, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Kruse was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene of Great Bend and Ye Olde Tyme Club of Stafford. Survivors include two sons, Algren Algrim of Nickerson and Tracy Algrim of Wichita; one daughter, Susan Krampe of Great Bend, two step-daughters, Shirley Frantz of Bethany, Okla. and Marilyn Goodhue of Carlisle, Iowa; one sister, Minnie Haney of Sterling; 20 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the church with Rev. Mark Pennington officiating. Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call from 3 p.m. to 7 tonight at Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice or the church, both in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 15, 2003

Hulda Algrim Kruse 1916-2003

Jessie James Bittner 1979-2003

Jessie James Bittner, 23, of Great Bend, died May 9 at his home. He was born Oct. 6, 1979, at Great Bend, the son of Armando Cano and Pam Gaines. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he was a laborer for Rolling Thunder Gas Gathering in Pawnee Rock. Bittner was a member of Seventh Day Adventists. Survivors include three brothers, Diego Cano and Harold Winters, both of Great Bend, and Robert Rodriguez of Ellinwood; two sisters, Lacey Bittner Poston of Great Bend and Alicia Cano of Wichita; his mother of Wichita; his father of Great Bend; grandparents, Darrell and Nedine Bittner of Pawnee Rock and Guadalupe Cano of Montes, Mexico. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Jan Follett officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the family, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 14, 2003

Jessie James Bittner 1979-2003

Jessie Violet Bartlett 1920-2003

ST. JOHN — Jessie Violet Bartlett, 83, died May 11 at Kansas Masonic Home in Wichita. She was born Jan. 31, 1920, at St. John, the daughter of Robert Thomas and Lovina Bell Hathaway. She married Val Gene Bartlett Feb. 14, 1944, at Stafford. He preceded her in death. A lifetime resident of St. John, she was head housekeeper at St. John District Hospital from 1963-1982. Mrs. Bartlett was a member of Baptist Church of St. John. Survivors include three sons, David G. Bartlett Sr. of Hutchinson, Robert D. Bartlett Sr. and William P. Bartlett, both of Wichita; two daughters, Patricia A. Dunnegan and Diana Kay Barton, both of Wichita; one brother, David Hathaway of Hutchinson; and two sisters, Rosa Lee Ford of Kimsey and Dolly Bell Hilyard of Las Vegas, Nev.; 17 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Lillie Mae Mills and Nora June Watkins. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Minnis Chapel in St. John, with the Rev. Dennis Cochran officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 1-8 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Parkinson’s Disease Research or Kansas Masonic Home, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 14, 2003

Jessie Violet Bartlett 1920-2003

Ralph J. Vonfeldt Jr. 1955-2003

WEATHERFORD, Okla. — Ralph J. Vonfeldt Jr., 47, died May 9 at his residence in Weatherford. He was born Nov. 14, 1955, at Great Bend, the son of Ralph J. Sr. and Leona M. Sander Vonfeldt. A resident of Weatherford for six months, coming from Hawaii and Great Bend, he was a former employee of Ralph’s Rig Service before starting Jr.’s Rig Service of Great Bend. He was also employed by Resources International at Kawaihae, Hawaii, for three years. Vonfeldt was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church of Great Bend. Survivors include one son. Brandon Vonfeldt of Edmond. Okla.; one daughter, Megan Vonfeldt of Edmond:
Ernest Warren Lindberg 1918-2003

Ernest Warren Lindberg, 84, of Great Bend, died May 10 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Dec. 11, 1918, at Marquette, the son of Nels and Amelia Clark Lindberg. He married Lucile Rose Weathers Jan. 21, 1944, in Great Bend. She died Dec. 15, 2001. A resident of Larned since 1962, recently moving to Lawrence, she was a beautician and retired clerk in Pawnee County Treasurer’s Office. Mrs. Long was a member of First Christian Church, Christian Women Fellowship, church choir, Christian Church Thrift Shop volunteer, all of Larned, and a former member of Sweet Adeline’s of Great Bend. Survivors include three sons, James A. Long of Larned, Steven C. Long of Denver, Colo., and David M. Long of Wichita; two daughters, Julie Ann Matchett of Lawrence and Nancy Jean Eckert of Butte, Mont.; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the church, with the Revs. Dan Lundgren and Eric Buller officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorial arrangements are suggested to the churches in McPherson and Great Bend, or American Heart Association, all in care of the funeral home.

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World War II in Company B, 35th Division for five years. He was wounded at St. Lo, France, and received the Purple Heart. Survivors include two sons, Howard Lindberg and wife Karen of Great Bend, and Jerry Lindberg of Pittsburg; one daughter, Nancy Lindberg of Topeka; one sister, Jeanne Thelander of Salina; five grandchildren, Aron Lindberg of Great Bend, Shawna Walker of Pratt, Amy Payne of Manhattan, Seth Lindberg of Andover and Adam Lindberg of McPherson; two stepgrandchildren, Greg Lindholm of McPherson and Doug Lindholm of Boulder, Colo.; and 11 great-grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Central Baptist Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. Dr. Gordon E. Rhodes officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery with full military graveside honors. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 9 tonight and from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, and from noon until service time Wednesday at the church. Family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend Tribune May 13, 2003 paid announcement

Jodi Lynn Clone 1971-2003

PONCA CITY, Okla. — Jodi Lynn Clone, 31, died May 8 at Via Christi Oklahoma Regional Medical Center. She was born June 23, 1971, at Ponca City, the daughter of Richard and Barbara James Colvin. She attended Ponca City High School and the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Ark. She married Kevin S. Clone Jan. 1, 2001, at Ponca City. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Sam Colvin and Jackey Matthews, both of Ponca City; three stepsons, Kenneth Clone, Kyle Clone and Kristopher Clone, all of Great Bend; her mother and stepfather, Barbara and Harold Graves of Ponca City; one brother, Chris Brittain of Rogers, Ark.; one sister, Robin Clary of Overland Park; and her grandfather, Wilber James Sr. of Ponca City. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. today in the chapel of Trout Funeral Home in Ponca City with the Rev. Toby Blackstar officiating. Memorials are suggested in her name to Victory Junction Gang Camp, 311 Branson Mill Rd., Randileman, NC 27317.

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Mary Frances Staab 1929-2003

SALINA — Mary Frances Staab, 73, died April 19. She was born Aug. 10, 1929, at Salina. She married Christopher Pinkenburg. He died in 1986. She married Robert J. Staab. A resident of Salina, she was a home economics teacher for more than 20 years and taught at Assaria High School. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Sam Colvin and Jackey Matthews, both of Ponca City; three stepsons, Kenneth Clone, Kyle Clone and Kristopher Clone, all of Great Bend; one brother, Chris Brittain of Rogers, Ark.; one sister, Robin Clary of Overland Park; her mother, Barbara Graves of Ponca City; step-father, Harold Graves of Ponca City; and grandfather, Wilber James Sr. of Ponca City. She was preceded in death by Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. today at in the chapel of Trout Funeral Home in Ponca City with the Rev. Toby Blackstar officiating. Memorials are suggested in her name to Victory Junction Gang Camp, 311 Branson Mill Rd, Randleman, NC 27317.

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Blaine N. Bidwell 1916-2003

LAWRENCE — Blaine N. Bidwell, 86, died May 10 at Pioneer Ridge Retirement Community in Lawrence. He was born May 18, 1916, at Rosalia, the son of Charles F. and Iva Bell Nelson Bidwell. He was a graduate of Butler County Community College. He married Hazel Kirkman in 1940 in El Dorado. She died in 1983. He married Nellie Hale in March 1991 in Mission. A resident of Lawrence, he was a plumber for Norris Brothers in Lawrence. Bidwell was a member of Plumbers Union for 50 years, Masonic Lodge and Plymouth Congregational Church of Lawrence. He was active in AARP, Autumn Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars and was a volunteer at Lawrence Memorial Hospital. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; and two brothers, Bill Bidwell of Great Bend and Ed Bidwell of El Dorado. He was preceded in death by three sisters. Memorial service will be at 1 this afternoon at Warren- McElwain Mortuary in Lawrence. Private inurnment will be held at a later date. The family will greet friends following the service. Memorials are suggested to donor’s choice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune May 10, 2003

Deborah E. Taylor 1910-2003

JETMORE — Deborah E. Taylor, 92, died May 7 at Huntington Park Nursing Home in Papillion, Neb. She was born Oct. 4, 1910, at Rozel, the daughter of Louis A. and Margaret I. Burns Blattner. She married Rawleigh F. “Puck” Taylor June 26, 1935, at Jetmore. He died April 25, 1975. A resident of Bellevue, Neb. since 1992, coming from Jetmore, she was a country school teacher and a homemaker. Mrs. Taylor was a member of United Presbyterian Church and Eastern Star, both of Jetmore. Survivors include one son. Michael Taylor of Goodland: two daughters. Janice Mauk of Bellevue and Martha Burr of Rockford.
Francisco ‘Frank’ M. Perez 1942-2003

LARNED — Francisco “Frank” M. Perez, 61, died May 7 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. He was born March 9, 1942, at Kinsley, the son of Clemente R. and Lucia Mariche Perez. He married Vicki Scheck Nov. 21, 1969, at Larned. A resident of Larned since 1960, coming from Kinsley, he was a retired equipment operator for Kansas State Highway Department. Perez was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus and Fort Larned Sam’s Club, all of Larned. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Allen Perez of Larned and Alvin Perez of Belleville; three daughters, Alicia Puleo of Stockton, Adria Unruh of Great Bend and Amanda Clark of Larned; seven brothers, Guadalupe “Lupe” Perez, John Perez, Manuel Perez, Raymond Perez, Terry Perez and Anthony Perez, all of Larned, and Felix M. Perez of Hutchinson; two sisters, Eleanor Sanders and Linda Garcia, both of Larned; and 14 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Pete Perez and Felix Perez; and two sisters, Trina Ruiz and Jane Bronson. Parish vigil service will be at 7 tonight at the church. 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 9 a.m. until 6 tonight at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to Sacred Heart School or Dominican Sisters Missions, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune May 9, 2003

Amanda Lea Dashiel 1918-2003

MACKSVILLE — Amanda Lea Dashiel, 84, died April 26 at Circle B. Ranch Nursing Home in Wilcox, Ariz. She was born Sept. 23, 1918, at Macksville. She attended Macksville schools. A resident of Wilcox, coming from Macksville, she was a homemaker. Survivors include one brother, Jerry Richard of Encinitas, Calif. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Farmington Cemetery in Macksville with Gary Seibert officiating. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Macksville Christian Church, in care of Minnis Chapel of Macksville. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune May 9, 2003

Tyler Lane Haxton 1982-2003

KINSLEY — Tyler Lane Haxton, 20, died May 7 at his home in Kinsley. He was born July 3, 1982, in Kinsley, the son of Rodney Haxton and Marsha Haxton Bagby. He attended Kinsley public schools from kindergarten through the seventh grade and Kansas State School for the Blind in Kansas City from seventh to 12th grade. A lifetime resident of Kinsley, he was an employee of Arrowhead West. Haxton was a member of United Methodist Church in Kinsley and was KSSB Outstanding Athlete of the Year and prom king in 1999 and 2000. Survivors include his father of Scott City; his mother and stepfather, Marsha and Tim Bagby of Kinsley; one brother, Ryan of the home; one stepsister, Susan Bagby of Weatherford, Okla.; one half-sister, Georgia Ballard of Inman; grandparents, Don and Boots Haxton of Bella Vista, Ark., and Wayne and Ila Rose; and stepgrandparents, Fran Bagby and Don Fredelake of Kinsley. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. David Bell officiating. There will be a private family burial. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. today at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. The casket will be closed. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Arrowhead West, Make a Wish of Kansas or Southwind Hospice, all in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune May 9, 2003

Alberta Arlene Keil 1916-2003

Alberta Arlene Keil, 86, of Great Bend, died May 8 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born Nov. 21, 1916, at Plainville, the daughter of Albert E. and Zada Wilson Buchheister. She married Alvin Archibald Keil Nov. 5, 1939, at Smith Center. He died March 2, 2003. A resident of Great Bend for 50 years, coming from Otis, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Keil was a member of St. Mark’s Lutheran Church of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Albert Keil of Pittsburg; two daughters, Cheryl Wesley of Great Bend and Jolene Morgan of Valdez, Alaska; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, G.A. Bud Buchheister; and four sisters, Erma Sitton, LaVera Toelkes, Nona Dutt and Ina Hockett. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Shannon Vogelezang officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Cemetery north of Great Bend. Friends may call from 4 to 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 tonight. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune May 9, 2003

May 8, 2003

Herbert L. ‘Herb’ Leiker 1931-2003

HAYS — Herbert L. “Herb” Leiker, 71, died May 6 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born Oct. 29, 1931, at Hays, the son of Leo A. and Angela Klaus Leiker. He was a 1949 graduate of St. Joseph Military Academy. He married Bernetha “Bea” Boos June 3, 1952. A resident of Hays since 1999, coming from Hill City, he was an oilfield worker and truck driver. Leiker was a member of St. Nicholas of Myra Catholic church and Knights of Columbus Council 10044 of St. Nicholas
Catholic Church, both of Hays, and former member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church of Hill City. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Michael J. Leiker of Omaha, Neb., Timothy Leiker of Elkhart and Steven Leiker of Hays; two daughters, Sue Ellen Trimbil of Garden City and Barbara Jean Mendoza of Winfield; five brothers, Erwin Leiker and LaVern Leiker, both of Great Bend, Reinhold Leiker and Art Leiker, both of Hays, and Kenneth Leiker of Council Grove; two sisters, Erma Dinges of Schoenchen and Norine Leiker of Victoria; and 12 grandchildren. A parish vigil service will be at 6 tonight and a Knights of Columbus rosary at 6:30 tonight, both at Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home of Hays. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Nicholas of Myra Catholic church of Hays. Burial will be at St. Francis Cemetery in Munjor. Friends may call from 5-8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. Friday, all at the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 6, 2003

May 7, 2003

Loretta Suzanne Doubrava 1916-2003

WILSON — Loretta Suzanne Doubrava, 86, died May 4 at Wilson Nursing Center. She was born Nov. 21, 1916, at Dorrance, the daughter of Joseph H. and Mary Thielen Hirt. She married Victor Doubrava in 1940 at Russell. He died March 11, 2000. A lifetime resident of the Wilson and Dorrance area, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Doubrava was a member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church of Dorrance. Survivors include one sister, Isabelle Fritschen of Wilson. Funeral will be 11 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Jerome Morgan officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph’s Cemetery. Friends may call from 8 this morning to 8 tonight at Foster Mortuary of Wilson. Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph’s Cemetery Fund in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 7, 2003

Ada Irene Newcomer Barker 1908-2003

STAFFORD — Ada Irene Newcomer Barker, 94, died May 5 at Leisure Homestead in Stafford. She was born July 24, 1908, in Russell County, the daughter of Calvin Levi and Alice Arabella Shenk Newcomer. She married Kenneth T. Barker June 6, 1937, at Russell. He died Feb. 13, 1922. A resident of Stafford for 34 years, coming from Gove County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Barker attended United Brethren Church and United Methodist Church. Survivors include two sons, Donald Levi Barker of Garden City and Norval Kenneth Barker of Phoenix, Ariz.; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by 13 brothers and sisters. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford with the Rev. Kasey Crosby officiating. Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery in Hutchinson. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to Leisure Homestead or United Methodist Women, both in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 7, 2003

Ernest J. Kaiser 1921-2003

HOISINGTON — Ernest J. Kaiser, 81, died May 4 at Bob Dole Veteran Hospital in Wichita. He was born Nov. 12, 1921, at Herington, the son of Fred J. and Mina Josephine Earhart Kaiser. He married Mary C. Gerritzen Feb. 11, 1956, at Hoisington. A resident of Hoisington since 1942, coming from Sarcoxie, Mo., he was a retired maintenance employee for the City of Hoisington. Kaiser was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Fourth Knights of Columbus Council 1521 and American Legion Post 286, all of Hoisington. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Rose Mary Sanders of Wichita and Patricia Droste of Great Bend; and one sister, Florence Long of Sarcoxie. He was preceded in death by one brother, Frederick G. Kaiser and one sister, Sister Mary Emma. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday followed by Knights of Columbus Rosary, both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery in Hoisington with military graveside rites by Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 7428 and American Legion Post 286. Friends may call from 1 to 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. John Cemetery fund in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 7, 2003

May 6, 2003

Hannelore “Ann” Schrader 1934-2003

ELLINWOOD — Hannelore “Ann” Schrader, 68, died May 4 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born Aug. 29, 1934, at Bremerhaven, Germany, the daughter of Karl Hermann and Swantje Gesine Martens Boisseau. She married Mervin Schrader Nov. 26, 1954, at Frankfurt, Germany. A resident of Ellinwood for approximately 50 years, coming from Germany, she was a secretary for Electronics Center of Ellinwood, clerk for H&H IGA, employed by Turner & Boisseau Attorneys of Great Bend, and a homemaker. Mrs. Schrader was a member of Immanuel United Church of Christ, past president of Church Council and Women’s Fellowship, all of Ellinwood, and a Salvation Army volunteer. Survivors include her husband of the home; one daughter, Karen Schrader of Ellinwood; three brothers, Hermann Henrici of Aichtal, Germany, Horst Henrici of Barnhausen, Germany, and Manfred Henrici of Hutchinson; three sisters, Renate Ibsher of Hartford, Conn., Gesine Joost of Nordholz, Germany, and Rosemarie Rein of Larned. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. John Krueger officiating. Friends may call from 5-8 today and 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday at Kimple Funeral Home of Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to Great Bend Humane Society or Salvation Army, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 6, 2003

Rose Tammen 1906-2003
LARNED — Rose Tammen, 96, died May 3 at Larned Health Care Center. She was born July 3, 1906, in Rush County, the daughter of August P. and Hannah M. Rankin Petersen. She married Fred W. Tammen Feb. 19, 1930, at Peace Lutheran Church in Albert. He died Sept. 19, 1970. A Larned resident since 1991, coming from Albert, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Tammen was a member of Peace Lutheran Church and a charter member of Peace Lutheran Ladies Aid, all of Albert. Survivors include two daughters, Donna Nolde of Larned and Jean Fulton of Midland, Texas; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Fred Petersen; and one sister, Hilda Peterson. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Revs. Jack Russell and Ethan Feistner officiating. Burial will be at Peace Lutheran Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 8 tonight at Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 tonight at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church general fund or Oaks Indian Center, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 6, 2003

Alvin D. Willems 1936-2003

BLUE HILL, Neb. — Alvin D. Willems, 67, died May 2 at Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital in Hastings, Neb. He was born April 20, 1936, near Gilead, Neb. in Thayer County, the son of John and Ida Hinrichs Willems. He was a 1953 graduate of Blue Hill High School, a 1963 graduate of Kearney State Teachers College, with a bachelor of arts degree in education. He married Mildred J. Huse Aug. 11, 1957, in Blue Hill. A resident of Blue Hill since 1949, he retired in 1998 after 45 years of teaching. Willems was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Blue Hill where he had taught Sunday School, was church organist, choir director and congregational secretary. He was a former member of Webster & Gosper Co. Teacher’s Association, NEA and NSEA, was president of Blue Hill Public Library Board, and a member of the Hastings area retired teachers. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Kevin Willems of Ayr, Neb.; one daughter, Kerri Lynne Brown of Hoisington; three brothers, Russell Willems of Blue Hill, Glenn Willems of Brighton, Colo., and Orville Willems of Davis, S.D.; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Eldon Willems. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. James Witt officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church building fund, in care of Merten-Butler Mortuary of Blue Hill. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 6, 2003

Naomi M. Kingsley 1915-2003

TOPEKA — Naomi Martha Kingsley, 87, died May 2 at a Topeka care facility. She was born May 12, 1915, at Cummings, the daughter of James William and Virginia “Ginnie” Frances McDowell Guinn. She married John T. Shrimplin and later divorced. She married Ernest Francis Kingsley Sept. 4, 1942, at Reno, Nev. He died May 31, 1974. A resident of Topeka for 20 years, coming from Oskaloosa and Lawrence, she worked as a sales clerk at P.N. Hirsch Clothing Store and a cafeteria worker at Highland Park High School, both of Topeka. Survivors include two sons, Harold Richard Shrimplin and Nancy Othick of Lawrence; 19 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five brothers and seven sisters. Graveside service will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Lakin-Commanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood, with the Rev. George Pejakovich officiating. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. Sunday and from 9 a.m. until noon Monday, both at Bryant Funeral Home in Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to Heart of America Hospice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 6, 2003

Ernest J. Kaiser 1921 - 2003

HOISINGTON — Ernest J. Kaiser, 81, died May 4 at Bob Dole Veterans Hospital in Wichita. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 6, 2003

May 3, 2003

Rose Tammen 2003

LARNED — Rose Tammen, 96, died May 3 at Larned Health Care Center. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary, Inc. in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 3, 2003

Dorothy S. Barnes 1915-2003

Dorothy S. Barnes, 87, of Great Bend, died May 1 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. She was born June 9, 1915, at Great Bend, the daughter of Frank and Edna Miller Case. She married William Dorsey Barnes Oct. 12, 1946, at Hutchinson. He died March 7, 1998. A resident of Great Bend since 1998, coming from Glasco, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Barnes was of the Methodist faith. Survivors include nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Harley Case and LaVern Case. Graveside service will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Lakin-Commanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood, with the Rev. Mary Oehmeier officiating. Memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, 2003, at Second Baptist Church of Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Barton County Relay for Life, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 3, 2003

Kathryn Elizabeth Stevens Hunt 1921-2003
May 2, 2003

Lester R. Spong 1907-2003

THORNTON, Colo. — Lester R. Spong, 95, formerly of Great Bend and Wichita, passed away on April 28 at Alpine Living Center in Thornton, Colo. He was born Sept. 2, 1907, in Fredonia, the son of the late M.T. and Olga Spong. He graduated from Fredonia High School and Ottawa University and received his master’s degree from the University of Kansas in Lawrence. He was married to Gladys Carlson on Aug. 14, 1936, at the Carlson farm near Buffalo. Spong taught high school chemistry and physics for 42 years. He began his teaching career in Edna, Oketa and Richmond, but most of his career was at Great Bend High School where he retired in 1973. In 1969 he was named Master Teacher by the Great Bend High School. He also worked as Camp Superintendent at Camp Christy near Scott City, for six summer camping seasons. Spong was a member of Central Baptist Church in Great Bend and later of the First Baptist Church in Wichita. He served in the following organizations: director of Ottawa University Alumni Board; treasurer and president of Great Bend Association of Churches; board member of Brit Spaugh Zoological Society; member of AARP, Barton County Historical Society, Stamp Club, Great Bend Education Association, Kansas State Teachers Association and National Education Association. In 1990 the Spongs moved to Pacific Homestead in Wichita. He lived there until 2001 when he moved to Thornton, Colo., to be near his son. Survivors include his daughter, Carolyn McPherson of Ithaca, N.Y.; his son, Richard and Pris Spong of Westminster, Colo.; his sister, Margaret Bailey of Overland Park; his grandchildren, Scott and Melody McPherson of Franklin, Tenn., Cheryl and Trent Hampton of Englewood, Colo., Kay and Johnny Lozano of Seattle, Wash., and Andrea and Richard Kely of Athens, Ga.; his great-grandsons, Zachary McPherson, Griffith and Drake Hampton, Joshua and Nolan North; nephews, nieces, sisters-in-law and cousins. He was preceded in death by his wife, Gladys Spong; and his brother, Clarence Spong. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Colfax Baptist Church nearChanute with the Rev. Bill Shook of Wichita officiating. Burial will be at Coffax Cemetery. Gibson-Koch-Friskel Chapel of Chanute is in charge of arrangements. Kindly omit the flowers and consider a memorial gift to Central Baptist Church, Harrison and Lakin Street, Great Bend, KS 67530; Prairie Homestead, 1605 May Ave., Wichita, KS 67213; or Ottawa University, 1001 S. Cedar, Ottawa, KS 66067-3399.

Dorothy S. Barnes 1915-2003

Dorothy S. Barnes, 87, died May 1, at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 1, 2003 paid announcement

May 1, 2003

Dee Rochelle Van Natta 1960-2003

Dee Rochelle Van Natta, 42, of Great Bend, died April 28 at her residence. She was born Oct. 31, 1960, at Hutchinson, the daughter of Jack Darwin and Ethel Francis Fassauer Van Natta. She was a resident of Great Bend since 1990. Survivors include her companion, David Adams of Great Bend; two brothers, Leslie Richard Van Natta of Denver, Colo., and Roger Van Natta of Golden, Colo.; and one sister, Rita Cain of Wells, Maine. She was preceded in death by one brother, Ray Darwin Van Natta. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. May 7 at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Inurnment will be at 2 p.m. May 7 at Fairlawn Burial Park and Mausoleum in Hutchinson. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Dee Rochelle Van Natta Expense Fund or Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune May 1, 2003

E.M. ‘Annie’ Pickle

E.M. ‘Annie’ Pickle, of Great Bend, died April 30 at Hutchinson Hospital. Born at Waverly, Ill., she was the daughter of Ollie and Henry Rowland. She attended Waverly schools. She married William “Bill” Pickle in 1961 at Camp Forsyth Chapel. A resident of Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Pickle was a member of Kansas Women’s Bowling Association. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Thomas William Pickle of Great Bend; one daughter, Pam Pennington of Goodland; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Bill Rowland and Carl Rowland; and one grandchild. Jody Charles. The body was cremated. A private familial inurnment at Golden Belt Cemetery in Great Bend is
planned at a later date, with the Rev. Dick Ogle officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Charter Funerals in Great Bend, with family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Barton County Relay for Life, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune May 1, 2003

Lester R. Spong 1907-2003

THORNTON, Colo., — Lester R. Spong, 95, formerly of Great Bend and Wichita, passed away on April 28 at Alpine Living Center in Thornton, Colo. He was born Sept. 2, 1907, in Fredonia, the son of the late M.T. and Olga Spong. He graduated from Fredonia High School and Ottawa University and received his master's degree from the University of Kansas in Lawrence. He was married to Gladys Carlson on Aug. 14, 1936, at the Carlson farm near Buffalo. Spong taught high school chemistry and physics for 42 years. He began his teaching career in Edna, Oketa and Richmond, but most of his career was at Great Bend High School where he retired in 1973. In 1969 he was named Master Teacher by the Great Bend High School. He also worked as Camp Superintendent at Camp Christy near Ft. Scott, for six summer camping seasons. Spong was a member of Central Baptist Church in Great Bend and later of the First Baptist Church in Wichita. He served in the following organizations: director of Ottawa University Alumni Board; treasurer and president of Great Bend Association of Churches; board member of Brit Spaugh Zoological Society; member of AARP, Barton County Historical Society, Stamp Club, Great Bend Education Association, Kansas State Teachers Association and National Education Association. In 1990 the Spongs moved to Pacific Homestead in Wichita. He lived there until 2001 when he moved to Thornton, Colo., to be near his son. Survivors include his daughter, Carolyn McPerson of Ithace, N.Y.; his son, Richard and Pris Spong of Westminster, Colo.; his sister, Margaret Bailey of Overland Park; his grandchildren, Scott and Melody McPerson of Franklin, Tenn., Cheryl and Trent Hampton of Englewood, Colo., Kay and Johnny Lozano of Seattle, Wash., and Andrea and Richard Kely of Athens, Ga.; his great-grandsons, Zachary McPerson, Griffith and Drake Hampton, Joshua and Nolan North; nephews, nieces, sisters- and brothers-in-law and cousins. He was preceded in death by his wife, Gladys Spong; and his brother, Clarence Spong. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Colfax Baptist Church near Chanute with the Rev. Bill Shook of Wichita officiating. Burial will be at Colfax Cemetery. Gibson- Koch-Friskel Chapel of Chanute is in charge of arrangements. Kindly omit the flowers and consider a memorial gift to Central Baptist Church, Harrison and Lincoln Street, Great Bend, KS 67530; Prairie Homestead, 1605 May Ave., Wichita, KS 67213; or Ottawa University, 1001 S. Cedar, Ottawa, KS 66067- 3399. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune May 1, 2003 paid announcement

Henrietta M. Farmer 1935-2003

HOISINGTON —Henrietta M. Farmer, 67, died April 29 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born Nov. 24, 1935, at Schoenchen, the daughter of John A. and Rosella A. Wasinger Tauscher. She married Herman R. Farmer April 4, 1955, at Compton, Ark. A lifetime resident of Hoisington, she was a CNA for 25 years at Hoisington Nursing Home. Mrs. Farmer was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Altar Society and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, all of Hoisington. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Richard S. Farmer of Chouteau, Okla.; three daughters, Elizabeth J. Boyd of Salina, Kathryn M. Scott of Hoisington and Gloria S. Loomer of Sidney, Mont.; five brothers, Eldon Tauscher of Larned, Emie Tauscher and Kenny Tauscher, both of Arkansas City, Harold Tauscher of Chicago, Ill., and Ronnie Tauscher of Hoisington; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, four brothers, two sisters, and one daughter. Daniel Farmer; two brothers, Lee Tauscher and Gerald Tauscher; and one sister, Bernice Riedel. Vigil will be at 7 tonight followed by Altar Society rosary, both at Nicholson- Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at St. John Church Cemetery in Hoisington. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or American Diabetes Association, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune May 1, 2003
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June 28, 2003

Clara May Yourdon 1912-2003

LARNED ‹ Clara May Yourdon, 91, died June 26 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. She was born June 3, 1912, at Kiowa County, the daughter of Samuel G. and Mertle Schooley Kelly. She married Lloyd Oliver Yourdon Aug. 16, 1933, at Dodge City. He died July 15, 1981. A lifetime Larned resident, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Yourdon was a member of First Christian Church in Larned. Survivors include one son, Fred Yourdon of Reno, Nev.; two daughters, Barbara Beth of Larned and Donna Kopek of Bolingbrook, III.; 10 grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one sister, Marie Swisher; three brothers, Dale Kelly, Neal Kelly and Earl Kelly; one grandson; and one great-grandson. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Larned Cemetery with the Rev. Dan Lundgren presiding. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 28, 2003

Orville Jones 1917-2003

RUSSELL ‹ Orville Jones, 85, died June 27 at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City. He was born Sept. 11, 1917, at Bartlesville, Okla., the son of Charlie and Bonnie Beckham Jones. He married Orpha Pearl Ogle Oct. 7, 1939, at Springfield, Colo. She died Nov. 14, 1994. He married Marilyn Ann Norman Stone Aug. 26, 1995, at Russell. He was a resident of Russell, coming from Oklahoma and also Colorado and western Kansas. He was employed by Cities Service Oil Company for 32 years as a roustabout and production foreman and was a farmer. Jones was a member of First Southern Baptist Church in Russell and was a former member of First Baptist Church, also of Russell, a life member of Veterans of Foreign War and a member of Masonic Lodge, both of Russell. Survivors include his wife of the home; three daughters, Sharon Hilgenberg and Orma Bilbrey, both of Russell, and Diane Van Sike of Wichita; three step-daughters, Rebecca Moor and Amber Renee Cartwright, both of Wichita, and Ramona Parker of Mission Viejo, Calif.; one sister, Daisy Mae Blackford of Ft. Smith, Ark.; seven grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; one step-great-grandchild; and one great-great-granddaughter. He was preceded in death by one brother, William Jones. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at First Southern Baptist Church with the Rev. Leon Irwin officiating. Burial with military honors will be at Russell City Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. Sunday and from 8 a.m. to noon Monday at Pohlman's Mortuary in Russell. Memorials are suggested to First Southern Baptist Church in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 28, 2003

Merle E. Trout 1906-2003

PRATT ‹ Merle E. Trout, 96, died June 28 at Pratt Regional Medical Center. He was born Nov. 12, 1906, at Pratt, the son of Clifford C. and Alta Garrison Trout. He married Erna Viola Gagelman Nov. 5, 1944. She died June 5, 1991. He married Novadea League Bowers Oct. 28, 1955, at Pratt. A resident of Pratt most of his life, he was a retired owner and operator of Trout Motors auto dealership in Pratt. Trout was a member of Western Savings board, United Way board, RSVP advisory board, PCC Endowment Association, president of Lions Club and president of Pratt Chamber of Commerce, all of Pratt. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Merleen Bean of Springfield, Mo.; one step-daughter, Luella Waterman of Langdon; three stepsons, Ora Bowers of Langdon, Darrel Bowers of Bartlesville, Okla., and Keith Shelfman of Iuka; one grandson; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Gladys Lilly; one grandson, David Bean; one step-daughter, Yvonne Shelman; and step-mother, Ella Gillett. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Kendal Utt and Chaplain Fred Pinkerton both officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Larrison Mortuary in Pratt. Memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church Scholarship Fund or Multiple Sclerosis Society, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 28, 2003

Robert B. Kaiser Sr. 1928-2003

CLAFLIN ‹ Robert B. Kaiser Sr., 75, died June 28 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Feb. 20, 1928, at Barton County, the son of Joe F. and Mary Meyeres Kaiser. He married Teresa M. Kowalsky Krier Nov. 20, 1957, at Dubuque. A lifetime resident of Barton County, he was a farmer and stockman. Kaiser was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Veterans of Foreign War, both of Claflin, Knights of Columbus of Odin and Farm Bureau. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served as private first class in the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Bob J. Kaiser of Odin and David W. Kaiser of Claflin; three step-sons, Thomas D. Krier of Excelsior Springs, Mo., Dennis J. Krier of Great Bend and Pete L. Krier of Claflin; one step-daughter, Sheryl A. Oberle of Janesville, Wis.; three brothers, Leo N. Kaiser of Claflin, Louis Kaiser of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Don Kaiser of Great Bend; one sister, Lucille Beck of Bartlesville, Okla.; 13 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Elizabeth Kaiser. Knights of Columbus rosary will be at 6:30 p.m. Sunday followed by a vigil at 7 p.m.; both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. John J. Maes officiating. Burial will be at Claflin Cemetery with military rites provided by VFW Post 8668 and American Legion Post 786. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 28, 2003
Michael E. Sheil 1930-2003

Michael E. Sheil, 72, of Great Bend died June 28 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. He was born Sept. 9, 1930, at Cherryvale the son of Edward and Pauline Grant Sheil. Sheil was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church of Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Denver, Colo., he was a foreign language teacher at Denver Colorado public school system. He was a U.S. Airforce veteran, having served in the Korean War. Survivors include two sisters, Nita Jensen of Spokane, Wash., and Ruth Murray of Great Bend. He was preceded in death by two brothers, James Sheil and John Sheil; one sister, Teresa Haag. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. A private family inurnment will take place at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Great Bend Public Library in care of Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 28, 2003


INDEPENDENCE, Mo. — Stephen John Brown, 56, died May 26. He was born May 30, 1947, at Plainville, the son of Gilbert and Darlene Brown. He was a musician. Survivors include two sons, Stephen Paul Brown and Robert Wade Brown; his mother, Darlene Brown Carter; two brothers, Gilbert Brown and Darwin Brown; one sister, Debbie Spires; and four grandchildren. Family will receive friends from 2 to 6 p.m. today at 304 SE Moore St., Blue Springs, Mo. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the family. Mt. Washington Forever Funeral Home Cemetery in Independence is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 28, 2003

Raymond Schweitzer 1908-2003

RANSOM — Raymond Schweitzer, 94, died June 26 at Olathe Medical Center. He was born Sept. 10, 1908, at Enterprise, the son of Adolph and Anna Roediger Schweitzer. He married Susie Walter March 10, 1933, in Wichita. She died March 13, 1940. He married M. Rosalie “Doty” Sonnenburg Aug. 8, 1946, at Ness City. She died Dec. 6, 1999. A resident of Ransom since 1913, he was a farmer. Schweitzer was a member of United Methodist Church and Go Getters Senior Center, both of Ransom, and a former member of Odd Fellows Lodge in Ness City. Survivors include two sons, Kenneth Schweitzer of Leawood and Darrel Schweitzer of Wappapello, Mo.; two daughters, Linda McFadden of Shawnee and Barbara Poage of Hill City; four sisters, Selma Walter and Virginia Conkright, both of Ransom, Laurine Brown of Great Bend and Dora Brown of Ness City; 10 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Garland Schweitzer, Harvey Schweitzer and Wallace Schweitzer; four sisters, Helen Zumbunn, Sylvia Wassinger, Ruth Chapman and Lena Chapman; two grandsons, James and Jeffery Smith; and one great-granddaughter, Annie Marie Blau. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Bruce Ferguson officiating. Burial will be at Ransom Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City and from 10 a.m. to service time Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Go Getters Senior Center, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 28, 2003

Mary A. Pelzel 1919-2003

HAYS — Mary A. Pelzel, 84, died June 25 at Hays Medical Center. She was born Jan. 1, 1919, at Catherine, the daughter of Fred and Margaret Dinkel Schmidt. She married Alphonse Pelzel at Catherine. A resident of Hays, she worked in housekeeping at Fort Hays State University McIndies Hall. Mrs. Pelzel was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and Eagles Auxiliary. Survivors include her husband of Hays; four sons, Leon Pelzel of Hays, Dave Pelzel of Ellsworth, Steve Pelzel of Larned and Jerry Pelzel of Salina; one daughter, Diana Damrell of Clovis, N.M.; four brothers, Hilary Schmidt and Marcelius Schmidt, both of Hays, Clarence Schmidt of Montana and John Schmidt of Great Bend; four sisters, Lilliareopolus of Wichita, Ann Schmidt of Plainville, Marge Schmidt of Hays and Jane Jacobs of Minneapolis, Minn.; 14 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Fidelis Schmidt, Joe Schmidt and Alex Schmidt; and one sister, Kate Quint. An Eagle’s Auxiliary service will be at 6:30 p.m. Sunday followed by a parish vigil service at 7 p.m., both at Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home in Hays. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays. Friends may call from 4 to 6 p.m. today, from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday and from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Monday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer’s Unit at Hays Good Samaritan Center, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 28, 2003

June 27, 2003

Jean E. Gray 1914-2003

Jean E. Gray, 89, of Great Bend, died June 26 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Feb. 7, 1914, at Little River, the son of Percy Fredrick and Vera D. Frankenberger Gray. He was a 1932 graduate of Great Bend High School. He married Vonnie Vernelle Jones Nov. 14, 1945, at Olathe. She died May 20, 1992. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he worked with a team of mules laying the brick on Washington Street, the pipeline at Greensburg, the pipeline at Oklahoma City and building the highway at Ranson. He was a lifetime truckdriver. Gray was a lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111 of Great Bend, National Rifle Association and a supporter of Boys Town. He was an Army veteran of World War II, having served in the 485 Quarter Master Refrigeration Co. Mobil as a Heavy Truck Driver under General Patton, stationed in Northern France, Rhinelander, Ardenes and Central Europe. Survivors include three daughters, Sherly Gray of Great Bend, LaVerne Price of Hutchinson and Marta Taylor of Inman; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Keith Gray. Memorial will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Charter Funeral Chapel in Great Bend with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery with full military honors. Friends may call from 1 to 9 o.m. Saturday at the funeral home with family receiving
Regina R. Wondra 1908-2003

ODIN — Regina R. Wondra, 94, died June 26 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born July 1, 1908, at Barton County the daughter of John and Rosa Lamatsch Kirmer. She married Alfred V. Wondra June 18, 1929, at Odin. He died May 5, 1989. A lifetime resident of Claffin and Odin areas, she was a homemaker. Wondra was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Odin. Survivors include four sons, Bernad Wondra of Hoisington, Ambrose Wondra and Jerome Wondra, both of Odin, and Norbert Wondra of Erie, Pa.; five daughters, Mary Rose Oberle and Ann Oberle, both of Claffin, Lee Canfield of Great Bend, and Theresa Schremmer and Doris Morgan, both of Wichita; 35 grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; 46 great-grandchildren; 12 step-great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Leo Wondra; one grandson, Richard Oberle; and 14 brothers and sisters. Vigil will be at 7:30 tonight followed by Altar Society and Knights of Columbus rosary, all at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at Holy Family Cemetery in Odin. Friends may call from 9 a.m to 9 p.m. tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, Cystic Fibrosis Research or American Diabetes Association, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 27, 2003

June 26, 2003

Billy B. Quincy 1923-2003

WICHITA — Billy B. Quincy, 80, died June 24. He was a retired tool and die maker for Boeing in Wichita. Survivors include two sons, William C. Quincy and James A. Quincy; one daughter, Shelley J. Quincy; one brother, Rodney Quincy; one stepbrother, Daylon Rankin of Great Bend; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Dawson United Methodist Church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Watson Funeral Home in Wichita. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 26, 2003

Thomas Lucas ‘Tom’ Tempero 1947-2003

ROCHESTER, Minn. — Thomas Lucas ‘Tom’ Tempero, 56, died June 20 at Season Hospice House in Rochester. He was born May 23, 1947, at Lyons, the son of Benjamin W. and Marion R. Lucas Tempero. He was a 1965 graduate of Hoisington High School and received a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Nebraska University. He married Terilyn Chase Sept. 4, 1971, at Long Beach, Calif. A resident of Rochester, he was a software design engineer. Tempero was a member of Evangel United Methodist Church and NAIC, both of Rochester. He was a U.S. Navy pilot from 1970-1978. Survivors include two sons, Nathan Tempero of Rochester and Ben Tempero of Kasson, Minn.; one daughter, Jennifer Tempero of Rochester; stepmother, Geraldine Callaway of Great Bend; one brother, Scott Tempero of Great Bend; three sisters, Kathryn Anstaett of Warsaw, Mo., Susan Payne of Berrien Springs, Mich., and Debra Lewis of Great Bend; and two grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church in Hoisington, with the Revs. Jack Callaway and Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Saturday at the church parlor. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, Seasons Hospice House or Edward Kroesch Scholarship Fund, all in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 26, 2003

Ted Harry Tammen 1943-2003

Ted Harry Tammen, 60, of Great Bend, died June 23, at his home. He was born June 20, 1943, at Great Bend, the son of Carl Herman Franz and Hilda Anna Folkerts Tammen. A lifelong resident of the Great Bend and Albert area, he was a farmer and a former employee of ABLT alfalfa pellet mill. Tammen was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Albert and Fraternal Order of Eagles of Great Bend. He was a veteran of Kansas Army National Guard. Survivors include two sons, Troy Tammen of Russell and Travis Tammen of Wichita; one sister, Sharon Kay Mauler of Great Bend; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Charles Lee Tammen. Prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Jack D. Russell officiating. Burial will be at Peace Lutheran Cemetery in Albert. Memorials are suggested to the Ted Tammen Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 26, 2003
June 25, 2003

Emma Jane Zutavern 1916-2003

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Emma Jane Zutavern, 86, died June 21 at Manor Care Sandia in Albuquerque. She was born Nov. 11, 1916, at Claflin, the daughter of John and Alberta Grubb. She was a graduate of Great Bend High School and attended the University of Kansas for two years. She married Fred Zutavern in 1938. He died Nov. 4, 1997. She resided in the Claflin and Great Bend areas for 60 years. More recently she lived in Rogers, Ark., Albuquerque, Edmond, Okla., and Oklahoma City, Okla. Mrs. Zutavern was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Great Bend and actively served the community through many organizations. Survivors include one son, Fred J. Zutavern and wife Vicki of Albuquerque; one daughter, Mary Ann Sells and husband Dennis of Moore, Okla.; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, an infant daughter and two sisters, Dorothy Zelenka and Donna Straughn. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Great Bend Cemetery with the Rev. Diana Coberly officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the First Christian Church in Moore, Okla., which was recently destroyed by a tornado, in care of Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 25, 2003 paid announcement

Douglas E. Polzin 1955-2003

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Douglas E. Polzin, 48, died June 17 at Banner Hospice in Phoenix. He was born Feb. 19, 1955, at Great Bend, the son of Frederick Sr. and Jackie Baldwin Gunn. He attended Ellinwood public schools, was a 2002 graduate of South Barber High School in Kiowa, and attended Barton County Community College. A resident of Ellinwood most of his life, living for a short time in Kiowa, he was a laborer for Venture Inc., Great Bend. Evers was a resident of Phoenix for 17 years, he was a self-employed contractor at Emporia and an employee of Pillar Communities of Arizona in Glendale, Ariz. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Danna Grammer of Lawrence and Devon Elmer of Eudora; his mother of Emporia; three brothers, Daryl Polzin, D’Owen Polzin and Dirick Polzin, all of Emporia; one sister, Denise Stauffer; and three grandchildren. A memorial service will be held today in Glendale. A second memorial service is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. July 10 at Sacred Heart Church in Emporia. Cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Banner Hospice, 1325 N. Fiesta Blvd. No. 1, Gilbert, Ariz. 85233. Science Care Anatomical of Phoenix is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 25, 2003

June 24, 2003

Morgan Lee Gunn 1983-2003

ELLINWOOD — Morgan Lee Gunn, 20, died June 20 at Alva, Okla. He was born April 9, 1983, at Great Bend, the son of Frederick Sr. and Jackie Baldwin Gunn. He attended Ellinwood public schools, was a 2002 graduate of South Barber High School in Kiowa, and attended Barton County Community College. A resident of Ellinwood most of his life, living for a short time in Kiowa, he was a laborer for Venture Inc., Great Bend, as well as Tucker Tire and OK Co-op Grain, both at Kiowa. Gunn was a member of Immanuel United Church of Christ in Ellinwood. He was president of Industrial Arts Club at South Barber High School. Survivors include his father and stepmother, Frederick Sr. and Cynthia Gunn of Kiowa; his mother of Ellinwood; one brother, Fred Gunn Jr. of Lenexa; one sister, Victoria A. Forrestt of Great Bend; one stepbrother, Bradley Rose of Ellinwood; one step-sister, Kayla Rose of Ellinwood; and friend, Komari Ruiz of Hazelton. Funeral was Monday at the church with the Rev. Larry Young officiating. Burial was at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to Ellinwood Grade School Nature Center, in care of Kimple Funeral Home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune June 24, 2003

Opal Ford Evers 1910-2003

Opal Ford Evers, 93, of Great Bend, died June 21 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. She was born April 20, 1910, at Lyons, the daughter of Carey and Myrtle Cheuning Griffin. She married Ora Ford Nov. 11, 1930, at Lyons. He died Sept. 29, 1980. She married Harley Evers Jan. 25, 1990, at Great Bend. She was a sales clerk and worked for Duckwalls, Lischek’s, Reisbigs and Sears. Mrs. Evers was a member of First Christian Church, Mothers Club, Birthday Club and Central Kansas Medical Center Auxiliary. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Marvin Ford and Rocky Ford, both of Great Bend, and Arlin Ford of Boulder, Colo.; one daughter, Ellen Sparks of Great Bend; two stepsons, Delton Evers and David Evers, both of Great Bend; one stepdaughter, Delores Piper of Houston, Texas; one brother, Allison Griffin of Lyons; three sisters, Bessie French of Great Bend, Aline Castell of Lancaster, Mo., and Loleta Schill of Geneso; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and several step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10:30 this morning at the church in Great Bend, with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church or Great Bend Senior Center, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 24, 2003

Charles Lee Tammen 1936-2003

LARNED — Charles Lee Tammen, 67, died June 22 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born May 29, 1936, at Great Bend, the son of Carl "Cap" and Hilda A. Folkerts Tammen. He married Jaunis R. Bose Nov. 27, 1955, at Larned. She died Sept. 29, 1980. She married Harley Evers Jan. 25, 1990, at Great Bend. She was a sales clerk and worked for Duckwalls, Lischek’s, Reisbigs and Sears. Mrs. Evers was a member of First Christian Church, Mothers Club, Birthday Club and Central Kansas Medical Center Auxiliary. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Marvin Ford and Rocky Ford, both of Great Bend, and Arlin Ford of Boulder, Colo.; one daughter, Ellen Sparks of Great Bend; two stepsons, Delton Evers and David Evers, both of Great Bend; one stepdaughter, Delores Piper of Houston, Texas; one brother, Allison Griffin of Lyons; three sisters, Bessie French of Great Bend, Aline Castell of Lancaster, Mo., and Loleta Schill of Geneso; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and several step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10:30 this morning at the church in Great Bend, with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church or Great Bend Senior Center, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 24, 2003
Esther Spangenberg 1911-2003

HUDSON — Esther Spangenberg, 92, died June 20 at Leisure Homestead in Stafford. She was born March 8, 1911, at Waukegan, Ill., the daughter of Bernard F. and Louise Wuestenfeld Adams. She was a graduate of St. Rose School of Nursing at Great Bend. She married Elmer Louis Spangenberg April 6, 1938, at Hudson. He died June 5, 1986. A longtime Hudson resident, she was a registered nurse, taught school in a one-room country school and was a homemaker. Spangenberg was a member of Trinity United Church of Christ in Hudson. Survivors include two sons, Mark Spangenberg of Newton and Norman Spangenberg of Hudson; one daughter, Janeth Staley of Fresno, Calif.; three brothers, Paul Adams of Vandalia, Ill., Harold Adams of Mt. Hope and James Adams of Great Bend; two sisters, Ruth Stone and Margaret Ikerd, both of Newton; eight grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and 12 stepgreat-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Lois Langdon; one grandson, Timmy; and one stepgrandson, A.J. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. this morning at the church. Burial will be at Trinity Cemetery in Hudson. Memorials may be sent to the church, in care of Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune June 24, 2003

Ted Harry Tammen 1943-2003

Ted Harry Tammen, 60, died June 22 in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 24, 2003

Darrel Pettijohn 1926-2003

STAFFORD — Darrel Pettijohn, 76, died June 22 at his home in Stafford. He was born Dec. 28, 1926, at Tetersville, the son of Murel and Cecil Swamm Pettijohn. He married Clara Lavon Eves May 23, 1948, at Lyons. A resident of Stafford since 1965, coming from Plainville and Palco, he was an oilfield pumper and an employee of the city of Stafford until his retirement in 1988. Pettijohn was a member of First Baptist Church of Stafford, served on the board of directors for Friends of Quivira and a former Boy Scouts of America leader. He was a U. S. Army veteran, serving in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Rick Pettijohn of St. Francis, Greg Pettijohn of Stafford and Frank Pettijohn of Mayfield, Ky.; one daughter, Darolyn Bullard of Stafford; three brothers, Charles Miller of Beaverton, Ore., Richard Pettijohn of Eucha, Okla., and Jim Pettijohn of Great Bend; two sisters, Lillian Walters of Ulysses and Erma Carmichael of Plainville; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, George Pettijohn; and one sister, Elsie. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Guy Elliott officiating. Burial will be at Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. today at Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Memorials are suggested to the church or Southwind Hospice, both in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 24, 2003

June 21, 2003

Esther Spangenberg 1911-2003

HUDSON — Esther Spangenberg, 92, died June 20 at Leisure Homestead in Stafford. She was born March 8, 1911, at Waukegan, Ill., the daughter of Bernard F. and Louise Wuestenfeld Adams. She married Elmer Louis Spangenberg April 6, 1938, at Hudson. He died June 5, 1986. She was also a homemaker and taught in a one-room country school where she drove the horse-drawn school bus. Spangenberg was a member of the Trinity United Church of Christ in Hudson. Survivors include two sons, Mark Spangenberg of Newton and Norman Spangenberg of Hudson; one daughter, Janeth Staley of Fresno, Calif.; three brothers, Paul Adams of Vandalia, Ill., Harold Adams of Mt. Hope and James Adams of Great Bend; two sisters, Ruth Stone and Margaret Ikerd, both of Newton; eight grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and 12 stepgreat-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Lois Langdon; one grandson, Timmy; and one stepgrandson, A.J. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church. Burial will be at the Trinity Cemetery in Hudson. Memorial services will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned, with the Rev. Jim Hawthorne officiating. Burial will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Peace Lutheran Church Cemetery in Albert. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. to service time Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society Relay for Life, American Heart Association or First Presbyterian Church, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 24, 2003

Morgan Lee Gunn 1983-2003

ELLINWOOD — Morgan Lee Gunn, 20, died June 20 at Alva, Okla. He was born April 9, 1983 at Great Bend, the son of Frederick Gunn Sr. and Jackie Baldwin Gunn. A resident of Ellinwood most of his life, he also lived a short time in Kiowa. He attended Ellinwood public schools and was a 2002 graduate of South Barber High School in Kiowa. He also attended Barton County Community College in Great Bend. Gunn worked as a laborer for Venture Inc., Great Bend, as well as Tucker Tire and OK Co-op Grain, both at Kiowa. Gunn was a member of Immanuel United Church of Christ in Ellinwood. He was president of Industrial Arts Club at South Barber High School, and was active in football, basketball and track. Survivors include his father and stepmother Cynthia Gunn of Kiowa; his mother in Ellinwood; one brother, Fred Gunn Jr. of Lenexa; one sister, Victoria A. Forrest of Great Bend; and friend Komari Ruiz of Hazelton. He was proceeded in death by his fraternal orandoarents. Maurice Lee and Marvetta
Margaret Louise Start Chumley 1913-2003

ELLINWOOD — Margaret Louise Start Chumley, 90, died June 20 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. She was born May 22, 1913, on the family farm outside of McCracken. She was the daughter of Charles and Anna Hearity Start. Margaret resided at Woodhaven Care Center in her later years. She was a registered nurse that graduated from St. Rose School of Nursing in 1935. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Daughters of Isabella, local bridge clubs and bowling teams. Margaret married Walter Thomas Chumley Dec. 28, 1937, at Kansas City, Mo. She is preceded in death by her husband, Walter; sister, Annabelle Manning; sister, Mary Gerstner; infant brother, James; and her parents, Charles and Anna Start. Survivors include son James Chumley and daughter-in-law Sharon of Star Valley, Wyo.; daughter Judith Rusco and son-in-law Wayne Rusco of Great Bend; grandsons, Dr. Michael Chumley and wife Lori of Plano, Texas, and Jeffery Chumley of Tucson, Ariz.; granddaughters, Gail McDermott and husband John of Mt. Vernon, Wash., Lynn Simpson and husband Gordan of Great Bend, Vicki Keffler and husband Bill of Great Bend; great-grandchildren, Johna McDermott of Mt. Vernon, Kansas, Kylie McDermott of Mt. Vernon, ATE-3 Tyler Simpson of Naval Air Station, Sigemilla Sicily, Bruce Simpson of Great Bend, Dustin Keffler of Great Bend, Erica Keffler of Great Bend and Jayden Chumley of Tucson. Memorials are suggested to Heritage Club of Ellinwood and St. Joseph School of Ellinwood. Service for Margaret will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Ellinwood. The Rev. John Maes will be officiating. Altar Society rosary will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday followed by a Daughter of Isabella rosary. There will be a vigil service at 7 p.m., all at Kimple Funeral Home. Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood is in charge of arrangements.

Mary E. ’Poodles’ Keiley 1948-2003

JETMORE — Mary E. “Poodles” Keiley, 55, died June 18 at Loveland, Colo. She was born Feb. 16, 1948, at Jetmore, the daughter of Lawrence and Mary Van Vleet Burns. She married Michael J. Keiley Aug. 20, 1966, at Jetmore. She was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Michael Keiley of Milwaukee, Wis.; two daughters, Colette Prellwitz and Colleen Bergmann, both of Loveland; one brother, Harry Burns of Jetmore; one sister, Betty Romero of Jetmore; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Nathan Burns and one grandson, Spencer Bergmann. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at United Methodist Church in Jetmore with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Sunday and from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 21, 2003, paid announcement

Morgan Gunn 1983-2003

ELLINWOOD — Morgan Gunn, 20, died June 20 at Alva, Okla. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 21, 2003

Thomas Lucas ‘Tom’ Tempero 1947-2003

ROCHESTER, Minn., — Thomas Lucas “Tom” Tempero, 56, died June 20 at Rochester. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 21, 2003

June 20, 2003

John Rowland McKnight Jr. 1908-2003

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Rear Admiral Rowland Knight Jr., 95, U.S. Navy retired, died Feb. 8, 2002, in San Diego. He was born May 3, 1908, at Oklahoma City, Okla., the son of John Rowland and Gayle Evans McKnight. He was a 1930 graduate of U.S. Naval Academy. He married Margaret Belisle May 12, 1934, at Washington D.C. She died Sept. 26, 1997. McKnight was a submarine commander during World War II, serving on 12 U.S. Navy ships and commanding six of them. He was a veteran of the Korean War, receiving the Silver Star and Bronze Star with combat valor. McKnight was a member of the Christian faith, San Diego Yacht Club since 1936, the New York Yacht Club, past member of St. Francis, Calif., Yacht Club, and Submarine Veterans of World War II. Survivors include one son, John Robert McKnight of San Diego; one daughter, Margot Everett of Casper, Wyo.; three grandsons; and four great-grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Larned Cemetery, with the Rev. Kevin Schmidt officiating. Memorials are suggested to Class of 1930 fund, USNA Alumni Association, in care of Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 20, 2003

June 19, 2003

Alban ‘AI’ Deiser 1924-2003

LA CROSSE — Alban “AI” Deiser. 79. died June 16 at La Crosse. He was born Feb. 6. 1924. at Ness Countv. the son of William
Leonard C. Ricker 1922-2003

RAYMOND — Leonard C. Ricker, 80, died June 17 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Nov. 29, 1922, in Bellefonte, the son of John Ludwig and Anna Miller Ricker. He was a 1941 graduate of Alden High School and attended Emporia State University. He married Mildred C. Koenig Dec. 2, 1945, at Chase. She died May 8, 1990. A longtime Rice County resident, he was a farmer. Ricker was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and was an elder and a trustee, all of Ellinwood, and served on the Raymond and Alden school boards. Survivors include two sons, Ronald Ricker and Clyde Ricker, both of Raymond; three brothers, Alvin Ricker of Nashville, Franklin Ricker of Chase and Harold Ricker of Hutchinson; three sisters, Mildred Domey of Wichita, Betty Nestler of Topeka and Mary Ann Schrag of Hutchinson; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Andy Keltner officiating. Burial will be at Lyons Municipal Cemetery in Lyons. Friends may call from 1 to 8 tonight at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to the church endowment fund or St. John's Child Development Center, both of Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 19, 2003

Eugene ‘Gene’ N. Kramer 1931-2003

PRATT — Eugene “Gene” N. Kramer, 71, died June 17 at Pratt Regional Medical Center. He was born July 18, 1931, at Great Bend, the son of Karl and Elsie Langer Kramer. He married Norma G. Sipe Nov. 5, 1950, at Pratt. A longtime Pratt resident, he was a retired electrician and owner-operator of Kramer Electric. Kramer was a member of First United Methodist Church and Elks Lodge, both of Pratt, and Pratt County Men’s Golf Association at Green Valley Golf Course, and was a retired volunteer with the Pratt City Fire Department and served as assistant fire chief. He was a U.S. Marine veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, David Kramer of Pratt; one daughter, Judy Starrett of Kodiak, Alaska; one brother, Rex Kramer of Aurora, Colo.; and nine grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the church with the Revs. Kendal Utt and Fred Pinkerton officiating. Burial will be at Lyons Municipal Cemetery in Lyons. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Friday, all at Larrison Mortuary in Pratt. Memorials are suggested to Pratt City Fire Department Memorial or donor’s choice, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 19, 2003

Aurel Louise Rexroat 1913-2003

HOISINGTON — Aurel Louise Rexroat, 90, died June 18 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born Jan. 10, 1913, at Barton County, the daughter of Vernon and Mabel Mae Gage Hoopes. She married James K. Rexroat Aug. 15, 1935, at Hoisington. He died March 8, 1998. Aurel attended Kansas State University for two years (1930-1932) before teaching in Barton County’s rural schools, one year at Galatia, another at Boyd. As a senior citizen, she participated in several courses offered at Hoisington by Barton County Community College. She was active in First United Methodist Church of Hoisington, United Methodist Women and its predecessor groups. In recent years, her hobby was crocheting “scrubbers,” something she continued to do in spite of her limited eyesight. She had been a lifetime resident of Barton County and a member of Altrurian Club, and formerly Cameo Club, all of Hoisington. Survivors include one daughter, Mabel Rice of Elgin, Ill.; one half-sister, Elaine Wells of Metairie, La.; one half-brother, Rex M. Hoopes of Alexandria, Va.; one daughter-in-law, Darlene Goddard and husband Gregg of Omaha, Neb.; one grandson, Kevin J. Rice and wife Rebecca of Buffalo Grove, Ill.; two granddaughters, Kendra Rexroat Hill and husband Dan of Ohama and Donna Rice Waggener and husband Terry of Columbus, Ohio; six great-grandchildren, Adam Hill and Joel Hill, both of Omaha, Claire Waggener and Allison Waggener, both of Columbus, and Xander Rice and Atticus Rice, both of Buffalo Grove; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives. She was preceded in death by one son, Arthur Joseph Rexroat in 1978; and one half-brother, Huron R. Hoopes. Funeral will be at 10:30 this morning at the church with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the church or Clara Barton Hospital Foundations, both in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 19, 2003 paid announcement The Tribune regrets the error

June 17, 2003

Gerald A. Peirano 1923-2003

SALINA — Gerald A. Peirano, 80, died June 13 at Salina Regional Health Center in Salina. He was born April 16, 1923, at Wilson, the son of Augustine and Pearl Gustul Peirano. He married Shirley Claussen Nov. 19, 1963, at Guymon, Okla. A resident of Salina, coming from Wilson, he was a retired truck driver. Peirano was a member of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church. He was U.S. Air Force veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; four sons, Ronald Peirano of El Dorado, Sheldon Lilak of Salina, Randall Lilak of Walber, La., and Craig Lilak of Wilson; five daughters. Jennifer Everitt of Fortson, Ga., Barbara Soartz of Ellinoton, Conn.,
Elmer Ray Musil 1915-2003

BURDETT — Elmer Ray Musil, 87, died June 15 at Halsey Hall in Fort Dodge. He was born Feb. 15, 1915, the son of Charles and Elizabeth Smercheok Musil. He married Ellen B. Brownlee July 25, 1945, at Zenith. She died July 21, 2001. A resident of Burdett since 1957, coming from Blue Rapids, he was a farmer, stockman and a longtime weather observer for the U.S. Weather Bureau. Musil was a member of Burdett United Methodist Church, Pathfinders Sunday School, Burdett Lions Club, American Legion and was a post chaplain for 40 years, all of Burdett; a former township treasurer, Farm Bureau of Larned, Kansas Master Farmer Organization, Pawnee-Hodgeman-Ness Irrigation Association, a 32nd degree Mason and Scottish Rite of Blue Rapids, Marysville and Topeka; a life member of Kansas State University Alumni; received the Kansas 4-H Alumni award in 1982 and was named a Kansas Master Farmer by Kansas State University. He was a U.S. Army Medical Corps veteran of World War II, having served in the Pacific Theater. Survivors include one son, Elmer Lee Musil of Burdett; one brother, Theodore Musil of Blue Rapids; one sister, Esther Musil of Blue Rapids; and one grandson. He was preceded in death by one brother, Charles Musil. Memorial service will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. Inurnment will be at 11:30 a.m. at Browns Grove Cemetery in Burdett. Friends may sign the register book from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the church or Pawnee County 4-H Foundation, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune June 17, 2003

Teresa K. Shipley 1920-2003

HOLYROOD — Teresa K. Shipley, 82, died June 14 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Aug. 22, 1920, at Ellsworth, the daughter of Chris and Emma T. Feist Stumps. She married George K. Shipley March 19, 1943, at Hays. He died March 25, 1989. A lifetime resident of the Holyrood area, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Shipley was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Altar Society and American Legion Auxiliary, all of Holyrood. Survivors include one son, Chris Shipley of Seaside, Ore.; one daughter, Linda Jones of Logan; two brothers, Jerome J. Stumps of Downey, Calif.; and Walter Stumps of Bushton; two sisters, Dolores M. Emmerich of Hastings, Neb., and Joan M. Breford of Holyrood; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Arthur Joseph Rexroat; and one half-brother, Huron R. Hoopes. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at St. Paul’s United Church of Christ Cemetery in Holyrood. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home and from 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or the Altar Society, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune June 17, 2003

Aurel Louise Rexroat 1913-2003

HOISINGTON — Aurel Louise Rexroat, 90, died June 14 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born Jan. 10, 1913, in Barton County, the daughter of Vernon and Mabel Mae Gage Hoopes. She attended Kansas State University for two years. She married James K. Rexroat Aug. 15, 1935, in Hoisington. He died March 8, 1998. A lifetime resident of Barton County, she taught one year each at Galatia and Boyd schools and was a homemaker. Mrs. Rexroat was a member of First United Methodist Church, First United Methodist Women, Alturrian Club and formerly the Cameo Club, all of Hoisington. Survivors include one daughter, Mabel Rice of Elgin, Ill.; one half-brother, Rex. M. Hoopes of Alexandria, Va.; one half-sister, Elaine Wells of Metairie, La.; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Arthur Joseph Rexroat; and one half-brother, Huron R. Hoopes. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today, with family receiving friends from 6 to 8 tonight, all at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the church or Clara Barton Hospital Foundation, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune June 17, 2003

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Gerald A. Peirano 1923-2003

SALINA — Gerald A. Peirano, 80, died June 13, at Salina Regional Health Center in Salina. He was born April 16, 1923, at Wilson, the son of Augustine and Pearl Gustul Peirano. He married Shirley Claussen on Nov. 19, 1963, at Gypsum, Okla. A resident of Salina, coming from Wilson, he was a retired truck driver. Peirano was a member of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church. He was U.S. Air Force veteran. Survivors include wife of the home; four sons, Ronald Peirano of El Dorado, Sheldon Lilak of Salina, Randall Lilak of Walber, La., and Craig Lilak of Wilson; five daughters, Jennifer Everitt of Fortson, Ga., Barbara Spartz of Ellington, Conn., Beth Bartell of Salina, Susan Leiker of Hays, and Debra Wahlmeier of Hastings, Neb.; three brothers, Melvin Peirano of Seattle, Wash., Frank Peirano of Russell, and Jim Peirano of Merriam; three sisters, Geneva Heinzle of Tulsa, Okla., Mary Savage of Moore, Okla., and Eleanor Hunter of Wilson; 40 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Parish Vigil will be at 7 tonight at Holy Angels Church in Burdett. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at Rush Funeral Home in Salina. Memorial service will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. Inurnment will be at 11:30 a.m. at Browns Grove Cemetery in Burdett. Foster Mortuary in Wilson was in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 17, 2003

Foster Mortuary was in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 17, 2003
OLMITZ — Bernard M. "Ben" Hickey, 86, died June 12 at his residence in Olmitz. He was born Aug. 12, 1916, at Olmitz, the son of Michael and Annie Stoss Hickey. He married Ethel Reif Sept. 9, 1953, at Clayton, N.M. She died Jan. 22, 1988. A resident of Olmitz for 30 years, coming from California, he was a horse trainer and a retired auctioneer. Hickey was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, both of Olmitz, Eagles Lodge of Great Bend, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2486 of Houisngton, and Auctioneer Association. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include one sister, Irene Lebsack of Redwood City, Calif.; one stepson, Laird Schwein of Mesa, Ariz.; and three stepgrandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Ray Hickey and Elmer Hickey. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. Monday at the church followed by the Knights of Columbus rosary. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. Ann Cemetery in Olmitz. Friends may call from 4 to 9 p.m. Sunday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Houisngton. Memorials are suggested to St. Ann Cemetery fund or Otis Ambulance Fund, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune June 14, 2003

Addition

Additional survivor for George "Art" Reichard, 64, of Great Bend, who died June 12, is his mother, Hettie Silvernagel.

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Lyle L. Workman Sr. 1941-2003

Lyle L. Workman Sr., 61, of Great Bend, died June 11 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Oct. 24, 1941, at Great Bend, the son of Leslie Lowell and Mathilda Mary Krkosaka Workman. He married Bennie Lou Gray May 15, 1987, in Great Bend. A lifelong resident of Great Bend, he was a coast-to-coast truck driver for BOC Gases in Otis for 15 years until his retirement. Workman was a road captain and president of Central Kansas Road Riders Association. He was a veteran of U.S. Army Reserves. Survivors include his wife of the home; eight sons, Darin Workman of Henderson, Nev., and Lyman L. Workman of Lincoln; and 13 grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Charter Funerals Chapel in Great Bend, with the Rev. Dick Ogle officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Cemetery at Great Bend. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Lyle L. Workman Sr. Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 13, 2003

George 'Art' Reichard 1939-2003

George "Art" Reichard, 64, of Great Bend died June 12 at his residence. He was born April 29, 1939, at Paradise, the son of Charles Arthur and Hettie Hutchcraft Silvernagel Reichard. He married Sharlene Gerritzen Sept. 25, 1963, at Great Bend. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he was a truck driver for Koch Industries, Liberty Homes and employed by Orscheln Farm and Home. Reichard was a member of First Christian Church and Cheyenne Sportsman’s Club, both of Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; one brother, Jim Reichard of Great Bend; and two sisters, June Gabbard of Holyrood and Roberta Waldron of Junction City. He was preceded in death by one brother, Edward Reichard; and two sisters, Judy Reichard and an infant. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Clifton Cemetery, with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 13, 2003

Joseph 'Joe' Wesley Henkle III 1949-2003

EUGENE, Ore. — Joseph "Joe" Wesley Henkle III, 53, died June 11. He was born Oct. 4, 1949, at Great Bend, the son of Joseph W. II and Lea Webster Henkle. He married Monica R. Glahn June 16, 1977, in Santa Ana, Calif. A resident of Eugene since 1983, coming from Kansas and California, he was an automotive mechanic. Henkle was a member of Grace Community Fellowship, Marine Corps League "Devil Dogs" and Racing Association, all of Eugene. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of Vietnam, serving two tours. Survivors include his wife of the home; three daughters, Amber Plant of Lebanon, Ore., Alisha Henkle and Kellea Henkle, both of Eugene; his mother of Mountaineer, N.M.; one sister, Leta McTovish of Mountaineer; and one grandson. Memorial service will be at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at the church. Private family inurnment will be at Roseburg National Cemetery at Roseburg, Ore. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Major Family Funeral Home of Eugene. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 13, 2003

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Richard Lee McMillan 1908-2003

ST. JOHN — Richard Lee McMillan, 94, died June 10 at his residence in St. John. He was born Nov. 2, 1908, in rural St. John, the son of A. Henry and Hattie McMillan. He was a 1929 graduate of St. John High School. He married Madeleine F. Durham July 30, 1939, at Kinsley. A resident of St. John since 1953, he was a farmer, truck driver, oil field worker and REA operator. McMillan was a member of First United Methodist Church, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, all of St. John. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving with the Seventh Air Fleet at Bougainville in the South Pacific. Survivors include his wife of the home; three daughters, Donna McMillan of Los Angeles, Calif., Alice Ann Lockridge of Renton, Wash., and Lora Lee Hase of Bellevue, Wash.; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four brothers. Howard McMillan. Paul McMillan. Raymond
McMillan and Robert McMillan; five sisters, Dayle Byer, Theresa Christian, Adeline Hendershot, Juanita Higgins and Margaret Schuessler. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Minnis Chapel Inc. of 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. Friday at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 12, 2003

Gladys L. Steinert 1923-2003

DODGE CITY — Gladys L. Steinert, 80, died June 10 at Western Plains Medical Complex in Dodge City. She was born May 2, 1923, at Bunker Hill, the daughter of Gottfrey and Grace Hoch Baral. She was a graduate of Elm Creek School in Russell County. She married Lester L. Steinert March 2, 1941, at Debuk. He died Feb. 27, 1988. A resident of Dodge City since 1957, coming from the Russell area, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Steinert was a member of Christ the King Lutheran Church of Dodge City. Survivors include one son, Lee Steinert of Dodge City; one daughter, Kathryn Lee of Dodge City; one brother, Luther Baral of Bunker Hill; two sisters, Mary Cooper and Betty Brozek, both of Lucas; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Louis Steinert; two brothers, Arthur Baral and Floyd Baral; and one sister, Bessie Hupfer. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Richmond Graham officiating. Burial will be at Greencrest Cemetery in Dodge City. Friends may call from noon to 8 p.m. Friday at Swaim Funeral Home in Dodge City. Memorials are suggested to Gladys Steinet Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 12, 2003

Manuelita ‘Melita’ Ortega 1908-2003

Manuelita “Melita” Ortega, 94, died June 11 at Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 12, 2003

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Dr. James W. Wiggs Jr. 1937-2003

YANKTON, S.D. — Dr. James W. Wiggs Jr., 66, died June 7 at Avera Yankton Care Center in Yankton. He was born Sept. 22, 1936, at Berwyn, Ill. He graduated from medical school at Indiana University Medical Center, earning his MD in 1963, retiring in 2000. He married Mary Ann. He was a practicing neurologist for 37 years in Indianapolis, Ind.; San Antonio, Texas; Great Bend and Yankton. He served at Yankton Medical Clinic for 14 years and as a privately practicing physician in Great Bend for 17 years. He was an adjunct or associate professor of neurology for the Universities of Kansas, Texas and South Dakota. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, John Anthony Lahey-Wiggs, James Kevin Wiggs and Adam Bearnard Buhmann-Wiggs; one daughter, Chala Marie Wiggs; his mother, Augusta Wiggs; three sisters, Cathy Mahaffey, Colleen Ataras and Camille Osborn; and three grandchildren. Rosary will be at 7 tonight at Kostel Funeral Home in Yankton, followed by a scripture service at 7:30 p.m. Funeral service will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, at St. Benedict Catholic Church of Yankton, with the Rev. Rod Farke officiating. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery in Indianapolis at a later date. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home and from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 11, 2003

Correction

LARNED — Steven Wayne Gillett, 34, who died June 8 at Dodge City was the son of Vicki Stoddard Gillett. The Tribune regrets this error.

June 10, 2003

Richard Wayne Dougherty Sr. 1920-2003

Richard Wayne Dougherty Sr., 82, of Great Bend, died June 6 at his ranch in Russell County. He was born Nov. 30, 1920, at Osborne County, the son of Ora and Mary Stiverson Dougherty. He married Irene Flake Sept. 25, 1947, coming from Abilene, he was president of Mid-Continent LP Service Inc. Dougherty was a member of Peace Lutheran Church, Peace Lutheran choir, both of Albert, Masonic Lodge, Shrine Club, American Legion, Elks Lodge, Lake Wilson Area Association and Propane Marketers of Kansas. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Dick Dougherty of Great Bend; one daughter, Mary Lu Robinson of Larned; one stepdaughter, Jackie Flake of Kansas City; two brothers, Neil Dougherty and Jim Dougherty, both of Denver, Colo.; one sister, Maymie Rolfs of Denver; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and Aliease Dougherty, mother of Dick, Mary Lu and Ann. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Ann Miller; one brother, Warren Dougherty; and one sister, Helen Haase. Prayer service will be at 7 tonight at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Jack D. Russell officiating. Burial will be at St. John’s Catholic Cemetery in Hoxiington. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 tonight at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Shrine Travel Fund for Burned Children or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 10, 2003

Theodore Frank Deal 1902-2003

Theodore Frank Deal, 100, of Great Bend, died June 6 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Nov. 15,
ELLINWOOD — Julie Lynn Owens, 44, died June 6 at her home in Ellinwood. She was born April 7, 1959, at Goodland, the daughter of Vernon and Sally Boyle Patten. An Ellinwood resident, coming from Goodland, she was a secretary. She attended United Methodist Church of Ellinwood. Survivors include one son, Russell Owens of Ellinwood; one daughter, Nichell Owens of Ellinwood; friend, Mark Musch of Ellinwood; one brother, Greg Patten of Ellinwood; two sisters, Jacque Golemboski of Colby and Jolene Burgess of Oak Grove, Mo.; and one grandfather, Lewis Patten. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Brewster United Methodist Church in Brewster with the Rev. Dorenne Chambers officiating. There will be no burial. Memorials are suggested to the church in Brewster, in care of Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 10, 2003

Steven Wayne Gillett 1968-2003

LARNED — Steven Wayne Gillett, 34, died June 8 at Dodge City. He was born July 17, 1968, at Larned, the son of David Wayne and Bicki Stoddard Gillett. He was a 1986 graduate of Larned High School, attended Dodge City Community College and North Central Kansas Area Vo-Tech School in Beloit. A lifetime resident of Larned, he was an electrician for Haynes Electric of Larned for 14 years and was a part-time truck driver for Ward Feed Yard of Larned. Gillett was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Larned Country Club, both of Larned, and Sand Hills Golf Club in Kinsley. Survivors include his parents of Larned; two brothers, Gary Wayne Gillett and Brian Wayne Gillett, both of Larned; one half-brother, Eric Gillett of Manhattan; grandmothers, Armella Stoddard of Kinsley and Olga Gillett of Larned. He was preceded in death by his stepmother, Dianna Gillett. Parish vigil will be at 7 tonight at Morell Funeral Home in 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. to 8 tonight at the funeral home.

Memorials are suggested to Steve Gillett Memorial Golf Scholarship Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 10, 2003

Julie Lynn Owens 1959-2003

ELLINWOOD — Julie Lynn Owens, 44, died June 6 at her home in Ellinwood. She was born April 7, 1959, at Goodland, the daughter of Vernon and Sally Boyle Patten. An Ellinwood resident, coming from Goodland, she was a secretary. She attended United Methodist Church of Ellinwood. Survivors include one son, Russell Owens of Ellinwood; one daughter, Nichell Owens of Ellinwood; friend, Mark Musch of Ellinwood; one brother, Greg Patten of Ellinwood; two sisters, Jacque Golemboski of Colby and Jolene Burgess of Oak Grove, Mo.; and one grandfather, Lewis Patten. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Brewster United Methodist Church in Brewster with the Rev. Dorenne Chambers officiating. There will be no burial. Memorials are suggested to the church in Brewster, in care of Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 10, 2003

Philip Ward Felton 1911-2003

Philip Ward Felton, 91, of Great Bend, died June 7 at Kenwood Plaza in St. John. He was born Aug. 23, 1911, at McPherson County, the son of Ray B. and Mary E. McGill Felton. He was a 1933 graduate of Great Bend High School and attended McPherson College and Kansas State University. He married Nora A. Zutavern Aug. 31, 1933, at Great Bend. She died Aug. 13, 1995. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Pratt, he was an employee of McCurdy Hatchery and an accountant for the former Wedell Inc. until retiring in 1982. Felton was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ of Great Bend, Kiwanis Club, Great Bend Elks, High Rise Kitchen Band, Great Bend Male Chorus and Hoisington Swinging Stars Square Dance Club. Survivors include three sons, Joe Felton of Santa Cruz, Calif.; David Felton of Buffalo, N.Y.; and Ray Felton of Stafford; one daughter, Mary Crockett of Colorado Springs, Colo.; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Theda Nelson and Lura Jones. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Diana Coberly officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church in Brewster, in care of Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 10, 2003

Betty M. Kater 1930-2003

NEWTON — Betty M. Kater, 72, died June 9 at Showalter Villa in Hesston. She was born Sept. 18, 1930, at Ellinwood, the daughter of William Henry and Lettie Ahlgrim. She married Robert H. Kater Dec. 11, 1959, at Hutchinson. A resident of Newton, coming from Hutchinson and Ellinwood, she was a retired secretary for ASCS of Reno County, a bookkeeper for DeLoss Smith Senior Center in Hutchinson and a volunteer sheriff patrol officer in Reno County. Mrs. Kater was a member of First Baptist Church in Hutchinson. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Edward Stucky of Colorado Springs, Colo.; one stepson, Charles Kater of Topeka; two brothers, William Ahlgrim of Ellinwood and Robert Ahlgrim of Norman, Okla.; one sister, Nellie Studman of Emporia; and two step-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood, with the Rev. Jim Autrey officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to service time Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Central Home Care Hospice of Newton in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 10, 2003

June 7, 2003

Julie Lynn Owens 1959-2003

ELLINWOOD - Julie Lynn Owens, 44, died June 6 at her home in Ellinwood. She was born April 7, 1959, at Goodland, the daughter of Vernon and Sally Boyle Patten. A former resident of Goodland, she was a resident of Ellinwood and was a secretary. Owens attended United Methodist Church in Ellinwood. Survivors include one son, Russell Owens of Ellinwood; one daughter, Nichell Owens of Ellinwood; one brother, Greg Patten of Ellinwood; two sisters, Jacque Golemboski of Colby and Jolene Burgess of Oak Grove, Mo.; and one grandfather, Lewis Patten. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the church with Rev. Vernon Maelzer
Reuben Deines 1916-2003

HOISINGTON — Reuben Deines, 86, died June 6 at Rio Grande Regional Hospital in McAllen, Texas. He was born June 22, 1916, at Bazine, the son of Jacob and Hanna Janke Deines. He married Virginia Shull April 4, 1947, at Wichita. A longtime Hoisington resident, he was a retired conductor for the Missouri-Pacific Railroad. Deines was a member of First United Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge No. 331 A.F. & A.M., and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7428, all of Hoisington, and American Legion Post 37 of McAllen. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include his wife of Alamo, Texas; two sons, David Deines of Wichita and Dale Deines of Salina; one daughter, Linda Varner of Wildwood, Mo.; two brothers, Lawrence Deines of Great Bend and Marvin LaVern Deines of Smyra, Ga.; two sisters, Edna Milberger of Russell and Bernice Swopes of Ponca City, Okla.; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Herman Deines and Arthur Deines; and one sister, Martha Deines. 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 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. to service time Wednesday, all at the funeral home. The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph Institute of the Deaf in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune June 7, 2003

Elva M. Cunningham 1907-2003

RUSH CENTER — Elva M. Cunningham, 95, died June 5 at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. She was born Sept. 17, 1907, at Ness County, the daughter of Elmer M. and Harriet J. Fairbanks Cooley. She was a 1927 graduate of Bison High School. She married Jake Schneider. He preceded her in death. She married Dick Cunningham Dec. 7, 1935, at Kinsley. He died Aug. 19, 1973. A lifelong resident of Rush County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Cunningham was a member of Women’s Relief Corp. of Rush Center. Survivors include three daughters, Audrey Gough of Columbia, Mo., Marjorie Ochs of Rush Center and Gloria Renz of Albert; and one sister, Celene Hester of Great Bend; 11 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Richard Cunningham and Lowell Cunningham; three brothers, Floyd Cooley, Thayne Cooley and Dean Cooley; and one sister, Reita Cooley. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. today at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse with the Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. Burial will be at Locust Hill Cemetery in Rush Center. Friends may call from 9 to 10:50 a.m. this morning at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse or donor’s choice, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune June 7, 2003

Julie Owens 1959-2003

ELLINWOOD — Julie Owens, 44, died June 6 at her home in Ellinwood. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Kimple Funeral Home of Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune June 7, 2003

June 6, 2003

Mary Blanche Woestman 1921-2003

SANTA FE, N.M. — Mary Blanche Woestman, 81, died June 2, 2003, at La Residencia Nursing Center in Santa Fe, N.M. She was born Sept. 17, 1921, on the family farm near Spearville. Mary attended the one-room schoolhouse near the farm and also attended Spearville High School, graduating in 1940. She later attended St. Anthony Hospital School of Nursing in Dodge City, graduating in 1947 as a Registered Nurse. Mary was employed at Larned State Hospital during the last years of her nursing career, retiring in 1984. In 1949-50 she met and married her husband, E. Frank Woestman, who preceded her in death. She is also preceded in death by her parents, Ed and Ila Butler; sister Ada; and brothers Clarence and Maynard. Mary is survived by her sister Ruth Baskett of Amarillo, Texas; daughter Mary Rodriguez and husband Rudy of Santa Fe; grandchildren Jennifer Rodgers and husband Eric of McKinney, Texas, and Rachelle Ricciardi of Chesapeake, Va., Stephen and Susana Rodriguez of Santa Fe; great-grandchildren Zachary, Merin, and Jenia Rodgers, and Gareth Ricciardi. Funeral services will be held at Offerle United Methodist Church in Offerle at 10 a.m. Monday, with burial service following at Larned City Cemetery. McGee Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 6, 2003 Paid announcement

Margerie M. Firkins Cram 1918-2003

SALINA — Margerie M. Firkins Cram, 85, died May 28. She was born Feb. 5, 1918, at Jennings. She married Ole Robert Cram Jr. on Jan. 30, 1943, at Kansas City. He died in 1998. A resident of Salina, she was a homemaker having previously worked as business manager in her husband’s medical office in Larned. Mrs. Cram was a member of First United Methodist Church of Larned, past president of United Methodist Women, 60-year member of PEO - Chapter CB, Order of the Eastern Star, Girl Scout Leader and board member of the Wheatbelt Council. Survivors include two sons, Charles Cram of Dallas, Texas and Jim Cram of Salina; three daughters, Patsy Nelson and Betty Dickerson, both of Albuquerque, N.M. and Mary Myers of Longmont, Colo.; one brother, Bruce Firkins of Deming, N.M.; two sisters, Darlene Topping of Junction City and Josephine Cram of Denver, Colo.; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Memorial service will be 10:30 a.m. June 20 at the church. Inurnment will be at Larned Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Kansas University Scholarship Fund, the church, and PEO Club of Larned all in care of Ryan Mortuary of Salina. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 6, 2003
June 5, 2003

Hazel Lucille Joy 1925-2003

WICHITA — Hazel Lucille Joy, 78, died June 1 at her residence in Wichita. She was born in Hamilton. She was a homemaker. Survivors include one son, Larry Joy of Broken Arrow, Okla.; two daughters, Cindy Whiterock of Wichita and Janice Heinz of Great Bend; two brothers, Leon Smith of Pennsylvania and Ed Smith of Kansas; one sister, Doris Christopher of Oklahoma; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Memorial services will be announced by Minnis Chapel of Stafford. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to the church or the Ritz Theatre and Christmas Wonderland. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, T. J. Claypool of Stafford; two daughters, Kelly May McGee of Larned and Jackie Lee Myers of Wichita; one brother, Ray Scott of Gilmer, Texas; two sisters, Debbie Northam of Belton, Texas and Donna Jane Livingston of Ft. Worth; and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister, Patricia Scott. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the church. Memorial services will be announced by the church. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to the church or Southwind Hospice, both in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 5, 2003

Ellinwood Fire Department, all of Ellinwood in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 5, 2003

from 9 a.m. to noon Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Heritage Club, Ellinwood Hospital Auxiliary or

Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 9 this morning to 8 tonight and

p.m., all at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. John Maes

officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 9 this morning to 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. to noon Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Heritage Club, Ellinwood Hospital Auxiliary or Ellinwood Fire Department, all of Ellinwood in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 5, 2003


The Rev. Wenzel L. “W.L.” Birzer, 90, of Great Bend, died June 3 at Cherry Village Residential Care in Great Bend. He was born July 6, 1912, at Odin, the son of Alois and Barbara Probst Birzer. He attended elementary school in Odin before traveling to Mt. Calvary,Wis., for high school and St. Lawrence college. He took his philosophy and theology training at St. Francis Seminary in Milwaukee, Wis. He was ordained June 3, 1939, at Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis in St. Louis, Mo., by Cardinal John Glennon. He was appointed the pastor of St. Mary parish of Stilka, with St. Joseph parish of Ashland, as a mission. With the exception of only 2 1/2 years, all of his appointments have been in the territory that is now the Diocese of Dodge City. He was pastor of St. Bernard parish of Belpre from 1943-1948; St. Boniface parish of Sharon from 1948-1960; St. Andrew parish of Wright from 1960-1962; St. John parish of Meade from 1963-1964; St. Theresa parish of Dighton from 1964-1969; St. Joan of Arc parish of Eikhart from 1969-1970; and St. Joseph parish of Liebenthal and St. Mary parish of Loretta from 1970-1983. Birzer was Diocesan director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith from September of 1960 to May of 1962. He retired Aug. 31, 1983, to Ellinwood where he continued to serve the church as a substitute, later moving to Alterra Sterling House in Great Bend. Birzer was influential in establishing the parish at Medicine Lodge and naming it Holy Rosary and was a Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus member. Survivors include two sisters, Matilda Prosser of Ellinwood and Ann Dreiling of Odin. He was preceded in death by six brothers, Louie Birzer, Nick Birzer, Frank Birzer, John Birzer, Joe Birzer and Tom Birzer; and one sister, Margaret Heckele. Family rosary will be at 6 p.m. followed by a vigil service at 7 p.m., followed by Knights of Columbus Rosary today, all at Holy Family Catholic Church in Odin. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the church with Bishop Ronald M. Gilmore and the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at Holy Family Cemetery in Odin. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, and from 6 to 9 p.m. today at the church. Memorial services are suggested to the American Diabetes Association in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 5, 2003

June 4, 2003

Barbara Raye Scott Claypool 1945-2003

STAFFORD — Barbara Raye Scott Claypool, 58, died June 2 at her home. She was born Feb. 9, 1945, at Ft. Worth, Texas, the daughter of Raymond George and Juanita Spurlock Scott. She married Karol Lee Claypool Oct. 19, 1963, at Temple, Texas. A longtime Stafford resident, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Claypool was a member of Stafford Church of Christ, and a volunteer at the Ritz Theatre and Christmas Wonderland. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, T. J. Claypool of Stafford; two daughters, Kelly May McGee of Larned and Jackie Lee Myers of Wichita; one brother Ray Scott of Gilmer, Texas; two sisters, Debbie Northam of Belton, Texas and Donna Jane Livingston of Ft. Worth; and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister, Patricia Scott. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Stafford Cemetery with Richard Foster officiating. Memorial services will be announced by Kimple Funeral Home of Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 3, 2003

Katherine M. Birzer 1910-2003

ELLINWOOD — Katherine M. Birzer, 93, died June 3 at Ellinwood District Hospital. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Kimple Funeral Home of Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 3, 2003

Catherine Marjorie Birzer 1920-2003

ELLINWOOD — Catherine Marjorie Birzer, 83, died June 3 at Ellinwood District Hospital. She was born May 27, 1920, at Ellinwood, the daughter of Peter L. and Bertha Steimel Wendel. She married Robert Michael Birzer Sept. 5, 1939, at Kansas City, Mo. He died Sept. 18, 1995. A lifetime resident of Barton County, she was a sales clerk at Gaylors Dry Goods in Ellinwood, a baker at the Ellinwood Bakery and a certified nurses assistant at Central Kansas Medical Center of Great Bend. Mrs. Birzer was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Altar Society, American Legion Auxiliary, Ellinwood Historical Society and Heritage Club, all of Ellinwood. Survivors include one son, Joe Birzer of Harper; two daughters, Judy Komarek of Ellinwood and Sandra Cholitz of Derby; two brothers, Jerry Wendel of Great Bend and Tom Wendel of Hutchinson; one sister, Audrey Puckett of Hutchinson; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two daughters, Donna Lee Jones and Bobbie Kay Oberle; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Altar society rosary will be at 3 p.m. today followed by a vigil service at 7 p.m., all at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. John Maes officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 9 this morning to 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. to noon Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Heritage Club, Ellinwood Hospital Auxiliary or Ellinwood Fire Department, all of Ellinwood in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 5, 2003

Barbara Raye Scott Claypool 1945-2003

STAFFORD — Barbara Raye Scott Claypool, 58, died June 2 at her home. She was born Feb. 9, 1945, at Ft. Worth, Texas, the daughter of Raymond George and Juanita Spurlock Scott. She married Karol Lee Claypool Oct. 19, 1963, at Temple, Texas. A longtime Stafford resident, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Claypool was a member of Stafford Church of Christ, and a volunteer at the Ritz Theatre and Christmas Wonderland. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, T. J. Claypool of Stafford; two daughters, Kelly May McGee of Larned and Jackie Lee Myers of Wichita; one brother Ray Scott of Gilmer, Texas; two sisters, Debbie Northam of Belton, Texas and Donna Jane Livingston of Ft. Worth; and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister, Patricia Scott. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Stafford Cemetery with Richard Foster officiating. Friends may call from 1 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Minnis Chapel of Stafford. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to the church or Southwind Hospice, both in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 5, 2003
June 3, 2003

Frank Spreier 1923-2003

JETMORE - Frank Spreier, 80, died May 30 at Reno County Hospice House in Hutchinson. He was born March 23, 1923, at Pawnee County, the son of David and Katherine Schuldies Spreier. He married Mildred Berger Aug. 10, 1947, at Jetmore. A resident of Jetmore, he was a farmer and stockman, and commercial sand hauler. Spreier was a member of United Methodist Church in Rozel. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Diane Spreier of Larned; two sisters, Opal Berger of Jetmore, and Dorothy Constant of Larned; two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Duane Frank Spreier; one brother, Fred Spreier Jr.; and four sisters, Laura Wiedemann, Majorie Gordier, Esther Spreier, and Viola Balman. Funeral service will be at 10:30 this morning United Methodist Church in Jetmore with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society in care of Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 3, 2003

Betty Ziegenbusch 1907-2003

ELLINWOOD — Betty Ziegenbusch, 95, died June 1 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Oct. 20, 1907, at Ellinwood, the daughter of Henry Herman and Catherine Scheim Ziegenbusch. She graduated from Kansas State Teacher’s College at Emporia with a degree in elementary education. A longtime Ellinwood resident, she was an elementary teacher in Ellinwood and Wichita, retiring in 1972. She was a member of St. John’s Lutheran Church and Modern Literature Club, both of Ellinwood; Barton County Retired Teachers Association, Delta Kappa Gamma of Great Bend, Kansas NEA and a member of the Sixth District of Kansas Author’s Club. Survivors include two nieces, Betty Bjerke of Goodyear, Ariz., and Jane French of Pago Pago, American Samoa. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Andy Keltner officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, all at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to Ellinwood School/Community Library Foundation or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 3, 2003

Severia I. ‘Sis’ Pierce 1924-2003

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Severia I. “Sis” Pierce, 78, died May 30 at Baptist Lutheran Hospital. She was born Sept. 16, 1924, at Antonino. She married Richard “Jack” Hillman. He died. She married Maynard Pierce. She was a resident of the Kansas City area since 1965. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Amiel Hillman of Kansas City and Steven Hillman of Great Bend; two daughters, Norine Wells of Blue Springs, Mo., and Cora Duncan of Baldwin City; two brothers, Sylvester Sauer of San Jose, Calif., and Marvin Sauer of Blue Springs; one sister, Jean Weaver of Portland, Ore.; 16 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Park Lawn Chapel in South Kansas City. Burial will be at Green Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 tonight at the chapel. Park Lawn Funeral Home of South Kansas City is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 3, 2003

George Williams 1915-2003

WEST MONROE, La., — George Williams, 87, died May 31. He was born July 21, 1915, at Wellington, Texas. He married Dorothy Allen. A resident of West Monroe, coming from Amarillo, Texas, he worked for Shamrock Oil, the Bureau of the Mines, received a meritorious award for outstanding service in 1973 from the Department of the Interior, and retired after 31 years of service as chief of production for helium operations with the U.S. Government. Williams was a member of Ridge Avenue Baptist Church in West Monroe and a deacon in the Southern Baptist faith. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter Sammie Pettitt of West Monroe; four sisters, Faye Flynn and Sue Green, both of Amarillo, and Bennie Smith and Jane Herndon of McLean, Texas; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; seven step-great-grandchildren; and two step-great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by six brothers; and one great-granddaughter, Randi Layne Williams. Funeral and burial were held June 2 in West Monroe. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to American Parkinson’s Disease Association in care of Kirkpatrick Funeral Home in West Monroe, 1321 North Seventh St., West Monroe, La., 71291. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 3, 2003

William J. ‘Bill’ Desaire 1965-2003

ELLIS — William J. “Bill” Desaire, 37, died May 31 as a result of an automobile accident. He was born Oct. 15, 1965, at Ardmore, Okla., the son of Adrian and Ellen Fabrizius Desaire. He married Kathy Homburg June 27, 1987, at St. John’s Lutheran Church of Ellis. He was a graduate of Ellis High School. He received a bachelor’s degree in economics from Fort Hays State University and an associate’s degree in criminal justice from Barton County Community College. A resident of Ellis since 1976, coming from Wichita, he worked in sales and was owner and operator of Railroad Karaoke. Desaire was a member of Christ Lutheran Church, past president of Ellis Main Street Inc., past Ellis city councilman and a member of Kansas Army National Guard. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Danny Desaire of Ellis; one daughter, Kimberly Desaire of Ellis; his father of Plainville, his mother and step-father, Ellen and Mike Archer of Sublette; one brother, David Desaire of Sublette; three sisters, Christine Honaker of La Crosse, Wisc., Tammy Gerhardt of Ellis and Julie Desaire of Wichita. Funeral will be at 10 this morning at the church with the Rev. Lyle M. Knuth officiating. Burial will be at Zion Lutheran Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 this morning until service time at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Education Fund for his children in care of Wasinger Funeral Chapel in Ellis. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 3, 2003
Wilma ‘Fern’ Moore 1913-2003

OTIS — Wilma “Fern” Moore, 90, died June 1 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born Jan. 8, 1913, at Timken, the daughter of Willis Halea and Hazel Vanderford Lewis. She married Lester E. Moore May 8, 1935, at Russell. He died Sept 15, 1978. A resident of Otis, she was owner of Albert Cafe, worked in the dietary kitchen of St. Joseph Hospital in Larned and was a homemaker. Survivors include four sons, Clark Moore of Great Bend, John Moore of McPherson, James Moore of Burnet, Texas, and Charles Moore of Otis; five daughters, Shirla Kimer of Claffin, Donna Schiegel and Linda Brack, both of Otis, Vera Schmidt of Pawnee Rock, and Wilda Daubert of Wichita; four brothers, Guy Lewis of Hawaii, Joel Lewis of Cedar Park, Texas, Richard H. Lewis of Larned and Eldred Lewis of Burdett. She was preceded in death by one son, Leonard Moore; one daughter, Carol DeVault; two brothers, Harlen Lewis and Glen Lewis; two sisters, Neva Washburn and Beryl Buhrer; and two grandsons. Prayer service will be at 7 tonight at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with the Rev. Ultan Murphy officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Clara Barton Hospital Foundation in Hoisington or Cougar Pause Teen Center in Otis, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 3, 2003

Maxine L. Kirkhoff Litchfield 1921-2003

SYLVIA — Maxine L. Kirkhoff Litchfield, 81, died May 31 at Leisure Homestead in Stafford. She was born Dec. 8, 1921, near Turon. She was a 1939 graduate of Turon High School and Southwestern College in Winfield. She married Alpha Vice Litchfield May 30, 1948, at Turon. He died Dec. 11, 1995. A resident of the Sylvia and Zenith communities, she was a teacher in Wellington, Turon, Stafford and Sylvia, and was a homemaker. Mrs. Litchfield was a member of Zenith Community Church, a representative to Southwestern Presbytery in Kansas, a founding member of Hutchinson Chapter Aglow and a 56-year member of American Legion Auxiliary. She was an original member in the Great Plains Passion Play. Survivors include three sons, Steven Litchfield of Olathe, the Rev. Don Litchfield of Kokomo, Ind., and Marshall Litchfield of Bonner Springs; one daughter, Louise “Lou Ann” Markhart of Hutchinson; two sisters, Glennys Kent of Winfield and Phyllis Edwards of Lakeland, Fla.; and nine grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Rodney and one sister, Avis Hughes. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church with burial at Neola Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Memorials are suggested to Advocates Reach Mission in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 3, 2003

Glen L. Thomson 1937-2003

LARNED — Glen L. Thomson, 66, died May 29 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was born April 15, 1937, at Larned, the son of Ralph and Elsie Bauer Thomson. He married Linda Peterson Feb. 6, 1970, at McPherson. A Larned resident since 1977, coming from McPherson, he was a psychiatric aide for the Larned State Hospital, and owner and operator of Larned Econ-O-Wash. He was a foster father since 1987. Thomson was a member of the First Southern Baptist Church of Larned, NRA, Fort Larned Arms Inc., International Harvester Collector Club, Coca-Cola Collectors Club and AARP. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Gary Thomson of Ft. Worth, Texas; one brother, Don Thomson of Hutchinson; and one grandchild. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Debra Lou Thomson and one brother Dale Thomson. Funeral will be 10 this morning at church with the Rev. Ron Day officiating. Burial will be at Browns Grove Cemetery in Burdett. Memorials may be sent to Central State Scout Museum or donor’s choice, both in care of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 3, 2003

Kenneth A. Hutton 1921-2003

HOLYROOD — Kenneth A. Hutton, 81, died June 1 at Via Christi St. Francis in Wichita. He was born Dec. 22, 1921, at Claffin, the son of Alvin and Frieda Eggers Hutton. He married Mary Frances Wesely Oct. 30, 1943, at Wilson. A resident of Holroyood, he was a policeman for the City of Holroyood, head of city maintenance and a farmer. Hutton was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Holroyood and a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Tom Hutton of Jefferson City, Mo.; two daughters, Mary Woodward of Lee, N.H. and Laurie Hutton-Corr of Convent Station, N.J.; one sister, Harriet Downie of Kansas City; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Michele Petermann; and one sister, Grace Bush. Rosary will be at 10 a.m. followed by the funeral at 10:30 a.m., both Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Dan Scheetz officiating. Burial will be at Holy Name Catholic Cemetery in Bushton. Memorials are suggested to Sister Mary Rose McGeady Covenant House, P.O. Box 731, Times Square Station, New York, N.Y. 10108-0731. Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend was in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 3, 2003

Larry E. Price 1939-2003

LARNED — Larry E. Price, 63, died May 30 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born July 26, 1939, at Larned, the son of John and Amanda Schenk Price Sr. He married Sharon B. Bruntzel Jan. 14, 1956, at Rozel. A Pawnee County resident most of his life, he was a general contractor for 20 years. He loved the Lord and was an active member of First Assembly of God Church in Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Gene Price of Larned; one daughter, Tonya Burton of Medicine Lodge; his father of Larned; one brother, John Price Jr. of Rozel; one sister, Donna Wells of Newton; and five grandchildren, Anna, David, Jennifer, Joseph and Michael. He was preceded in death by his mother, Amanda Price. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Dan Scheetz and Rodger Alford officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 this morning to 8 tonight at Beckwith Mortuary in Larned and from 11 a.m. until service time Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or the Larry Price Scholarship Fund in care of the mortuary. This notice may be seen and condolences left at beckwithmortuary.com. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 3, 2003 paid announcement
June 1, 2003

Glen L. Thomson 1937-2003

LARNED - Glen L. Thomson, 66, died May 29, at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was born April 15, 1937 at Larned, the son of Ralph and Elsie Bauer Thomson. He married Linda Peterson, Feb. 6, 1970, at McPherson. A resident of Larned coming from McPherson, he was a Psychiatric Aide for Larned state Hospital, and owner and operator of Econ-O-Wash in Larned. Thomson was a member of First Southern Baptist Church in Larned, Fort Larned Arms Inc., International Harvester Collector Club, Coca-Cola Collectors Club, AARP, and NRA. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Gary Thomson of Fort Worth, Texas; one brother, Don Thomson of Hutchinson; and one grandchild. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Debra Lou Thomson; and one brother, Dale Thomson. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Ron Day officiating. Burial will be at Browns Grove Cemetery in Burdett. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Monday at Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Memorials are suggested to Central State Scout Museum of Donor’s Choice, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 1, 2003

Frank Spreier 1923-2003

JETMORE - Frank Spreier, 80, died May 30 at Reno County Hospice House in Hutchinson. He was born March 23, 1923 at Pawnee County, the son of David and Katherine Schuldies Spreier. He married Mildred Berger Aug. 10, 1947 at Jetmore. A resident of Jetmore, he was a farmer, stockman, and commercial sand hauler. Spreier was a member of United Methodist Church in Rozel. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Diane Spreier of Larned; two sisters, Opal Berger of Larned, and Dorothy Constant of Larned; two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Duane Frank Spreier; one brother, Fred Spreier Jr.; and four sisters, Laura Wiedemann, Majorie Gordier, Esther Spreier, and Viola Balman. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday United Methodist Church in Jetmore, with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and Monday at Beckwith Funeral home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 1, 2003
July 31, 2003

Matilda 'Tillie' A. Spicka 1916-2003

TIMKEN — Matilda “Tillie” A. Spicka, 87, died July 30 at Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoxingston. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 31, 2003

July 30, 2003

Lorene F. Johnson 1916-2003

Lorene F. Johnson, 86, of Great Bend, died July 29 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was born Sept. 4, 1916, at Canton, Ill., the daughter of Herbert and Donna Crosley Kramer. She married Harold E. Johnson Sept. 4, 1934, at Plymouth, Ind. He died Aug. 12, 1973. A resident of Great Bend for five years, coming from Longmont, Colo., she was a homemaker. Mrs. Johnson was a member of Church of the Brethren in Canton. Survivors include two sons, Lee Johnson of Longmont and Herbert L. Johnson of Blue Eye, Mo.; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Elnora Carter and Bernice Hackett. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Kevin Kessler officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery in Canton. Friends may call Friday at Murphy-Sedgwick Memorial Home in Canton. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer’s Association or the church, both in care of Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 30, 2003

Jim Lee Dougherty 1934-2003

DENVER, Colo., — Jim Lee Dougherty, 69, died July 26. He was born Feb. 5, 1934, at Paradise, the son of Ora and Mary Dougherty. He was a 1952 graduate of Lorraine High School. He married Beverly M. Choltz Nov. 29, 1953, at Ellsworth. A resident of Denver, he was formerly of Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; four sons, Michael Dougherty of Littleton, Colo., Randy Dougherty of Londwood, Fla., Kevin Dougherty of New Millport, Pa., and Daniel Dougherty of Aurora, Colo.; one daughter, Gaye Becker of Greeley, Colo.; one brother, Neil Dougherty of Denver; one sister, Mayme Rolfs of Denver; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Helen Haase; and two brothers, Warren Dougherty and Richard Dougherty. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. today at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Denver. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the American Diabetes Association in care of Rundus Funeral Home in Broomfield, Colo. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 30, 2003

July 29, 2003

Arlene Newsome 1936-2003

Great Bend, Kan., — Arlene Newsome, 66, of Great Bend, died July 25 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born Dec. 26, 1936, at Great Bend, the daughter of Everette Alan and Mary Elsie Neisler Smith. She married Norman Newsome in 1955 at Great Bend. He died Dec. 6, 1983. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Newsome was a cook and volunteer for the Argonne Rebels. Survivors include a companion, Kenneth Whitmore of Great Bend; four sons, Michael Dougherty of Littleton, Colo., Randy Dougherty of Londwood, Fla., Kevin Dougherty of New Millport, Pa., and Daniel Dougherty of Aurora, Colo.; one daughter, Gaye Becker of Greeley, Colo.; one brother, Neil Dougherty of Denver; one sister, Mayme Rolfs of Denver; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Helen Haase; and two brothers, Warren Dougherty and Richard Dougherty. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. today at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Denver. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the American Diabetes Association in care of Rundus Funeral Home in Broomfield, Colo. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 30, 2003
Mollie Bitter 1911-2003

Mollie Bitter, 91, of Great Bend, died July 26 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Aug. 19, 1911, at Rocky Ford, Colo., the daughter of Henry and Katherine Becker Schweitzer. She married Theodore Bitter Jan. 25, 1931, at Susank. A longtime resident of Hoisington, coming from a farm north of Susank, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Bitter was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church and LWML, both of Hoisington. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Elmer Bitter of Great Bend and the Rev. Glenn B. Bitter of Topeka; one brother, Adam Schweitzer of Gravette, Ark.; one sister, Martha Grasmick of Rocky Ford; two half-sisters, Bertha Root and Becky Robbins, both of LaJunta, Colo.; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, four sisters and one half-sister. Prayer service will be at 7 tonight at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Lloyd Sprick officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Concordia Theological Seminary, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 29, 2003

Jim Connor 1944-2003

NORTH KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Jim Connor, 59, died July 25 in North Kansas City. He was born Feb. 1, 1944, in Hoisington. He retired as captain from Kansas City, Mo., Police Department in 1996 after serving in the department for 30 years. Survivors include his wife, Patty, of the home; three daughters, Renae Rowley of Overland Park, Laurie Moore of Greenwood, Mo., and Tina Connor of Kansas City, Mo.; two brothers, Bob Connor and John Connor; five sisters, Margaret Ehrlich, Mary Lou Komarek, Jean Flagor, Loretta Ulrey and Barbara Lehning; former wife, LaRae Connor; and seven grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. today at D.W. Newcomer’s Sons White Chapel Funeral Home in Gladstone, Mo. Cremation will follow the service. Friends may call from noon until service time today at the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 29, 2003

Nora Viola Karst 1912-2003

Nora Viola Karst, 90, of Great Bend, died July 27 at her residence. She was born Aug. 15, 1912, at Otis, the daughter of Otto Julious and Catherine “Katie” Brack Manke. She married Thomas Edwin Karst Feb. 18, 1931, in Barton County. He died May 22, 2002. A lifetime resident of Rush and Barton counties, she was a housewife, Avon sales lady and a writer for Hoisington Dispatch. Mrs. Karst was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Galatia. Survivors include two daughters, Merrily Kathleen Collins of Great Bend and Winona Grace Thomas of Salina; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; 15 stepgreat-grandchildren; and nine stepstepgreat-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Orville Manke. Prayer service will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Shannon Tiller Vogelczang officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Galatia. Friends may call from 2 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Great Bend Humane Society or the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 29, 2003

Patsy C. Jacobs 1940-2003

ELKHART — Patsy C. Jacobs, 62, died July 24 at Morton County Care Center in Elkhart. She was born Oct. 22, 1940, at West Plain, Mo., the daughter of Liston and Harriet Nirk Bridwell. She was a resident of Elkhart since 1976, coming from Manchester, Conn., she was a homemaker. Mrs. Jacobs attended Freewill Baptist Church of Ulysses. Survivors include one son, Charles Randy Holbert of Provo, Utah; two daughters, Debra Thomas of Tucson, Ariz., and Rhonda Mathena of Rolla; two brothers, Carl Bridwell of Flagstaff, Ariz., and Gary Bridwell of Independence; six sisters, Emily Walsh and Kathy Pierce, both of Elkhart, Joan Hinkle and Dorothy Anderson, both of Ulysses, Darlene Blake of Great Bend and Sherry Harris of Elizabeth, Tenn.; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Bob Bridwell. Funeral was Monday at Garnand Funeral Home Chapel of Elkhart, with the Rev. John Morden officiating. Burial was at Ulysses Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Patsy Jacobs Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 29, 2003

Helen Elizabeth Bennett 1922-2003

Helen Elizabeth Bennett, 80, of Great Bend, died July 26 at her residence. She was born Sept. 21, 1922, at Providence, R.I., the daughter of John Joseph and Lillian Veronica Rankin Newsome. She married Wilbur Warren Bennett Sept. 13, 1945, at Hartford, Conn. He died July 23, 1995. A resident of Great Bend since 1976, coming from Manchester, Conn., she was a homemaker. Mrs. Bennett was a member of the Catholic faith and Newcomers Encana Club of Great Bend. Survivors include two sons, Douglas Bennett of Connecticut and Richard Bennett of Olathe; one daughter, Diane Combs of Great Bend; one brother, William Newsome of Lebanon, Conn.; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother and three sisters. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Reginald Urban officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today, and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday. Memorials are suggested to Barton County Relay for Life or Gideons International, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 29, 2003
Arlene Newsome 1936-2003

Arlene Newsome, 66, of Great Bend, died July 25 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born Dec. 26, 1936, at Great Bend, the daughter of Everette Alan and Mary Elsie Neisler Smith. She married Norman Newsome in 1955 at Great Bend. He died Dec. 6, 1983. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Newsome was a cook and volunteer for the Argonne Rebels. Survivors include a companion, Kenneth Whitmore of Great Bend; three sons, Mark A. Newsome of Danville, Ind., Michael E. Newsome and Kevin J. Newsome, both of Great Bend; one sister, Dora Applegate of Great Bend; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Eugene Michael Smith; one sister, Bonnie Krestin; and two grandchildren, Amanda Newsome and Gary A. Wagner.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Bryant Funeral home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Don Paden 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, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 26, 2003

Isal L. Giesick 1919-2003

ALBERT — Isal L. Giesick, 83, died July 24 at her residence in Hutchinson. She was born Oct. 3, 1919, at Grant County, Okla., the daughter of Jesse and Dora Seifert Hergert. She married Lester R. Giesick Oct. 12, 1946, at La Crosse. A resident of Hutchinson for two years, coming from Albert, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Giesick was a member of Albert Methodist Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary of La Crosse. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Robert Giesick of Hutchinson; three daughters, Mary Anne Depperschmidt of Wichita, Karen Schroeder of Hays and Beverly Ruder of San Angelo, Texas; one sister, Patty Whitt of Enid, Okla.; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Fred Hergert, Earl Hergert and Bob Hergert; and two sisters, Audrey Lively and Beulah Easterly. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at Otis Methodist Cemetery in Otis. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home, with the family receiving friends from 7-8:30 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Hutchinson Good Samaritan Village or Albert Fire Department, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 26, 2003

Leona Louise Leiker 1914-2003

CLAFLIN — Leona Louise Leiker, 88, passed away Friday, July 25, 2003. She was born in rural Claflin on Dec. 11, 1914. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She worked 17 years as a dietary aide for Terrace Gardens Nursing Home. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Wichita. She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Louise Zecha Miller; her husband, Celestine; a grandchild, Morgan Leiker; and a great-grandson, Andrew Leiker. Leona will be dearly missed by her children, Janice and Terry Higgins of Nashville, Tenn., Darrell and Pam of Kansas City, Mo., Nancy and Tim Richards of Newton, and David and Linda of Wichita; brothers, Bill Miller of Claflin and Martin Miller of Atchison; five sisters, Teresa Dolechek of Hoisington, Roberta Prosser of Odin, Rita Doll, Marie Hess and Doris Smith, all of Claflin; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. There will be a family visitation from 6-7 p.m. Sunday, preceding the rosary at 7 p.m., and the funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday, all at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 145 S. Millwood, Wichita. Memorials have been established with St. Joseph Catholic Church and the Lord’s Diner. DeVors Flanagan-Hunt Mortuary, Wichita, is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 26, 2003 paid announcement

Luenda M. Kaiser 1914-2003

Luenda M. Kaiser, 88, of Great Bend, died July 24 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Sept. 27,
1914, at Hudson, the daughter of Godfrey L. and Pauline Nolte Rugan. She married Lawrence Leo Kaiser in 1942. They later divorced. He died in 1987. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, she worked at Central Kansas Medical Center for 25 years until her retirement. Mrs. Kaiser was a member of Peace United Church of Christ of Hudson. Survivors include three sons, Lawrence "Larry" Eugene Kaiser and Richard "Dick" R. Kaiser, both of Great Bend, and William "Bill" Kaiser of Richmond, Ind.; one brother, Arlie Rugan of Colorado Springs, Colo.; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Walter Rugan. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Oct. 4, at Peace Cemetery in Hudson, with the Rev. Arlyn Thielenhaus officiating. Cremation has taken place. Friends may sign the register book from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Charter Funerals of Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer's Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 26, 2003

Naomi Ayres Lightfoot 1907-2003

LARNED — Naomi Ayres Lightfoot, 95, died July 24 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. She was born Sept. 30, 1907, at Lenexa, the daughter of Nelson and Grace Powell Ayres. She married Benjamen Archibald Lightfoot Sept. 7, 1931, at Shawnee. He died in 1955. A resident of Larned for 12 years, coming from Gardner, she was a former clerk of the District Court of Johnson County. Mrs. Lightfoot was a member of Order of Eastern Star. Survivors include one son, B.A. Lightfoot of Hanston; two grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Nelson P. Ayres and Arthur Ayers; and one sister, Ruth Elder. No services will be held. Her body was bequeathed to University of Kansas Medical School. Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 26, 2003

Cynthia Kay Bailly Kenton 1954-2003

CASTLE ROCK, Colo. — Cynthia Kay Bailly Kenton, 48, died July 23 at Spearfish, S.D. She was born Sept. 10, 1954, at Deadwood, S.D., the daughter of John C. and Vera Joan Derosier Bailly. She was a 1972 graduate of Great Bend High School, a 1977 graduate of University of Kansas, and received her masters degree from University of Colorado at Denver. She married James S. Kenton May 28, 1978, in Great Bend. A resident of Castle Rock since 1984, she taught elementary school in Lawrence, Elizabeth, Colo., and Castle Rock for a total of 26 years. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Christopher Kenton of Fort Collins, Colo.; her stepfather, Walter Smith of Tucson, Ariz.; one brother, John Bailly of Wichita; one sister, Pamela Brannan of Highland Ranch, Colo.; one stepbrother, David Smith of Leawood; and two stepsisters, Sondra Dowling of El Paso, Texas, and Linda Cowan of Keene, N.H. A family service was held Friday at the family cabin in Lead, S.D. A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Aug. 2 at New Hope Presbyterian Church in Castle Rock. Memorials are suggested to South Elementary Outdoor Education Program or American Cancer Society, in care of Carlsen & Aldinger Funeral Home of Spearfish. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 26, 2003

Helen Alfrieda Lust 1927-2003

DELAND, Fla. — Helen Alfrieda Lust, 75, died July 23 at Florida Hospital - DeLand of Deland. She was born Sept. 20, 1927, at Philadelphia, Penn., the daughter of Roman and Mary Nistal Przyborowski. She married Roland W. Lust at Philadelphia. He died July 19, 1978. A resident of DeLand for seven years, coming from Philadelphia and Great Bend, she had worked as a sales clerk in the retail market. Mrs. Lust was a member of St. Peter’s Catholic Church of DeLand. Survivors include three sisters, Alice Gerwin, Mildred Bukowski and Emma Kasavage, all of Philadelphia. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Leo Przyborowski and Steve Przyborowski; and one sister, Clara Pisarek. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington, with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 26, 2003

Edith Ellen Hamilton Bartoo 1910-2003
Edith Ellen Hamilton Bartoo, 93, of Great Bend, died July 25 at Great Bend Health & Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. She was born March 23, 1910, at Great Bend, the daughter of Willis Hamilton and Chloe Gladys Vollmer. She received her bachelor of science degree from Emporia State University. A lifetime resident of Barton County, she was an elementary education teacher for USD 428, Great Bend, teaching at Washington School. Mrs. Bartoo was a member of First United Methodist Church, Church Council, Holl-Nethling Circle, Barton Co. Association of Churches, Portia Club, Business and Professional Women, National Education Association, Retired Teachers Association, Birthday Club, founder of Silver and Gold Club, Kansans for Improvement of Nursing Homes, co-founder of Senior Travel Club at UMB, Barton County Community Concert Association, AAUW, Order of the Eastern Star, Etudien Federated Womens Club, and Barton Co. Knife and Fork Club. Survivors include one daughter, Chloellen Miller and husband John of Woodbridge, Va.; one sister, Eleanor Miller of Great Bend; one sister-in-law, Eleanor Hamilton of Great Bend; one grandson, Evan Miller of Charlotte, N.C.; one granddaughter, Semra Staut and husband Marc of Atlanta, Ga.; nephews, David Thomas and Steve Thomas, both of Great Bend; and one niece, Carolyn Huslig of Grand Junction, Colo. She was preceded in death by her parents, and one brother, Charles Hamilton. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Family will receive friends from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday, at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 26, 2003

Evelyn June Waddle 1928-2003

LYONS — Evelyn June Waddle, 74, died July 24 at Good Samaritan Center of Lyons. She was born Sept. 24, 1928, in Macksville, the daughter of Everett and Ruth Cummins Waddle. She was a resident of Lyons. Survivors include three sisters, Peggy Richter of Lyons, Sherry Sharp of Colby and Colleen Black of Yukon, Okla. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Farmington Cemetery in Macksville. Memorials are suggested to Good Samaritan Center of Lyons, in care of Minnis Chapel of St. John. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 25, 2003

Margie Beaghler 1923-2003

TOPEKA — Margie Beaghler, 79, died July 18 in Topeka. She was born Sept. 23, 1923, in Piqua, the daughter of Ernest and Clara Massoth Giltner. She was a resident of Topeka for six years. Survivors include three sons, Matt Wagner of Houston, Texas, Mark Wagner of Axtell and the Rev. Rick Branson of Marion; five daughters, Judy Thornton of Great Bend, Kathy Smith and Pat Stallbaumer, both of Topeka, Mary Krouse of Bonner Springs and Vicki Ellis of Wichita; one brother, Ted Giltner of Scottsdale, Ariz.; 24 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Mike Wagner; one brother; and two sisters. Funeral was July 22 at Crable VanArsdale Funeral Chapel in Osage City, with the Rev. Rick Branson officiating. Burial was at Osage City Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Topeka Rescue Mission, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 25, 2003

Roger E. Dillon 1949-2003

ZANESVILLE, Ohio — Roger E. Dillon, 54, died unexpectedly at 1:28 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, 2003, at Good Samaritan Hospital. He was a corrections officer for the Muskingum County Sheriff’s Department. He was born Feb. 28, 1949, in Coffeyville, the son of Elvin and Viola Dillon. He lived most of his life in Kansas where he graduated from Kansas State University in 1978. He was a corrections officer at Larned Correctional Mental Health Facility before moving to Zanesville in 2000. He married Kris Dunkle October 2000. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Aaron Dillon and Matt Dillon, both of Kansas; one brother, John Dillon and wife Coral; one nephew, Bill Dillon and wife, Sarah; one niece, Becky Dillon; one stepdaughter, Mandi Crotzer of Nashport, Ohio; his wife’s parents, Jim and Wanda Dunkle; one sister-in-law, Kim Dennis and her husband, Homer; and his beloved pets, Bart, Bailey and Kate. He is preceded in death by his parents. Calling hours will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Burrell Funeral Services in Zanesville. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home, with the Rev. Terry Newman officiating. Cremation will take place at a later date. Services will be held at a later date in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 25, 2003

July 24, 2003

Norman “Nordy” Philip Wilhelm 1922-2003

Norman “Nordy” Philip Wilhelm, 80, of Great Bend, died July 23 at his residence. He was born Sept. 26, 1922, at Rush Center, the son of Philip and Ester Yost Wilhelm. He married Betty Ruth Maser June 26, 1950, in Bazine. She preceded him
in death. A resident of Great Bend since 1968, coming from Rush Center, he was a farmer, bartender for Starlight Supper Club and a truck driver for Gibsons. Wilhelm was a member of Masonic Temple and Shriners. Survivors include one daughter, Nancy Martin/Scheck of Oklahoma City, Okla.; three sisters, Joyce Rogers of McCracken, Florance Schuddy of La Crosse and Kathryn Pickens of Wichita; five grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Ruth Ann Wilhelm; one brother, George "Bud" Wilhelm; and one sister, Thelma Kirby. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse Cemetery in La Crosse. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday at Charter Funeral Chapel in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 24, 2003

Bertha Elsie Fairchild 1909-2003

LARNED — Bertha Elsie Fairchild, 94, died July 23 at Larned Healthcare Center of Larned. She was born May 21, 1909, in Edwards County, the daughter of James Thomas and Ida May Thomas Dugger. She married William Frederick Fairchild April 2, 1927, at Lewis. He died May 29, 1961. A lifetime resident of Pawnee and Edwards counties, she was a nurses' aide and owner of Fairchild Dugger Dairy. Mrs. Fairchild was a member of First Christian Church, EHU, Happy Harmony Club, Happy Hour Club and Welcome Inn, all of Larned. Survivors include one son, William Dean Fairchild of Larned; three daughters, Carol May Beaudion of Kalispell, Mont., Lola Irene Cavalier of Fayetteville, N.C., and Brenda Sue Barker of Larned; 13 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three daughters, Alice Joan Strobel, Betty Jean Fairchild and Norma Lee Fairchild; and three brothers, Raymond Dugger, Virgil Dugger and Clifford Dugger. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Larned Cemetery with the Revs. Rhonda Glenn and Dan Lundgren officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the church, Welcome Inn or donors' choice, all in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 24, 2003

Helen Alfrieda Lust 1927-2003

DELAND, Fla. — Helen Alfrieda Lust, 75, died July 23 at Florida Hospital - DeLand. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 24, 2003

July 23, 2003

Ronald H. Ferranti 1939-2003

HOISINGTON — Ronald H. Ferranti, 63, died July 22 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born Oct. 13, 1939, at Binghamton, N.Y., the son of Americo and Lucy Masonardi Ferranti. She married Sharon Alexander Aug. 3, 1984, at Milberger. A resident of Hoisington since 1983, he was retired from the Kansas Department of Corrections. Ferranti was a member of St. Mary of Assumption Church of Binghamton. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Michael Ferranti and Steven Ferranti, both of Endwell, N.Y.; one daughter, Diane Lechner of Appalachi, N.Y.; one stepson, Brian Alexander of Hoisington; one stepdaughter, Lisa Alexander of Great Bend; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one stepdaughter, Becky Alexander. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery in Hoisington. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday, all at the funeral home. The family will receive friends from 7:15 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Kans for Kids, Hoisington Ambulance Fund or Clara Barton Foundation, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 23, 2003

Clara Ann Schremmer 1912-2003

HOISINGTON — Clara Ann Schremmer, 91, died July 21 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born June 17, 1912, at Dubuque, the daughter of Conrad “Conney” and Clara Ann Polzin Esfeld. She married Ollie Schremmer Sept. 8, 1937, at Dubuque. He died July 2, 1953. A resident of Hoisington since 1954, coming from Dubuque, she was a self-employed housekeeper. Mrs. Schremmer was a member of St. John Evangelical Catholic Church and Altar Society, and was a St. John’s religious class teacher, all of Hoisington. Survivors include two sons, Gary Schremmer of Hoisington and Ronnie Schremmer of Wichita; one daughter, Jolene Maneth of Phoenix, Ariz.; eight grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Ray Esfeld; and two sisters, Emma Kaiser and Edna Linsner. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Dubuque with the Revs. Bob Schremmer and Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. Catherine Cemetery in Dubuque. Friends may call from 2 to 9 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Cheyenne Meadows Living Center, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 23, 2003
Max Hill 1924-2003

ELLINWOOD — Max Hill, 78, died July 20 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born Nov. 23, 1924, at Leon, Iowa, the son of Elmer Warren and Helen Belle Hartley Hill. He attended Lamoni, Iowa, High School. He married Naomi Ruth Nov. 3,1942, at Albany, Mo. A resident of Ellinwood for 34 years, coming from Sedgwick and Decatur County, Iowa, he was a truck driver for Kaw Transport, retiring in 1984, and a bus driver for USD 355. Hill was a member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, all of Ellinwood, and Teamster Union. He was a Meals on Wheels volunteer. He was a U.S. Army veteran, training as a cavalryman at Ft. Riley and serving in the Philippines from 1944 to 1945. Survivors include his wife of the home; four sons, Roger Hill and wife Tammi of Henderson, Colo., Steve Hill of Ellinwood, Keith Hill and wife Kaye of Sedgwick, and Warren Hill and wife Arlene of Littleton, Colo.; two brothers, Ralph Hill, and Maurice Hill and wife Darlene, all of Leon; two sisters, Sara VanNostrand and husband Jim of Deiran, N.J., and Donna Roskens and husband Russ of Las Vegas, Nev.; one sister-in-law, Elaine Hill of Leon; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Jean Martinez; one brother, Dean Hill; two grandsons; and one great-grandson; one daughter-in-law, Jane Ann Hill; and one sister-in-law, Marybelle Hill. Altar Society rosary will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Wake service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, followed by Knights of Columbus rosary, all at the church in Ellinwood. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Joseph Bahr officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery of Ellinwood. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Parkinson’s Disease Research, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 22, 2003 paid announcement

Armin Deutsch 1920-2003

HOISINGTON — Armin Deutsch, 83, died July 18 at his residence. He was born Jan. 20, 1920, in Susank, the son of Jonathon and Mary Bitter Deutsch. He married Mary H. Van Zandt in 1943 at Tucson, Ariz. She died May 29, 1958. He married Bertha Mausolf Nov. 20. 1959, at Hoisington. She died Aug. 20, 2000. A lifetime resident of the Hoisington and Susank area, he was a retired salesman for J. C. Penney and former welder for O’Neill Tank Service, both of Great Bend. Deutsch was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church of Hoisington. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include three daughters, Mary Ann Bahr of Great Bend, Carolyn Barnaby of Clark Lake, Mich., and Darlene Steinert of Peyton, Colo.; one stepson, Terrance Miller of Fresno, Calif.; one stepdaughter, Joandel Hansen of San Diego, Calif.; two brothers, Clarence Deutsch and Vernon Deutsch, both of Hoisington; nine grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and nine step great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Leo Deutsch, Otto Deutsch and Alvin Deutsch; and two sisters, Rosie Kraft and Elsie Ochs. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Garry Dassow. 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 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 22, 2003

Shirley A. Miller 1936-2003

Shirley A. Miller, 66, of Great Bend, died July 20 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. She was born Oct. 13, 1936, at Zurich, the daughter of William and Victoria Desmarteau Benoit. She married Weldon L. Miller Jan. 5, 1957, at Norton. A longtime Great Bend resident, coming from Plainville, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Miller was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church of Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, George Miller and Robert Miller, both of Great Bend; three daughters, Kathy Robinson of Panama City, Fla., Mary Cooley of Great Bend and Cheryl Roa of Hays; two sisters, Edna Bedard of Thornton, Colo., and Joyce Loreg of Great Bend; 22 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Ted Benoit and Henry Benoit. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Shannon Vogelezang officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends
Mary Ann Kowalsky 1930-2003

ELLINWOOD — Mary Ann Kowalsky, 72, died July 20 at Ellinwood District Hospital. She was born Dec. 12, 1930, at rural Ellinwood, the daughter of John H. and Mae Arensford Klepper. She married Herman J. Kowalsky Nov. 27, 1952, at San Francisco, Calif. He died Jan 28, 1977. A lifetime resident of Ellinwood, she was a private caregiver and a cook at Woodhaven Care Center and Ellinwood District Hospital. Mrs. Kowalsky was a member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Altar Society, Daughters of Isabella, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Ellinwood Hospital Auxiliary and Heritage Club, all of Ellinwood. Survivors include one son, Gregg Kowalsky of Ellinwood; two daughters, Maria Macy and Gail Greer, both of Ellinwood; two brothers, Norman Klepper and Maurice Klepper, both of Ellinwood; two sisters, Inez Malone of Rose Hill and Betty Mae Schmidt of Kimberling City, Mo.; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Barbara Renea Kowalsky; two grandsons, Brian Krom and Eric Macy; three brothers, LeRoy Klepper, Ronald Klepper and Frank Klepper; and two sisters, Katherine Heagler and Elvera Martin. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. today at the church, with the Rev. Ted Stoecklein officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to the church or Ellinwood Area Health Care Foundation, in care of Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood.

Evelyn L. Marcum 1913-2003

OMAHA, Neb. — Evelyn L. Marcum, 89, died July 18 at Omaha. She was born Sept. 21, 1913, at Friend, Neb., the daughter of Frank and Cora Markland Redman. Survivors include one son, Jim and wife Gaylene Marcum of Bellevue, Neb.; one daughter, Shirley Swanson of Apaka, Fla.; one daughter-in-law, Karen Marcum of Great Bend; one brother, John Redman and wife Neva of Palm Springs, Calif.; one sister, Irene and husband Merle McNeil of Lincoln, Neb.; one sister-in-law, Gwen Redman of Ocean Side, Calif.; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arlie Marcum; two sons, Robert Marcum and David Marcum; one son-in-law, Robert Swanson; her parents; and one brother, Bill Redman. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Hanscom Park United Methodist Church in Omaha. Burial will be at 3 p.m. at Andrew Cemetery in Friend. Friends may call after 4 p.m. today at Bethany Funeral Home in LaVista, Neb. Family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home.

E. Esther Newcomer 1906-2003

SCOTT CITY — E. Esther Newcomer, 97, died July 19 at Park Lane Nursing Home in Scott City. She was born July 17, 1906, in Rush County, the daughter of Joe and Cora Wilkerson Waudby. She married Lyle Newcomer June 9, 1926, at Rush County. He died Nov. 18, 1977. A resident of Scott City since 1962, coming from Rush County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Newcomer was a member of Church of the Nazarene of Scott City. Survivors include two daughters, June Vsetecka of Scott City and Mary L. Miller-Cook of Stilwell; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Ben Newcomer; and three grandsons. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Price and Sons Funeral Home in Scott City. Burial will be at Scott City Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Park Lane Nursing Home or the church, in care of the funeral home.

Sammuel Steven Byer 1955-2003

LARNED — Sammuel Steven Byer, 48, died July 19 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. He was born Dec. 23, 1955, in Greensburg, the son of Samuel A. and Agnes L. Ellis Byer. He married Anne E. Avery Aug. 8, 1977, in Larned. They were later divorced. A lifetime resident of Larned, he was a corrections officer for Larned Correctional Mental Health Facility. Byer
was a U.S. Navy veteran. Survivors include one son, Sammuel Robert Byer of Hays; one daughter, Sally A. Byer of Larned; one brother, Mike Byer of St. John; and one sister, Connie Star of Great Bend. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with family members officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John, with Department of Corrections honors. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Byer Memorial Fund, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune July 22, 2003

July 19, 2003

Leah Rae Miller 1938-2003

HOISINGTON — Leah Rae Miller, 64, died July 17 at her home. She was born Nov. 17, 1938, in Great Bend, the daughter of Kenneth and Ruth E. Pearce Humphrey. She was a 1956 graduate of Hoisington High School. She married Marvin D. Miller Sept. 12, 1959, at Hoisington. He died May 12, 1995. A lifetime resident of Hoisington, she was a receptionist for Dr. H.K. Ritter dental office, retiring in 1984. Mrs. Miller was a member of First United Methodist Church and Una Chapter No. 119 Order of Eastern Star, both of Hoisington. Survivors include one brother, Verlin “Buster” Humphrey of Carbondale; and one sister, Cheryl Herrman of Russell. She was preceded in death by one brother, Darrell “Bud” Humphrey. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with the Rev. Garry Dassow officiating. Burial will be at Schoenfeld Cemetery in Barton County. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Kans for Kids, Golden Belt Chapter Red Cross or Multiple Sclerosis Society, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 19, 2003

Stephen Wesley Unruh 1940-2003

HUTCHINSON — Stephen Wesley Unruh, 62, died July 18 at Hutchinson Hospital. He was born Oct. 1, 1940, in Great Bend, the son of Galen Wesley and Doris Elizabeth Naim Unruh. He was a graduate of Pawnee Rock High School and attended Barton County Community College. He married Joy Williamson Aug. 10, 1958, at Hoisington. A resident of Hutchinson since 1972, he was manager of Kingsley-Wagner Supply, Jarvis Supply Company and Big A Auto Parts. He also owned Steve’s Texaco, Unruh Auto Parts and Quality Water Systems. Unruh was a member of New Jerusalem Church of Pawnee Rock and a lifetime member of National Rifle Association. Survivors include his wife of the home; four sons, Ron Unruh of Kearney, Mo., Don Unruh of Towanda, Ben Unruh of Fredericksburg, Va., and Greg Unruh of Overland Park; one brother, Stan Unruh of San Antonio, Texas; three sisters, Janice Beougher of Kingman, Carole Bowman of Pawnee Rock; and nine grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Johnson & Sons Funeral Home and Crematory Chapel in Hutchinson, with the Rev. Eric Zacharias officiating. Burial will be at Fairlawn Burial Park. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday and Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 19, 2003

Delvin Dean Fercking 1958-2003

Delvin Dean Fercking, 45, of Great Bend, died July 17 at his residence. He was born May 7, 1958, at Ness City, the son of Robert Ray and Luella Cline Fercking. He married Cindy Kuelker Dec. 12, 2002, in Great Bend. A longtime resident of Great Bend, coming from Ness City, he was a registered nurse for Medstaff. Fercking was a U.S. Navy veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Austin Fercking of Bonham, Texas; one daughter, Stefanie Fercking of Burleson, Texas; his mother of Hoisington; one brother, Ron Fercking of Hoisington; and one sister, Jolinda Sloan of Great Bend. He was preceded in death by one brother, Michael Fercking. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend, with the Rev. LeRoy Keith officiating. No visitation is scheduled, cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Lutheran Home of Wakeeny, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 19, 2003

Ralph William Pfannenstiel 1924-2003

NESS CITY — Ralph William Pfannenstiel, 78, died July 18 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born Sept. 16, 1924, in Ness City, the son of John and Mathilda Werth Pfannenstiel. He married Claretta Wittuhn April 15, 1947, at Ness City. A lifetime resident of Ness City, he was owner of Ralph’s Super Market and Mini-Super Mart at Ness City. Pfannenstiel was a member of Sacred Heart Church, Third and Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, American Legion, Frank Stull Post 152, Ness City School Board, Ness City Recreation Commission and past president of Ness City Chamber of Commerce, all of Ness City, National Grocers Association, Kansas Food Dealers Association and Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary. He was a veteran of U.S. Coast Guard, serving during World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Michael C. Pfannenstiel, Mark J. Pfannenstiel and Monty W. Pfannenstiel, all of Ness City; two daughters, Marcia Pritchett of Hutchinson and Myra Lindeman of Wichita; three brothers, Edwin Pfannenstiel of Wichita, Harry Pfannenstiel of Wakeeny and Victor John Pfannenstiel of Loveland, Colo.; and 11 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Theodore Pfannenstiel, James Pfannenstiel, Alouis Pfannenstiel and Victor Pfannenstiel; and one grandson, Andrew Phillip Prichett. Parish vigil will be at 7 p.m. Monday at the church. Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Gregory LeBlanc officiating. Burial with military graveside rites by American Legion Post 152 of Ness City will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Ness City. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday and from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, all at Fitzgerald Funeral Home of Ness City. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 19, 2003
July 18, 2003

Ruth Jane McMillan 1897-2003

STAFFORD — Ruth Jane McMillan, 105, died July 11 at Leisure Homestead in Stafford. She was born Aug. 21, 1897, at Morganville, the daughter of Edward and Ida Hagenmaster. She attended Emporia State Teachers College and graduated from Sterling College in 1960 with a bachelors degree. She married Forest Dewey McMillan May 29, 1920, at Wichita. He died in 1954. A resident of Stafford, she was a school teacher in Stafford for more than 40 years and a homemaker. Mrs. McMillan was a member of Tri-Sigma Sorority. Survivors include two daughters, JoAn Borland of Dowsington, Pa., and Jeanne Slade of Morrison, Colo.; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Ray Hagenmaster and Del Hagenmaster; and two sisters, Marie Sandifer and Gladys Harrison. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church of Stafford, with the Rev. Kasey Crosby officiating. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Minnis Chapel of Stafford Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 18, 2003

Rogene ‘Gene’ Janet Keiswetter 1922-2003

Rogene “Gene” Janet Keiswetter, 80, of Great Bend, died July 16 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Sept. 14, 1922, at Clay County, Neb., the daughter of Leslie and Myrtle Wilson Wakelin. She married Noble Keiswetter July 24, 1943, at Smith Center. He died Dec. 17, 1994. She had worked as a secretary for Western Power and Gas Co., a predecessor of Aquila. She was a Great Bend resident since 1956, coming from Oklahoma City, Okla., and was a former resident of Alton and Woodston. She grew up in Fairfield, Neb. Mrs. Keiswetter was a member of First Christian Church, Order of the Eastern Star, and did much volunteer work with Great Bend schools and the churches. Survivors include two sons, Allen Keiswetter and wife, Gerda, and their daughters, Sessa and Emma, all of Arlington, Va., and Doug Keiswetter of Great Bend and his daughters, Jenna and Kaitlin, both of La Crosse; and two sisters, Mildred Kahman and Maxine Wells, both of Hastings, Neb. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert Wakelin and Bill Wakelin; and one sister, Geraldine Steiger. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday, all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church building fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 18, 2003 paid announcement

Ethel Elsie Gotsche 1901-2003

RACINE, Wis. — Ethel Elsie Gotsche, 102, died July 16 at Lakeshore Manor in Racine. She was born May 7, 1901, at Platteville, Wis., the daughter of Benjamin and Elsie Ethel Nichols Davis. She married Irving James Gotsche. He died in 1936. A resident of Racine since 1930, she was a teacher at St. James School for 38 years. Mrs. Gotsche was a member of Christ Congregational Church, Professional Business Woman’s Club, Retired Teachers Association W.R.E.A., and Eastern Star. Survivors include one son, Irving J. Gotsche of Great Bend and his wife Jeanne; one daughter, Karen Gill of Racine and her husband James, of Racine; seven grandchildren, Susan Peterson, Grant Gill, Gretchen Hall, Pamela Gable, Steve Gotsche, Eric Gotsche and Kurt Gotsche; 13 great-grandchildren; and one special cousin, Dorothy Pothour of Platteville. She was preceded in death by a brother, Raymond Davis. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hanson Funeral Home in Racine, with the Rev. Richard Ferrell of Calvary Memorial Church officiating. Entombment will be in West Lawn Memorial Park Crypts in Racine. Friends may call from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to American Kidney Foundation, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 18, 2003 paid announcement

Delma Celia Austermiller 1914-2003

Delma Celia Austermiller, 89, of Great Bend, died July 16 at Larned. She was born March 1, 1914, in Rush County, the daughter of Carl B. and Nettie Charlotte Beechman Christianson. She married Marion R. Austermiller June 7, 1934, at
Hutchinson. He died June 29, 1989. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Hutchinson, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Austermiller was member of First United Methodist Church and Rebekah Lodge, both of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Carl J. Austermiller of Farmington Hills, Mich.; one sister, Luella Charlotte Brown of Houston, Texas; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, L. A. Christianson. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer’s Association or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 18, 2003

July 17, 2003

Dora Kasselman Robison 1911-2003

MARSHALL, Texas — Dora Kasselman Robison, 92, died July 12 at Marshall Regional Medical Center. She was born April 29, 1911, at Ellinwood, the daughter of Gustav and Matilda Liese Kasselman. She married James Fay Robison Oct. 10, 1934, at Ellinwood. He died March 28, 1989. Survivors include four daughters, Carol Upton of Livingston, Texas, Treva Shay of Opelousas, La., Glenda Owens of Marshall and Susan Salter of Conway, Ark.; one sister, Hilda Chakir of Great Bend; 11 grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Eddie Kasselman. Services were held July 14 at Sullivan Funeral Home in Marshall. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 17, 2003

Rogene Janet Keiswetter 1922-2003

Rogene Janet Keiswetter, 80, of Great Bend, died July 16 at Central Kansas Medical Center. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 17, 2003

July 16, 2003

Karen M. Bender 1962-2003

SALINA — Karen M. Bender, 41, died July 15 in Salina. She was born March 6, 1962, at Superior, Neb., the daughter of Dick Meitler and Judith Roberds. She married Doug Bender. She was a homemaker and worked as a concessionaire at Dean Evans Baseball Stadium for three years. Survivors include her husband of the home; five sons, Benjamin McDowell of Denver, Colo., Blake McDowell, Heath McDowell and Dalton Bender, all of Salina, and Tommy McDowell of Ellsworth; three daughters, Danica Bender of Independence, Mo., Laura McDowell and Andrianna Bender, both of Salina; her father of Great Bend; her mother of Wichita; three brothers, Shane Meitler of Pawnee Rock, Troy Meitler of Holyrood and Trevor Meitler of Hutchinson; one sister, Amy Gier of Wichita; and mother-in-law, Mabel Bender of Great Bend. She was preceded in death by her father-in-law, Oscar Bender. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints in Salina. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Great Bend City Cemetery. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, all at Ryan Mortuary in Salina. Memorials are suggested to Bender/McDowell Children’s Scholarship Fund or Brown-Mackie Baseball Scholarship Fund, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 16, 2003 paid announcement

July 15, 2003

Alice D. Fiedler 1909-2003

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Alice D. Fiedler died July 1 at Bon Secours Maria Manor in St. Petersburg. She was born Sept. 2, 1909, at Schenectady, N.Y., the daughter of Philip and Alice Folderman Doherty. She married George J. Fiedler July 6, 1929. He died Aug. 18, 1988. A resident of St. Petersburg, coming from Sarasota, Fla., she was executive secretary for the division of plant nutrition at the University of St. Louis in St. Louis, Mo. Mrs. Fiedler was a member of St. Mary Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in St. Peters burg, St. Petersburg Yacht Club, All Children’s Hospital Foundation, All Children’s Guild, and the President’s Club at Kansas State University. Survivors include nieces. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. today at Holy Name Catholic Cemetery southwest of Bushton, with the Revs. Steven P. Shier and James J. Roth officiating. Memorials are suggested to Holy Name Church Cemetery Fund, in care of Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 15, 2003
Michael E. Sheil 1930-2003

Memorial service for Michael E. Sheil, 72, of Great Bend, who died June 28, will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Great Bend Public Library, in care of Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 15, 2003

Jeff W. Scott 1981-2003

HOISINGTON — Jeff W. Scott, 21, died July 13 in a car accident north of St. John. He was born Aug. 20, 1981, at Great Bend, the son of Donald J. and Kathryn M. Farmer Scott. A lifetime resident of Hoisington, he worked for Duke Drilling of Great Bend. Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Brungardt of Hoisington; one stepson, Chad A. Brungardt of the home; three stepdaughters, Jessica R. Brungardt, Ashley N. Brungardt and Erica L. Brungardt, all of the home; his mother, Kathryn M. Scott of Hoisington; his father and stepmother, Donald J. and Peggy Scott of Great Bend; one brother, Jeremie J. Scott of Hoisington; one stepbrother, Mark Rehme of Great Bend; one stepsister, Tena Rehme of Great Bend; his grandfather, Herman Farmer of Hoisington; and stepgrandmother, Marlene Bretz of Russell. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington, with the Rev. Gary Clark officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to donor’s choice, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 15, 2003

Shari Lynn Radke 1957-2003

Shari Lynn Radke, 45, of Great Bend, died July 13 at her residence. She was born Dec. 16, 1957, at Great Bend, the daughter of Willis and Virginia Leek Ochs. She married Jake Radke Dec. 28, 1973, at Hoisington. A longtime resident of Great Bend, coming from Cushing, Okla., and Winfield, she was a data entry processor for Great Bend Manufacturing, CPI Qualified Planned Consultants, Yellow Trucking and St. Francis Academy. Mrs. Radke was a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church of Drumright, Okla., and a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Post 1118 of Cushing. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Chadd Radke and Kristopher Radke, both of Great Bend, and Craig Radke of Gardner; one daughter, Keri Radke Garmer of Thomasville, N.C.; one brother, Frank Ochs of Great Bend; one sister, Sue Ann McAnulla of Cushing; and six grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Revs. John Grummon and Larry Weatherman Sr. officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery north of Great Bend. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home, with the family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. tonight. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 15, 2003

Myron M. "Pete" Miller 1925-2003

Myron M. "Pete" Miller, 78, of Great Bend, died July 13 at Turo Hospital in New Orleans, La. He was born March 20, 1925, at Fairfax, Okla., the son of A.J. Sr. and Ida L. Albertey Miller. He married Nyla Jeanne Shauers March 11, 1949, at Ness City. She died April 19, 1999. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Fairfax, he was manager and salesman for Dowell Company, a division of Dowell Chemical Company. Miller was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Masonic Lodge, Isis Shrine Club, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Petroleum Institute. He was a registered Cherokee Indian. He was a veteran of U.S. Merchant Marines, having served during World War II. Survivors include one son, Ronald J. Miller of Hutchinson; one daughter, Gail Marie Watson of New Orleans; and one grandson. He was preceded in death by three brothers, A.J. Miller Jr., John R. Miller and Morris Miller; and five sisters, Martha Marie Nelson, Zoe Hall, Maxine Palmer, Clelus Williams and Frances Suewayne Anderson. Funeral will be at 10:30 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 and from 9:30 a.m. to service time Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 15, 2003

July 12, 2003

Alice D. Fiedler 1909-2003

ST. PETERSBURG, FL. - Alice D. Fiedler, died July 1, at Bon Secours Maria Manor in St. Petersburg. She was born Sept. 2, 1909 at Schenectady, N.Y., the daughter of Philip and Alice Folderman Doherty. She married George J. Fiedler July 6, 1929. He died Aug. 18, 1988. A resident of St. Petersburg coming from Sarasota, Fla., she was executive Secretary for the Division of Plant Nutrition at the University of St. Louis in St. Louis, Mo. Mrs. Fiedler was a member of St. Mary Our lady of Grace Catholic Church in St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg Yacht Club, All Children’s Hospital Foundation, All Children’s Guild, and the President’s Club at Kansas State University. Survivors include nieces. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Name Catholic Cemetary southwest of Bushton, with Revs. Steven P. Shier and James J. Roth officiating. There is no visitation listed. Memorials are suggested to Holy Name Church Cemetary Fund in care of Kimpfe Funeral Home in Ellinwood.
Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 13, 2003

Catherine A. Caraway 1916-2003

Catherine A. Caraway, 86, of Great Bend, died July 9 at Forest Hill Assisted Living Center in Broken Arrow, Okla. She was born Sept. 1, 1916, at Osage County, the daughter of Owen E. and Edith Williams Williams. She received a B.S. and B.A. degree at Kansas State Teacher’s College at Emporia. She married Jack Caraway Aug. 2, 1942, at Osage County. He died July 25, 1972. A resident of Great Bend for over 50 years, she was a teacher in Howard for two years and with Great Bend USD 428 for 22 years. Mrs. Caraway was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ of Great Bend, American Association of University Women, a charter member of Barton County Branch, a member of Dota chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, K.N.E.A., N.E.A., Barton County Retired Teachers Association, National Teacher’s Association, Etudion Federated Club, RSVP and St. David’s Society of the State of Kansas. Survivors include two sons, Kent E. Caraway of Tulsa, Okla., and Alan L. Caraway of Cypress, Calif.; one brother, Everett Williams of Lebo; and four granddaughters. She was preceded in death by one brother Preston Williams. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Diana Coberly officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 12, 2003

Benita F. Doherty 1925-2003

Benita F. Doherty, 77, of Great Bend, died July 10 at Central Kansas Medical Center. She was born Sept. 28, 1925, at Larned, the daughter of Hiram and Mary Simmons Baxter. She married William N. Doherty May 15, 1945, at Great Bend. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, she was a homemaker and a retired from Sweetbriar Shops Inc. and Taylor Toys. Mrs. Doherty was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; three daughters, Marica K. Sieker of Ellinwood, Julie A. Hertel of Great Bend and Lisa M. Doherty of Springfield, Mo.; one brother, H.J. Baxter of Great Bend; twin brother, William “Bill” Baxter of Canyon City, Colo.; one sister, Bonnie Batchman of Ellinwood; and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Zelma Baxter. Altar society rosary will be at 3 p.m. Sunday followed by a vigil at 7 p.m., both at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Great Bend Humane Society, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 12, 2003

July 10, 2003

Dennis Hosman 1958-2003

DOVER, Ark. — Dennis Hosman, 45, died July 5 in Russellville, Ark. He was born April 5, 1958, at Ellinwood, the son of Lynn Leroy and Agnes Marie Gassman Hosman. He married Cindee Michelle Deavours Oct. 3, 1992, at Wichita. A resident of Arkansas, coming from Wichita, he was owner of D&C Lawncare of Dover. Hosman attended Restoration Worship Center in Russellville. Survivors include his wife of Dover; one son, Jeffrey Hosman of Dover; one daughter, Haylee Hosman of Dover; his mother and stepfather, Agnes and Charles Smith Jr. of St. John; one sister, Linda Bergsten of Wichita; and one stepsister, Sondra Smith of St. John. He was preceded in death by one brother, David Duane Hosman. Funeral was Wednesday at First Assembly of God Church in Hector, Ark. Burial was in North New Hope Cemetery in Dover. Memorials are suggested to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International, in care of Humphrey Funeral Service in Russellville. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 10, 2003

Howard Laverne ‘Blue’ Maddox 1912-2003

HOISINGTON — Howard Laverne “Blue” Maddox, 91, died July 7 at Sandia Springs Retirement Center in Rio Rancho, N.M. He was born Jan. 17, 1912, at Alva, Okla., the son of John Dwight and Eliza Elizabeth Sellers Maddox. He married Leila E. Gurley July 25, 1934, at Newton. She died July 23, 1999. A 50-year resident of Hoisington, coming from McPherson, he was a consultant and production superintendent and owned and operated oil leases for 71 years. Maddox was a member of First United Methodist Church of Hoisington. Survivors include two sons, Monty Maddox of Albuquerque, N.M., and Jack L. Maddox of Las Cruces, N.M.; one daughter, Vicki E. Kelley of Edmond, Okla.; three sisters, Maxine Winn of Lake Havasu City, Ariz., Doris Cumley of Missouri and Eva J. Garrett of Blackwell, Okla.; eight grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by five brothers, Harold Maddox, Lloyd Maddox, Orrie Maddox, Edwin Maddox and Alfred Maddox; and one sister, Audrev. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at
McPherson City Cemetery with the Rev. David Smith officiating. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 10, 2003

Benjamin ‘Ben’ Steitz 1909-2003

OTIS — Benjamin “Ben” Steitz, 93, died July 9 at Sterling House in Great Bend. He was born Sept. 7, 1909, at Otis, the son of Conrad C. and Mary Brack Steitz. He married Martha V. Wagner June 8, 1930, at Otis. She died March 11, 1980. A lifetime resident of Otis/Bison area, he was a retired farmer. Steitz was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and Lions Club, both of Otis. Survivors include one daughter, Judith Kahnk of Elkhorn, Neb.; one sister, Leah Lehmann of Hoisington; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Elmer Steitz; and one sister Esther Yakel. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church with Larry Frank officiating. Burial will be at Lutheran Cemetery in Otis. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington and from 9:30 a.m. to service time Friday at the church. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Otis Emergency Medical Service, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 10, 2003

Gladys Marie Tackett 1919-2003

GROVE, Okla. — Gladys Marie Tackett, 84, died July 7 at Grove Nursing Center. She was born Jan. 9, 1919, at Arrow Rock, Mo., the daughter of Henry and Agnes Fritz. She married James Aubrey Tackett April 6, 1941, at Boonville, Mo. He died May 17, 1998. She and Mr. Tackett moved to Grove from Overland Park. She worked for a short time as a secretary at Kemper Military School. Mrs. Tackett was a former member of Sailboat Bridge Association. Survivors include one son, Terry L. Tackett of Olathe; one daughter, Alice Rush of Ellinwood; four grandchildren, Rebecca Dyro, Suzanne Tackett, Wayne Rush and Kathy Rush; and two great-grandchildren, Parker Dyro and Kennedi Dyro. Graveside services were held Wednesday at Olympus Cemetery with the Rev. Sam Carper officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association or the charity of choice, both in care of Worley Luginbuel Funeral Home in Grove. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 10, 2003, paid announcement

Billy D. McVey 1952-2003

Billy D. McVey, 47, of Great Bend, died July 8 at Pawhuska, Okla. He was born Aug. 6, 1952, at Monte Vista, Colo., the son of Richard and Donna Holden McVey. He married Renee Johnson Dec. 26, 1984, at Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend, he was employed in the oilfield service for L.D. Drilling in Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Cynthia Burgamy and Melissa McVey, both of Great Bend; two sisters, Janet Dickey of Pawhuska and Vera Stotts of Dewey, Okla.; his father and stepmother, Richard “Dick” and Barbara McVey of Pawhuska; mother of Great Bend; and grandmother, Donna Stevens of Lakin. He was preceded in death by twin grandchildren, Lydia Renee Burgamy and Jonathan Austin Burgamy. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. David Leroy officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery north of Great Bend. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Billy McVey Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 10, 2003

Lawrence D. Bevan 1952-2003

MACKSVILLE — Lawrence D. Bevan, 51, died July 7 at Pratt Regional Medical Center. He was born Feb. 29, 1952, at Monte Vista, Colo., the son of Wilbert E. and Phyllis Bevan. He was a 1970 graduate of Macksville High School, a 1972 graduate of Pratt Community College and a 1974 graduate of Emporia State University with a major in biology and a minor in chemistry and math. He married Tacy M. Bevan Oct. 11, 1975, at Macksville. A lifetime resident of rural Macksville, he was a farmer and stockman. Bevan was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, United Methodist Men and Cullison Co-op board. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Corey Dwayne Bevan of Macksville; one daughter, Kamie Michele Gossen of Corn, Okla.; his father of Haviland; one brother, Allen Bernard Bevan of Macksville; and two sisters, Sharon Elizabeth Brack of Modesto, Calif., and Anita Doreen Mahany of Council Grove. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. today at the church with the Rev. David E. Upp officiating. Burial will be at Hopewell. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Minnis Chapel of Macksville. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 10, 2003

July 9, 2003

Darrell R. Philippi 1950-2003

MANHATTAN — Darrell Robert Philippi, 52, died July 7 at Midland Hospice House in Topeka. He was born Nov. 26, 1950, at Marysville, the son of Donald and Shirley Philippi. He was a 1973 graduate of Fort Hays State University with a degree in business. He married Dianna Alden Oct. 10, 1981, at Independence, Mo. A resident of Manhattan, coming from Bushton, he was a manager of Safeway for 14 years and was employed by USD 383 for the past 16 years. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Cody Philippi of Manhattan; his parents of Bushton; and one brother, Mike Philippi of Manhattan. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Westview Community Church in Manhattan. Burial will be at Sunrise Cemetery in
Karen Ruth Schlochtermeier 1944-2003

ELLINWOOD — Karen Ruth Schlochtermeier, 58, died July 7 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born Oct. 3, 1944, at Oklahoma City, Okla., the daughter of Joe and Billie Jones Holl. She married Ed Schlochtermeier Nov. 13, 1965, in Great Bend. A longtime Ellinwood resident, she was a receptionist for Dr. Davis of Ellinwood and a homemaker. Mrs. Schlochtermeier was a member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Ellinwood, Twilight Stitchers, Birthright and Central Kansas Thread Benders’ Quilt Guild, all of Great Bend, and a former part-owner of Special Touches Quilt Shop in Ellinwood. Survivors include her husband of the home; four sons, Scott Edward Schlochtermeier of Hoisington, Michael John Schlochtermeier of Russell, Daniel Alan Schlochtermeier of Westmoreland and Jason Ryan Schlochtermeier of Ellinwood; one sister, Sherrie Siefers of Ellinwood; and 11 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Neva Ann Disque. Altar Society rosary will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. A wake service will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the church. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. John Maes officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Birthright, St. Joseph’s School Endowment or American Cancer Society, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 9, 2003

Lorraine Gunn 1910-2003

Lorraine Gunn, 93, died July 6 at Norman, Okla. She was born April 8, 1910, at Waverly, the daughter of James Nathan and Melissa Belle Ingle Littrell. She married Roland Edward “Pete” Gunn in 1937. A resident of Norman, coming from Great Bend and Kansas City, Mo., she was a substitute teacher for Great Bend grade schools. Mrs. Gunn was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Women, and Faculty Wives and Retired Teachers, all of Great Bend. Survivors include two sons, Richard Gunn of Norman and R. Michael Gunn of Kansas City; and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five brothers and three sisters. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Thursday, with the family receiving friends from 5-7 p.m., all at Charter Funeral Chapel in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 9, 2003

Gleeman D. Long 1916-2003

STERLING — Gleeman D. Long, 87, died July 7 at Lyons Good Samaritan Center in Lyons. He was born May 12, 1916, at Bronson, the son of Luckey and Bertha Long. He received a masters degree in education and administration from Emporia State University. He married Jean Scoresby Sept. 9, 1940, at Sterling. A resident of Sterling since 1938, he was a retired lineman for Sterling Telephone Company and a retired elementary and junior high principal for USD 376 in Sterling. Long was a member of American Legion of Sterling. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Fred S. Long of Kensington, Md., Michael Long of Great Bend and Jefry Long of Mulvane; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother and two sisters. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Sillin Funeral Home in Sterling, with the Rev. Robert Friesen officiating. Burial will be at Sterling Community Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-5 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Sunflower Diversified Services in Great Bend, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 9, 2003

Alice Fiedler 1910-2003

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Alice Fiedler, 93, died July 2 at St. Petersburg. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be
Lorraine Gunn 1910-2003

NORMAN, Okla., — Lorraine Gunn, 93, formerly of Great Bend, died July 6. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Charter Funerals in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 8, 2003

Howard 'Blue' Maddox 1912-2003

HOISINGTON — Howard "Blue" Maddox, 91, died July 7 at San Dia Springs, Albuquerque, N.M. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 8, 2003

Karen Ruth Schlochtermeier 1945-2003

ELLINWOOD — Karen Ruth Schlochtermeier, 58, died July 7 at Hutchinson Hospital. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 8, 2003

Alice Mae Vlcak 1919-2003

WILSON — Alice Mae Vlcak, 84, died July 6 at Ellsworth County Medical Center. She was born June 29, 1919, at Kanopolis, the daughter of Joe E. and Rose Z. Warta Valenta. She married Joseph F. Vlcak. A lifetime resident of the Wilson area, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Vlcak was a member of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, Daughters of Isabella, Altar Society, was a scout leader, and a member of ZCBI Lodge and CSA Lodge. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Douglas Vlcak of Wilson; one daughter, Carole Buehler of Anchorage, Alaska; one sister, Velma Klema of Wilson; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one great-grandchild. Parish vigil will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Foster Mortuary in Wilson. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Jerome Morgan officiating. Burial will be at Wilson Catholic Cemetery. Friends may call from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. until service time Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Altar Society, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 8, 2003

Donald Weigel 1925-2003

BLUE SPRINGS, Mo. — Donald Weigel, 77, died July 4 at Independence Regional Health Center. He was born Oct. 10, 1925, at Victoria, the son of Joseph and Catherine Paul Weigel. He married Beverly Wohletz Feb. 9, 1952. A resident of Blue Springs, he retired from Sheffield/Armco Steel in 1981 after 38 years of service. Weigel was a member of St. John LaLande Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, American Legion Post 449, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1000 and 40 and 8. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War, serving as a sergeant with the 265th Field Artillery Battalion. Survivors include his loving wife of 51 years, Beverly L. Weigel; three sons, Jim Weigel, John Weigel and wife Cheryl, and Joe Weigel and wife Cindy, all of Blue Springs; one brother, Anthony Weigel of Overland Park; five sisters, Velma Giebler of Hays, Mary Jane Miller, Shirley Weigel and Doris Weigel, all of Victoria, and Leona Kuhn of Great Bend; seven grandchildren, Shawn and wife Jennifer, Brandon, Justin, Angela, Austin, Eric and Kalyn Weigel; two great-grandchildren, Preston and Donald “Little Duke” Weigel; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Catherine Weigel; three brothers, Joseph Weigel, Michael Weigel and Robert Weigel; and one sister, Louise Weigel. Rosary will be at 6 p.m. today at Webb-Freer Funeral Home in Blue Springs. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. John LaLande Catholic Church. Burial will be at Blue Springs Cemetery. Friends may call from 6:30-8:30 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. His love for family and friends will be greatly missed; he was a blessing to all who knew him. He will be in our hearts forever. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 8, 2003 paid announcement

Romeyn Thyrä Mae Brocher 1916-2003

Romeyn Thyrä Mae Lundquist Brocher, 86, of Great Bend, died July 6 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born Nov. 29, 1916, at Lindsborg, the daughter of Albert N. and Mabel V. Sundgren Lundquist. She married Ernest E. Brocher Jan. 12, 1934, at McPherson. He died July 1, 2003. A resident of Great Bend since 1951, coming from McPherson, Elyria, Lindsborg, Scott City and Dighton, she was a former housekeeper of Central Kansas Medical Center and Phinney’s Garden Center. Mrs. Brocher was a member of First Church of the Nazarene of Great Bend, a church pianist and a member of the church choir. Survivors include one son, Richard “Bad” Brocher of Great Bend; three daughters, Donna Reed and Mary L. Smith, both of Great Bend, and Jan Reames of Oklahoma City, Okla.; one sister, Joan VanArsdel of Sierra Vista, Ariz.; 12 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Howard D. Brocher; two daughters, Patricia Brocher and Diana O’Brien; one brother, Verome L. Lundquist; and two sisters, Lenore K. Dildine and Marjorie C. Train. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Mark Pennington officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. at Elmwood Cemetery in Lindsborg. Friends may call from 5 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, with family receiving friends from 7 to 9 p.m., all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Cheyenne Meadows Living Center, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 8, 2003
Thelma Lou Haines 1908-2003

HUDSON — Thelma Haines, 94, longtime resident of Hudson, was promoted to heaven from the home of her dearly loved nephew and niece, Bob and Sharon Bliss in El Cajon, Calif., July 1, 2003. She had moved there in November 2001 in order to allow them to assist in her care. Thelma was born to Edward and Lula Wollam in Van Buren County, Iowa, July 4, 1908. She graduated from Logan County High School, Fleming, Colo., in 1928, and married Wiley P. Haines at McPherson Feb. 21, 1940. They had no children from their marriage.

“Aunt Thelma,” as she was affectionately known by her many friends in California, suffered a stroke on June 20 and never recovered. Her beloved husband of 32 years, Wiley; a stepson, Kenneth; and many family and friends preceded her in death. She leaves behind three cousins, Helen Dickerson of De Land, Fla., Maurine Gould of Earlville, Ill., and Anna Morton of Cleburne, Texas. She also left behind many nieces, nephews and other relatives in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, California and other states. Her funeral was held Saturday at El Cajon Mortuary. Her body will be buried in the family plot in Hominy, Okla., July 10. A short graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. in Hominy Cemetery. Her nephew, Pastor Robert Bliss, will have preached at both services. “Aunt Thelma” was saved and loved the Lord Jesus Christ. She was a member of Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church in Hudson. She loved to travel, having been to Spain, Africa and New York. One of her greatest travel experiences was having been able to see the Rock of Gibraltar, since that had been one of her nicknames used by family and friends during her youth. During her time in California she had been able to travel with the Blisses in Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Colorado and Texas. She loved reading, especially reading her Bible. She thoroughly enjoyed attending church and was very faithful as long as her health allowed. She also loved her special ladies clubs and was a longtime member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of World War I in Kansas. “Aunt Thelma” will be missed by all of us, but we know that this is just a short time of separation. We are so thankful for the assurance of her salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ. El Cajon Mortuary is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune July 8, 2003 paid announcement

Dora B. Blue 1916-2003

RAYMOND — Dora B. Blue, 86, died July 5 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. She was born July 26, 1916, at Anthony, the daughter of Alfred Manley and Julia Jane Pigg Hughbanks. She married Clarence Orville Messick Oct. 11, 1933. He died July 18, 1962. She married Byron Blue. He died Aug. 18, 1987. A resident Raymond for more than 65 years before moving to IHS Woodhaven in Ellinwood, she was owner and operator of Raymond Cafe for 18 years. Mrs. Blue was a member of Raymond Baptist Church, Veterans of Foreign War Auxiliary of Lyons, Silver Threads of Sterling, FCE of Lyons, and a 25-year member of Carnation Chapter OES of Lyons. Survivors include two sons, Jack L. Messick of Great Bend and Bud R. Messick of Kingman; two daughters, Bobbie Shultz of Raymond and Kay Fore of South Hutchinson; two stepsons, Byron Blue Jr. of Wichita and Wayne Blue of Arlington; two stepdaughters, Wilda Enoch of Arizona and Joan Knight of Hutchinson; two sisters, Oral Hodges of South Hutchinson and Ruth Butler of Topeka; 24 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Bob Bethel officiating. Burial will be at Hilltop Cemetery in Raymond. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune July 8, 2003

Elsie Madge Blankenship 1918-2003

CATAULA, Ga. — Elsie Madge Blankenship, 94, died July 4 at Muscogee Manor Rehabilitation Center in Columbus, Ga. She was born Nov. 22, 1918, at Gateway, Mont., the daughter of Charles and Lucindia Earnest Russom. She married James O. Blankenship. She was a homemaker. Survivors include three grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. McMullen Funeral Home in Columbus, Ga., is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune July 8, 2003

July 5, 2003

Donald Weigel 1925-2003

BLUE SPRINGS, Mo. — Donald Weigel, 77, died July 4 at Independence Regional Health Center. He was born Oct. 10, 1925, at Victoria, the son of Joseph and Catherine Paul Weigel. He married Beverly Wohletz Feb. 9, 1952. A resident of Blue Springs, he was retired from Sheffield/Armco Steel. Weigel was a member of St. John LaLande Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, American Legion Post 449, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1000 and 40 and 8. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War, serving with the 265th Field Artillery Battalion. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Jim Weigel, John Weigel and Joe Weigel, all of Blue Springs; one brother, Anthony Weigel of Overland Park; five sisters, Velma Giebler of Hays, Mary Jane Miller, Shirley Weigel and Doris Weigel, all of Victoria, and Leona Kuhn of Great Bend; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Joseph Weigel, Michael Weigel and Robert Weigel; and one sister, Louise Weigel. Rosary will be at 6 p.m. today at Webb-Freer Funeral Home in Blue Springs. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Burial will be at Blue Springs Cemetery. Friends may call from 6:30-8:30 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 5,
2003

Thelma Lou Haines 1908-2003

HUDSON - Thelma Lou Haines, 94, died July 1 at El Cajon, Calif. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced later by El Cajon Mortuary and Cremation Service in El Cajon. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 5, 2003

Esther H. Stout 1910-2003

LARNED - Esther H. Stout, 93, died July 3 at St. Joseph Memorial Nursing Home in Larned. She was born April 27, 1910, at La Crosse, the daughter of Henry and Anna Appl Wiechen. She married Frank Russell Dec. 2, 1942, at Wamego. He died Dec. 10, 1951. She married Bert Stout Oct. 24, 1958, at Larned. He died July 31, 1988. A resident of Larned since 1958, she was a retired dietician for Larned State Hospital. Mrs. Stout was of the Christian faith. Survivors include two step-sons, Donald Stout of Larned and Roy Stout of Nowata, Okla.; three step-daughters, Martha Benefield of Wynne, Ark., Doris Moore of Larned and Brenda Evans of Hays; 17 step-grandchildren; 30 step-great-grandchildren; and eight step-great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three step-sons, Bert Stout Jr., Edward Lamar and James Earl Stout; three brothers, Charlie Wiechen, Walter Wiechen and Edward Wiechen; and one sister, Rose Robinson. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Larned Cemetery with the Rev. Brian L. Norvell officiating. Friends may call from noon until 8 p.m. today and Sunday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to donors choice in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 5, 2003

William Ross Spears 1947-2003

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — William Ross Spears, 56, died June 11 at Vanderbilt Hospital. He was born Jan. 16, 1947 at Greeneville, Tenn., the son James L. and Lucille Bullen Spears. He graduated from the University of Tennessee. He was the executive vice president of Technical Resource Group and president of JobMaster, Inc., of Nashville. Spears was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. Survivors include his wife, Ann P. Kaiser of Nashville; his mother of Johnson City, Tenn.; one brother, James L. Spears Jr. of Tiverton, R.I. Private services were held in Nashville and Johnson City. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to Integrative Healthcare Center, 1711 19th Ave. South, Nashville. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 5, 2003

Thelma Lou Haines 1908-2003

HUDSON — Thelma Lou Haines, 94, died July 1 at El Cajon, Calif. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced later by El Cajon Mortuary and Cremation Service in El Cajon. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 5, 2003

Esther H. Stout 1910-2003

LARNED — Esther H. Stout, 93, died July 3 at St. Joseph Memorial Nursing Home in Larned. She was born April 27, 1910, at La Crosse, the daughter of Henry and Anna Appl Wiechen. She married Frank Russell Dec. 2, 1942, at Wamego. He died Dec. 10, 1951. She married Bert Stout Oct. 24, 1958, at Larned. He died July 31, 1988. A resident of Larned since 1958, she was a retired dietician for Larned State Hospital. Mrs. Stout was of the Christian faith. Survivors include two step-sons, Donald Stout of Larned and Roy Stout of Nowata, Okla.; three step-daughters, Martha Benefield of Wynne, Ark., Doris Moore of Larned and Brenda Evans of Hays; 17 step-grandchildren; 30 step-great-grandchildren; and eight step-great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three step-sons, Bert Stout Jr., Edward Lamar and James Earl Stout; three brothers, Charlie Wiechen, Walter Wiechen and Edward Wiechen; and one sister, Rose Robinson. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Larned Cemetery with the Rev. Brian L. Norvell officiating. Friends may call from noon until 8 p.m. today and Sunday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to donors choice in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 5, 2003
Addition

Ernest E. Brocher, 89, of Great Bend, was preceded in death by three sisters in addition to those listed in Wednesday’s Tribune: Ethel Brocher, Florence Brown and Helen Anderson. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 3, 2003

Marie M. Komarek 1918-2003

ELLINWOOD — Marie M. Komarek, 87, died July 2 at Ellinwood District Hospital. She was born May 15, 1916, in rural Ellinwood, the daughter of Joseph and Margaret Wenke Oberle. She married Gerald E. Komarek April 21, 1936, in rural Ellinwood. He died July 4, 2000. A lifetime resident of Ellinwood and seasonal resident of Yankee Run at Kanopolis Lake, she was a part owner of Classic Lanes Bowling Alley in Ellinwood for more than 15 years. Mrs. Komarek was a member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Ellinwood. Survivors include five sons, Jerry Komarek and Tom Komarek, both of Ellinwood, Henry Komarek of Salina, Jim Komarek of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Steve Komarek of Hutchinson; three daughters, Evelyn Duke of Buckey, Ariz., Ruth Ann Komarek of Alexandria, Va., and Mary Standley of Ellinwood; one sister, Cecelia Komarek of Great Bend; 21 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by six brothers, Joe Oberle, Herman Oberle, Pete Oberle, George Oberle, John Oberle and Leonard Oberle; one sister, Frances Stellflug; one granddaughter; and one great-granddaughter. Altar Society rosary will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, with a wake service at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, both at Kimple Inc. Funeral Home of Ellinwood. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. John Maes officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph’s School Endowment Fund or St. Joseph Altar Society, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 3, 2003

Julitta Basgall 1911-2003

HUTCHINSON — Julitta Basgall, 91, died July 1 at Hester Care Center in Hutchinson. She was born Aug. 27, 1911, in Victoria, the daughter of Anton J. and Rosa Younger Kuhn. She married Wendelin E. Basgall Nov. 27, 1933, in Pfeifer. He died March 13, 1982. A resident of Hutchinson since 1987, coming from Hays, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Basgall was a member of Church of Holy Cross of Hutchinson and former member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Hays. Survivors include one daughter, Rita Birzer of Hutchinson; two brothers, John Kuhn of Emporia and Tony Kuhn of Overgaard, Ariz.; eight sisters, Mary Bollig of Ellis, Minnie Dipman of Pratt, Leona Keller of Great Bend, Ann De Rosier of Milwaukee, Wis., Laura Frogge of Riverside, Calif., Elizabeth Fontaine of Hampton, Ga., Agnes Zwenger of Hays and Rosalie Porter of Overgaard; three grandchildren, Kevin Birzer of Leawood, Todd Birzer of Sydney, Australia, and Brad Birzer of Jonesville, Mich.; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Richard Kuhn, Fred Kuhn, Adolph Kuhn, William Kuhn and Ralph Kuhn; and one sister, Leona. Rosary will be at 7 tonight at Elliott Chapel in Hutchinson. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Church of the Holy Cross in Hutchinson, with the Rev. Joseph Eckberg officiating. Burial will be at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 9 tonight and from 2-9 p.m. Friday, all at the mortuary. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Holy Cross Catholic School, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 3, 2003 paid announcement

Eunice Ailene Dobratz 1921-2003

COUNCIL GROVE — Eunice Ailene Dobratz, 81, died July 1 at Council Grove Healthcare Center. She was born July 21, 1921, in Cassoday, the daughter of Everett Norton and Alma Elizabeth Harmon Hamilton. She married Lloyd Edmond Dobratz July 26, 1946, in Pratt. He preceded her in death. A lon...
Great Bend and Ellinwood for over 50 years. Mrs. Riffel was a member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Ellinwood, Altar Society, Grandfriends program at St. Joseph School and a reading helper at Ellinwood Elementary School. Survivors include one son, David Riffel of Mission; four daughters, Mary Komarek of Topeka and Linda Pearson and husband Clayton of Great Bend, Rob Walker and husband Jim of Topeka and Connie Lewis of Longmont, Colo.; one sister, Betty Schroeder of Great Bend; seven grandchildren, Russ Reeves, Spencer Reeves, Lacy Matthews, Kip Walker, Kelly L. Kelley, Katie Komarek and Jessica Pearson; and five great-grandchildren. Altar Society rosary will be at 3 p.m. today followed by a wake service at 3:30 p.m., both at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. John Maes officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Villa St. Francis Special Care Unit of Olathe, in care of the funeral home.

Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 2, 2003 paid announcement

Wanda Lou Henderson 1933-2003

LARNED — Wanda Lou Henderson, 69, died July 1 at her home in Larned. She was born Aug. 9, 1933, at Russellville, Ark., the daughter of Blynn and Maxine Bowen Howell. She married Glen Henderson March 22, 1952, at Russellville. A resident of Larned, coming from Centerville, Ark., she was a homemaker. Mrs. Henderson was a member of First Assembly of God Church in Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Dr. Rusty Henderson of Ft. Smith, Ark., and Kevin Henderson of Great Bend; one sister, LaDonna Helms of Russellville; and three grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Revs. Dwight Dozier and J. P. McCamey officiating. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Resthaven Cemetery in Russellville. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer’s Association in care of the funeral home.

Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 2, 2003

Ernest Edward Brocher 1913-2003

Ernest Edward Brocher, 89, of Great Bend, died July 1 at Cheyenne Meadows Nursing Home in Hoisington. He was born Aug. 2, 1913, at Beeler, the son of Aubrey Climer and Janie Thompson Brocher. He married Romeyn Thyra Mae Lundquist Jan. 12, 1934, at McPherson. A resident of Great Bend since 1951, coming from McPherson, he was owner/operator of Ernie’s Truck Repair in Great Bend, retiring in 1985. Brocher was a member of First Church of the Nazarene of Great Bend and Shrine Club. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Richard “Bud” Brocher of Great Bend; three daughters, Donna Reed and Mary Smith, both of Great Bend, and Jan Reames of Oklahoma City, Okla.; 12 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Howard D. Brocher; two daughters, Patricia Brocher and Diana O’Brien; two brothers, Leslie E. Brocher and Francis Brocher; five sisters, Edith Johnston, Louetta Kidwell, Buelah Rodgers, Georgia Bates and Bertha Brocher. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Mark Pennington officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Elmwood Cemetery in Lindsborg. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer’s Association in care of the funeral home.

Great Bend (Kan) Tribune July 2, 2003

Alverna M. Holopirek 1925-2003

LA CROSSE — Alverna M. Holopirek, 78, died July 1 at Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse. She was born Jan. 29, 1925, in rural Barton County, the daughter of John Edward and Lena Kazamier Jurgensen. She married Arthur “Bud” Holopirek Aug. 27, 1948, at Hoisington. A resident of La Crosse since 1956, coming from Rush Center, she was a homemaker and former owner and operator of Sale Barn Cafe. Mrs. Holopirek was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary of La Crosse. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Rudy Holopirek of Hesston; two daughters, Sherri Stevens of La Crosse and Sherleen Shannon of Ellis; two brothers, Edward Jurgensen of Wichita and Merle Jurgensen of Great Bend; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Stephanie Shannon; three brothers, Donald “Donnie” Jurgensen, Leonard Jurgensen and Maurice Jurgensen; and three sisters, Edna Orebaugh, Lois A. Jurgensen and Loretta M. Jurgensen. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at United Methodist Church of La Crosse with
the Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse with the family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m., and from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Central Rush County Emergency Medical Service or Rush County Nursing Home, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune July 2, 2003

July 1, 2003

Inez B. Lewis 1900-2003

HUTCHINSON — Inez B. Lewis, 102, died June 28 at Hutchinson Good Samaritan Village. She was born Aug. 6, 1900, at Marshall, Mo., the daughter of Taylor and Melinda Meade Slaughter. She married Grady Bristow in September 1930 at Wichita. He died Jan. 18, 1949. She married Andrew C. Lewis on Oct. 30, 1954, at Clovis, N.M. He died July 1987. A resident of Hutchinson since 1982, coming from Pratt, she was a housekeeper for Dr. Pittman’s office of Pratt. Mrs. Lewis was a member of the Bethel AME Church and Order of the Eastern Star No. 48, both of Hutchinson. Survivors include three nieces, Alfreda Micheaux of Wichita, Mildred Lewis of Creedmoor, N.C., and Alice Hall of Hutchinson; and several great-nieces and great-nephews. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Johnson and Sons Funeral Home and Crematory Chapel with the Rev. Betty Hanna-Witherspoon officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Greenlawn Cemetery at Pratt. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today and Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or American Heart Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune July 1, 2003

Forrest Hayden 'Fergy' Ferguson 1938-2003

TUMBLING SHOALS, Ark. — Forrest Hayden “Fergy” Ferguson, 65, died June 27 at McClelland Veterans Administration Hospital in Little Rock, Ark. He was born April 29, 1938, in Hardy, Ark., the son of Forrest R. and Doris L. Richardson Ferguson. He was a graduate of Hoisington High School. He was a resident of Arkansas since 1979, coming from Hoisington. Ferguson attended Chastain Chapel General Baptist Church. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy “Dot” Ferguson, of the home; one son, Steven Ferguson of Tumbling Shoals; one daughter, Cindy King of Hoisington; his mother, Doris Kisner of Great Bend; two brothers, Donald Gene Ferguson of Great Bend and Dale Wayne Ferguson of Hoisington; three sisters, Shirley Detter of Hoisington, Debra Grimes and Carolyn Abercrombie of Great Bend; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Billy Ray Ferguson. Funeral was Monday at the church with the Revs. Jim French and Terry Mote officiating. Burial was at Turkey Pen Cemetery near Hardy. Memorials are suggested to Cancer Research or the church, in care of Heber Springs Funeral Home of Heber Springs, Ark. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune July 1, 2003

Michael E. Sheil 1930-2003

Michael E. Sheil, 72, of Great Bend, died June 28 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. He was born Sept. 9, 1930, at Cherryvale, the son of Edward and Pauline Grant Sheil. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Denver, Colo., he was a foreign language teacher in the Denver public school system. Sheil was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, having served in the Korean War. Survivors include two sisters, Nita Jensen of Spokane, Wash., and Ruth Murray of Great Bend. He was preceded in death by two brothers, James Sheil and John Sheil; and one sister, Teresa Haag. A private family inurnment will take place at a later date at Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Great Bend Public Library, in care of Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune July 1, 2003

Correction

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. — Stephen John Brown, 56, died June 27. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune July 1, 2003

Merle E. Trout 1906-2003

PRATT — Merle E. Trout, 96, died June 28 at Pratt Regional Medical Center. He was born Nov. 12, 1906, at Pratt, the son of Clifford C. and Alta Garrison Trout. He married Erna Viola Gagelman Nov. 5, 1933. She died June 5, 1991. He married Novaden League Bowers Oct. 28, 1995, at Pratt. A resident of Pratt most of his life, he was a retired owner and operator of Trout Motors auto dealership in Pratt. Trout was a member of First United Methodist Church, Western Savings board, United Way board, RSVP advisory board, PCC Endowment Association, president of Lions Club and president of Pratt Chamber of Commerce, all of Pratt. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Merleen Bean of Springfield, Mo.; three stepsons, Ora Bowers of Langdon, Darrel Bowers of Bartlesville, Okla., and Keith Shelman of luka; one stepdaughter, Luella Waterman of Langdon; one grandson; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Gladys Lilly; one grandson, David Bean; one stepdaughter, Yvonne Shelman; and stepmother, Ella Gillett. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. today at the church with the Rev. Kendall Uit and Chaplain Fred Pinkerton officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church Scholarship Fund or Multiple Sclerosis Society, both in care of Larrison Mortuary in Pratt. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune July 1, 2003
Robert B. Kaiser Sr. 1928-2003

CLAFLIN — Robert B. Kaiser Sr., 75, died June 28 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Feb. 20, 1928, at Barton County, the son of Joe F. and Mary Meyeres Kaiser. He married Teresa M. Kowalsky Krier Nov. 20, 1957, at Dubuque. A lifetime resident of Barton County, he was a farmer and stockman. Kaiser was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Knights of Columbus, all of Claflin, and Farm Bureau. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Bob J. Kaiser of Odin and David W. Kaiser of Claflin; three stepsons, Thomas D. Krier of Excelsior Springs, Mo., Dennis J. Krier of Great Bend and Pete L. Krier of Claflin; one stepdaughter, Sheryl A. Oberle of Janesville, Wis.; three brothers, Leo N. Kaiser of Claflin, Louis Kaiser of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Don Kaiser of Great Bend; one sister, Lucille Beck of Beaver; 13 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Barry Kaiser; one brother, Richard L. Kaiser; and one sister, Mary Elizabeth Kaiser. Funeral was Monday at the church. Burial was at Claflin Cemetery with military rites provided by VFW Post 8668 and 7428, and American Legion Post 786. Memorials are suggested to the church or Claflin EMS, both in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune July 1, 2003

Clara May Yourdon 1912-2003

LARNED — Clara May Yourdon, 91, died June 26 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. She was born June 3, 1912, at Kiowa County, the daughter of Samuel G. and Mertle Schooley Kelly. She married Lloyd Oliver Youndon Aug. 16, 1933, at Dodge City. He died July 15, 1981. A lifetime resident of Larned, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Yourdon was a member of First Christian Church in Larned. Survivors include one son, Fred Yourdon of Reno, Nev.; two daughters, Barbara Beth of Larned and Donna Kopek of Bolingbrook, Ill.; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Dale Kelly, Neal Kelly and Earl Kelly; one grandson; and one great-grandson. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Larned Cemetery with the Rev. Dan Lundgren officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune July 1, 2003

Orville Jones 1917-2003

RUSSELL — Orville Jones, 85, died June 27 at University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City. He was born Sept. 11, 1917, at Bartlesville, Okla., the son of Charlie and Bonnie Beckham Jones. He married Orpha Pearl Ogle Oct. 7, 1939, at Springfield, Colo. She died Nov. 14, 1994. He married Marilyn Ann Norman Stone Aug. 26, 1995, at Russell. A resident of Russell, coming from Oklahoma, Colorado and western Kansas, he was employed by Cities Service Oil Company in Russell for 32 years as a roustabout and production foreman and was a farmer. Jones was a member of First Southern Baptist Church, a former member of First Baptist Church, a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and a member of Masonic Lodge, all of Russell. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, serving during World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; three daughters, Sharon Hilgenberg and Orma Bilbrey, both of Russell, and Diane Van Sike of Wichita; three step-daughters, Rebecca Moor and Amber Renee Cartwright, both of Wichita, and Ramona Parker of Mission Viejo, Calif.; one sister, Daisy Mae Blackford of Ft. Smith, Ark.; seven grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; one step-great-grandchild; and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by one brother, William Jones. Funeral was Monday at the church. Burial with military honors was at Russell City Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Pohlman’s Mortuary in Russell. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune July 1, 2003

Sylva Mae Hromadnik 1912-2003

COSTA MESA, Calif. — Sylva Mae Hromadnik, 90, died June 21 in Costa Mesa. She was born Sept. 17, 1912, in Cherryvale, the daughter of Albert F. and Daisy Weite. She married Arthur Hromadnik in May 1945 at Wichita. He died Dec. 12, 1995. A resident of Costa Mesa for more than 50 years, she was a real estate agent. Mrs. Hromadnik was a member of Costa Mesa Board of Realtors and the California Association of Realtors. Survivors include several nieces and nephews. A private family burial will be at a later date at Holy Name Cemetery near Bushton. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, in care of Kimple Funeral Home of Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune July 1, 2003
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Reta G. Foster 1903-2003

Reta G. Foster, 99, of Great Bend, died Aug. 29 at her residence. She was born Sept. 20, 1903, in Adair, Mo., the daughter of Henry A. and Anna L. Cooper Fisher. She was a graduate of Great Bend High School and Barton County Commercial School. She married James T. Foster Nov. 12, 1927, in Tulare, Calif. He passed away in 1983. A resident of 70 years in the Los Angeles area, moving to Great Bend in 1991 and living with her nephew and two teenage boys, she was a factory manager for House of Hollywood and Sally Hansen Cosmetics. She was a member of Christian Science Church of Van Nuys, Calif. During World War II she managed a factory that packaged blood for field transfusions. Her hobbies included reading, walking, gardening, investing and cooking. Survivors include one sister, Anna Cook of Great Bend; many nephews; and many nieces. She was preceded in death by nine brothers and sisters. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. today at Grace Community Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. Shawn Winters officiating and the Rev. Mitch Reece presiding. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery in Barton County. A private family service will be held at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Community Foundation, in care of Charter Funerals of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 31, 2003

Ruby Lee Schroeder 1908-2003

SYLVIA — Ruby Lee Schroeder, 94, died Aug. 28 at Reno County Hospice Center. She was born Sept. 11, 1908, at Harvey, Ark., the daughter of Arthur and Idotha Jane DeFoor. She married Garland Cornelius Aug. 28, 1925, at Harvey. He died Aug. 5, 1975. She then married Louis Vernon in 1976. He died Aug. 5, 1975. She married Eugene Schroeder Feb. 4, 1995, in Sylvia. He died Feb. 21, 1995. A longtime Raymond resident before moving to Sylvia in 1996, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Schroeder was a member of Church of Christ of Sylvia. Survivors include one son, Bob Cornelius of Shelbyville, Texas; one daughter, Maxine Everett of Paris, Texas; one brother, Howard DeFoor of Muskogee, Okla.; 12 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Darrell Cornelius and Larry Cornelius. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford, with the Rev. David Harlow officiating. Burial will be at Hilltop Cemetery in Raymond. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to the church or Reno County Hospice, both in care of Charter Funerals of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 31, 2003

Mary E. Robl 1909-2003

ELLINWOOD — Mary E. Robl, 94, died Aug. 28 at Ellinwood District Hospital in Ellinwood. She was born May 10, 1909, in Dubuque, the daughter of William E. and Katherine Weber Polzin. She married Mat Robl Oct. 27, 1931, at Dubuque. He died Oct. 24, 1996. A lifetime resident of Barton County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Robl was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Altar Society and Daughters of Isabella, all of Ellinwood. Survivors include one son, Dr. Richard M. Robl of Hutchinson; three daughters, Lorene Gnaedinger of Lady Lake, Fla., Patricia Nieto and Pauline McGreevy, both of Wichita; two brothers, Matt Polzin and Joe Polzin, both of Hoisington; two sisters, Marge Haberman of Great Bend and Lucille Weber of Wilson; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; one nephew, James Hammeke of Burns, Ore.; and one niece, Lora Parker of Springfield, Mo. She was preceded in death by one son, Robert Robl; four brothers; two sisters; and one nephew, Eldon Hammeke. Altar Society Rosary will be at 3 p.m. today at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Vigil service will be at 6:30 p.m. today at the church. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. John Maes officiating. Burial will be at St. Peter and Paul Cemetery north of Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1 to 5 p.m. today, at all the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph’s School Endowment Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 31, 2003 paid announcement

Carl Arthur Dick 1922-2003

LARNED — Carl Arthur Dick, 80, died Aug. 29 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. He was born Dec. 19, 1922 at Larned, the son of Edwin and Sophia Krueger Dick. He married Marian Ruth Clawson Sherman Dec. 29, 1949 at Larned. A lifetime resident of Larned, he was a retired Park Department employee for the city of Larned. He was a member of the Christian Church of Larned. Survivors include his wife, of the home; two sons, Arthur “Art” of Larned and Clay Sherman of Joplin, Mo.; one daughter, Shirley Treas of Salina; 11 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Beryl and Paul. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned with the Rev. Dan Lundgren officiating. Burial will be in Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 8 p.m. today, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to KNI Residence Benefit Fund in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 31, 2003
Gladys B. Harms 1922-2003

Gladys B. Harms, 81, of Great Bend, died Aug. 29 at Central Kansas Medical Center at Great Bend. She was born Jan. 26, 1922, at Hoisington, the daughter of F.H. and Ida Dixon Bitter. She married Herbert Allan Harms, Jan. 6, 1954, in Daytona Beach, Fla. He died Oct. 11, 1985. She was a resident of Great Bend since 1954, having moved here from Hoisington. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, was past president of Great Bend Community Concert, PEO, DU Chapter and the Athenian Club, all of Great Bend. She also served on the board of directors of the University of Kansas Alumni Association. Survivors include two sons, Robert Harms of Hutchinson and Herbert Harms of Great Bend; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Nadine Durden. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. James A. Strasen officiating. Burial will be in Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to Great Bend Community Concert or Trinity Lutheran Church. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 31, 2003

Helen L. Grauer 1909-2003

WILSON — Helen L. Grauer, 94, died Aug. 24 at Ellsworth County Medical Center. She was born April 11, 1909, in Los Angeles, Calif., the daughter of Milo and Allie Mae Lehman Plum. She married Paul F. Grauer April 22, 1934, in Hastings, Neb. He died June 5, 1993. A resident of Wilson, coming from Hastings, she was a homemaker and co-owner of Wilson Telephone Company. Mrs. Grauer was a member of Wilson United Methodist Church for 60 years, Gideon Auxiliary, Wilson Friends of Reading and lifetime member of American Radio Relay League. Survivors include three sons, Robert Grauer and Charles Grauer, both of Wilson, and Paul Grauer Jr. of Hoisington; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Funeral was Thursday at Wilson City Cemetery, with the Rev. Kris Bair officiating. Memorials are suggested to American Radio Relay League or the church, both in care of Foster Mortuary Inc. of Wilson. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 31, 2003

Jeffrey Ray Santos Garcia

LARNED — Jeffrey Ray Santos Garcia, 22, died Aug. 29 near Larned. Funeral services are pending and will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 31, 2003

Leona Reed

LARNED — Leona Reed died Aug. 30 at Neodesha. Funeral services are pending and will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 31, 2003

August 29, 2003

Jan Dreiling 1948-2003

HAYS — Jan Dreiling, 55, died Aug. 28 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. She was born May 21, 1948, at Ellis, the daughter of James T. and Josephine Ptacek Myers. She married Stanley J. Dreiling March 26, 1988, at Hays. A resident of Hays, she was food and beverage manager at Holiday Inn for more than 30 years and worked at Smokers Outlet for the past two years. Survivors include her husband of the home; four sons, Mike Reever of Overland Park, Dale Reever of Kansas City, Kyle Reever and T.J. Reever, both of Olathe; three daughters, Traci Burney of Olathe, March Handley of Kansas City and Jamie Reever of Boston, Mass.; one stepson, Jason Dreiling of Hays; two brothers, Jim Myers and Dave Myers, both of Hays; one sister, Betty Hoss of Great Bend; and 10 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, William “Hinie” Myers and John Myers. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home in Hays. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Cancer Center at Hays Medical Center, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 29, 2003

Ernest A. Prescott 1910-2003

ST. JOHN — Ernest A. Prescott, 93, died Aug. 28 at Leisure Homestead in St. John. He was born June 3, 1920, in St. John, the son of Joe and Edna Davis Prescott. He married Ruby Fergus. She died Dec. 1, 1976. A lifetime resident of the St. John area, he was a farmer. Prescott attended Eden Valley Church of the Brethren of rural St. John. Survivors include one nephew, Wayne Prescott of Henderson, Nev. He was preceded in death by one brother, Wayne Prescott. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John, with the Rev. Matthew Spurgin officiating. Friends may call from 1 to 8 tonight at Minnis Chapel Inc. in St. John. Memorials are suggested to Leisure Homestead of St. John, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 29, 2003

Mary E. Robl 1909-2003
Mary C. Graves, 69, died Aug. 26 at Meridian Nursing Home in Wichita. She was born Jan. 17, 1934, at Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 29, 2003

SCOTT CITY — Mary C. Graves, 69, died Aug. 26 at Meridian Nursing Home in Wichita. She was born Jan. 17, 1934, at
LYONS — Thesis L. Warlick, 73, died Aug. 25 at Lyons District Hospital in Lyons. She was born Oct. 21, 1929, at Lyons, the daughter of Theodore and Margaret Short McCampbell. She married Lawrence Warlick March 9, 1951, at Long Beach, Calif. A resident of Lyons since 1968, coming from Lakeview, Calif., she was a retired school teacher. Mrs. Warlick was a member of Latter Day Saints of Great Bend and Daughters of American Revolution, Stone Corrall Chapter of Lyons. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Clinton Warlick of Garden Grove, Calif.; one daughter, Charlotte Hamade of Lakewood; one brother, David McCampbell of Liberty, Mo.; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Tom Eastman officiating. Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery in Hutchinson. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Sunflower Shrine Travel Club Fund of Great Bend or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Aug. 28, 2003
Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Meade Cemetery in Meade. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Center for Basic Cancer Research at Kansas State University, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Aug. 27, 2003

August 26, 2003

Robert M. Benham 1957-2003

Robert M. Benham, 46, of Great Bend, died Aug. 16. He was born Feb. 27, 1957, at Wyandotte, Mich., the son of Robert Lee Jr. and Lucy Ann Ford Benham. A resident of Great Bend for 28 years, coming from Allen Park, Mich., he was a jeweler and owner of Creative Craftsman of Great Bend. Benham was a former member of Church of Christ, Kansas Jewelers Association and Great Bend Community Theater. Survivors include one son, Zachary M. Benham of Great Bend; one daughter, Amber L. Benham of Great Bend; his father of Southgate, Mich.; one brother, Brian J. Benham of Dearborn Heights, Mich.; and two sisters, Nancy L. Nelson of Greensboro, N.C., and Barbara J. Brooks of Allen Park, Mich. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. today at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Barton County Relay for Life in care of Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Aug. 26, 2003

Marcelline ‘Marcie’ Ann Suchy 1932-2003

Marcelline “Marcie” Ann Suchy, 71, of Great Bend, died Aug. 24 at Ellinwood District Hospital. She was born May 21, 1932, at St. Leo, the daughter of William and Martha Blasi Schwartz. She married Albion “Al” Suchy Nov. 26, 1949, at Great Bend. He died May 13, 1999. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, she was a homemaker and owner of Great Bend Redi-Mix Inc. Mrs. Suchy was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, St. Rose Altar Society and Fraternal Order of the Eagles Ladies Auxiliary. Survivors include two sons, Randy Suchy and Rick Suchy, both of Great Bend; five daughters, Debra Langer and Brenda Ohnmacht, both of Great Bend; Arlene Manning and Diane Morris, both of Ellinwood, and Coleen “Coke” Suchy Clark of Bushton; two brothers, Rheinard Schwartz of Chase and Maurice Schwartz of Great Bend; three sisters, Lydia Weber and Edie Keeler, both of Great Bend, and Rosie Henning of Willowdale; 25 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by an infant son, Curtis Suchy; one brother, Arthur Schwartz; and one sister, Sally Gregg. St. Rose Altar Society Rosary will be at 3 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Vigil will be at 7 tonight at the funeral home. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Reginald Urban officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park north of Great Bend. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Aug. 26, 2003

Mark L. Kennedy 1957-2003

Mark L. Kennedy, 46, of Great Bend, died Aug. 23 at his home. He was born Aug. 3, 1957, at Ft. Chaffee, Ark., the son of Russell L. and Connie Lee Gross Kennedy. He married Danita Gage Sept. 25, 1982, at La Crosse. A resident of Great Bend since 1980, coming from La Crosse, he was a tile installer and did interior finish work, and coached for the Great Bend Recreation Commission. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Michael Kennedy and Davey Kennedy, both of the home; one daughter, Nicole Kennedy of the home; father and step-mother, Russell L. and Judy Kennedy of Ft. Mill, N.C.; brother, Lonnie Kennedy of Charlotte, N.C.; two half-brothers, Jason Kleweno and Ryan Kleweno, both of Columbia, Mo.; one sister, Jonie Kennedy of Ft. Mill; and grandmother, Helen Gross of Bazine. He was preceded in death by one brother, Jeff Kennedy. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Sam Flick officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park north of Great Bend. Cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Children’s Educational Fund in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Aug. 26, 2003

Douglas L. Harmon

Douglas L. Harmon, 46, of Great Bend, went to his Heavenly father on Aug. 21 as a result of a vehicle accident. He was the son of Laverne and Gwen B. Harmon of Great Bend. He married Susan Boele Jan. 12, 1986. Survivors include his mother of Great Bend; one sister, Sandra Harmon of Great Bend; two sons, Douglas U. Harmon and Izaak A. Harmon, both of Ellinwood; and one daughter, Eden C. Harmon of Ellinwood. He was preceded in death by his father and a daughter, Amber I. Harmon. Cremation has taken place. There will be a memorial service at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 6 at Stafford Cemetery. Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Aug. 26, 2003 paid announcement

Leona M. Welch 1926-2003

LYONS — Leona M. Welch, 77, died Aug. 24 at Lyons District Hospital in Lyons. She was born Feb. 24, 1926, at Claflin, the daughter of Adam and Margaret Radenberg Disque. She was a graduate of Claflin High School. She married Jack L. Welch June 4, 1950, at Holyrood. A resident of Lyons since 1950, coming from Claflin, she was a former employee of Lorraine State Bank. Montomery Ward Catalog Store and Four Seasons Flower Shoo in Lyons. Mrs. Welch was a
member of First Christian Church of Lyons, where she served as deacon, was a member of Christian Women Fellowship Faith Group, Queen Esther chapter 32 Order of Eastern Star, past worthy matron of Queen Esther chapter, past president of Past Matrons Club of Lyons and held several grand appointments of Grand Chapter of Order of Eastern Star. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Alan Welch of McPherson; Gordon Welch of Wichita and Kevin Welch of Lyons; six brothers, Harvey Disque of Salina, Herman Disque of Lyons, Martin Disque of Hoisington, and Walter Disque, Edgar Disque and Charles Disque, all of Claflin; four sisters, Mable Flickinger of Hutchinson, Aline Housier of Chandler, Okla., and Edna Disque of Claflin; three grandsons; and one great-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Clarence Disque and Martin Disque; and two sisters, Velma Disque and Grace Disque. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Tom Eastman officiating. Burial will be at Lyons Municipal Cemetery with an Eastern Star graveside service. Friends may call from 2 to 7 p.m. today at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons with family receiving friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Lyons Bell and Star Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Aug. 26, 2003

Correction

In the obituary for Violet Irene McCarty of Holyrood, who died Aug. 23, her mother’s name was Amalia “Mollie” Lohman and a surviving sister is Melvina Bostelman of Salina. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Aug. 26, 2003

August 24, 2003

Daryl L. Korf 1959-2003

HANSTON — Daryl L. Korf, 44, died Aug. 21 near Hanston. He was born Aug. 3, 1959, at Dodge City, the son of Vernon and S. Aileen Koontz Korf. He married Rosie Moreno-Stiles March 5, 1988, at Hanston. A resident of Hanston, he was a feed mill operator for Pawnee Valley Feeders at Hanston. Korf was a member of United Methodist Church of Hanston, National Rifle Association and North American Hunters Club. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Asa Stiles of Hanston; two daughters, Sofia Brown and Candis Stiles, both of Hanston; three brothers, Gary Korf and Darren Korf, both of Hanston, and Galen Korf of Hays; three sisters, JoAnn Hubin of Hanston, Joyce Noland of Chirie, Ariz., Gloria Bowersox of Olathe; and one grandchild. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. The casket will be closed. Burial will be at Hanston Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to Korf Children’s Educational Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 24, 2003

Soloma R. ‘Sally’ Gregg 1922-2003

Soloma R. “Sally” Gregg, 80, of Great Bend, died Aug. 21 at Hospice of Reno County in Hutchinson. She was born Oct. 4, 1922, at St. Leo, the daughter of William and Martha Blassi Schwartz. She married Floyd Gregg June 12, 1944, at Ellinwood. He died Aug. 9, 1987. A resident of Great Bend most of her life, she was a retired cook for Elks Lodge 1127, American Legion Post 180 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111, all of Great Bend. Mrs. Gregg was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Altar Society and Eagles Auxiliary, all of Great Bend. Survivors include two sons, Ronald Gregg of Russell and Thomas Gregg of Susank; two brothers, Morris Schwartz of Great Bend and Reinard Schwartz of Chase; four sisters, Lydia Weber, Marciline Suchy and Edith Keeler, all of Great Bend, and Rosie Henning of St. Leo; 11 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Marvin Gregg; and one brother, Arthur Schwartz. Altar Society rosary will be at 3 p.m. today, with a vigil at 7 tonight, both at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Ted Stoecklein officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Reno County, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 24, 2003

Caroline A. Gerritzen 1915-2003

CLAFLIN — Caroline A. Gerritzen, 88, died Aug. 22 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. She was born March 29, 1915, in rural Clifton, the daughter of Julius L. and Carrie Rous Wendtlandt. She married Peter A. Gerritzen Oct. 26, 1936, at Clifton. He died Sept. 10, 1990. A lifetime resident of the Clifton area, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Gerritzen was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Odin. Survivors include two sons, Herman Gerritzen of Ocala, Fla., and Eugene Gerritzen of Katy, Texas; three daughters, Rose Stearns of Columbus, Neb., Barbara Gerritzen of Hays and Lillian Shaver of Sugar Land, Texas; three sisters, Rose Wendtlandt of Hoisington, Pauline McLean of Garden Grove, Calif., and Agnes Arends of Great Bend; 12 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Emma Penka and Mary Ramsey. Vigil service will be at 7 tonight 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 Holy Family Cemetery in Odin. Friends may call from 1 to 9 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Cheyenne Meadows Living Center, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 24, 2003

Violet Irene McCarty 1920-2003
Dorothy M. Sherman, 77, of Great Bend, died Aug. 20 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born Jan. 1, 1926, at Sleeper, Kansas, the daughter of James Alvin and Bertha Bell “Lucy” Nutter Webster. She married Homer C. Sherman July 15, 1954, at St. John. A resident of Great Bend since 1955, coming from Hoisington, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Sherman was a member of the Lutheran faith. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, John Hill of Wichita, Alvin Hill of Pleasant Hope, Mo., and Dean A. Sherman of Great Bend; three daughters, Barbara Jones of Fair Grove, Mo., June Presley of Pleasant Hope and Ella Mae “Suzie” Theno of Tonganoxie; four brothers, James R. Webster of Cheney, Ed Webster of Penalosa, Keith Webster of Haven and Gerald Webster of Hutchinson; four sisters, Jessie May McKinney of Porterville, Calif., Mary Backlin of Hanford, Calif., Edna Shumate of Abbyville and Pat Gage of Colorado Springs, Colo.; 14 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Everett Haug, Russell Haug and Olin Haug; one sister, Nerine Stewart; two step grandchildren; 13 step great-grandchildren; and two step great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Richard Webster; and one sister, Elsie Dobson. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Dr. Doyle Smith officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park north of Great Bend. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. tonight and from 9 a.m. to service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. Family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Shriner’s Travel Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Aug. 22, 2003

Dorothy M. Sherman 1926-2003

Dorothy M. Sherman, 77, of Great Bend, died Aug. 20 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born Jan. 1, 1926, at Sleeper, Kansas, the daughter of James Alvin and Bertha Bell “Lucy” Nutter Webster. She married Homer C. Sherman July 15, 1954, at St. John. A resident of Great Bend since 1955, coming from Hoisington, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Sherman was a member of the Lutheran faith. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, John Hill of Wichita, Alvin Hill of Pleasant Hope, Mo., and Dean A. Sherman of Great Bend; three daughters, Barbara Jones of Fair Grove, Mo., June Presley of Pleasant Hope and Ella Mae “Suzie” Theno of Tonganoxie; four brothers, James R. Webster of Cheney, Ed Webster of Penalosa, Keith Webster of Haven and Gerald Webster of Hutchinson; four sisters, Jessie May McKinney of Porterville, Calif., Mary Backlin of Hanford, Calif., Edna Shumate of Abbyville and Pat Gage of Colorado Springs, Colo.; 14 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Everett Haug, Russell Haug and Olin Haug; one sister, Nerine Stewart; two step grandchildren; 13 step great-grandchildren; and two step great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Richard Webster; and one sister, Elsie Dobson. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Dr. Doyle Smith officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park north of Great Bend. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. tonight and from 9 a.m. to service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. Family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Shriner’s Travel Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Aug. 22, 2003

Eunice Viola Oppliger 1909-2003

NESS CITY — Eunice Viola Oppliger, 93, died Aug. 20 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. She was born Oct. 17, 1909, in Trego County, the daughter of William and Ethel Gullett Haug. She married John Ulrich Oppliger April 30, 1932, at Ness City. He died Nov. 15, 1976. A resident of Ness City since 1945, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Oppliger was a member of United Methodist Church of Ness City and Rebekah Lodge. Survivors include two sons, Orin D. Oppliger of Ness City and Gerald T. Oppliger of Merritt Island, Fla.; one daughter, Judith K. Langley of Ness City; seven grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; two step grandchildren; 13 step great-grandchildren; and two step great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Everett Haug, Russell Haug and Olin Haug; one sister, Nerine Stewart; two grandchildren, Blake Oppliger and Velvyn Edenholm; and one step grandson, David Greer. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Sue Talbot officiating. Burial will be at Ransom Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City, and until service time Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Aug. 22, 2003

Hubert Bender 1924-2003

Hubert Bender, 79, of Great Bend, died Aug. 19 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born May 17, 1924, in Russell County, the son of Henry L. and Lena Bender Bender. He married Elsaena Stricker July 20, 1947, at Bender Hill Church in Russell County. A resident of Great Bend since 1951, coming from Borger, Texas, he was a homebuilder and worked for Phillips Petroleum Company from 1947 to 1968. Bender was a member of Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111, American Legion Post 180, Great Bend and McPherson Barbershop Society, was treasurer and Sunday School teacher at Bender Trinity Church in Russell County, treasurer for Great Bend Association of Churches, chairman and treasurer for St. Mark Lutheran Church in Great Bend and on the board of directors of Great Bend Chamber of Commerce. He managed and played amateur baseball in Russell, Susank and Ellinwood, played fast pitch baseball in Great Bend, managed the American Legion Braves, managed K thru 18 baseball, and was recognized by the Golden Belt Kiwanis Club for outstanding community service to the American Legion Baseball program. Bender was a U.S. Navy veteran. Great Bend High School Panther Sports were one of the highlights of Bender’s life. He’d already decided he couldn’t wait for the football home opener, so a trip to Pratt was scheduled. Hubert was an avid K.U. Jayhawk basketball fan and was anxious to see the new coach take them to the Final Four. He also loved baseball, everything from the N.Y. Yankees and the Kansas City Royals to the Little League World Series. Survivors include his wife of the home; four daughters, Karla Leibham and husband Pete of the Kansas City, Kan., area, Tina Hiss and husband Rick of Great Bend, Debbie Allford and husband Allan of Wichita, and Kathi
Bender of Wichita; five children of Marvin and Thelma Brack of whom he is guardian; Connie Pitman and husband Larry of Topeka, Marvin Brack and wife Marla of Peachtree City, Ga., Arlen Brack of Nashville, Tenn., Denise Hobbs and husband Monty of Lawrence, and Anitla Lupton and husband Brent of Kingwood, Texas; one brother, Herbert Bender of Russell; one sister, Helen Maier and husband Daniel of Hays; one sister-in-law, Darlene Bender of Bella Vista, Ark.; seven grandchildren, Peter Leibham Jr., Darrin Leibham, Kirsten Thomson and husband John, Josh Alford, Ben Alford, Michelle Hiss and Brad Hiss; guardian to 10 grandchildren, Sheri Wilson and husband Dewoyne, Tevin Brack, Kelli Pitman, Katelyn Hobbs, Ryan Hobbs, Haley Hobbs, Kevin Lupton, Kathryn Lupton, Gregory Lupton and Lexie Lupton; and three great-grandchildren, Cailey Wilson, Hallie Wilson and Kheley Wilson. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Thelmer Bender and Albert Bender; two sisters, Leah Stoffel and Thelma Brack; one sister-in-law, Viola Bender; and one brother-in-law, Marvin Brack. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend with the Revs. James A. Strasen and Hal Staats officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Hubert Bender Memorial Scholarship Fund in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Aug. 21, 2003 paid announcement


COTTONWOOD FALLS — Joseph W. ‘Joe’ Ziesmer, 40, died Aug. 19 at his home. He was born Sept. 2, 1962, at Great Bend, the son of Albert and Virginia Smirl Ziesmer. He married Eloise Renfro. They divorced. He married Peggy Swift Shull on July 22, 2000, at Cottonwood Falls. He was a custodian for Chase County Grade School in Cottonwood Falls for the past five years and was a former employee of Dolly Madison for 14 years. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Joshua Renfro and Adam Ziesmer, both of Madison; one step-son, Joshua Shull of the home; two step-daughters, Sequoia Shull and Amara Shull, both of the home; his mother, Virginia Smirl of Dallas, Texas; his father, Albert Ziesmer of Emporia; and two sisters, Mary Frith and Ann Ziesmer, both of Dallas. He was preceded in death by one son, Justin Ziesmer. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Chase County Middle School Gymnasium in Strong City with the Rev. Rick Smith officiating. Burial will be at Matfield Green Cemetery in Matfield Green. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at Brown-Bennett-Alexander Funeral Home in Cottonwood Falls and from 9 a.m. until service time at the school. Memorials are suggested to an education fund for his son, Adam Ziesmer or his three step-children, Joshua, Sequoia and Amara Shull, in care of , the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Aug. 22, 2003

August 20, 2003

Harry Steinert 1930-2003

CARSON CITY, Nev. — Harry Steinert, 73, died July 29 at his residence. He was born July 25, 1930, at Galatia, the son of Bernhard and Elsa Deines Steinert. He attended schools in Kansas and received his bachelor of science and masters degree from Adams State College of Alamosa, Colo. He married Beverly. A resident of Nevada since 1968, he was a custodian for Chase County Grade School in Cottonwood Falls for the past five years and was a former employee of Dolly Madison for 14 years. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Joshua Renfro and Adam Ziesmer, both of Madison; one step-son, Joshua Shull of the home; two step-daughters, Sequoia Shull and Amara Shull, both of the home; his mother, Virginia Smirl of Dallas, Texas; his father, Albert Ziesmer of Emporia; and two sisters, Mary Frith and Ann Ziesmer, both of Dallas. He was preceded in death by one son, Justin Ziesmer. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Chase County Middle School Gymnasium in Strong City with the Rev. Rick Smith officiating. Burial will be at Matfield Green Cemetery in Matfield Green. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at Brown-Bennett-Alexander Funeral Home in Cottonwood Falls and from 9 a.m. until service time at the school. Memorials are suggested to an education fund for his son, Adam Ziesmer or his three step-children, Joshua, Sequoia and Amara Shull, in care of , the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Aug. 22, 2003


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August 20, 2003

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Vernon L. Weld 1931-2003

HOISINGTON — Vernon L. Weld, 72, died Aug. 18 at Central Kansas Medical Center at Great Bend. He was born June 18, 1931, at California, Pa., the son of Ray W. and Doris Yoder Weld. He married Leta J. Barger Jan. 5, 1955, at Pueblo, Colo. She died March 25, 2001. A resident of Hoisington for one year, coming from Colorado, Claflin and Beaver, he was a custodian for Chase County Grade School in Cottonwood Falls for the past five years and was a former employee of Dolly Madison for 14 years. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Joshua Renfro and Adam Ziesmer, both of Madison; one step-son, Joshua Shull of the home; two step-daughters, Brenda, Denise and Melanie; and one sister, Vida Schultz of Denver, Colo. He was preceded in death by two sons, Steven Steinert; and five brothers, John Steinert, Raymond Steinert, Bernhard Steinert Jr., Thomas Steinert and Karl Steinert. Funeral was held Aug. 2 at the church. Burial was at Walton’s Carson Cemetery of Carson City. Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Aug. 20, 2003

August 19, 2003

June Thomas 1932-2003

GARFIELD— June Thomas, 71, died Aug. 16 at Edwards County Hospital in Kinsley. She was born June 17, 1932, at Tangier, Okla., the daughter of Bert and Nancy Pearl Johnston Stephens. A resident of Garfield since 1980, she was a
hommaker. She was a member of the Christian faith. Survivors include one son, Gary Myers of Garfield; three
daughters, Nancy Thomas of Garfield, Joan Bowen and Tina Backman, both of Woodward, Okla.; nine grandchildren;
and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Andy Clyde Myers; four brothers; seven sisters; and
one grandson, David Wayne Dunlap. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. today at Morell Funeral Home in Larned with the Rev. Ken
Walker officiating. Burial will be at Garfield Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to noon today at the funeral home.
Memorials are suggested to Garfield United Methodist Church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune
Aug. 19, 2003

Edwin C. Hemken 1919-2003

LARNED — Edwin C. Hemken, 84, died Aug. 16 at Larned Healthcare Center in Larned. He was born May 28, 1919, at
Albert, the son of Henry A. and Minnie N. Nagel Hemken. He married Margaret Halda July 18, 1943. She died Sept. 1,
lifetime resident of Rush and Pawnee counties, he was a farmer and stockman. Hemken was a member of Peace
Lutheran Church in Albert and the Eagles of Great Bend. Survivors include two sons, Edwin C. Hemken Jr. of Derby and
Robert E. Hemken of Dodge City; five daughters, Janice Folkerts of Timken, Dorothy Hessman of Dodge City, Susan K.
Wozniak of Bella Vista, Ark., Joyce A. Hemken of Alvin, Texas, and Patricia Hemken of Great Bend; one stepson, William
J. Miller of Portland, Ore.; one brother, Eugene Hemken of Montgomery, Texas; one sister, Irma Chlumsky of Rush
Center; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev.
Jack Russell officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Wednesday,
all at Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association, American Diabetes
Association or the church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Aug. 19, 2003

Peyton ‘Pate’ R. Rambin 1923-2003

TULSA, Okla. — Peyton “Pate” R. Rambin, 80, died Aug. 16 at Maplewood Care Center in Tulsa. He was born June 22,
1923, at Shreveport, La. A resident of Tulsa, he worked for contract sales, highway division of Lone Star Industries.
Rambin was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church and American Legion. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran. Survivors
include one son, Ron Rambin of Tulsa; two daughters, Cheryl Ann Rambin and Mary Jayne Rambin, both of Tulsa; two
brothers, Frank Lombardino and Bobby Lombardino, both of Shreveport; one sister, Ann Schultz of Houston, Texas; two
grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Louise Rambin; and one son,
Richard Peyton Rambin. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Moore’s Southlawn Chapel in Tulsa. Burial will be at
Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to American Lung Association, in care of the funeral chapel. Great
Bend (Kan) Tribune Aug. 19, 2003

August 17, 2003

Dennis Wayne Galliart Sr. 1945-2003

WICHITA — Dennis Wayne Galliart Sr., 58, of Wichita, died Aug. 13 at 3 a.m. at Wesley Medical Center of ongoing
medical problems. Dennis was born March 16, 1945, in Great Bend, the son of Eddie and Oma Smith Galliart. He is
survived by his wife, Roberta Galliart; two sons, Robert Galliart and Dennis Galliart Jr., both of Great Bend; two
stepdaughters, Cheryl Hardgraves and Martha Mwangi, both of Wichita; one brother, Edward B. Galliart Jr. of Newton;
and one sister, Glenna Mae Ritchie of Wilmington, N.C.; five grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. He is also
survived by a number of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. Dennis was an oilfield worker in the Great Bend area for
several years. He served in the U.S. Navy in 1962. He was baptized by Emmanuel Baptist Church in Great Bend where
he was a member in 1961. Galliart moved from Great Bend to Wichita in 1991. He attended barber school while working
as a building mechanical engineer. He joined the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, troop 132, where he served as president
until the ongoing medical conditions no longer allowed him to. May our Lord wrap his loving arms around our brother and
keep him in peace. A memorial service will be at 7 tonight at Eagles Lodge, 3101 N. Broadway, in Wichita. A second
memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at East Side Southern Baptist Church, 440 Grapevine, Great Bend. In lieu of
flowers, donations may be made to the church or National Kidney Foundation. Culbertson-Smith Mortuary in Wichita is in
charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Aug. 17, 2003 paid announcement

Hazel L. Jilg 1921-2003

EL DORADO — Hazel L. Jilg, 81, died Aug. 14 at her home. She was born Sept. 20, 1921, at Great Bend, the daughter of
Howard and Pearl Davis Warner. She married Joseph Edward Jilg May 18, 1946, in Great Bend. He died Jan. 15,
2001. A resident of El Dorado since 1946, coming from the Great Bend and Hoisington area, she was a registrar for Four
Winds Girl Scout Council for 18 years and was named registrar emeritus upon retiring in 1981. Mrs. Jilg was a member of
First Presbyterian Church of El Dorado, Sunday school teacher, Stonecroft Ministries Bible Studies, the church’s
Women’s Association, TUOGS group, Book Lovers Club, Quest Club, Senior Ambassadors, Butler County Historical
Society, M&M Sewing Club, various bridge groups and Girl Scouts of the Golden Plains Council. Survivors include two
sons, Ronald Jilg of Wichita and Curtis Jilg of El Dorado; one sister, Verla Jilg of Great Bend; four grandchildren; and
three great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in
August 15, 2003

Dennis Wayne Galliart Sr. 1945-2003

WICHITA — Dennis Wayne Galliart Sr., 58, of Wichita, died Aug. 13 at 3 a.m. at Wesley Medical Center of ongoing medical problems. Dennis was born March 16, 1945, in Great Bend, the son of Eddie and Oma Smith Galliart. He is survived by his wife, Roberta Galliart; two step-daughters, Cheryl Hardgraves and Martha Mwangi, both of Wichita; one brother, Edward B. Galliart Jr. of Newton; and one sister, Glenna Mae Ritchie of Wilmington, N.C.; five grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. He is also survived by a number of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. Dennis was an oilfield worker in the Great Bend area for several years. He served in the U.S. Navy in 1962. He was baptized by Emmanuel Baptist Church in Great Bend where he was a member in 1961. Galliart moved from Great Bend to Wichita in 1991. He attended barber school while working as a building mechanical engineer. He joined the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, troop 132, where he served as president until the ongoing medical conditions no longer allowed him to. May our Lord wrap his loving arms around our brother and keep him in peace. A memorial service will be at 7 tonight at Eagles Lodge, 3101 N. Broadway, in Wichita. A second memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at East Side Southern Baptist Church, 440 Grapevine, Great Bend. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the church or National Kidney Foundation. Culbertson-Smith Mortuary in Wichita is in charge of arrangements.

August 13, 2003

Dwight O. McAllister 1946-2003

RADIUM — Dwight O. McAllister, 56, died Aug. 13 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Sept. 29, 1946, at Stafford, the son of Orville and Grayce Mawhirter McAllister. He graduated from Radium High School. He married Karen Kay Martin July 14, 1984, at Belpre. A lifetime resident of Stafford County, he was branch manager at Seward for the Great Bend Co-op. McAllister was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, both of Larned. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Heather of the home; two brothers, Kent McAllister of Broken Arrow, Okla., and Lynn McAllister of Lexington, Neb.; and one sister, Judy Keeler of Wichita. Vigil service will be at 6 tonight at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church in Larned with the Revs. Dennis Reed and Rene Guesnier officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Aug. 13, 2003

August 12, 2003

Wanda S. Schlegel 1950-2003

WICHITA — Wanda S. Schlegel, 53, died Aug. 11. Formerly of Great Bend, she was a former Checkers Grocery Store deli supervisor. Survivors include her husband, Curtis Schlegel of the home; one son, William B. Schlegel of Ellington, Mo.; four daughters, Sandra Rowe of Kansas City, Mo., Roberta Ellington of Otis, Katina Baker of Wichita and Saundra Schlegel of Great Bend; two brothers, Bob De Shazer of Belle Plaine and Butch De Shazer of Wichita; one sister, Helen McEirath of Wichita; and 18 grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Broadway Mortuary Chapel in Wichita.

Berneice Werth 1931-2003

VICTORIA — Berneice Werth, 72, died Aug. 11 at Hays Medical Center. She was born March 20, 1931, at Schoenchen, the daughter of Joe and Julia Gottschalk Kronewitter. She married Linus Werth May 22, 1951, at Schoenchen. She was a business partner for Five Star Amoco and was a homemaker. Mrs. Werth was a member of St. Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church, Ladies Guild of St. Nicholas and St. Nicholas Prayer Group. Survivors include her husband of the home; five sons, Tim Werth, Kent Werth and Greg Werth, all of Hays, Glen Werth of Ft. Collins, Colo., and Stan Werth of Elk City, Okla.; four daughters, Sharon Werth of Hartsdale, N.Y., Cathy Leiker of Houston, Texas, Debra Dachsteiner of St. Charles, Ill., and Lesa Lowry of Frisco, Texas; one brother, Jim Kronewitter of Conway Springs; four sisters, Jane Kisner of Pfeifer, Ruth Zimmerman and Carol Legleiger, both of Hays, and Betty Rajewski of Great Bend; 21 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Dale Werth; and one granddaughter, Elizabeth Rose Werth. St. Nicholas Prayer Group rosary will be at 4 p.m. today and a parish vigil will be at 7 p.m. today, both at Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Thursday, all at the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Aug. 13, 2003
Mathilda Evelyn Weber Schartz 1907-2003

Mathilda Evelyn Weber Schartz, 96, died Aug. 8 at Olathe Medical Center. She was born Aug. 4, 1907, at Dubuque, the daughter of Nicholas J. and Marie Dolechek Weber. She married Frank N. Schartz Jan. 21, 1946, at Dubuque. He died Oct. 22, 1985. A longtime Great Bend resident, she was a wife and mother. Mrs. Schartz was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Altar Society, Daughters of Isabella and St. Rose Legion of Mary, all of Great Bend. Survivors include two daughters, Frances Geralyn Kelly and Mary Ann Johnston, both of Overland Park; two sisters, Frances Bibeirle of Hoisington and Anna Lee Habiger of Bushton; and seven grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Nicholas Weber; and one sister, Mary Schartz. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. today at Dominican Chapel of the Plains in Great Bend, with the Rev. Dermot Tighe officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Dominican Sisters Retirement Fund, in care of the Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Aug. 12, 2003

William A. Mills 1925-2003

William A. Mills was born Jan. 24, 1925, in Bristow, Okla., to Granville Y. and Iva E. Crawford Mills, and passed from this life on Sunday, Aug. 10, 2003, at his home at Lake Lawtonka, north of Lawton, Okla., at the age of 78 years, six months and 16 days, following a lengthy illness. Bill grew up north of Cyril, Okla., and graduated from Cyril High School. Following graduation he entered the U.S. Army, and served as a medic during World War II. Following his discharge, he went to Cameron College in Lawton. He worked for Phillips Petroleum Company for 37 years, working up from a tool pusher to supervisor of exploration and production when he retired. He was a member of the Baptist Church, and was a 32nd degree Mason. An avid fisherman, he loved going fishing with his dad and brother-in-law, Ben Stockton, both now deceased. He moved to Lake Lawtonka from Great Bend and enjoyed fishing with his friends. He was especially proud of his boat house at the lake. Bill never met a stranger, and was a most generous, kind and loving man. He was a good Dad. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Michael Mills; one stepdaughter, Pat Daniels and one grandchild. Survivors include his wife, Clarice, of the Lake Lawtonka home; one daughter, Wilda Young of Oklahoma City, Okla.; one son, Russell K. Mills and his wife Linette of Fairfield, Calif.; Fred Daniels of Fairfax, Texas; and Peggy Thompson of Wichita, and Ron and Debbie Knipp of Pampa, Texas; five grandchildren; five (and one half) great-grandchildren; eight step grandchildren; one sister, Imogene Stockton of Anadarko; two nephews; one niece; special friends, Bill and June Ferguson of Cache, Okla., and Diane Roat of Elgin; and numerous other friends and relatives. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at First Baptist Church, with the pastor, Dr. Randy Robertson officiating. Burial will follow in Oak Grove Cemetery at Fort Cobb under the direction of Stevenson Funeral Home of Anadarko. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to the building fund of First Baptist Church, 600 West Petree, Anadarko, OK 73005. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Aug. 12, 2003 paid announcement

Anna M. Price 1911-2003

Anna M. Price, 92, of Great Bend, died Aug. 9 at Jefferson City, Mo. She was born June 1, 1911, at Raymond, the daughter of Chan and Anna Mae Miller Smith. She married Grover H. Price Dec. 30, 1930, at Sterling. He died Aug. 17, 1984. A resident of Great Bend for 58 years, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Price was of the Baptist faith. Survivors include several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Everett C. “Bud” Smith and Ernest L. “Smitty” Smith. Graveside service will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Memorial Park Cemetery in Hutchinson. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the donor’s choice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Aug. 12, 2003

Daniel Payan Jr. 1994-2003

Daniel Payan Jr., 8, died Aug. 8 at Jetmore. He was born Aug. 10 at Abilene, Texas, the son of Daniel Sr. and Anabel Santibanes Payan. He was a student at Lincoln Elementary School in Great Bend. He was a resident of Great Bend for three years, coming from Ensign. Payan was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church of Great Bend. Survivors include his parents of Great Bend; three brothers, Jimmy Lopes of Beaumont, Texas, Jessie Lopes and Paul Payan, both of Abilene, Texas; four sisters, Samantha Payan of the home, Daniela Payan of Haskell, Texas, Gabriela Torres of Mexia, Texas, and Diana Payan of Abilene, Texas; grandparents, Eivira Hernandez of Racine, Wis., Marianel Carmen Garcia of Mexico and Rene Santibanes of Mexico. Rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park north of Great Bend. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the family, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Aug. 12, 2003

Charlene M. Marker Ince 1945-2003

MCPherson — Charlene M. Marker Ince, 58, died Aug. 9 at Memorial Hospital in McPherson. She was born April 2, 1945, at Topeka, the daughter of Raymond and Colleen Mae Finan Sievers. She married Larry E. Marker in August 1963. They were divorced. A resident of McPherson since 2001, coming from Great Bend, she was a former employee of American State Bank and Damac Driling Company, both of Great Bend. Survivors include one daughter, Kim Unruh of
Memorials are suggested to Chapel Hill Fellowship United Methodist Church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Aug. 12, 2003

Mason James Howard 1981-2003

Mason James Howard, 22, of Great Bend, died Aug. 10 at Great Bend. He was born Feb. 21, 1981, at Great Bend, the son of Robert Dale and Jane Ellen Johnson Howard. He was a 1999 graduate of Great Bend High School, attended Oklahoma Panhandle State University and was a member of the baseball team, and was a 2003 graduate of Kansas State University of Manhattan. Howard was vice-president of Kay's Club, A Capella Choir, Madrigal Pop Singers and the 1998 State Champion Baseball Team, all of Great Bend. Survivors include his parents of Great Bend; one brother, Bart Howard of Great Bend; grandparents, Harold and Elaine Johnson of Great Bend, and Helen Sharp of Las Vegas, Nev. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at First Presbyterian Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Mason Howard Memorial Scholarship Fund at Great Bend High School, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Aug. 12, 2003

Emma Helen Doran 1917-2003

MACKSVILLE — Emma Helen Doran, 86, died Aug. 9 at Pratt Regional Medical Center. She was born Jan. 31, 1917, at Larned, the daughter of George and Anna Margaret Kaufman Frick. She was a graduate of Zook High School and a 1939 graduate of Kansas State University. She married Vernon L. Doran May 17, 1941, at Manhattan. He died Sept. 8, 1975. She was a teacher in Toronto, Manhattan and Macksville school districts. Mrs. Doran was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Order of the Eastern Star since 1948, and a member of American Legion Auxiliary. Survivors include one son, James Doran of St. John; two daughters, Jeanne Scott of Lawrence and Janet Crane of Great Bend; one sister, Evelyn Van Vleet of Garden City; and nine grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. this morning at the church in Macksville. Burial will be at Farmington Cemetery in Macksville. The casket will be closed. Memorials are suggested to the church, Southwind Hospice or Pratt Regional Medical Center, all in care of Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Aug. 12, 2003

Max E. Bennett 1934-2003

WICHITA — Max E. Bennett, 68, former president and CEO of Great Bend Manufacturing Inc., and former vice-president and general manager of Hesston Corporation, passed away at his home from cancer Aug. 9. Max was born on Aug. 22, 1934, at Pleasant Hope, Mo., to David and Ilene Bennett. He graduated from Republic High School in 1951. He worked at Caterpillar Tractor Company in Joliet, Ill., until 1964. During this time he graduated from their four-year Tool and Die Apprenticeship program and worked his way through the company to become the industrial engineering supervisor. On Sept. 5, 1954, he married Rosalene “Rosie” Wade in Republic, Mo., and they had four children. In 1964, the family moved to Lewis where Max became manufacturing manager for Cross Manufacturing Company. In 1966, he left to become the senior industrial engineer for Hesston Corporation. He spent 20 years with Hesston Corporation, serving as plant manager, Logan Division in Logan, Utah.; general manager, Woods Division in Oregon, Ill.; vice-president industrial products group, vice-president and general manager, Hesston Division; and vice-president of business development. In 1977, he graduated from Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School. In 1986, Max left Hesston Corporation to work as a consultant specializing in mergers and acquisitions. In 1988, he was retained by Great Bend Manufacturing Company in Great Bend, where he became president and CEO and was the major shareholder. Max was on the executive committee and served on the board of directors of the Equipment Manufacturing Institute. Since his retirement in 1997, Max traveled extensively, worked as a management consultant and served on the board of directors of Foley Equipment Company. Max was an avid golfer and K-State supporter. He was a life member of Masonic Lodge 208 of Wilmington, Ill., and a member of Chapel Hill Fellowship United Methodist Church. He is survived by his loving wife, Rosie; sons, David Bennett and his wife Karen, and their children, Kelly and Alyssa Duggan, all of Chanhassen, Minn.; Dan Bennett and his wife Jenny, and their children James Dyer, Max and John Bennett, all of Ottawa; daughters Neisha Dahlstrom and her husband Hugo and their children Chris, Tara, Kelly and Britt Dahlstrom, all of McPherson; and Tracy Berry and her husband Ed and their children Yana and Dimitry Berry, all of Dallas, Texas; and two brothers, Ernie Bennett of Grove, Okla., and Gene Bennett of Republic. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Chapel Hill Fellowship United Methodist Church, 11660 East 13th St. North in Wichita. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Watson Funeral Home in Wichita. A memorial for Max has been established at the church for the installation of stained-glass windows in the sanctuary, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Aug. 12, 2003 paid announcement

Joseph ‘Tubby’ Tinkel 1924-2003

HOISINGTON — Joseph “Tubby” Tinkel, 79, died Aug. 9 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. He was born Feb. 23, 1924. at Claflin. the son of Joseoh Sr. and Marv Zorn Tinkel. He married Leonetta Schremmer Feb. 15.
1997, at Bartlesville, Okla. She died Feb. 12, 2000. A lifetime resident of Barton County, he was a self-employed farmer and worked for Beaver Grain and Schreiber Oil Company. Tinkel was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Beaver; Holy Family Church and Knights of Columbus, both of Odin, and St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church of Hoisington. Survivors include four stepsons, Cletus Schremmer of Pittsburg, Harold Schremmer of Houston, Texas, Don Schremmer of Odin and Raymond Schremmer of Ponca City, Okla.; eight step grandchildren; and three step great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. today at St. John the Evangelist Church in Hoisington, with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery in Beaver. Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph Cemetery Fund, in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington.

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Daniel Payan Jr. 1994-2003

Daniel Payan Jr., 8, died Aug. 8 in Jetmore. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend.

August 9, 2003

Henry J. Mattas 1925-2003

WILSON — Henry J. Mattas, 78, died Aug. 8 at Wilson. He was born Feb. 21, 1925, in Ellsworth County, the son of Frank E. and Mary E. Vopat Mattas. A lifetime resident of the Wilson area, he was a farmer and stockman. Mattas was a member of John F. McManus American Legion Post 262, Catholic Workmen and St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church. He was a U. S. Army veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include three brothers, Frank M. Mattas of Huntsville, Ala., Emil Mattas of Wilson and the Rev. Louis Mattas of Abilene; and three sisters, Mary Ann Erickson of McPherson, Rose Rita Pearce and Frances Arnold, both of Pearland, Texas. Parish vigil will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Foster Mortuary in Wilson. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Jerome Morgan officiating. Burial will be at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 8 p.m. Sunday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church or Msgr. John F. McManus American Legion Post 262, all in care of the mortuary.

August 9, 2003

Mathilda Evelyn Weber Schartz 1907-2003

LEAWOOD — Mathilda Evelyn Weber Schartz, 96, died Aug. 8 at Olathe Medical Center in Olathe. She was born Aug. 4, 1907, at Dubuque. Survivors will be announced at a later date. Rosaries will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday and Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Altar Society rosary and Daughters of Isabella rosary will be at 4 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Dominican Chapel of the Plains in Great Bend. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend is in charge of arrangements.

Peyton Douglas Snodgrass 2003-2003

LARNED — Peyton Douglas Snodgrass died Aug. 8 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was the infant son of Douglas Lee and Felicia Ann Gilbert Snodgrass. Survivors include his parents of Larned; grandparents, John and Julie Snodgrass of Garfield, Christine Wagner of Larned, and Carl Gilbert of Clyde; and seven great-grandparents, Romona Snodgrass of Garfield, Margaret Miller and John Miller, both of Wamego, Sandra Hamon of Hastings, Neb.; Edwin Jensen of Grinnell, Iowa, and Joseph and Victoria Gilbert of Jamestown. Gravestones service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Garfield Cemetery in Garfield, with the Rev. Tony Horsley officiating. Friends may call until 8 p.m. Sunday at Morrell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to United Methodist Church of Rozel, in care of the funeral home.

August 8, 2003

Clifford G. Brack 1915-2003

RUSSELL — Clifford G. Brack, 89, died Aug. 5 at Hays Medical Center. He was born Nov. 22, 1913, at Otis, the son of Peter P. and Emma C. Hergert Brack. He was a 1931 graduate of Otis High School. He married Elsie A. Karst Jan. 22, 1943, at Reno, Nev. A resident of Russell from 1976, coming from Great Bend, he was deputy Rush County clerk and a farm equipment manager for most of his life, working for Meisinger and Schneider in Otis and Gibson Titus and Stafford in the Great Bend area, and several farm co-ops. Brack was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Russell, Veterans of Foreign Wars of Otis and Great Bend, the American Legion of Great Bend and Elks Lodge of Russell. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Marsha Gullickson of Bloomington, Minn.; special caregiver, Leon Brack; one sister, Juanita A. Brack of La Crosse; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Roy E. Brack and Verrel J. Brack; one infant sister; and one granddaughter, Maren Gullickson. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Henry Hartman officiating. Burial with military honors will be at Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery.
north of Great Bend. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Pohlman’s Mortuary in Russell. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Friday. Memorials are suggested to St. John Lutheran Cemetery fund, in care of the mortuary.

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Bonnie Lee Morton 1928-2003

STERLING — Bonnie Lee Morton, 75, died Aug. 5 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born Feb. 5, 1928, at Trousdale, the daughter of Robert and Maudie Mae McHugh Davidson. She married Carold Mead in 1947. She married Robert Morton Sept. 24, 1977, at Hutchinson. Mrs. Morton was a member of United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Friendship Circle and Sterling College Volunteer, all of Sterling. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Gary Mead of Great Bend, Steve Mead of Belpre and Michael Mead of Hutchinson; two stepdaughters, Debbie Wolfe of Sterling and Kathie Pauls of Hutchinson; one sister, Irene DeHaven of Augusta; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Everett Davidson, Howard Davidson and Gaylord Davidson. Memorial will be at 10:30 a.m. today at the church, with the Rev. Dr. Lee R. Louderback officiating. Burial will be at Sterling Community Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church or Sterling College, both in care of the funeral home.

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Bertha Jordan 1917-2003

Bertha Jordan, 85, of Great Bend, died Aug. 7 at Central Kansas Medical Center. She was born Sept. 29, 1917, at Ness County, the daughter of Henry and Katherine Elizabeth Miller Scheck. She married Kenneth A. Jordan June 16, 1940, at Great Bend. He died May 10, 1979. A longtime resident of Great Bend, she was an Avon representative. Mrs. Jordan was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Ron Jordan of Henderson, Nev.; one daughter, Sharon Pollard of Mesa, Ariz.; five grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Solomon Scheck, Dan Scheck, Abraham Scheck, Benjamin Scheck and Herman Scheck; and three sisters, Molly Popp, Marie Rahm and Martha Wittig. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home, with the Rev. Diana Coberly officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Cemetery north of Great Bend. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home.

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A. Emerson Stoskopf 1916-2003

HOISINGTON — A. Emerson Stoskopf, 87, died Aug. 5. He was born April 28, 1916, near Hoisington, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Stoskopf. A resident of Santa Maria, Calif., coming from Wichita and Hoisington, he was employed by Camp Cooke, Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. Stoskopf was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church in Wichita, Clifton Club, director of Girl Scouts of America of Sedgwick County, a member of Lions Club, a charter member of Wichita YMCA, a board member of Santa Maria Valley Historical Society, a charter member of Sons of the American Revolution, Central Coastguard Chapter, First Congregational Church of Los Angeles, charter member of YMCA and Lions Club, both of Santa Maria. Survivors include his wife, Marjorie G. Stoskopf of Santa Maria; one son, Randall E. Stoskopf of Santa Maria; one daughter, Gretchen S. Falvo of Santa Barbara, Calif.; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one infant son, Stacy Stoskopf; and two brothers, Howard Stoskopf and Frederick Stoskopf. The family will receive friends from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday at Dudley Hoffman Mortuary in Santa Maria, Calif. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Aug. 8, 2003

William C. ‘Bill’ Grimes 1933-2003

BORGER, Texas — William C. “Bill” Grimes, 60, died Aug. 6 at Borger. He was born Feb. 18, 1943, at Ness City. A resident of Borger since 1986, he was an operator for Phillips Refinery. Grimes was a member of Local Union 351. He was a member of the U.S. Army Reserves. Survivors include his wife Betty of the home; one son, Kelly Grimes of Great Bend; his father, Glenn Grimes of Lampasas, Texas; and one brother, Ronnie Alexander of Lampasas. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. today at Minton Memorial Chapel in Borger, with the Rev. Terry Stegall officiating. Cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to BSA Hospice, Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79105 or the American Cancer Society, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Aug. 8, 2003

Howard Donald Kilgore 1917-2003

ALDEN — Howard Donald Kilgore, 85, died Aug. 6 at his residence in Valley Center. He was born Dec. 17, 1917, at Thayer, the son of David Matthew and Alice Melissa Pentzer Kilgore. He graduated from Caney High School. He married Anna Lee Jones June 14, 1941, at Sedan. She died March 2, 1974. A resident of Valley Center, coming from Chase and Allen, he was a retired oil field hand and truck driver. Kilgore was a U.S. Air Corps veteran, having served as master sergeant during World War II in the 529 Bomb Squad 380 Bomb Group and with the Flying Circus, receiving the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. Survivors include two sons, Danny Dean Kilgore of Chase and William Fredrick Kilgore of Great Bend; two daughters, Diana Mae Holliday of Sterling and Lyndee Ann Leckner of Valley Center; one brother, Eugene Kilgore of Independence; one sister, Marqé Green of Post Falls, Idaho; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He
OTIS — Martha Steinert, 98, died Aug. 6 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center of Hoisington. She was born May 25, 1905, in Barton County, the daughter of Phillip and Anna Brack Steitz. She married Albert Steinert Aug. 17, 1924, at Milberger. He died March 15, 1996. A lifetime resident of the Otis-Hoisington area, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Steinert was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Otis. Survivors include three sons, Eugene Steinert of Russell, Robert Lee Steinert of Aurora, Colo., and Kenneth Steinert of Great Bend; two daughters, Alberta Brack of Hoisington and Anna Marie Powell of Salina; 19 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Waldean Steinert; three brothers, Constand Steitz, Edward Steitz and Richard Steitz; and one sister, Rachel Schrater. Prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Larry Frank, PMA, officiating. Burial will be at Lutheran Cemetery in Otis. Friends may call from 1 to 5 p.m. today at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse and from 6 to 8 tonight at Columbus past state warden; Knights of Columbus honorary member; past co-op board member; and board member Liebenthal Heritage Association. Survivors include his wife of the home; five sons, Larry Moeder of Manhattan, Leon Moeder of Wichita, Kurt Moeder, Kevin Moeder and Duane Moeder, all of La Crosse; two brothers, Bill Moeder of La Crosse and Rudy Moeder of Wichita; one sister, Sister Scholastica of Wichita; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Leo Moeder and Albert Moeder; and one sister, Monica Moeder. St. Ann’s Altar Society rosary will be at 6 p.m. tonight, followed by a vigil service and 4th degree Knights of Columbus rosary at 7 p.m. tonight, all at St. Michael’s Church in La Crosse. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph’s Cemetery in Liebenthal. Friends may call from 1 to 5 p.m. today at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse and from 6 to 8 tonight at St. Michael’s Catholic Church in La Crosse. Memorials are suggested to Liebenthal’s Heritage Association, La Crosse Youth Baseball or the donor’s choice, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Aug. 8, 2003

Kenneth L. Lonnberg 1919-2003

JETMORE — Kenneth L. Lonnberg, 84, died Aug. 5 at Hodgeman County Health Center in Jetmore. He was born June 5, 1919, in the Jetmore area, the son of Arthur and LuLu Upp Lonnberg. He married Audrey Neeley July 8, 1946, at Syracuse. A lifetime resident of Jetmore, he was a postal worker and rural mail carrier for 40 years. Lonnberg was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and Bowling Association, both of Dodge City, and Masons, American Legion and Jetmore Country Club, all of Jetmore. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Kurt Lonnberg of Jetmore, two daughters, Marcie Bradford of Jetmore and Kris Scottorn of Burlington; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Harold Lonnberg, John Lonnberg, Bill Lonnberg and Louie Lonnberg; and one sister, Helen York. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at United Methodist Church of Jetmore with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and until 11 a.m.
Grace Copeland 1914-2003

ST. JOHN — Grace Copeland, 88, died Aug. 3 in St. John. She was born Oct. 6, 1914, at Stafford, the daughter of Henry M. and Flora M. Fort Fox. She was a graduate of Liberal High School. She married Jack Copeland May 14, 1938, at Lawrence. He died in July of 1973. A longtime resident of St. John, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Copeland was a member of First United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Club and Kill Kare, all of St. John. Survivors include one son, Stanley J. Copeland of Sugarland, Texas; one daughter, Nancy Lou Halbgewachs of Albuquerque, N.M.; one brother, Leonard P. Fox of Elmhurst, Ill.; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Joe Fox, Earl Fox and Henry Fox; and two sisters, Helen Forsmann and Jessie Heimiller. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Robbie Fall officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at Minnis Chapel in St. John. Memorials are suggested to the church or donor’s choice, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Aug. 7, 2003

August 6, 2003

Kathryn Zimmerman 1907-2003

Kathryn Zimmerman, 95, of Great Bend, died Aug. 4 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center of Great Bend. She was born Sept. 13, 1907, at Gorham, the daughter of Joseph and Katie Dechant Rupp. She married John Zimmerman Oct. 14, 1930, at Ness City. He died in 1997. A resident of Great Bend for six years, coming from Ness City, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Zimmerman was a member of Sacred Heart Church and Altar Society, both of Ness City, and Daughters of Isabella of Ransom. Survivors include two sons, Wilbur Zimmerman of Westwood and Gerald Zimmerman of Concord, Calif.; two daughters, Viola Barnard of Cody, Wyo., and Betty McCoy of Great Bend; three brothers, Mike Rupp and Paul Rupp, both of Garden City, and Adam Rupp of Fort Dodge; five sisters, Pauline Kaiser of Garden City, Mary Eggers of Tulsa, Okla., Julia Stoecklein of Hutchinson, Elvira Billinger of Scott City and Rita Riebel of Minneola; 14 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, John Rupp and Frank Rupp. Parish vigil will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at the church. Mass of Christian burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Revs. Gregory LeBlanc and Gilbert Herman officiating. Burial will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Ness City. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, all at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City, and until service time Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Sacred Heart School, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Aug. 6, 2003

Loraine Esther Sears 1913-2003

MACKSVILLE — Loraine Esther Sears, 89, died Aug. 3 at South Wind Hospice Guest House in Pratt. She was born Oct. 28, 1913, at Lewis, the daughter of Joseph Victor and Lulu Mae Derley. She attended nursing school for two years at Halstead. She married Earl Barney Sears May 30, 1935, at St. John. He preceded her in death. A resident of Macksville since 1942, she worked at Bell Memorial Hospital in Kansas City, now KU Medical Center. Mrs. Sears was a member of St. John the Apostle Catholic Church of St. John. Survivors include one sister, Opal Tenbrink of Albuquerque, N.M. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Carl Otis Derley and Cecil Lee Derley; and two sisters, DeEtta Bernice Gaston and Fern Idress Hartman. Rosary will be at 7 tonight at Minnis Chapel in St. John. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Rene Guesnier officiating. The casket will be closed. Burial will be at Farmington Cemetery in Macksville. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to South Wind Hospice in Pratt. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Aug. 6, 2003

Adolph Baumgartner 1922-2003

WAKEENEY — Adolph Baumgartner, 80, died Aug. 2 at Trego-Lemke Memorial Hospital. He was born Dec. 21, 1922, the son of Albert and Elizabeth Aschenbrenner Baumgartner. He was a 1941 graduate of Brownell High School. He married Marcella Bollig May 8, 1947. A resident of Wakeeny, coming from Brownell, he was a former cattle and wheat farmer and accomplished cabinetmaker for Deines Construction of Wakeeny. Baumgartner was a member of Christ the King Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, a lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Buckovina Society, Fraternal Order of Eagles 3774, Big Creek Golf Association and Sunflower Polka Club. He served in the U.S. Army from 1944-1946, including the European Theatre of World War II where he was a baker and cook with a T-5 rank. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, David Baumgartner; two daughters, Betty and Janet; one sister, Mary Wyman of Brownell; one grandson; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Paul Baumgartner and Joe Baumgartner; and one sister, Joan Brehmer. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. today at Schmitt Funeral Home in Wakeeny. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church. Burial will be at the church cemetery with military rites by Fort Riley. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, Catholic Church.
Alice ‘Miss Alice’ Bailey 1916-2003

GREENSBURG — Alice “Miss Alice” Bailey, 87, died Aug. 4 at Kiowa County Memorial Hospital in Greensburg. She was born May 29, 1916, at Sun City, the daughter of Luther Christopher and Ethel Dean Moores Hinkle. She grew up in Wilmore community and was a graduate of Wilmore High School. She married Charles Oscar Bailey March 1, 1935, at Greensburg. He died June 21, 1984. Alice lived with her husband and family on the Briggs Ranch, south of Mullinville, from 1935 until she moved to Greensburg in 1966. Alice was a member of The First United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday school and youth fellowship in Mullinville and Greensburg, United Methodist Women, Smiling Seamers Club, Hour Club and Golf Club, where she was the only lady with a hole-in-one. From 1986 to 2000, Alice was a preschool teacher in Greensburg, where she was lovingly “Miss Alice.” During those years she drove to Great Bend for Red Cross certification. She is survived by one son, Jack Bailey and wife, LaDean, of Great Bend; one daughter, Nita Kilgore and husband, Robert, of Greensburg; three brothers, L.C. “Bud” Hinkle of Pratt, Phillip Hinkle of Temple, Texas, and Francis Hinkle of Wichita; three sisters, Luella Bailey and Viola White, both of Coldwater, and Florence Bailey of Greensburg; six grandchildren, Ron Bailey of Franklin, Ind., Alicia Bragg of Alamosa, Colo., Wendy Howe of Castle Rock, Colo., Jeff Kilgore of Ozawie, Karla Johnston of Kiowa and Kayla Queen of Manhattan; and 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Delsie Dean Hinkle. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church in Greensburg with the Rev. Gene McIntosh officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Greensburg. Friends may call from 5 to 8:30 p.m. today at Fleener Funeral Home in Greensburg. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home at Box 763, Greensburg 67054, or in care of Greensburg State Bank and Mullinville State Bank. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Aug. 6, 2003

August 5, 2003

Margaret Degenhardt 1903-2003

HOISINGTON — Margaret Degenhardt, 100, died Aug. 2 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. She was born Jan. 15, 1903, at Pfeifer, the daughter of George and Katherine Rothamel Appelhaus Meier. She married George Degenhardt June 10, 1930, at Pfeifer. He died Dec. 29, 1978. A lifelong resident of Ellis and Rush counties, she was homemaker. Mrs. Degenhardt was a member of St. Michael’s Catholic Church and St. Michael’s Altar Society, both of La Crosse. Survivors include two sons, Leroy Degenhardt of Great Bend and Donald Degenhardt of Hoisington; one daughter, Lillian Weber of Hays; 12 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Harold Degenhardt; three brothers, Adam Meier, George Meier and Boniface Meier; one half-brother, John Appelhaus; two sisters, Elizabeth Stramel and Regina Degenhardt; and two half-sisters, Mary Schmidt and Kathrine Schmidtberger. Funeral service will be at 10:30 this morning at the church, with the Rev. Ultan Murphy officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Cheyenne Meadows Living Center, in care of Janousek Funeral Home of La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Aug. 5, 2003

Emma Jane Hudson 1923-2003

PAWNEE ROCK — Emma Jane Hudson, 80, died Aug. 2 at Larned Healthcare Center, Larned. She was born Jan. 13, 1923, at Cottonwood Falls, the daughter of Samuel and Anna E. Hulett Bruce. She married Ora Kenneth Hudson July 22, 1939, at Cottonwood Falls. A resident of Pawnee Rock since 1996, coming from Hanston, she was owner and operator of Emma Lou’s Cafe in Hanston. Mrs. Hudson attended Jehovah Witness Kingdom Hall in Larned. Survivors include her husband of the home; and one sister, Dora Stout of Kansas City. She was preceded in death by four brothers, John Bruce, Alvin Bruce, Charlie Bruce and Bill Bruce; and one sister, Alma Lawrence. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned with T. Butch Espinosa officiating. Burial will be at Pawnee Rock Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Relay for Life or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Aug. 5, 2003

John David Richards 1964-2003

LARNED — John David Richards, 39, died Aug. 3 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was born June 2, 1964, at Kinsley, the son of Ronald and Mary Keesler Richards. He married Karen Kinzie. They divorced. A lifetime Larned resident, he was a concrete finishing man for Eakin Enterprises Inc. of Larned. Richards attended Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Survivors include two sons, Gregory Richards of Great Bend and Jeremy Richards of Oklahoma; one daughter, Taylor of Oklahoma; his father; one sister, Sheila Harman of Pawnee Rock; and one half-sister, Jessica Richards of Missouri. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral chapel with the Rev. Dennis Reed officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to John Richards Memorial Fund, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Aug. 5, 2003
Kathryn Zimmerman 1908-2003

Kathryn Zimmerman, 95, died Aug. 4 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Aug. 5, 2003

Loraine E. Searls 1914-2003

MACKSVILLE — Loraine E. Searls, 89, died Aug. 3 at South Wind Hospice Guest House in Pratt. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Minnis Chapel Inc., of Macksville. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Aug. 5, 2003

Marjorie Lee Phillips 1924-2003

EL CAJON, Calif. — Marjorie Lee Phillips, 79, died Aug. 1 at her home. She was born May 27, 1924, at Idaho Falls, Idaho, the daughter of Clyde I. and Perle E. Pelton Shulz. She married Glenn E. Phillips Aug. 18, 1973, at Lawrence. He died Aug. 14, 1990. A resident of El Cajon for five years, coming from Derby and Great Bend, she was an owner and operator of a gift shop. Mrs. Phillips was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Great Bend. Survivors include two sons, Dale Smith of Derby and Greg Smith of El Cajon; and six grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John, with the Rev. Keren Lemon officiating. Friends may call from 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Salvation Army of Great Bend, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Aug. 5, 2003

August 2, 2003

Emma Jane Hudson 1927-2003

Emma Jane Hudson, 80, died Aug. 2 at Larned Healthcare Center, Larned. Arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home, Larned.

Patricia Gunn Campbell 1921-2003

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — Patricia Gunn Campbell, 82, of San Antonio, died July 28 at her home. She was born June 15, 1921, in Great Bend, the daughter of Leonard and Beulah Benefield Gunn. She married Leslie J. Campbell, who became a Brigadier General in the United States Air Force, and dedicated herself to her husband's career. A longtime resident of San Antonio, Patty was a graduate of USC. She was actively involved in many community charitable programs and was an art and painting instructor. Her fun loving and witty personality will be greatly missed. Survivors include her sister, Marjorie Stoskopf of Santa Monica, Calif.; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Charles Gunn, Maurice Gunn, Richard Gunn and Robert Gunn; and her husband, Leslie J. Campbell. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. today at First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. George T. Sturch officiating. Burial will follow later in Arlington National Cemetery. Porter Loring Mortuary North of San Antonio is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Aug. 2, 2003 paid announcement

Thomas Richard Taylor 1921-2003

Thomas Richard Taylor, 81, died July 31 at Bishop Spencer Place in Kansas City, Mo. Mr. Taylor's greatgrandparents came to the United States from Herefordshire, England, in 1880. They tree-claimed land near Great Bend and raised Hereford cattle there from 1895 to 1957. Tom was born Dec. 17, 1921, in Great Bend. He graduated from Great Bend High School and attended Kansas State University. He married Clara Ruth “Clu” Mering of Blue Springs, Mo., in 1947, and they farmed corn, milo, wheat and alfalfa on the family land in Great Bend. Tom and his brother, John, founded Walnut Hill Feed Yard, a 30,000-head commercial cattle feed yard, which they operated until 1987. Tom helped organize Kansas Feed Yard Association and was elected as the first president of that organization. He was a director of People's State Bank in Ellinwood. In 1967, Tom and Clu retired and moved to Prairie Village, where they pursued their hobbies of art collecting, travel and photography. Clu preceded Tom in death in July, 2000. Survivors include daughter Ann Taylor Mueller and her husband, James R. Mueller, of Kansas City, Mo.; son Richard R. Taylor of Great Bend; granddaughter, Jane Mueller Emery and her sons Zachary James Belcher and Samuel Isaac Emery of Overland Park; grandson Jeffrey James Mueller, his wife Angela and their son, Jaedron Taylor Mueller of Kansas City, Kan.; grandson Thomas Martin Mueller of Lawrenceville, Ga., and his fiancee, Amanda King. He is also survived by his brother, John E. Taylor and his wife Elaine of Great Bend. Tom will be remembered fondly as a man who was extremely devoted to his family and to his longtime caregiver and family friend, Lori L. Foster. A memorial service will be held at Second Presbyterian Church, 55th and Oak streets, Kansas City, Mo., at 2 p.m. Sunday. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery at 2 p.m. Monday. The family requests no flowers and suggests that contributions be made either to Second Presbyterian Church or to Macular Degeneration Research, a program of the American Health Assistance Foundation. Arrangements by D.W. Newcomer's

**Jess T. Mize Jr. 1920-2003**

HOLYROOD — Jess T. Mize Jr., 83, died July 31 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation. He was born July 3, 1920, in Decatur, Ala., the son of Jess T. Sr. and Edna May Farah Mize. He married Elizabeth Blanche Merrill March 12, 1943, in Denver, Colo. A resident of Great Bend since 2001, coming from Holyrood where he had lived since 1950, he was a retired compressor operator for Northern Natural Gas in Bushton. Mize was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church of Holyrood and a 52-year member of Holyrood American Legion. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Lila M. Sohm and Zella Blanche Mize, both of Great Bend; one brother, George Mize of Dayton, Tenn.; five sisters, Ann Snead, Dorthea Mitchell, Zeta Mize and Martha Dodgson, all of Dayton, and Sadie Patton of Dover, Del.; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Carl Mize, Gene Mize and Clyde Mize; and one sister, Dauzie Fraley. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. John Sharp officiating. Burial will be at Kanopolis Cemetery with military honors by Holyrood American Legion. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Parsons Funeral Home of Ellsworth and from 9 to 10 a.m. Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Aug. 2, 2003

**Roger E. Dillon 1949-2003**

ZANESVILLE, Ohio — Roger E. Dillon, 54, died unexpectedly at 1:28 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, 2003, at Good Samaritan Hospital. Roger was a corrections officer for the Muskingum County Sheriff’s Department. He was born Feb. 28, 1949, in Coffeyville, the son of Elvin and Viola Dillon. He lived most of his life in Kansas where he graduated from Kansas State University in 1978. He was a corrections officer at Larned Correctional Mental Health Facility before moving to Zanesville in 2000. He married Kris Dunkle October, 2000. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Aaron Dillon and Matt Dillon, both of Hoisington; one brother, John Dillon and wife Coral; one nephew, Bill Dillon and wife, Sarah; one niece, Becky Dillon; one stepdaughter, Mandi Crotzer of Nashport, Ohio; his wife’s parents, Jim and Wanda Dunkle; one sister-in-law, Kim Dennis and her husband, Homer; and his beloved pets, Bart, Bailey and Kate. He is preceded in death by his parents. A service was held July 27 in Zanesville. There will be a gathering for friends and family at the Catholic School Hall, 5th and Walnut in Hoisington from 2-5 p.m. Aug. 10, 2003. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Aug. 2, 2003 paid announcement

**August 1, 2003**

**Matilda ‘Tillie’ A. Spicka 1916-2003**

TIMKEN — Matilda “Tillie” Spicka, 87, died July 30 at Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse. She was born March 15, 1916, at Olmitz, the daughter of John and Sophie Gleissner Bahr. She married Joseph Maneth at Olmitz. He died March 28, 1960. She married Ed Spicka at Timken. He died Sept. 11, 1981. A longtime Timken resident, she was a nurses’ aide at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse and a homemaker. Mrs. Spicka was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Timken, and Senior Citizens Group of Bison. Survivors include one daughter, Shirley Forney of Hesston; two sisters, Valeria Malek of Albert and Florence Shaffer of Great Bend; and one granddaughter. She was preceded by one brother, Paul Bahr; and three sisters, Irma VonPessl, Marie Maneth and Margaret Wendel. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m today at St. Ann Catholic Church in Olmitz, with the Rev. Ultan Murphy officiating. Burial will be at St. Ann’s Cemetery in Olmitz. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Holy Trinity Catholic Church or St. Ann Catholic Church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Aug. 1, 2003

**Roberta Maxine Henry-Smith 1934-2003**

LARNED — Roberta Maxine Henry-Smith, 69, died July 30 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. She was born March 4, 1934, at Douglass, the daughter of Loren LeRoy and Ada Roberta Hinshaw Baum. She married Ron Henry June 5, 1953. He died Dec. 4, 1989. She married Russel T. Smith July 6, 1996. A Larned resident since 1955, coming from Hutchinson, she was a retired nurse. Mrs. Henry-Smith was a member of Presbyterian Church of Larned and a volunteer for American Red Cross. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Robert Henry of Houston, Texas, and Ralph Henry of Fayetteville, Ark.; one daughter, Ronda Tammen of McPherson; one sister, Helen Bridgeman of Loveland, Colo.; and seven grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Loren Baum. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Jim Hawthorne officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today, all at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association or the church, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Aug. 1, 2003

**Hazel Cora Brady 1912-2003**

ALBERT — Hazel Cora Bradv. 90, died Julv 31 at Clarebridg of Overland Park. She was born Nov. 28. 1912, at Toronto.
the daughter of Henry and Cora Bringer Burkle. She was a graduate of Wichita Business College. She married T. Glenn Brady Aug. 24, 1940, at Toronto. He died Nov. 15, 1998. A resident of Overland Park for five years, coming from Albert, she was a homemaker and farmed with her husband for 58 years in Rush County near Albert. Mrs. Brady was a member of Albert United Methodist Church. Survivors include one son, Warren Brady of Albert; two daughters, Anita Kaiser of Overland Park and Carol Harrod of Topeka; one brother, Walter Burkle of Topeka; and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Lee Burkle and Edwin Burkle; and two sisters, Alma Burkle and Wilma Burkle. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Phil Smith officiating. Burial will be at Albert Community Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Albert Community Cemetery or Alzheimer’s Association, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Aug. 1, 2003

Patricia Gunn Campbell 1921-2003

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — Patricia Gunn Campbell, 82, of San Antonio, died July 28 at her home. She was born June 15, 1921, in Great Bend, the daughter of Leonard and Beulah Benefield Gunn. She married Leslie J. Campbell, who became a Brigadier General in the United States Air Force, and dedicated herself to her husband’s career. A longtime resident of San Antonio, Patty was a graduate of USC. She was actively involved in many community charitable programs and was an art and painting instructor. Her fun loving and witty personality will be greatly missed. Survivors include her sister, Marjorie Stoskopf of Santa Monica, Calif.; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Charles Gunn, Maurice Gunn, Richard Gunn and Robert Gunn; and her husband, Leslie J. Campbell. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. George T. Sturch officiating. Burial will follow later in Arlington National Cemetery. Porter Loring Mortuary North of San Antonio is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Aug. 1, 2003 paid announcement
Ruie Ann Hayden Munson 1959-2003

OVERLAND PARK — Ruie Ann Hayden Munson, 44, died Sept. 28 at Providence Medical Center in Kansas City. She was born Feb. 25, 1959, at Kansas City, Mo., the daughter of Chet and Onabelle Rundell Hayden. She was a 1977 graduate of Stafford High School and attended Emporia State University. She received a degree in business travel from Brown Mackie College. She married Ben Munson Dec. 3, 1983, at Salina. They divorced. A resident of Overland Park, coming from Stafford, Wichita and Salina, she was creator of “Barrier Breakers.” Mrs. Munson was a member of West Side Christian Church in Wichita. Survivors include her parents of Stafford; and one brother, Keith Hayden of Stafford. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford with Phil Smith officiating. Burial will be at Stafford Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Tape Ministry of Topeka Library, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 30, 2003

Alice Sula 1905-2003

WILSON — Alice M. Sula, 98, died Sept. 26 at Ellsworth County Medical Center in Ellsworth. She was both Sept. 17, 1905, at Ellsworth, the daughter of Joseph and Anna Hospodka Mares’. She married Anton D. Sula May 6, 1924, at Ellsworth. He died June 8, 1953. A lifetime resident of Wilson, she was a homemaker and owner of Alice’s Dress Shop in Wilson. Mrs. Sula was a member of Noble EHU, American Legion Auxiliary, both of Wilson, ZCBJ Lodge, SOKOL Lodge and Wilson Opera House Corporation. Survivors include one son, Anton Sula of Wilson; one daughter, Edith Murphy of San Diego, Calif.; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. today at Foster Mortuary of Wilson with the Rev. Kris Bair officiating. Burial will be at Wilson City Cemetery. Friends may call from 8 a.m to service time today at the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 30, 2003

Marvin F. Jacobs 1923-2003

ABILENE — Marvin F. Jacobs, 80, died Sept. 28 at Memorial Hospital in Abilene. He was born April 11, 1923, near Russell, the son of John M. and Rosa Mermis Jacobs. A lifetime Gorham-area resident, he worked on a pulling unit in the oil fields and was employed by Ivan Holt Well Service retiring in 1985, and was caretaker for St. Mary’s Church and Cemetery for 20 years. Jacobs was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church and Third Degree Knights of Columbus, both of Gorham. Survivors include two brothers, Louis Jacobs of Gorham and Bernard Jacobs of Hays; two sisters, Mary A. Schmeidler of Hays and Bernardine Leiker of Great Bend. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Alfred Jacobs and Edwin Jacobs. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, followed by Knights of Columbus rosary at 7:30 p.m., both at Cline’s Mortuary in Victoria. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church. Burial will be at the church cemetery. Friends may call from 3 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home and from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, Capuchin Province of Mid America or Masses, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 30, 2003

Vera Charlene Bourbon 1923-2003

TEMPE, Ariz. — Vera Charlene Bourbon, 80, of Tempe died peacefully in her sleep on Sept. 24. She was born Aug. 21, 1923, in Great Bend, the daughter of George and Emma Lucas and moved to Arizona in 1978. She is survived by her daughters, Dorothy (Chris) Hanisko and Donna (Kit) Groseth and her grandsons, Eric and Will Hanisko and Grant Groseth, all of Tempe; her sister, Mildred (Chris) Smith of Wichita; and a niece and nephew, Marcia (Gerald) McPhail of Lawrence and Chris (Sonia) Smith of Ithaca, N.Y. Her son, Dwight Bourbon, and her brother, Elmer Lucas, preceded her in death. Very Vivacious Vera will be deeply missed by her family and by her multitude of friends, many of them life-long. Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 3 at Great Bend Cemetery with the Rev. Hal Staats of First Presbyterian Church officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of the Valley, 1510 E. Flower St., Phoenix, AZ 85014. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 30, 2003 paid announcement

Frances J. Ochs 1916-2003

HAYS — Frances J. Ochs, 86, died Sept. 28 at St. John’s of Victoria. She was born Dec. 5, 1916, at Olmitz, the daughter of Frank and Josephine Krestine Kober. She married John Ochs April 6, 1937, at Denver, Colo. He died Sept. 30, 1977. She was a homemaker. Mrs. Ochs was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Survivors include one son, Richard Ochs of Hays; one brother, Leonard Kober of Kansas City; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one son, Kenneth; six brothers; and two sisters. Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Hays Memorial Funeral Home. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 6 p.m. today and from noon until service time Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. John’s of Victoria, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 30, 2003
Patricia Rae Krestine 1938-2003

Patricia Rae Krestine, 65, of Great Bend, died Sept. 27 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was born Feb. 13, 1938, at Wichita, the daughter of Edward M. and Lydia Emma Reusser Solter. A resident of Great Bend since 1956, coming from El Dorado, she was a nurses’ aide at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Krestine was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Eastern Star, a former Scout leader and president of Golden Belt Singles Club, all of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Joseph Krestine of Leawood; and two grandchildren. Inurnment will take place at a later date at Clearwater Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association, in care of Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 30, 2003

Pauline Breit 1910-2003

HAYS — Pauline Breit, 93, died Sept. 29 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. She was born June 23, 1910, at Pfeifer, the daughter of Albert and Katherine Meder Jacobs. She married Alois J. “Bert” Breit Aug. 5, 1935, at Loretto. He died March 21, 1992. A resident of Hays, she worked in housekeeping at Fort Hays State University for many years. Mrs. Breit was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Hays. Survivors include one son, Ed Breit of Hays; three daughters, Nila Winder of Kansas City, Mo., Cora McCartney of Garden City and Judy Stroeker of Wichita; two brothers, Bill Jacobs of Pfeifer and Jerome Jacobs of Great Bend; one sister, Rose Bahr of Great Bend; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one infant son, Francis Breit; one brother, Clement Jacobs; four sisters, Mary Haberman, Dorothy Dreiling, Frances Jacobs and Alice Jacobs; and one great-granddaughter, Alyssa McCartney. Parish vigil will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home of Hays. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Thursday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Holy Cross Charities in her name and memory, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 30, 2003

Connie Rae Shell 1952-2003

EMPORIA — Connie Rae Shell, 51, died Sept. 27 at her home. She was born Aug. 18, 1952, at Hays, the daughter of Don and Lucille Willcox Richmond. She married Larry G. Shell Jan. 25, 1988, at Miami, Okla. She was a 1970 graduate of Elwood High School in Elwood, Neb., and attended Kearney State College and Fort Hays State University. A resident of Emporia, formerly of Great Bend, she was assistant manager of Emporia Country Club and former owner and manager of Ralph Wallace Buffet and Restaurant in Great Bend. Shell was the first chairperson of Great Bend Crime Stoppers and helped institute Great Bend Police Department Play Day. Survivors include three sons, Robert “Bobby” Williams of Great Bend, Casey Williams and Michael Williams, both of Emporia; one daughter, Christy Williams of St. John; two stepdaughters, Angie Friedrich of Rancho Murieta, Calif., and Amy Shell of Oakland, Calif.; her parents of Kearney; one brother, Don Richmond Jr. of Kearney; two sisters, Pam Dickinson of Kearney and Sheri Rice of Grand Island, Neb.; and four grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. today at Twelfth Avenue Baptist Church in Emporia with the Rev. Al Areheart officiating. Graveside service will be at 4 p.m. today at Great Bend Cemetery with the Rev. Dave Dickinson officiating. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or Hand in Hand Hospice, in care of Roberts-Blue-Barnett Funeral Home in Emporia. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 30, 2003

September 28, 2003

John G. Dreiling 1932-2003

HAYS — John G. Dreiling, 71, died Sept. 25 at Saint John’s Nursing Home in Victoria. He was born March 29, 1932, in Victoria, the son of Leo J. and Albina Jacobs Dreiling. He married Marian R. Sack Feb. 23, 1952, at Victoria. A lifetime resident of Victoria and Hays area, he was a farmer and oil producer. Dreiling was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, all of Hays, Victoria 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus and 4th Degree Assembly Knights of Columbus. He was a board member of Saint John’s Corporation and a trustee of Leo J. and Albina Dreiling Charitable Trust. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Todd Dreiling of Hays; four sisters, Anita Feltis, Irene Kippes and Shirley Gross, all of Hays, Victoria Schumacher of Victoria; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Leo Francis Dreiling, Thomas Dreiling, infant Virgil Dreiling and infant Frederick Dreiling; and one infant sister, Lillian Margaret Dreiling. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. Sunday and Knights of Columbus rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. today, both at Cline’s Mortuary of Hays. The 4th degree Knights of Columbus will stand honor from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. today at the mortuary. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church, with Bishop George K. Fitzsimmons of Salina officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays, with military honors by Hays VFW and American Legion. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. today and from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. Monday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to St. John’s Nursing Home in Victoria or Masses, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 28, 2003

Sister Theodosia Tockert OP 1902-2003

Sister Theodosia Tockert, 101, died Sept. 25 in Dominican Sisters’ convent infirmary in Great Bend. She was born Jan. 23, 1902, in Odin as Mary Margaret Tockert, the daughter of Nick and Emilia Penka Tockert. She entered the Dominican Sisters’ Community July 26, 1918, and pronounced her first vows May 24, 1921. She celebrated the 80th anniversary of her religious profession in 2001. Sister Theodosia was a life-time educator of grade, junior high, high school and college students of Kansas. She was principal of many of the elementarv schools in which she also taught. In 1986. she was inducted into the Kansas
Teachers’ Hall of Fame. She served her religious community as a councilor on the leadership team and as the secretary of the congregation for many years. Late in life, she also tutored, taught English to Vietnamese students and was a teacher aide. She retired to the convent infirmary in 1997. Survivors include two sisters, Clara McGinty of Haysville and Hattie Tinkel of Great Bend. Sister Theodosia’s body will lie in state at Dominican Chapel of the Plains, 3600 Broadway, until the Liturgy of Christian Burial at 3 p.m. Monday at the chapel, with Bishop Ronald Gilmore of Dodge City Diocese officiating. A wake service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at the chapel. Burial will be at Sisters’ Resurrection Cemetery. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. today at the convent. Memorials in honor of Sister Theodosia are suggested to Dominican Sisters Mission & Ministry Fund, Office of Mission & Ministry, 3600 Broadway, Great Bend, KS 67530-3692. Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 26, 2003

Thomas Lee Gregg 1949 — 2003

SUSANK — Thomas Lee Gregg, 54, died Sept. 24 at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Dallas. He was born Feb. 7, 1949, in Great Bend, the son of Floyd F. and Soloma R. Schwartz Gregg. He married Mary Karen Wathern April 24, 1976, in Otis. He was a Great Bend resident for most of his life, he recently moved to Susank. He was a shipping and receiving manager for K-Mart. He was a Navy Seal during the Viet Nam war and was disabled veteran. Gregg was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; a son, Thomas Alan Gregg of the home; two daughters, Dawn Christina Fredrick of Hutchinson and Tina Marie Cagle of Garland, Texas; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, Marvin Gregg. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at the church. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at the church. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park. Memorials are suggested to Children’s Education Fund in care of Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sunday, Sept. 28, 2003

Dennis Edward Augustine 1933 — 2003

CAWKER CITY — Dennis Edward Augustine, 70, died Sept. 25 at his home. He was born Jan. 17, 1933, in Ellis County, to Ambrose and Josephine Honas Augustine. He was a graduate of St. Mary College, Dodge City, with a bachelor’s degree in criminal psychology. He was an Osborne County sheriff deputy after moving to Cawker City in 1997. Survivors include his wife, Frieda Kaufman Augustine of the home; four sons, Dennis Augustine II and Doran Augustine, both of Cawker City, and Dion Augustine and David Augustine, both of Downs; one stepson, James Blazer III, Beloit; one daughter, Denise Augustine, Winfield; two stepdaughters, Tammy Hoffman of Byers and Jaci Standlee of Ellinwood; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mary Catholic Church in Ellis; burial in St. Mary Catholic Cemetery, Ellis. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Wasinger Funeral Chapel, Ellis. A rosary will be at 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to The American Cancer Society in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sunday, Sept. 28, 2003

Vera Charlene Bourbon 1923 — 2003

Vera Charlene Bourbon, 80, of Tempe, Ariz., died Sept. 24. Graveside services in Great Bend and other funeral arrangements will be announced later by Teme Mortuary in Tempe, Ariz.

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Marcella Elizabeth Koett 1921-2003

LARNED — Marcella Elizabeth Koett, 82, died Sept. 24 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. She was born April 26, 1921, at Kinsley, the daughter of John and Elizabeth Hahn Schmitt. She married Bernard Koett March 5, 1946, at Kinsley. He died May 8, 1988. A longtime resident of Larned, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Koett was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Altar Society, and past member of St. Joseph Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, all of Larned. Survivors include two sons, John Koett of Belpre and Terry Koett of Larned; one sister, Frances Koett of Great Bend; four grandsons; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Joe Schmitt, Austin Schmitt and Robert Schmitt; and one sister, Florence Solomon. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today 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 Belpre Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Sacred Heart School, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Sept. 26, 2003

Henry C. Schneider 1911-2003

DORRANCE — Henry C. Schneider, 91, died Sept. 10 at Ellsworth. He was born Oct. 12, 1911, at Dorrance, the son of Augustine Louis and Mary Agnes Soukup Schneider. He attended South Dorrance County School and Dorrance Rural High School. He married Irene Carolyn Ney Sept. 17, 1935. A lifetime resident of the Dorrance area, he was a farmer and a stockman. Schneider was a member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church of Dorrance. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Dr. Norman Schneider of Ceresco, Neb.; one daughter, Sylvia Lilak of Wilson; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two infant children, John Schneider and Mary Ann Schneider; one brother, Richard Schneider; two sisters, Helen Steinle and Alice Weber; and one grandson, Rod Lilak. A private family graveside service was held Sept. 13 at St. Wenceslaus Cemetery in Wilson, with the Rev. Jerome Morgan officiating. Memorials are suggested to St. Wenceslaus Church of Wilson or St. Joseph’s Church, both in care of Foster Mortuary in Wilson. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Sept. 26, 2003
Paige Leann Fagan 1999-2003

DALLAS, Texas — Paige Leann Fagan, 3, died Sept. 23. She was born Nov. 18, 1999, in Topeka, the daughter of Chris Fagan and Tammy Morris. Survivors include her father of Salina; her mother of Dallas; grandparents, Rick and Tonda Rubino of Dallas, Curtis O’Dell Jr. of St. John, Dee Dee Hoover, Roger and Dana Fagan, all of Salina; great-grandparents, Curtis Sr. and Ruby O’Dell of St. John, Dale and Phyllis Hoover of Salina, and Junior and Chris Miner of Garber, Okla. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at United Methodist Church of Nickerson. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Paige’s Love Fund, in care of North Dallas Funeral Home of Dallas. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 26, 2003

Irene J. Krestin 1906-2003

Irene J. Krestin, 97, of Great Bend, died Sept. 24 at Great Bend Health & Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. She was born Feb. 18, 1906, at Great Bend, the daughter of Elihu and Martha Kane Price. She married Lloyd Harold Walters in 1924 at Great Bend. He died in 1959. She married Edward Krestin April 15, 1988, at Great Bend. He died March 16, 2002. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, she was an operator for Southwestern Bell Telephone for 40 years. Mrs. Krestin was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Fraternal Order of the Eagles Auxiliary, American Legion 180 Auxiliary and Telephone Pioneers, all of Great Bend. Survivors include three grandsons, Lance Walters of Great Bend, Randy Walters of Harrisonville, Mo., and Greg Walters of Siloam Springs, Ark.; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one son, Lloyd “Dutch” Walters; one brother, LeRoy Price; and one sister Beaulh Seaman. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday, at the church, with the Rev. Ted Stoecklein officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call from noon until 9 p.m. Friday and from 2 to 9 p.m. Sunday, 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. 26, 2003

Mace Leroy Scott 1916-2003

CHASE — Mace Leroy Scott, 87, died Sept. 24 at Lyons District Hospital in Lyons. He was born Aug. 18, 1916, at Chase, the son of Frank Mace and Joanna Mary Loesch Scott. He was a 1932 graduate of Chase High School. He married Thelia Belle Malone Feb. 9, 1966, in Chase. She died Oct. 19, 1991. A lifetime resident of Chase, he was a retired farmer. Scott was a member of Lions Club, Volunteer Fire Department, both of Chase, and Ducks Unlimited. Survivors include two sons, George M. Malone of Devine, Texas, and Steve E. Malone of Wichita; one daughter, Thelia Jo Ford of Great Bend; two sisters, Mabel Stickney of Ellinwood and Esther Roberts of La Crosse; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Pat L. Malone; three brothers, Dale Scott, Leo Scott and Adam Scott; six sisters, Melissa Scott, Flora Dyche, Naomi Hager, Charlotte Manges, Sarah Bayer and Mary Scott. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Raymond Hilltop Cemetery in Raymond, with Johnnie Hardie officiating. Memorials are suggested to Golden Plains Chapter of National Wild Turkey Federation, in care of Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 26, 2003

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Loyl Frank Achterberg 1918-2003

LINCOLN — Loyl Frank Achterberg, 85, died Sept. 23. He was born March 5, 1918, the son of Herman and Christine Holl Achterberg. A resident of Lincoln, he was a farmer, builder and blacksmith. Achterberg was a lifelong member of St. Johns Lutheran Church of Lincoln. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II in Hawaii and Okinawa. Survivors include his wife, Melva, of the home; two sons, Marvin Achterberg of Wheat Ridge, Colo., and Duane Achterberg of Hays; one daughter, Donna Achterberg of Salina; one sister, Delia Lohmann of Lincoln; three grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. He was preceded in death by two brothers, George Achterberg and Wilbur Achterberg; and one sister, Leona Aufdembenge. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Gerald Radtke officiating. Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Johns Lutheran Cemetery in Lincoln. Friends may call from 1 to 7 p.m. Friday at Hall Chapel Funeral Home in Lincoln. Memorials are suggested to the church or Good Samaritan Center of Hays, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 25, 2003

Albert Richard Carter 1933-2003

STERLING — Albert Richard Carter, 70, died Sept. 15 at Hutchinson Hospital. He was born Aug. 31, 1933, at Lewiston, Maine, the son of Fred and Marguerite Dumont Carter. He graduated from Portland High School. He married Roberta Hartley Feb. 14, 1966, at Denver, Colo. He was owner and truck driver for Caracito. Carter was a U.S. Navy veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Albert Carter Jr. and Darrell Paul Carter, both of Denver; five daughters, Jo Ellen and Sally Jo, both of Denver, Kellie of Warsaw, Mo., Angel of Lyons, and Melissa of Hutchinson; two brothers, Leo Carter of Lewiston, Maine, and Roger Carter of Key Largo, Fla.; three sisters, Jannett and Claudette, both of Portland, Maine, and Carmen of Sacramento, Calif.; and 17 grandchildren. His body was donated to University of Kansas Medical Center. A private family service will be held at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Hutchinson Hospital, in care of Johnson and Sons Funeral Home and Crematory in Hutchinson. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 25, 2003

Frederic R. Humburg 1944-2003
WILBURTON, Okla. — Frederic R. Humburg, 59, died Sept. 18 at Tulsa, Okla. He was born June 21, 1944, in Hays, the son of Russell and Clara Humburg. He lived in Wilburton with his wife, Tommie, since 1975. He was past president of Wilburton Lions Club, a past member of Kiwanis and Jaycees, served as a deacon of Free Will Baptist Church of Wilburton and served on the Panola School Board in Oklahoma. He coached Little League baseball for several years, enjoyed golfing and recently participated in Relay for Life. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served in the Vietnam War and was retired from the Army Reserve.

Survivors include his wife, Tommie, of the home; one son, Paul Humburg and his wife Tammy, of Inola, Okla.; one daughter, Michelle Turner and husband James of Catcossa, Okla.; one brother, Thomas Humburg and his wife Carolyn of Great Bend; one sister, Dolores Romeiser and her husband Kenneth of Bison; two grandchildren, Russell and Rachel Humburg, both of Inola; and many nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral service was held Sept. 22 at Free Will Baptist Church in Wilburton with the Rev. Pete Butler officiating. Pallbearers included Bob Owens, Steve Bryant, Kevin Davis, Chris Alexander, Jim Broyles and Tony Nixon. Honorary pallbearers included Hank Allen, Glen Kendrick, Milton Ford, Eldon Gwin and Dwayne White. Burial was at Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Wilburton. Jones-Harkins Funeral Home of Wilburton was in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Sept. 25, 2003 paid announcement

Marcella Koett

LARNED — Marcella Koett died Sept. 24 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 25, 2003

Lorene Hill 1914-2003

HOISINGTON — Lorene Hill, 88, died Sept. 23 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Nov. 10, 1914, at Earlsboro, Okla., the daughter of Harry and Mary Stark Alfrey. She married C. Willard Hill Dec. 14, 1933, at Wewoka, Okla. He died May 21, 1984. A resident of Hoisington for 60 years, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Hill was a member of First Christian Church and Cheyenne Extension Homemakers Unit, both of Hoisington. Survivors include one daughter, Reta Brack of Great Bend; one sister, Ann Olsen of Yukon, Okla.; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday at the church, with the Revs. Paula Bell and Bill Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to noon Friday, both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, and from 1:30 p.m. until service time Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to donor’s choice, First Christian Church of Hoisington or First Christian Church of Great Bend, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 25, 2003

Frances McDonald

AMARILLO, Texas — Frances McDonald of Amarillo died Sept. 19 in Alva, Okla. Memorial services are scheduled for 4 p.m. Saturday in Memorial Park Funeral Home Chapel of Memories. Arrangements are by Memorial Park Funeral Home, 6969 I-40 E., Amarillo. Frances attended school in Hoisington. She graduated from Hoisington High School in 1959. Frances loved working as a counselor of substance abuse at Bill Clements Prison Unit. Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Brad and Brenda Beck of Waynoka, Okla., and Coldwater; her daughter and son-in-law, JoLinda and Bob Bettencourt of Alva; two sisters, Virginia Reif of Wichita and Yvonne Lang and husband, Melvin of Perry; her brother and sister-in-law, Don and Lorene Reif of Hoisington; grandchildren, Brandi, Britni and Bryne Beck, and Bobby and Braden Bettencourt; and several nieces and nephews. Family requests memorials be made to a charity of the donor’s choice. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 25, 2003

Damen Gage Pena 2003-2003

HOISINGTON — Damen Gage Pena, 2 months and 22 days, died Sept. 22 at Columbia Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was born June 30 at Great Bend, the son of Christian C. and Ashley Dawn Akins Pena. Survivors include his parents of Hoisington; and his grandparents, Ruby Akins and Gary Griffin, both of Great Bend, Thomas Scott of Hoisington, Juan Pena Cano and Juquila Carrasco Lema, both of Mexico. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Friends may call from 2 to 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to service time Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the family, in care of funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 25, 2003

Laura E. Sires Price 1921-2003

LAWRENCE — Laura E. Sires Price, 81, died Sept. 23 at Lawrence Presbyterian Manor. She was born Sept. 24, 1921, at Charleston, S.C., the daughter of William and Lillian Sires. She married Steve T. Price Oct. 18, 1941, at Charleston. A resident of Lawrence, coming from Bella Vista, Ark., and Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Price was a member of United Methodist Church and was a former Girl Scout leader. Survivors include his husband of the home; one son, Stephen Price of Kansas City; one daughter, Susan Johnston of Topek; two sisters, Ruby Newman and Maude Parks, both of Charleston; and one grandson. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Lawrence Presbyterian Manor. Burial will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Leavenworth National Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Good Samaritan Fund at Lawrence Presbyterian Manor, in care of Rumsey-Yost Funeral Home in Lawrence. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Sept. 25, 2003

Daniel Rawlins Trickey 1952-2003

Ray, Kansas, he was the son of Ralph Elwood Trickey and Marion Louise Lesher. He graduated from Denver's West High School in 1970. On Jan. 24, 1974, he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and began a lifelong walk in the Glory of God. He began working in the printing industry at age 13 and after graduation, he continued in that occupation. On May 7, 1976, he married Christine Kay Hancock in Denver. To this union were born two children, Elizabeth Ann and Paul Daniel. Daniel's career took him to Hays in 1978 where he began working for Printcraft Printers. He and Christine also established a wedding and portrait photography business in Hays. In 1989, the Lord led Daniel and Christine to Great Bend where he continued his occupation in the printing industry. In 1991, he transitioned into ministries of benevolence which grew into the Lasting Life Ministries and the Hungry Heart Soup Kitchen in 1996. In 1991, he also became a minister in the Crossroads Foursquare Community Church in Hoisington. Two years later he was appointed Senior Pastor of this congregation where he served until his death. Daniel believed in reaching out to everyone to bring the message of the Lord's goodness and glory. This belief was put into action in his daily management and hands-on work at the Hungry Heart Soup Kitchen. At the time of his death he also served as manager of Lasting Life Ministries. In addition, he was treasurer for the Hoisington Ministerial Alliance and was an active member of the Christian Motorcycle Association. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle, desktop publishing, computer graphics and was a devoted fan of the Denver Broncos. Daniel’s love for his family was only overshadowed by his love for Christ. He was a dedicated husband and father who served as a partner to Christine in all aspects of their home life and parenting. He knew he was blessed by his family and did not hide his joy in them. Daniel also developed a special relationship with Christine’s parents and sisters and they thought of him as a son and a brother. Daniel was a servant and faithful friend to all and he touched hundreds of lives in his short 51 years. All were better people for having known him and by following his example. But foremost, he was a slave to the ambition of the Lord Jesus Christ. Daniel is survived by his wife Christine, Great Bend; daughter Elizabeth and husband Mike Schneieweis and their children, Curtis Michael and Cierra Dawn, Great Bend; a son Paul, of the home; his father Ralph, Denver; three sisters-in-law and their husbands; a niece and two nephews; many cousins and a host of loving friends. He was preceded in death by his mother in 2001, a brother Marcus Ralph in 1994, and an infant brother Glenn Everett. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. today at First Assembly of God Church, 601 Patton Road, Great Bend. Officiating will be Pastor Loren Holtberg, Pastor Mike Strosnider, and Pastor Mike Joiner. A graveside ceremony and interment will follow at 4 p.m. at Pleasant View Cemetery, rural Jewell County. Charter Funeral Home, Great Bend, and Melby Mortuary, Mankato, are in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Lasting Life Ministries, P.O. Box 844, Great Bend, KS 67530 and Foursquare Missions Press, 11661 Firestone Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Sept. 25, 2003 paid announcement

Mace Leroy Scott

CHASE — Mace Leroy Scott, 87, died Sept. 24 at Lyons District Hospital in Lyons. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 25, 2003

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Jaja Ubanwa Anene Mogbo 1979-2003

Jaja Ubanwa Anene Mogbo, 23, of Great Bend, died Sept. 21 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Nov. 7, 1979, at Chickasha, Okla., the son of Charles Nnmeaka and Coletta Kay White Mogbo. A resident of Great Bend since 1986, he was a line cook at Arby’s in Great Bend. Mogbo was of the Christian faith. Survivors include a companion, Lori Lowe of Great Bend; one son, Jevon Mogbo of Great Bend; one daughter, Kyeal Mogbo of Great Bend; his mother of Great Bend; his father of Texas; one half-brother, Brian Porter of Kansas City, Mo.; his grandparents, Anna A. Kraus and Anna Bell Brewer, both of Larned, and Lloyd Ellis White of Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned, with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Children’s Education Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 24, 2003

Willis L. Feil 1925-2003

RUSSELL — Willis L. Feil, 78, died Sept. 23 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. He was born March 11, 1925, in Russell County, the son of David Jr. and Lydia Steirle Feil. He was a 1942 graduate of Dorrance High School. He married Georgia M. Mai Sept. 17, 1950, at Dorrance. She died Jan. 30, 2003. A resident of Russell, he did oilfield work for many years and worked for USD 407 as a custodian at Russell High School until his retirement in 1990. Feil was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Russell, a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6240 in Russell, where he had served as past adjutant for 13 years, and former member of Sunflower Polka Club. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include three sons, Alan Feil of Salina, Jim Feil of Russell and Bob Feil of Garwin, Iowa; four grandchildren; and two stepgrandchildren. He was preceded in death by one infant daughter, Brenda Kay Feil. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Henry J. Hartman officiating. Burial will be at Russell City Cemetery, with full military honors by VFW Post 6240. Friends may call from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. to noon Friday at Pohlman-Heise Mortuary in Russell. Memorials are suggested to the church or VFW Post 6240 of Russell, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 24, 2003

Dorothy Marie Novotny 1929-2003

GARFIELD — Dorothy Marie Novotny, 73, died Sept. 23 at her home in rural Garfield. She was born Dec. 8, 1929, at Mannford, Okla., the daughter of Austin R. and Stella Hudson Woodrell. She married Ed L. Novotny Feb. 14, 1947, at Tertlon, Okla. A longtime resident of Garfield, she was a retired paraprofessional for the Fort Larned school district. Mrs. Novotny was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Larned, Eagles Lodge of Great Bend and Jolly Circle Card Club. Survivors include her husband of the home: two sons, Rick Novotny of Great Bend and Brett Novotnv of Garfield; four daughters.
Kay Abrahamson of Lee’s Summit, Mo., Sheryl Gilcris of St. Paul, Minn., Tami Keenan and Toni Novotny, both of Larned; three brothers, Dale Woodrell, Darrel Woodrell and Dwight Woodrell, all of Cleveland, Okla.; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Dennis Reed officiating. Burial will be at Garfield Cemetery in Garfield. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Southwind Hospice of Pratt, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 24, 2003

Damen Gage Pena 2003-2003

HOISINGTON — Damen Gage Pena, 2 months, died Sept. 22 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 24, 2003

Daniel R. Trickey 1952-2003

Daniel R. Trickey, 51, of Great Bend, died Sept. 22 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at First Assembly of God Church in Great Bend. Friends may call from 1 to 8 tonight at Charter Funerals in Great Bend, with the family receiving friends from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 24, 2003

William L. ‘Bill’ Strong 1939-2003

EUREKA — William L. “Bill” Strong, 64, died Sept. 22 at his home. He was born July 16, 1939, at Strong City, the son of Truman and Opal Wilson Strong. A resident of Eureka for four years, coming from a farm between Burns and Cassoday, he was a rancher, farmer and stockman. Strong was a member of Wonsevue Church. Survivors include his longtime companion, Lela Hodgens and her children, Omar Hodgens and Kay Tucker, both of El Dorado, and Jole Palmer of Reading; his parents of Great Bend; one brother, Dean Strong of Lindsborg; one sister, Neva Hayes of Castle Rock, Colo.; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Walnut Valley Memorial Park. Cremation will precede the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Basic Cancer Research at Kansas State University, in care of Carlson Funeral Home in El Dorado. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 24, 2003

September 23, 2003

Vella Lorene Dobrinski 1918-2003

GENESEO — Vella Lorene Dobrinski, 85, died Sept. 22 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born Feb. 2, 1918, in rural Ellsworth County, the daughter of Henry Edward and Johanna Amanda Schroeder Janzen. She was a 1935 graduate of Geneseo High School and received a teachers certificate from Emporia Teachers College. She married Arthur A. Dobrinski Dec. 22, 1940, in Lorraine. He died Nov. 30, 1995. A lifetime resident of Geneseo, she was a farm homemaker and early country school teacher. Mrs. Dobrinski was a member of First Baptist Church of Lorraine. Survivors include two daughters, Dorothy Rolfs of Albuquerque, N.M., and Jean Behnke of Great Bend; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Eunice Rathbun. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Donald Decker officiating. Burial will be at Lorraine Baptist Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Ellsworth County Historical Society, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 23, 2003

Kansa F. Passow 1939-2003

TOPEKA — Kansa F. Passow, 64, died Sept. 20 at her residence. She was born Jan. 29, 1939, in Great Bend, the daughter of Roland and Edna Becker Bauerle. She was a 1957 graduate of Hoisington High School and a 1959 graduate of Colorado Women’s College. She married Richard E. Passow Feb. 25, 1962, in Hoisington. A resident of Topeka, coming from Emporia, she was a sales clerk for Two Hearts gift shop and a homemaker. Mrs. Passow was a member of Hope Lutheran Church in Topeka. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Brad S. Passow and Ryan E. Passow, both of Topeka; one brother, George Bauerle of Simi Valley, Calif.; one sister, Flo Ann Christopher of Topka; and four grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Inurnment will be at Memorial Park Cemetery in Topeka. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the church or Ellsworth County Historical Society, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 23, 2003

Ray Campbell 1930-2003

Ray Campbell, 73, of Great Bend, died Sept. 21 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born Sept. 11, 1930, at Oklahoma City, Okla., the son of H.L. “Jack” and Hazel Rothell Campbell. He was a 1949 graduate of Hoisington High School. He married Betty Brown Feb. 17, 1952, at Yuma, Ariz. A resident of Great Bend since 1959, coming from Milo, Okla., he was a retired salesman. Campbell was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Michael Campbell and Billy Campbell, both of Great Bend, and James Campbell of Independence, Mo.; one brother, Weldon Campbell of New Orleans, La.; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Bill Campbell and Tom Campbell. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. with the Rev. Shawn
Helen Irene Schulz 1917-2003

Helen Irene Schulz, 85, of Great Bend, died Sept. 15 at Central Kansas Medical Center of Great Bend. She was born Oct. 10, 1917, in Logan Township of Barton County, the daughter of William Henry and Louise Victoria Prosser Schwartz. She attended Larkin Rural School and was a 1934 graduate of Hoisington High School. She married Everett J. Fritts Sept. 16, 1933, at Phillipsburg. He died April 8, 1980. A resident of Ellis, coming from the Russell, Gorham and Paradise area, she was former owner of Gorham Motel. Mrs. Fritts was a member of Gorham Community Church and several bridge clubs. Survivors include one sister, Ora Erway of Ellsworth. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Benjamin Feldkamp, Walter Feldkamp and Edwin Feldkamp; and four sisters, Anna Goad, Lillie Fetrow, Mabel Steward and Amanda Phifer. Funeral will be at 4 p.m. Friday at Pohlman-Heise Memorial Chapel in Russell with the Rev. Carl Ellis officiating. Burial will be at Luray Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today and from 8 a.m. until service time Friday, all at the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Sept. 17, 2003

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Edith G. Spreier 1906-2003

JETMORE — Edith G. Spreier, 96, died Sept. 21 at Hodgeman County Long Term Care Center, Jetmore. She was born Dec. 21, 1906, at Rozel, the daughter of Earl and Jessie Pruett Tryon. She married John Spreier Aug. 23, 1928, at Larned. He died Sept. 8, 1984. She was a homemaker. Mrs. Spreier was a member of the Christian faith, Rebekah Lodge 101, past noble grand of the Eastern Star and Grandmother Club, all of Jetmore. Survivors include one son, Marlin Spreier of Jetmore; two daughters, Wanda Woodham of Dighton, Danis Sprague of Great Bend, Kelley Gillum of Stillwater, Okla., and Kara Lynch of Gorham and Paradise area, she was former owner of Gorham Motel. Mrs. Fritts was a member of Gorham Community Church and several bridge clubs. Survivors include one sister, Ora Erway of Ellsworth. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Benjamin Feldkamp, Walter Feldkamp and Edwin Feldkamp; and four sisters, Anna Goad, Lillie Fetrow, Mabel Steward and Amanda Phifer. Funeral will be at 4 p.m. Friday at Pohlman-Heise Memorial Chapel in Russell with the Rev. Carl Ellis officiating. Burial will be at Luray Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today and from 8 a.m. until service time Friday, all at the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Sept. 17, 2003

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Edith G. Spreier 1906-2003

Nettie Sophia Fritts 1909-2003

RUSSELL — Nettie Sophia Fritts, 94, died Sept. 16 at Good Samaritan Retirement Village of Ellis. She was born July 14, 1909, at Natoma, the daughter of August L. and Emma M. Mollenkamp Feldkamp. She was a graduate of Natoma High School. She married Everett J. Fritts Sept. 16, 1933, at Phillipsburg. He died April 8, 1980. A resident of Ellis, coming from the Russell, Gorham and Paradise area, she was former owner of Gorham Motel. Mrs. Fritts was a member of Gorham Community Church and several bridge clubs. Survivors include one sister, Ora Erway of Ellsworth. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Benjamin Feldkamp, Walter Feldkamp and Edwin Feldkamp; and four sisters, Anna Goad, Lillie Fetrow, Mabel Steward and Amanda Phifer. Funeral will be at 4 p.m. Friday at Pohlman-Heise Memorial Chapel in Russell with the Rev. Carl Ellis officiating. Burial will be at Luray Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today and from 8 a.m. until service time Friday, all at the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Sept. 17, 2003

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RUSSELL — Nettie Sophia Fritts, 94, died Sept. 16 at Good Samaritan Retirement Village of Ellis. She was born July 14, 1909, at Natoma, the daughter of August L. and Emma M. Mollenkamp Feldkamp. She was a graduate of Natoma High School. She married Everett J. Fritts Sept. 16, 1933, at Phillipsburg. He died April 8, 1980. A resident of Ellis, coming from the Russell, Gorham and Paradise area, she was former owner of Gorham Motel. Mrs. Fritts was a member of Gorham Community Church and several bridge clubs. Survivors include one sister, Ora Erway of Ellsworth. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Benjamin Feldkamp, Walter Feldkamp and Edwin Feldkamp; and four sisters, Anna Goad, Lillie Fetrow, Mabel Steward and Amanda Phifer. Funeral will be at 4 p.m. Friday at Pohlman-Heise Memorial Chapel in Russell with the Rev. Carl Ellis officiating. Burial will be at Luray Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today and from 8 a.m. until service time Friday, all at the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Sept. 17, 2003

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Nettie Sophia Fritts 1909-2003

Helen Irene Schulz 1917-2003

Helen Irene Schulz, 85, of Great Bend, died Sept. 15 at Central Kansas Medical Center of Great Bend. She was born Oct. 10, 1917, in Logan Township of Barton County, the daughter of William Henry and Louise Victoria Prosser Schwartz. She attended Larkin Rural School and was a 1934 graduate of Hoisington High School. She married Leo C. Suellentrop Feb. 21, 1938. He died Sept. 17, 1984. She was a homemaker. Mrs. Spreier was a member of the Christian faith, Rebekah Lodge 101, past noble grand of the Eastern Star and Grandmother Club, all of Jetmore. Survivors include one son, Marlin Spreier of Jetmore; two daughters, Wanda Woodham of Dighton, Danis Sprague of Great Bend, Kelley Gillum of Stillwater, Okla., and Kara Lynch of Gorham and Paradise area, she was former owner of Gorham Motel. Mrs. Fritts was a member of Gorham Community Church and several bridge clubs. Survivors include one sister, Ora Erway of Ellsworth. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Benjamin Feldkamp, Walter Feldkamp and Edwin Feldkamp; and four sisters, Anna Goad, Lillie Fetrow, Mabel Steward and Amanda Phifer. Funeral will be at 4 p.m. Friday at Pohlman-Heise Memorial Chapel in Russell with the Rev. Carl Ellis officiating. Burial will be at Luray Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today and from 8 a.m. until service time Friday, all at the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Sept. 17, 2003

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Helen Irene Schulz 1917-2003

Helen Irene Schulz, 85, of Great Bend, died Sept. 15 at Central Kansas Medical Center of Great Bend. She was born Oct. 10, 1917, in Logan Township of Barton County, the daughter of William Henry and Louise Victoria Prosser Schwartz. She attended Larkin Rural School and was a 1934 graduate of Hoisington High School. She married Leo C. Suellentrop Feb. 21, 1938. He died Sept. 17, 1984. She was a homemaker. Mrs. Spreier was a member of the Christian faith, Rebekah Lodge 101, past noble grand of the Eastern Star and Grandmother Club, all of Jetmore. Survivors include one son, Marlin Spreier of Jetmore; two daughters, Wanda Woodham of Dighton, Danis Sprague of Great Bend, Kelley Gillum of Stillwater, Okla., and Kara Lynch of Gorham and Paradise area, she was former owner of Gorham Motel. Mrs. Fritts was a member of Gorham Community Church and several bridge clubs. Survivors include one sister, Ora Erway of Ellsworth. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Benjamin Feldkamp, Walter Feldkamp and Edwin Feldkamp; and four sisters, Anna Goad, Lillie Fetrow, Mabel Steward and Amanda Phifer. Funeral will be at 4 p.m. Friday at Pohlman-Heise Memorial Chapel in Russell with the Rev. Carl Ellis officiating. Burial will be at Luray Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today and from 8 a.m. until service time Friday, all at the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Sept. 17, 2003

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Stephen E. *Steve* Miller 1916-2003

KANOPOLIS — Stephen E. *Steve* Miller, 87, died Sept. 14 at Ellsworth County Medical Center. He was born April 3, 1916, at Blackwolf, the son of Stephen E. Sr. and Catherine Cantwell Miller. He married Sandra Lamb May 6, 1989, at Great Bend. A resident of Kanopolis for the past 60 years, coming from Blackwolf, he was a salt crusher along with several other positions at Independent Salt Company in Kanopolis for 40 years. Miller was a member of United Methodist Church of Kanopolis. Survivors include his wife of Kanopolis; three sons, Johnnie Miller and Gary S. Miller, both of Kanopolis, and James E. Miller of Washington Court House, Ohio; two daughters, Janice K. Miska of Russell and Joan Bunch of Kanopolis; one stepson, David Hoffman of Westville, Ill.; two sisters, Marthe Hill of Ark City and Adeline Vondra of Arizona; 14 grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers and six sisters. A private family inurnment will be held at Ellsworth Memorial Cemetery with Al Hysom officiating. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the family. Parsons Funeral Home of Ellsworth is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 16, 2003

LaVera D. Steinert 1923-2003

HOISINGTON — LaVera D. Steinert, 80, died Sept. 14 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born May 7, 1923, at Barton County, the daughter of Fred and Elizabeth Strecker Steiner. A longtime resident of Barton County, coming from Russell County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Steinert was a member of First United Methodist Church of Hoisington and P.O.L.K.A. of A. Survivors include one son, Doug Steinert of Hoisington; one daughter, Romona Cousins of Hoisington; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Franklin Steinert; eight brothers, Victor Steinert, Arthur Steinert, Harold Steinert, Arnold Steinert, Clarence Steinert, Edward Steinert, Albert Steinert and Waldo Steinert; and one great-granddaughter, Victoria Woods. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Revs. Wayne Flanders and Johnny Spellman officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday, all at the funeral home. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Kans for Kids or Clara Barton Foundation, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 16, 2003

Adeline M. Sharp 1921-2003

ELLINWOOD — Adeline M. Sharp, 82, died Sept. 14 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. She was born March 28, 1921, at Odin, the daughter of Carl and Josephine Frenzel Jenisch. She married Charles W. Sharp Oct. 7, 1937, at Great Bend. A long-time Ellinwood resident, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Sharp was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Altar Society and Daughters of Isabella, all of Ellinwood. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Glenn C. Sharp of Colby; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by six brothers, Charles Jenisch, Joe Jenisch, Ed Jenisch, Bill Jenisch, Martin Jenisch and Elmer Jenisch; and two sisters, Minnie Herrmann and Leona Dressel. Altar Society rosary will be at 3 p.m. today followed by Daughters of Isabella rosary, both at Kimpie Funeral Home in Ellinwood. A vigil will be at 7:30 p.m. today at the funeral home. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. John Maes officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph's School Endowment in Ellinwood, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 16, 2003

R. Howard Rapp 1908-2003

KINSLEY — R. Howard Rapp, 95, died Sept. 14 at Medicalodge at Kinsley. He was born May 16, 1908, at Kinsley, the son of Harry and Lena Hildebrand Rapp. He married Virginia Lippoldt May 1, 1940, at Kinsley. A lifetime resident of Kinsley, he was a retired owner and operator of Rapp's Gifts and Hobbies for 36 years. Rapp was a member of United Methodist Church and a life member of American Legion and past commander, all of Kinsley. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one brother, John Rapp of Ellinwood; and one sister, Myrna Rankin of Colorado Springs, Colo. He was preceded in death by a sister, Agnes Ploger. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. David Bell officiating. Burial will be at Hillside Cemetery in Kinsley. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until service time Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 16, 2003

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Brian Keith Betts 1959-2003

YARMOUTH, Iowa — Brian Keith Betts, 44, died Sept. 11 at Great River Medical Center in West Burlington, Iowa. He was born Feb. 2, 1959, at Memphis, Tenn., the son of LeRoy and Vivian Garrett Betts. He graduated from Dorrance High School in 1977, and attended Northwest Community College in Powell, Wyo., and Kansas State University, where he received a degree in photo journalism. He earned a bachelor's degree in theology and completed his master's degree in pastoral theology in 2003 at Faith Baptist Bible College in Ankeny, Iowa. He married Trudy D. Luerman Aug. 12, 1978, at Salina. He was pastor of the First Baptist Church at Yarmouth for several years. He was also chaplain for the Des Moines County Hospice. He served in the military at Fort Bragg, N.C. with the 82nd Airborne Division. He served in the United States Army during Desert Shield and Desert Storm as a
Msgr. Emil E. Sinner 1917-2003

WILSON — Msgr. Emil E. Sinner, 86, died Sept. 12 in Wilson. He was born Jan. 4, 1917, at Tipton, the son of Edward and Elizabeth Sinner. After declaring his intention to become a priest, Sinner spent two years at the St. Joseph’s Military Academy in Hays. He was ordained by Bishop Frank Thill at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Concordia on May 30, 1942. His seminary study was done at St. Louis Preparatory Seminary, followed by four years at Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis. His first pastoral duties were performed at Seven Dolors parish in Manhattan, where he was an assistant pastor to the Rev. Msgr. A.J. Luckey and chaplain at St. Mary’s Hospital and the Catholic Newman Center at Kansas State University. He filled in briefly at St. John’s parish in Hanover, then became assistant pastor of the parish in Concordia and assistant editor and business manager of the Catholic Register. He then moved to Clay Center’s Sts. Peter and Paul parish where the Catholic Register was based for a short time. He became pro-chancellor of the diocese in August 1947 and moved to Salina where he was an assistant to the Rev. Msgr. John Duskie at Sacred Heart Cathedral for three years. His next assignment was to Sacred Heart Parish at Oberlin for 12 years, and while there he was the chaplain at the Kansas State Tuberculosis Sanitarium in Norton. Following a three-year stay as pastor at Holy Cross Church, Pfeifer, he was appointed pastor at St. Wenceslaus, Wilson, where he served for 28 years until his retirement in 1993. He also celebrated Mass at nearby Lake Wilson for many years. Survivors include a sister, Kathryn Albrecht of Downs; two nieces, Jane Mick of Sand Springs, Okla., and Carol Kratky of Hesston; and two nephews, Donald and Alan Reinert of Wichita. He was preceded in death by six siblings. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Wenceslaus Church in Wilson with the Rev. Jerome Morgan officiating. Parish vigil will be at 7 tonight at the church. Burial will be at St. Wenceslaus Cemetery in Wilson. Friends may call from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Foster Mortuary in Wilson. Memorials are suggested to the St. Wenceslaus Cemetery Fund, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 14, 2003

September 12, 2003

Lucile Hildebrand 1905-2003

STAFFORD — Lucile Hildebrand, 98, died Sept. 10 at Leisure Homestead in Stafford. She was born June 24, 1905, at Ellinwood, the daughter of John and Emma Tanck DeWerff. She married Herman Hildebrand Aug. 7, 1932, in Ellinwood. He died June 2, 1996. A resident of Stafford most her life, coming from Ellinwood, she was a cook for the country school C-11 and a homemaker. Mrs. Hildebrand was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, Sunday school teacher, women’s church group, led Week Day Bible School, member of Garden Club, EHU and was a volunteer at Leisure Homestead. Survivors include two sons, Arnold Hildebrand and Norman Hildebrand, both of Stafford; one brother, Jack DeWerff of Ellinwood; eight grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Gordon Hildebrand; her stepmother, Hattie Tanck DeWerff; two nieces, Jane Mick of Sand Springs, Okla., and Carol Kratky of Hesston; and two nephews, Donald and Alan Reinert of Wichita. He was preceded in death by six siblings. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Wenceslaus Church in Wilson with the Rev. Jerome Morgan officiating. Parish vigil will be at 7 tonight at the church. Burial will be at St. Wenceslaus Cemetery in Wilson. Friends may call from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Foster Mortuary in Wilson. Memorials are suggested to the St. Wenceslaus Cemetery Fund, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 14, 2003

September 11, 2003

Roy A. Lane 1955-2003

HOISINGTON — Roy A. Lane, 47, died Sept. 8 at his residence in Hoisington. He was born Dec. 24, 1955, at Russell, the son of Ed and Mary Thorne Lane. He married Tonya “TJ” Toole July 4, 1987, at Hoisington. She died March 20, 2002. A resident of the Susank and Hoisington area, he was a welder. Survivors include three stepsons, Kirk Denning and Brett Denning, both of Russell, and Anthony Denning of Wichita; two stepdaughters, Ethel Ricketts and Stacey Denning, both of Hoisington; 20 stepgrandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Don Padon officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Memorials are suggested to the church or Leisure Homestead, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 12, 2003

September 11, 2003

Virginia Mae Ulrich 1930-2003

RUSSELL — Virginia Mae Ulrich, 73, died Sept. 9 at her home. She was born Jan. 14, 1930, in Russell County, the daughter of David H. and Lydia Galatyardt Ehrlich. She attended Homer Rural School. She married Michael Jacob Ulrich Jan. 20, 1952, at Russell. He died April 10, 1996. A resident of Russell since 1985, coming from a farm near Luray, she was a homemaker and farmwife. Mrs. Ulrich was a member of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ladies Circle and church choir, all of Russell. Survivors include three sons, Michael John Ulrich and Martin Ulrich, both of Waldo, and David Ulrich of Luray; one brother, Wilber Dean Ehrlich of Russell; two sisters. Loretta Watkins of Topeka and Fern TenEvck of Alma: 15 grandchildren; and one great-
grandson. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Linda Eileen Mick; and one brother, Laverne Ehrlich. Prayer service will be at 8 tonight at Pohlman’s Memorial Chapel in Russell. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the mortuary, with the Rev. William Cornelius officiating. Burial will be at Wilson Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today and from 8 a.m. to service time Friday, all at the mortuary. The family will receive friends from 7:30 to 9 tonight at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 11, 2003

Dennis R. Nelson 1953-2003

LARNED — Dennis R. Nelson, 50, died Sept. 9, at Via Christi Regional Medical Center St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born March 19, 1953, at Norton, the son of Edward R. and Rita M. Hager Nelson. He married Darla A. Brobst, April 24, 1976, at Logan. A resident of Larned coming for Norton, he was a sergeant at Larmed Correctional Mental Health Facility. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Jason Nelson of Hill City, Jamey Nelson of Larned, and Jarrold Nelson of Jennings; his mother of Lenora; one brother, David Nelson of Lenora; two sisters, Brenda Fought of Oberlin, and Becky Linden of Clayton; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by an infant sister and one grandson, Lucas Nelson. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with Darrell Decker officiating. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Lenora Cemetery in Lenora. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to service time on Friday. Friends may also call from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Enfield Funeral Home in Norton. Memorials are suggested to Larned Emergency Medical Service in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 11, 2003


INDEPENDENCE, Mo., — A memorial service for Stephen John Brown, 56, who died June 24 at Independence will be from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday at 1416 12th St, Great Bend. To contact family members call 620-285-3907. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 11, 2003

September 10, 2003

Stella Dallen 1908-2003

CLYDE — Stella Dallen, 95, died Sept. 9 at Cloud County Health Center in Concordia. She was born Aug. 14, 1908, at St. Joseph, the daughter of David and Rosanna Bathazor Girard. She married Louis “Bud” Dallen Feb. 4, 1935. He died Sept. 26, 1982. A resident of Clyde, coming from Clifton, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Dallen was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Clifton and St. Mary’s Altar Society, and St. John the Baptist Catholic Church of Clyde. Survivors include two sons, Eli Dallen of McPherson and Jim Dallen of Great Bend; three daughters, Emma Dunphy of Concordia, Shirley Richeky of Jewell and Loretta Cyre of Morganville; one brother, Leo Girard of Sioux City, Iowa; two sisters, Esther Provost and Marie Derousseau, both of Clyde; 17 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Alcid Girard and Albert Girard; one granddaughter; one great-granddaughter. Parish rosary will be at 4 p.m. Thursday at Chaput Mortuary in Clyde. Vigil service will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Clyde. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, with the Rev. LeRoy Metro officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary’s Catholic Cemetery in Clifton. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at the mortuary and after 5:30 p.m. today at the church. Memorials are suggested to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and St. Mary’s Catholic Cemetery Fund, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 10, 2003

Roy A. Lane 1955-2003

HOISINGTON — Roy A. Lane, 47, died Sept. 8 at his home in Hoisington. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 10, 2003

Dennis R. Nelson

LARNED — Dennis R. Nelson, 50, died Sept. 9 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary Inc. of Larned. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 10, 2003

September 9, 2003

Clara Gladys Buhrer 1909-2003

LARNED — Clara Gladys Buhrer, 94, died Sept. 7, at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. She was born May 26, 1909, at Ringwood, Okla., the daughter of Herman and Margaret Welsh Henning. She married Cecil E. Buhrer June 1, 1930, at Coldwater. He died Jan. 7, 1985. A longtime Pawnee County resident, coming from Ringwood, she was a farm homemaker. Mrs. Buhrer was a member of First Methodist Church of Larned and Zook EHU. Survivors include one son, Cecil “Skip” Buhrer of Belpre; three sisters, Grace O. Keller, Dora L. Bowman and Christabelle Buck, all of Larned; two granddaughters; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, David Henning and Mark Henning; and three sisters, Mabel Storey, Augusta Bowlus and Emma Holland. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with the Rev. Charles Grant officiating. Burial will be at Belpre Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are
suggested to the church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Sept. 9, 2003

Richard J. "Dick" Schneweis 1926-2003

Richard J. “Dick” Schneweis, 77, of Great Bend, died Sept. 6, at Great Bend Health & Rehabilitation Center. He was born May 9, 1926, at Clifton, the son of Joseph L. and Lena Hoffman Schneweis. He married Edna Kathman Miller Oct. 14, 1983, at Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend since 1983, coming from Hoisington, he was a farmer and worked at Hoisington Cheese Plant and for the city of Great Bend until his retirement. Schneweis 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; four sons, Leonard Miller, Kenneth Miller and James Miller, all of Great Bend, and Curtis Miller of Salina; four daughters, Annette Pellett of Boulder, Colo., Judy Blanchard of Khadarovsk, Russia, Mary Ramsey of Great Bend and Sharon Garner of Dubuque, Iowa; two sisters, Evangeline Luft of Topeka and Magdalene Schauf of Great Bend; 17 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Alvin Schneweis. Rosary will be at 3 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Reginald A. Urban officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery north of Great Bend. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today, and from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family School Endowment Fund or Barton County Relay for Life, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Sept. 9, 2003

Winona R. Glenn 1908-2003

BUSHTON — Winona R. Glenn, 95, died Sept. 8 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. She was born June 30, 1908, on a farm near South Haven, the daughter of Charles Leslie and Effie Mabel Barber Logan. She married Roy L. Glenn Oct. 14, 1928, at Wellington. He died Dec. 8, 1996. A resident of Ellinwood since 1993, coming from Bushton, she was a homemaker and retired school teacher. Mrs. Glenn was a member of United Methodist Church, served as president of Women’s Society, Circle leader, administrative board, Sunday school teacher and lay member to annual conference, all of Bushton, 50-year member of Order of Eastern Star, Holyrood Chapter 420. Survivors include one son, De’Von L. Glenn of Lakewood, Colo., two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one brother, DeLos Logan; and one sister, LaVerne Miles. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Janet Myers officiating. Burial will be at Clifton Cemetery, with OES service by Holyrood Chapter 420. Friends may call from 1 to 9 tonight at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington and from 11:30 a.m. to service time Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Sept. 9, 2003

September 7, 2003

Ross B. ‘Red’ Carlisle 1911-2003

WOODWARD, Okla. — Ross B. “Red” Carlisle, 92, died Sept. 5 at Grace Living Center in Woodward. He was born June 21, 1911, at Olive, Okla., the son of William F. and Ruby E. Crambrink Carlisle. He married Anna E. Kling July 3, 1928, at Emporia. She died May 17, 1976. He married Irene Froso Price Oct. 9, 1977, at Ellinwood. She died June 10, 1989. He married Geneva M. Wilkes June 27, 1990, at Topeka. She died Feb. 3, 1994. A resident of Woodward since 1995, coming from Ellinwood and Holyrood, he was a retired oil field pumper for Mobil Oil Co., a real estate broker and a Kirby salesman. Carlisle was a former member of Immanuel United Church of Christ, church council and Rotary Club, all of Ellinwood, Masonic Lodge in Ellinwood and Isis Shrine in Salina. Survivors include one daughter, Phyllis Oliver of Madison, Maine; four stepsons, Dennis Price of Woodward, David Price, Lowell Price and Kenneth Wilkes, all of Kansas; one brother, Gerald Carlisle of Encinal, Texas; one sister, Ruby Jean Moore of Colorado Springs, Colo.; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sons, W.E. “Red” Carlisle and Darrell Carlisle. A private family service will be held at a later date. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Immanuel United Church of Christ Foundation, Rotary Foundation or Shriners Burn Center, in care of Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Sept. 7, 2003

Ella Schrott 1916-2003

ALBERT — Ella Schrott, 87, died Sept. 4 at Great Bend Health & Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. She was born Aug. 13, 1916, at Albert, the daughter of Paul and Emma Schultz Weigt. She married Harry Lorenz June 6, 1936, at Albert. He died Oct. 19, 1945. She married Adolph Schrott Jan. 17, 1947, at Madison. She was a lifetime resident of Albert. Mrs. Schrott was a member of Peace Lutheran Church of Albert. Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Sharon Schneider and husband Randy of Eden Prairie, Minn., and Charlotte Wagner and husband Larry of Hutchinson; and seven grandchildren, Wendy Webser, Shaun Schneider, Jeremy Wagner, Amy Wagner, Kelly Schneider, Brett Wagner and Bradley Wagner. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Jack D. Russell officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Monday, all at the funeral home. Family will receive friends from 7 to 9 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Albert Fire Department, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 7, 2003 paid announcement

Eldon Lee Sanders Jr. 1962-2003

ST. JOHN — Eldon Lee Sanders Jr., 41, died Sept. 4 at Dallas County, Mo. He was born Jan. 6, 1962, at St. John, the son of Eldon Lee Sr. and Edith L. Sanders. He attended St. John High School. A resident of Lebanon. Mo., coming from St. John, he
Velma Louise Hackler 1922-2003

SYLVI A — Velma Louise Hackler, 80, died Sept. 5 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born Sept. 29, 1922, at Varner, the daughter of Jake E. and Mary Libby Shilling. She married George N. Hackler July 14, 1944. He died Dec. 18, 1988. A resident of Hutchinson since 1966, coming from Sylvia, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Hackler was a member of Sylvia Church of Christ. Survivors include two sons, Ralph E. Hackler and William E. Hackler, both of Hutchinson; four daughters, Georgia L. Barger of Houston, Texas, Margie S. Suter of Tipton, Okla., Nellie M. Rinkel of Carbondale, and Bertha Aden of Hutchinson; one brother, Robert Shilling of Tyrone, Okla.; one sister, Luella Drehner of Spokane, Wash.; many grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Lawrence Shilling, Carl Shilling and Ancil Shilling; and one granddaughter, Vicky Rinkel. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. David Harlow officiating. Burial will be at Peace Creek Cemetery in rural Stafford. Friends may call from 1 to 6 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Trails West E.M.S. in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Sept. 7, 2003

Robert L. Stafford 1924-2003

Robert L. Stafford, 79, of Great Bend, died Sept. 5 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Sept. 4, 1924, at Great Bend, the son of Carl A. and Eva Lena Woodruff Stafford. He married Ella Lorraine Butler Sept. 14, 1947, at Hoisington. A longtime resident of Great Bend he was a loan officer at First National Bank in Great Bend and was a parts manager of Gibson, Titus and Stafford, also of Great Bend. Stafford was a member of First United Methodist Church, American Legion Post 180, Elks Lodge 1127, Masonic Lodge A.F. & A.M. 15 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111, all of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served in the submarine division during World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, R. Bradley Stafford of Palm Harbor, Fla., Scott Stafford of Albuquerque, N.M., and Clint Stafford of Newton; one daughter, Colleen Allen of Russell; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Charter Funeral Chapel in Great Bend with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 6 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Sept. 7, 2003

Richard J. ’Dick’ Schneweis 1926-2003

Richard J. ’Dick’ Schneweis, 77, of Great Bend, died Sept. 6 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation of Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Sept. 7, 2003

Margaret E. Kottwitz 1914-2003

Margaret E. Kottwitz, 88, of Great Bend, died Sept. 4 at Lakeview Manor of Lawrence. She was born Sept. 29, 1914, at Bazine, the daughter of Andrew F. and Faye Ruth Crottinger Schuetz. She married Harold F. Kottwitz Oct. 8, 1933, at Great Bend. A lifetime area resident, she was a homemaker and a bookkeeper for Schuetz Hardware and Kottwitz Motor Company, all of Great Bend. Mrs. Kottwitz was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, a longtime Sunday School teacher, a member of church Bible study and other church-related groups, was a volunteer Girl Scout leader, a volunteer for Meals on Wheels, all of Great Bend, and a volunteer at Larned State Hospital. Survivors include her husband of Lawrence; two sons, Martin Kottwitz of Lawrence and Kent Kottwitz of Overland Park; one daughter, Judith Geising of Fountain Valley, Calif.; two sisters, Shirley Snider of Mankato and Lou Ann Millard of Prairie Village; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Glen Schuetz. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. James Strasen officiating. A private family burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial will be at Peace Creek Cemetery in rural Stafford. Friends may call from 1 to 6 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Trinity Lutheran Church for benefit of children’s Sunday school in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Sept. 7, 2003

Geraldine ’Jeri’ Alma Smithson 1925-2003

LARNED — Geraldine ”Jeri” Alma Smithson, 78, died Sept. 5 at Larned Healthcare Center in Larned. She was born Feb. 22.
1925, at Kansas City, Mo., the daughter of Doster Henry and Opal M. Walker Swedenburg. She was married to Don. A resident of Pawnee County since 1956, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Smithson was a member of Garfield Lutheran Church. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Michael R. Tudor of Afton, Okla., David B. Tudor of Clifton and Tracy R. Tudor of Lamar; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, James Swedenburg and Eugene Swedenburg; and a sister, Rosie Morrow. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Garfield Cemetery with the Rev. Nancy Mitchell officiating. Private family viewing will be at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Friends may sign a register book from noon to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Garfield Lutheran Church in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 7, 2003

Mary Annary Halley 1908-2003

ST. JOHN — Mary Annary Halley, 95, died Sept. 5, at Leisure Homestead in St. John. She was born April 3, 1908, at St. John, the daughter of Nicholas Ellsworth and Mabel Clare Baker. She married Clifton C. Halley Sept. 19, 1930, at Bosie, Idaho. He preceded her in death. A resident of St. John, she was a homemaker and cook at St. John schools and a country school teacher for two years. Mrs. Halley was a member of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Great Bend, and Rebekah Lodge and EHU, both of St. John. Survivors include one son, Martin L. Halley of Kansas City, Mo.; one daughter, Marilyn Willhaus of Sterling; one sister, Dody Curtis of St. John; 11 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Andrew Baker, George William Baker and Milton Ellsworth Baker; two sisters, Chlora Mildred Davis and Elsie Arlene Shultz; and one son, H.N. “Nick” Halley. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Minnis Chapel in St. John with the Rev. Jim Swan officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Ida Long Goodman Library in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 7, 2003

September 5, 2003

Loren Dean Johnson 1932-2003

KINGWOOD, Texas — Loren Dean Johnson was born on Dec. 12, 1932, in Deshler, Neb., to Ralph and Edith Johnson and died Aug. 29, 2003, in Houston, Texas, at the age of 70. He attended Hopkins Missouri High School and went on to marry his sweetheart, Barbara Staley in 1955. Johnson had been an active 3rd Degree Mason with Masonic Lodge 158 AF&AM in Atchinson and a lifetime member of DAV. He was a member of Kingwood United Methodist Church. He will be forever remembered for his warm smile and kind heart but especially for the warm culinary delights he was able to produce in his bakery as a master baker. Johnson is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Barbara; four daughters, Leslie DeWeese and her husband Dustin of Dallas, Texas, Patty Williamson and her husband, Chuck of Magnolia, Texas, and Christine Arledge and her husband Edward of Friendswood, Texas; one son, Bradley Johnson and his wife Melba Lee of Conroe, Texas; one sister, Myrna Lou Starck of Johnstown, Colo.; and 11 grandchildren. Funeral services were held Sept. 2 in the Chapel of Kingwood Funeral Home with the Rev. Joe W. Fort Jr. officiating. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 5, 2003 paid announcement

Beulah Huston 1912-2003

ABILENE — Beulah Huston, 91, died Sept. 2 at her home in Abilene. She was born Jan. 23, 1912, at Talmage, the daughter of Frank and Gertrude Wallace Watt. She was a 1931 graduate of Talmage High School. She married J. Russel Huston July 29, 1931, at Bennington. He died Sept. 25, 1985. A resident of Abilene, she was a homemaker and a cashier for J.C. Penney in Abilene. Mrs. Huston was a member of First United Methodist Church in Abilene and Here and There Club. Survivors include one son, Ivan Huston of Hutchinson; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Harvey Watt; and one sister, Etta. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Martin-Becker-Carlson Funeral Home in Abilene with the Rev. Rick Saylor officiating. Burial will be at Prairiedale Cemetery in Talmage. Friends may call at the funeral home until the time of service. The casket will be closed. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 5, 2003

Peyton D. Hines 1942-2003

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Peyton D. Hines, 61, died Aug. 29 at Sacramento. He was born May 8, 1942, at West Virginia, the son of Cleatis and Glennia Pigg Hines. He married Marilyn Johnson March 25, 1994, at Las Vegas, Nev. A resident of the Sacramento area since 1968, he was an electronic engineer and was self-employed. Hines was a member of Riverview Yacht Club of Sacramento. Survivors include his wife of Sacramento. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Lorraine Baptist Cemetery, with the Rev. Dr. Jim Morford officiating. Memorials are suggested to Lorraine Baptist Church, in care of Parson Funeral Home in Ellsworth. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 5, 2003

James L. Winget 1921-2003

HANSTON — James L. Winget, 82, died Sept. 3 at Hodgeman County Health Center at Jetmore. He was born Jan. 19, 1921, at Novelty, Mo., the son of James L. and Myrtle A. Garnett Winget. He married Roberta Whipple at El Paso, Texas. A resident Hanston, he was owner of Winget Service Inc. and chairman of the board of Hanston State Bank of Hanston. Winget was a member of First Baptist Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars, city council, past president of Hanston School Board, FFA Honorary Chafer Farmer, all of Hanston. Lions Club of Jetmore and American Legion of Burdett. He was a World War II veteran. receiving
the Bronze Star. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, the Rev. Gary Winget of Holdrege, Neb., three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Norman Winget; and one sister, Estelle Boehlke. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Revs. Gary Winget and Carl Vincent officiating. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore, with military graveside rites. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today, Saturday and Sunday at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 5, 2003

Correction

ST. JOHN — Edith Dee Brock, 92, who died Sept. 2, was survived by two daughters, Melba Erhart and Glenna Bailey, both of Wichita. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 5, 2003

September 4, 2003

Harold Ray Nye 1926-2003

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Harold Ray “Nappy” Nye passed from this life on Aug. 27 in Oklahoma City at the age of 77. The son of Ray Nye and Velma Lora Brittain Nye, he was born on a farm north of Oakley on Jan. 29, 1926. He married Joyce Fae Fechner Feb. 12, 1945. To this union were born Terrolynn “Terry” Ethelée and Ronald Ray. A native of Oakley, Nye served as night marshal for his hometown approximately one year, prior to service with Garden city Police Department, 1948-1951, and Hutchinson Police Department, 1951-1955. He was serving as captain of detectives and assistant chief of police at Hutchinson when appointed Kansas Bureau of Investigation special agent on July 1, 1955. He worked his way to KBI assistant director and graduated from Southern Police Institute before being appointed director of the KBI, Sept. 1, 1969. Elected president of Kansas Peace Officers’ Association in 1970, he served as KBI director until January 1971 and retired from the KBI on July 15, 1975. As a member of Law Enforcement Intelligence Unit, he provided security for President Eisenhower as well as presidential hopefuls Humphrey and Goldwater when they visited Kansas. Nye was the last surviving KBI investigator from the 1959 Clutter case, about which Truman Capote wrote the novel “In Cold Blood.” Through the years he was interviewed numerous times by various media sources including “Larry King Live” and “60 Minutes” about his experiences working on the case and working with Capote. After retirement from the KBI, he was a real estate broker and owned Ray’s Auto Service and 63rd Street Pawn in Oklahoma City. He served in World War II. He is survived by his wife of Oklahoma City, children Terrolynn “Terry” Ethelée Hurley of Holyrood and Ronald Ray Nye of Edmond, Okla.; sisters Shirley Benda of Broomfield, Colo., and Verleen Atchley of Clayton, N.M. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Gerald and Duane. Inurnment will take place in the Oakley Cemetery at a later date. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 4, 2003 paid announcement

Edith Dee Brock 1911-2003

ST. JOHN — Edith Dee Brock, 92, died Sept. 2 at Sandpiper Bay Nursing Home in Wichita. She was born July 14, 1911, at Stafford, the daughter of James and Christina Dickson. She married Gilbert Brock July 21, 1931, at Stafford. He died April 3, 1999. A resident of Wichita since 1991, coming from St. John, she was a retired bank teller for St. John National Bank. Mrs. Brock was a member of Church of Christ of St. John. Survivors include one son, Jim Brock of Olathe; two sisters, Melba Erhart and Glenna Bailey, both of Wichita; two half-brothers, Dale Dickson of Oswego and James L. Dickson of Kansas City, Mo.; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Fannie Rohrbough of Scott City; one brother, Elton Griggs of Colby; seven grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren. She was preceded

Martha Ann Powell Williams 1924-2003

ROZEL — Martha Ann Powell Williams, 78, died Sept. 1 at Pratt Regional Medical Center in Pratt. She was born Dec. 12, 1924, at Rozel, the daughter of Frank W. and Lola M. Fromong Powell. A resident of Rozel, coming from Amarillo, Texas, in 1985, she was a retired accountant with U.S. Government Department of Interior. Mrs. Williams attended the Methodist church in Amarillo. Survivors include two brothers, Joe Powell of Rozel and Jim Powell of Green Valley, Ariz.; and four sisters, Wanda Allen of Raytown, Mo., Jean Thomas of Prescott Valley, Ariz., Grace Powell of Seattle, Wash., and Barbara Powell of Grand Coulee, Wash. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Barbara Ann Goodyear; and one brother, Jack Powell. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. today at Larned Cemetery, with the Rev. Tony Horsley officiating. Memorials are suggested to Mayo Cancer Research or Rozel Fire Department, in care of Beckwith Mortuary Inc. of Larned. Condolences may be sent to beckwithmortuary.com. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 4, 2003

Donna L. Gibbs 1933-2003

SCOTT CITY — Donna L. Gibbs, 70, died Sept. 2 at Park Lane Nursing Home in Scott City. She was born Aug. 31, 1933, in Colby, the daughter of Roland and Minnie Carpenter Griggs. She married Ralph E. Gibbs May 29, 1949, in Colby. He died May 10, 2002. A resident of Scott City since 1954, coming from Colby, she was a retired school bus dispatcher for USD 466 in Scott City. Mrs. Gibbs was a member of Immanuel Southern Baptist Church, Veteran’s of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and Baptist Women’s Group, all of Scott City. Survivors include two sons, Mike Gibbs and Phil Gibbs, both of Scott City; one daughter, Susan Rohrbough of Scott City; one brother, Elton Griggs of Colby; seven grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren. She was preceded
Correction

Weldon 'Leroy' Miller 1926-2003

Weldon ‘Leroy’ Miller, 77, of Great Bend, died Sept. 1 at Hays. He was born March 3, 1926, at Rooks County, the son of Robert Henry and Lulu Weems Miller. He married Shirley Ann Benoit Jan. 5, 1957, in Norton. She died July 20, 2003. A lifetime area resident, he was a retired oilfield driller for Slawson Drilling. Miller was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Survivors include two sons, George Miller and Robert Miller, both of Great Bend; three daughters, Kathy Robinson of Panama City, Fla., Mary Cooley of Wichita, Kan., and Brenda Futrell of Kansas City, Mo.; a brother, J. D. Miller of Great Bend; and a sister, Annette Hurst of Great Bend. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 4:30 to 8 p.m. today at Price & Sons Funeral Home of Scott City. Memorials are suggested to Immanuel Southern Baptist Church or American Parkinson Disease Association, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 4, 2003

September 3, 2003

Jeffrey Ray Santos Garcia 1981-2003

LARNED — Jeffrey Ray Santos Garcia, 22, died Aug. 29 near Larned. Garcia was a 2000 graduate of Larned High School and a February 2003 graduate of Brick Layer and Craft School of Wichita. Garcia was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Larned and Brick Layers Union Local Chapter 15 of Wichita. Survivors include his parents of Larned; one brother, Joe Garcia Jr. of Lar ned; one sister, Tiffany Garcia of Larned; and his grandmother , Ana D. Santos of Guam. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel 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 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Price & Sons Funeral Home of Scott City. Memorials are suggested to Immanuel Southern Baptist Church or American Parkinson Disease Association, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 4, 2003

Martha Ann Williams

ROZEL — Martha Ann Williams died Sept. 1 at Pratt Regional Medical Center in Pratt. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 3, 2003

Weldon 'Leroy' Miller 1926-2003

Weldon ‘Leroy’ Miller, 77, of Great Bend, died Sept. 1 at Hays. He was born March 3, 1926, at Rooks County, the son of Robert Henry and Lulu Weems Miller. He married Shirley Ann Benoit Jan. 5, 1957, in Norton. She died July 20, 2003. A lifetime area resident, he was a retired oilfield driller for Slawson Drilling. Miller was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Survivors include two sons. George Miller and Robert Miller, both of Great Bend: three daughters. Kathv Robinson of Panama City. Fla.. Marv Coolie of
Great Bend and Cheryl Roa of Hays; one brother, Leland Miller of Brighton, Colo.; 22 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four brothers, William Miller, Cleo Miller, Virgel Miller and Earl Miller; and three sisters, Helen Faden, Lucille Miller and Louella Miller. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Shannon Vogelsang officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park with military honors by Fort Riley Honor Guard. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to service time Thursday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the family, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 3, 2003

John 'Jake' J. Hays 1904-2003

LARNED — John "Jake" J. Hays, 98, died Sept. 1, at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. He was born Oct. 17, 1904, at Zook, the son of John Henry and Lucy Matilda Buhrer Hays. A resident of Pawnee County since 1987, coming from Montana, he was a farmer. Hays was a member of Larned United Methodist Church and past member of Eagles Lodge of Wichita. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include one brother, Albert Hays of Zook; and one sister, Goldie Horton of Zook. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with the Rev. Charles Grant officiating. Burial will be at Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Zook. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday, both at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Zook Women's Club, in care of the mortuary. Condolences may be sent to beckwithmortuary.com. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 3, 2003

Brian Kent 'Tuna' Frenzl 1963-2003

Brian Kent "Tuna" Frenzl, 40, of Great Bend, died Sept. 1 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Aug. 18, 1963, at Hoisington, the son of Bill and Mary Ann Hickel Frenzl. A lifetime area resident, he formerly worked for DS&W and was employed by Claffin Pump and Supply. Frenzl was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church and Great Bend Side Winders. Survivors include his parents of Great Bend; his fiancée, Rita Budig of Great Bend; three brothers, Keith Frenzl of Great Bend, Bob J. Frenzl of Salina and Roy Frenzl of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; and three sisters, Linda Stukey of Great Bend, Kathy Gosser of Clay Center, Neb., and Connie Stanley of Bella Vista, Ark. Vigil will be at 7 tonight at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Reginald A. Urban officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Barton County Relay for Life, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 3, 2003

Charles E. Barker 1918-2003

WICHITA — Charles E. Barker, devoted husband, loving father and grandfather, died Aug. 26 in Wichita. Services were held Saturday at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Wichita, with burial at Resthaven Cemetery, Wichita. Charles was born Nov. 9, 1918, in Osceola, Mo. The family moved many times throughout Missouri, western Kansas and eastern Colorado. Charles graduated from Lakin High School in Lakin. Charles entered the Army in March 1942 and served in the Aleutian Islands until he was discharged in November 1945. Charles married Beulah Snyder, Scott City, Nov. 5, 1942. After his discharge from the Army, they resided in Scott City until 1968. While in Scott City, Charles was the purchasing agent for Wheatland Electric. In 1968, the family moved to Great Bend, where Charles was the contract manager for Western Power until he retired in 1985. Charles and Beulah moved to Wichita in 2001. Charles was an active member of the Scott City community. He served on the city council, taught Red Cross First Aid classes and was a member of First Baptist Church, Lion’s Club, American Legion, Masonic Lodge and the Shrine. Charles is survived by his wife of 62 years, Beulah; three daughters, Charlene Fyler and husband Ken of Wichita, Valjean Hackerott of Wichita and Sandi Krewson and husband Richard of Spearville; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Memorial has been established with Alzheimer’s Association, 347 S. Laura, Wichita, KS 67212. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 3, 2003 paid announcement

September 2, 2003

Esther Mueller 1920-2003

HUTCHINSON — Esther Mueller, 82, died Aug. 29 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born Sept. 9, 1920, at Hudson, the daughter of Max and Minna Nolte Teichman. She attended Emporia State Teachers College and Fort Hays State University and received a teaching certificate. She married Allen F. Mueller June 7, 1943, at Hudson. He died Oct. 20, 1995. A resident of Hutchinson since 1946, coming from Hudson, she was a former teacher, homemaker and longtime employee of Kansas Job Service. Mrs. Mueller was a member of First Congregational Church. Survivors include one son, Mike Mueller of Wichita; two daughters, Susan Fullmer of Hutchinson and Sandra Yarmish of Wichita; one brother, Walter Teichman of Hudson; two sisters, Rosine Parrish of Great Bend and Elsie Daniels of St. Louis, Mo.; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Hugo Teichman and Otto Teichman; and two sisters, Ida Nonamaker and Velma Parrish. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Matt Stafford officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Trinity Cemetery in Hudson. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and Wednesday, all at Elliott Mortuary in Hutchinson. Memorials are suggested to the church endowment fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Sept. 2, 2003

Ronald D. Smith 1955-2003

SALINA — Ronald D. Smith, 48, died Aug. 31 at Salina Regional Health Center. He was born Aug. 8, 1955, in Hoisington, the son of Calvin Emitt and Betty Jean Carroll Smith. He was a graduate of Hoisington High School and Salina Area Vo-Tech. A resident of Salina, he was a driver for United Parcel Service in Salina. Survivors include one daughter, Chelsea. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 3, 2003
parents of Hoisington; and three sisters, Rhonda Dezotell of Haysville, Virginia L. Smith and Dee Ann Smith, both of Hoisington. Cremation has taken place. The family will receive friends from 2-5 p.m. Saturday at Smith's home, 1245 N. Fairchild, Salina. Memorials are suggested to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, in care of Carlson-Ford-Geisendorf Funeral Home and Crematory of Salina. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 2, 2003

Bessie Lamb 1921-2003

Bessie Lamb, 82, of Great Bend, died Aug. 30 at Great Bend Heath and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. She was born Feb. 25, 1921, at Bladen, Neb., the daughter of Charles Jr. and Lucile Remes Novak. She married Elwin D. “Pete” Lamb Sept. 24, 1945, at Smith Center. He died Sept. 26, 1985. She was a resident of Great Bend for 56 years, coming from Red Cloud, Neb. Mrs. Lamb was a member of First Assembly of God Church in Great Bend. Survivors include four sons, Jerald A. Lamb, Danny D. Lamb and LeRoy G. Lamb, all of Great Bend, and Ricky L. Lamb of Hoisington; two daughters, Sandra M. Miller of Kanopolis and Glennis F. McNett of Great Bend; one sister, Julia Jennings of Albion, Neb.; 16 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Nancy C. Lamb; one brother, Charles L. Novak; and two sisters, Mary Smith and Josephine Bintz. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Dwight Dozier officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. at Maude Cemetery in Cunningham. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the family, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 2, 2003

Frank Joseph Flamik 1916-2003

RUSH CENTER — Frank Joseph Flamik, 87, died Aug. 31 at Presbyterian Manor Health Care Center. He was born Feb. 12, 1916, in Banner Township, Timken, the son of Joseph J. and Anna Rita Oliverius Flamik. He married Clydie Marie Schaffer June 15, 1949. She died in 1973. A resident of Arkansas City, coming from Rush Center, he worked for Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Company as a field meter man in the Otis and Macksville areas. Flamik was a member of Western Fraternal Life Association, Lodge 95 of Timken and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3147. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in 19th Coast Artillery. Survivors include two daughters, Debra Byrne of Arkansas City and Linda Shuman of Snyder, Texas; one brother, Oliver Flamik of Rush Center; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one step great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by one brother, Edward Flamik. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Locust Hill Cemetery in Rush Center, with the Rev. Vern Richerson officiating. Family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Rindt-Erdman Funeral Home of Arkansas City. Memorials are suggested to Hospice Care of Kansas or Presbyterian Manor Good Samaritan Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 2, 2003

Leona LaRayne Reed 1927-2003

LARNED — Leona LeRayne Reed, 76, died Aug. 30 at Beverly Healthcare in Neodesha. She was born April 5, 1927, at Belpre, the daughter of Albert and Stella Meckfessel Strader. She married Marvin Reed June 28, 1947, at Kinsley. He died May 27, 1988. A resident of Neodesha, coming from Pratt, she worked in the dietary department of Larned State Hospital and was a homemaker. Mrs. Reed was a member of Christian Church in Larned. Survivors include one son, Randy Reed of Pratt; four daughters, Sharon Hinds of Independence, Marilyn Perez and LaRayne Naugle, both of Larned, and Jackie Hedges of Elk City; one brother, Albert “Sonny” Strader of Olathe; two sisters, Alberta Lee Wils of Great Bend and Donna Cauble of Larned; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Cheryl Diane Reed. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Larned Cemetery, with the Rev. Dan Lundgren officiating. Family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Memorials are suggested to Pratt Senior Center, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 2, 2003

Jerry Gene Nolte 1936-2003

HUDSON — Jerry Gene Nolte, 66, died Aug. 30 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born Oct. 13, 1936, at Great Bend, the son of William J. and Mildred Scheufler Nolte. He was a resident of West View Manor in Peabody. Nolte was a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include three brothers, Larry Nolte of Blue Rapids, William Nolte of Sierra Vista, Ariz., and Ronald Nolte of Hutchinson. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. today at Trinity Cemetery in Hudson, with the Rev. George Redington officiating. Memorial service will be at 7 p.m. today at St. John's Lutheran Church, in care of the Funnel Home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 2, 2003

Verne E. Wagner 1932-2003

HOISINGTON — Verne E. Wagner, 71, died Sept. 1 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born Aug. 8, 1932, in McCallister, Okla., the daughter of Sam and Fanny Robinson Hamilton. She married Waldine L. Wagner Dec. 16, 1951, at Galatia. He died Sept. 16, 1985. A resident of Hoisington for 49 years, coming from Galatia, she had worked for Fuller Brush in Great Bend, Homestead Villa in Hoisington as a nurse aide and was a homemaker and baby sitter. Mrs. Wagner was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church of Hoisington. Survivors include one son, Delbert Wagner of Hoisington; two daughters, Janice Delgado of Gardner and Judy Waldron of Riverside, Calif.; one sister, Christine Damilini of Wichita; and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Orville Hamilton, Sidney Hamilton, Hansel Hamilton, Leon Hamilton and R.C. Hamilton; and two sisters, Gladys Swartzlander and Elvira Silva. Prayer service will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Garry Dassow officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Hoisington Little League Baseball, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Sept. 2, 2003
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J. Paul Stonebraker 1912-2003

J. Paul Stonebraker, 91, of Great Bend, died Oct. 29 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born July 17, 1912, at Lincoln, the son of Otto I. and Agnes Driscoll Stonebraker. He married Patricia A. Miller Sept. 3, 1967, at Denver, Colo. A resident of Great Bend since 1975, coming from Wichita, he was a chef for the Petroleum Club, Five Oaks and Holiday Inn, all of Great Bend. Stonebraker was a member of First United Methodist Church of Great Bend, was former president of Swinging Stars Square Dance Club of Hoisington, past president and treasurer of State Square Dance Association, former secretary-treasurer of Denver Square Dance Council, Kansas Chef of the year in 1973 and elected to American Academy of Chefs. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, David John Miller of Omaha, Neb., Bernard Neil Miller of Boise, Idaho, and Randy Miller of the home; four daughters, Patricia Ann Wheeler of Albuquerque, N.M., Francene Joy Stonebraker-Greenburg of Highland Ranch, Colo., and Terri Susan Stonebraker of Aurora, Colo.; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Mel Stonebraker; and two sisters, Marie Peterson and Frances Schackleford. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery north of Great Bend. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today and from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer's Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 31, 2003

Connor Maxon Rexwinkle 2003-2003

Connor Maxon Rexwinkle, 2 days, died Oct. 29 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was born Oct. 27, 2003, at Great Bend, the son of Dustin W. and Alisha M. Rexwinkle. Survivors include his parents of the home; grandparents, Kent and Diane Rexwinkle of Great Bend, Steve and Rhonda Williams of Baileyville, and Robert and Grace Blehm of Russell; great-grandparents, Darrell and Colleen Rexwinkle of Great Bend, Lowell and Lois Sohm of Otis, Jim and Betty Hamm of Texas, and Maymee Blehm of Dorrance; and great-great-grandmother, Evelyn Winkler of Kansas City, Mo. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Great Bend Cemetery with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the Connor M. Rexwinkle Memorial Fund, in care of Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 31, 2003

John Leon Brown 1919-2003

LONG BEACH, Calif. — John Leon Brown, 84, died Oct. 15 at Long Beach. He was born Feb. 27, 1919, at Galatia. He was a 1937 graduate of Great Bend High School and attended Kansas State University. A resident of California since 1940, he was employed by Douglas Aircraft for 23 years, working in tooling, tool design and as a liaison engineer. Survivors include his wife of the home; four sons, Richard Brown, Randall Brown, Darrell Brown and Mark Brown; one brother, Douglas Brown of Leslie, Ark.; four sisters, Rachel Johnson of Upland, Calif., Lois Childers of Kingman, Ind., and Ulanda Pugh and Louise Gunn, both of Great Bend; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Memorial service was Oct. 18 at Parkcrest Christian Church in Long Beach. Luyben Family Dilday Mottell Mortuary of Long Beach was in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 31, 2003

Larry Gene Howser 1948-2003

HEWITT, Texas — Larry Gene Howser, 55, died Oct. 29 at his residence in Hewitt. He was born Aug. 19, 1948, in Holsington, the son of Floyd W. and Gertie G. Stidham Howser. He was a 1966 graduate of Hoisington High School. He married Sandy Jones Jan. 9, 1971, at Ness City. A resident of Hewitt for five years, coming from Great Bend, he worked in the signal department for Union Pacific Railroad for 37 years. "Larry was a very loving husband, father and grandpa. His grandkids were his pride and joy. He was also known for his sense of humor, making people laugh wherever he went. He will be missed dearly," Howser was a member of First Baptist Church of Hewitt and a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Troy G. Howser of Troy, Mich.; one daughter, Tonya Hopkins of Hewitt; two brothers, James F. Howser of Topeka and Roger L. Howser of Edmond, Okla.; two sisters, Judy Fields of Anthony and Tammy Howser of Topeka; three grandchildren, Lakyn, Lexey and Jacob; and his father- and mother-in-law, Moreland and Dorothy Jones of Ness City. He was preceded in death by one sister, Glenda Hensley. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with the Rev. Dr. Doyle Smith officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery, with military graveside rites by Fort Riley Honor Guard. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 31, 2003

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Julius J. Urban 1928-2003

HOISINGTON — Julius J. Urban, 75, died Oct. 27 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born Aug. 15, 1928, at Pfeifer, the son of Joseph A. and Sophie Michel Strecker. He married Lillian Karst Nov. 12, 1944. They divorced. He married Patricia Hayes Seifer Oct. 13, 1977. A lifetime resident of the Russell area, he was a partner in Midwest Well Service in Russell, worked for Okmar Oil Company of Wichita and was a contract pumper for Moran Oil Enterprises until his retirement in 1993. Strecker was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Russell. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Thomas Urban and Kevin Urban, both of Hoisington; two daughters, Karen Keil of Edmond, Okla., and Denise Schulte of Russell; one brother, Marvin Deines of Russell, and Rick Strecker of Hays; one sister, Donna Evans of Kimball, Neb.; two granddaughters; and 13 stepgrandchildren. He was preceded in death by an infant son, Gary Strecker; and one brother, Roy Strecker. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. today at Pohlman-Heise Memorial Chapel in Russell, with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Galatia. Memorial services will be held at 9 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Shannon Tiller Vogelezang officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Galatia. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to service time Thursday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or the church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 29, 2003

Chester L. Strecker 1922-2003

RUSSELL — Chester L. Strecker, 81, died Oct. 25 at Wheatland Nursing Center in Russell. He was born Sept. 11, 1922, in Russell County, the son of George and Sophie Michel Strecker. He married Marion Zorn May 31, 1955, at Odin. A resident of Newton, he was a retired maintenance supervisor for Newton Medical Center. Strecker was a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Alan Schroeder of Wichita, and Keith Schroeder and Loren Schroeder, both of Newton; two daughters, Donna Brenneman and Elaine Prouty, both of Newton; one brother, Galen Schroeder of Chandler, Ariz.; one sister, Arlen Bustamonte of Hilo, Hawaii; and eight grandchildren. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. today at the church with the Rev. John Hotze officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery in Hoisington. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to service time Thursday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Kansas Wildlife and Parks, in care of Petersen Funeral Home in Newton. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 28, 2003

Lawrence L. Deines 1915-2003

GALATIA — Lawrence L. Deines, 88, who died Oct. 28, was preceded in death by three brothers, Arthur Deines, Reuben Deines and Herman Deines; and one sister, Martha Deines. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 30, 2003

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Lawrence R. ‘Bud’ Schroeder 1931-2003

NEWTON — Lawrence R. ‘Bud’ Schroeder, 72, died Oct. 24 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus, of Wichita. He was born Feb. 11, 1931, at Canton, the son of Roland and Laura Finkle Schroeder. He married Marion Zorn May 31, 1955, at Odin. A resident of Newton, he was a retired maintenance supervisor for Newton Medical Center. Schroeder was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, all of Newton. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Alan Schroeder of Wichita, and Keith Schroeder and Loren Schroeder, both of Newton; two daughters, Donna Brenneman and Elaine Prouty, both of Newton; one brother, Galen Schroeder of Chandler, Ariz.; one sister, Arlen Bustamonte of Hilo, Hawaii; and eight grandchildren. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. today at the church with the Rev. John Hotze officiating. Burial will be at St. John’s Cemetery in Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to Kansas Wildlife and Parks, in care of Petersen Funeral Home in Newton. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 28, 2003

Helen Ethel Shoop 1918-2003

ST. JOHN — Helen Ethel Shoo. 85, died Oct. 25 at Leisure Homestead in Stafford. She was born Julv 6. 1918. at Sternal.
graduated from Kansas State University with a bachelor of science degree in home economics. She married Homer Albert Shoop May 26, 1940, at Sterling. He preceded her in death. A resident of St. John, she was a homemaker and a retired school teacher from the Towanda, Byers and Otis school systems. Mrs. Shoop was a member of Antrim United Methodist Church in rural St. John, United Methodist Women, Hesperian Club, Mothers Club, Antrim EHU and Chi Omega Sorority at KSU. Survivors include one son, Donald H. Shoop of Fargo, N.D.; three daughters, Jean Hixson of Seattle, Wash., and Rebecca Hunley of St. John; one brother, Leslie Heter of Andover; one sister, Millie Gard of Salina; 12 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Jack Heter, Thomas J. Heter and Waid Heter. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. today at the church with the Rev. Roberta A. Fall officiating. Burial will be at Rose Valley Cemetery in rural Stafford County. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 26, 2003

Elizabeth C. Lecture 1909-2003

Elizabeth C. Lecture, 94, of Great Bend, died Oct. 24 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation in Great Bend. She was born March 16, 1909, at Great Bend, the daughter of Ira H. and Nellie Gertrude DeLong Clark. She married Tom L. Lecture at Chicago, Ill. He died June 5, 1951. A resident of Great Bend since 1931, coming from Chicago, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Lecture was a member of First United Methodist Church, PEO and OES. Survivors include one son, Tom C. Lecture of Great Bend; one daughter, Linda Smith of Smyrna, Tenn.; and one grandson. She was preceded in death by one brother, Dwight Clark; and five sisters, Bess Clark, Hazel Healzer, Flora Jane Beasley, Louise Hedges and Ethel Wright. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. today at the church with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 26, 2003

Sylvia A. Folk 1912-2003

HOLYROOD — Sylvia A. Folk, 91, died Oct. 22 at her home in Holyrood. She was born July 12, 1912, at Holyrood, the daughter of Joseph and Mary Schultz Klema. She married Guy Folk Aug. 25, 1941, at Sharon Springs. He died Dec. 22, 1969. A lifetime resident of Holyrood, she was a homemaker and a nurses aide at Ellsworth Good Samaritan Retirement Village for 15 years. Survivors include one son, Ronald Folk of Holcomb; one daughter, Sharon Poor of Hutchinson; five grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Phyllis. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. today at St. Paul’s United Church of Christ, Holyrood, with the Rev. John G. Price officiating. Memorials are suggested to St. Paul’s United Church of Christ, in care of Parsons Funeral Home in Ellsworth. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 26, 2003

Florence Caroline Peterson Learned

ATWOOD — Florence Caroline Peterson Learned, 80, died Oct. 24 at Kearney, Neb. She was a resident of Atwood, coming from Zenith and Stafford. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. today at United Methodist Church at Atwood with the Rev. Terry McGuire officiating. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Stafford Cemetery in Stafford with the Rev. Gay Elliott officiating. Memorials are suggested to the church, Second Century Fund of Atwood or donor’s choice, in care of Williams Funeral Home in Atwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 26, 2003

Raymond Leslie Crist 1940-2003

MINNEAPOLIS — Raymond Leslie Crist, 63, died Oct. 27 at Salina Regional Health Center. He was born Oct. 12, 1940, in Florence, the son of Raymond M. and Virginia Young Crist. A resident of Minneapolis, he worked for Santa Fe Railroad in the track department. Crist was a member of Valley United Methodist Church of Marion, Minneapolis Noon Lions Club and Minneapolis City Council. Survivors include his wife, Leanna Crist; of the home; two daughters, Leslie Belvill of Minneapolis and Lisa Crist of Hoisington; his mother of McPherson; one brother, Larry M. Crist of Salem, Ill.; one sister, Sue Nichols of Big Pine, Wyo.; and three grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church of Minneapolis. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery in Minneapolis with military honors by Fort Riley. Friends may call from 1 to 8 tonight, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday, all at ShieldsFuneral Home in Minneapolis, and until service time Thursday at the church. Family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or Valley United Methodist Church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 26, 2003

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John G. Price 1912-2003

ROZEL — John G. Price, 91, died Oct. 23 at Larned Healthcare. He was born Oct. 20, 1912, at Rush County; the son of Frank and Effie Riggs Price. A lifetime Rozel resident, he was a retired farmer, a rancher and a horse trainer. He married Amanda I. Schenk, Nov. 14, 1934. She died April 1, 2003. Price was a member of Hope Lutheran Church in Rush Center, Rozel Lions Club and Larned Saddle Club. Survivors include one son, John G. Price Jr. and his wife Shirley of Rozel; one daughter, Donna Wells of Newton; one granddaughter, Sharon Price of Larned; two sisters, Ola Wolter and Opal Meier, both of LaCrosse; seven grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Larry Price; one son-in-law Glenn Wells; three sisters, Carrie Kitch, Blanche Appel and Eva O’Brien; and five brothers, Clarence Price, Charles Price, Harley Price, Clovis Price and Jack Price. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Maurice Schaus officiating. Burial will be at LaCrosse Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Family will receive friends from 2 to 6 p.m. today at the Price house in Rozel. Memorials are suggested to the church or Larned Healthcare, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 26, 2003 paid announcement
Harry W. Harms 1912-2003

LARNED — Harry W. Harms, 91, died Oct. 23 at Rice County Hospital in Lyons. He was born Feb. 17, 1912, at Timken, the son of John and Karolina Metta Dunekack Harms. He was a 1931 Great Bend High School graduate and the first National Merit Scholar from GBHS. He received a teaching certificate at Fort Hays State College. He married Anna A. Hagerman Sept. 12, 1948 at Great Bend. A lifetime resident of Rush and Pawnee counties, he taught for five years at District 13 and Timken, was a men’s clothing store salesman for Schnack Clothing Store and Jack Standish, and a carpenter for Kazmaier Construction. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, was a training sergeant for two years before going to France where he was wounded in January, 1945. He received the Purple Heart. He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, a trustee, taught a high school Bible school class for 20 years, was a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, all of Larned. Survivors include his wife, of the home; one son, Kenneth W. Harms of Shawnee; one daughter, Elaine A. Conness of WaKeeney; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Lester Harms; and three sisters, Alvena Petersen, Clara Harms and Alberta W. Folkerts. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Richard Boyer officiating. Friends may call from noon to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Cremation will take place after the funeral. Memorials may be sent to the church in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 26, 2003

Donna Joy Erway 1929-2003

LARNED — Donna Joy Erway, 74, died Oct. 23 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. She was born Sept. 19, 1929, at Larned, the daughter of Wayne A. and Clarice Maude Eggleston Howell. She married Harold E. Erway Oct. 2, 1948, at Larned. A lifetime Larned resident, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Erway was a member of Larned United Methodist Church. Survivors include two sons, Lyle Erway and Kale Erway, both of Larned; one daughter, Beth Zook of Larned; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Lionel Howell and Galen Howell. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Charles Grant officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Monday at Bethwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the Mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 26, 2003

Leila E. Schneider 1922-2003

Leila E. Schneider, 81, of Great Bend died Oct. 23 at Pompano Beach, Fla. She was born Feb. 10, 1922 at Bison, the daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth Wilhelm Litzenberger. She married Leonard W. Schneider June 30, 1947 at Larned. He died July 11, 1999. She was a lifelong resident of Barton, Rush and Pawnee counties, living in Albert for 53 years after moving there from Rozel. She was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, St. Rose Altar Society and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. Survivors include two sons, Thomas L. Schneider of Oakland Park, Fla., and Timothy M. Schneider, Santa Monica, Calif.; four daughters, Gloria Holstrom of Blue Springs, Mo., Connie Brady, of Albert, Marta Napolitano, of Great Bend, and Geralyn “Geri” Schneider of Pompano Beach, Fla.; one sister, Lois Stull, of Hutchinson; and seven grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Terry Schneider; two brothers, Leland Litzenberger and Lavern Litzenberger; and one sister, Lola Litzenberger. Altar Society Rosary will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Bryant Funeral Home. Vigil Service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the church with the Revs. Ultan Murphy and Reginald Urban officiating. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery in Timken. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Holy Family School Endowment Fund in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 26, 2003

Helen Ethel Shoop


Elizabeth C. Lecture

Elizabeth C. Lecture, 94, of Great Bend, died Oct. 24 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation in Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at First United Methodist Church in Great Bend. Survivors will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 26, 2003

October 24, 2003

Cleta Crawford Hendricks 1935-2003

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., — Cleta Crawford Hendricks, 68, died Oct. 21 at Deaconess Select Specialty Hospital in Oklahoma City. She was born Aug. 15, 1935, at Clay Center, the daughter of Otis and Emma Cowing Mendenhall. She was a 1953 graduate of Clay Center Community High School. She married Clarence Crawford in 1953 at Clay Center. She later married Al Hendricks in 1987. He died in 2001. A resident of Oklahoma City, formerly of Clay Center and Lyons, she was a former employee of Lyons State Bank and Oklahoma City Zoo. Mrs. Hendricks was a member of First Baptist Church in Lyons. Survivors include three sons, Greg Crawford of McPherson, Ross White of Dallas, Texas, and Derick White of Columbus, Ohio; two daughters, Penny Bosack and Stacev Bosack. both of Great Bend: one stepson, David Hendricks of Edmond. Okla.; one stepdaughter, Julie Rael of
Elynor M. Werhahn 1922-2003

Elynor M. Werhahn, 81, of Great Bend, died Oct. 23 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born May 4, 1922, in Kansas City, Mo., the daughter of Victor P. and Nina M. Skinner Brancato. She married A.W. “Gus” Werhahn June 19, 1943, at Great Lakes, Ill. A resident of Great Bend since 1945, coming from Kansas City, Mo., she was a desk clerk manager for Holiday Inn. Mrs. Werhahn was a member of First Presbyterian Church, where she was an elder and deacon, member of Prebyterian’s Women Association of the Rebekah Circle, American Legion Auxiliary and 50-plus years member of Eastern Star, all of Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; one daughter, Judy Boyle of Olathe; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday and from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday, all at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Habitat for Humanity, in care of the funeral home.

Dean R. Buehler 1917-2003

WILSON — Dean R. Buehler, 86, died Oct. 22 at Wilson Nursing Home. He was born July 6, 1917, at Wilson, the son of Theodore and Frances Tobin Buehler. He married Christine Kneale in 1939. She preceded him in death. He married Elizabeth A. Benker in 1966. She preceded him in death. A resident of McPherson most of his life, he was a maintenance worker for Certainteed of McPherson. Buehler was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in McPherson. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include one son, Lynn Buehler of Plant City, Fla.; two daughters, Nancy Peirano of Garden City and Deanna Baugh of Bennington; four brothers, Dale Buehler of Wilson, Orval Buehler of Mullinville, Glen Buehler of California and Theodore Buehler Jr. of Russell; three sisters, Veta Pepitone of Louisiana, Joyce Podlena of Wilson and Ullalla Drake of Missouri; 17 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and many great-great-grandchildren. Memorial honors. Friends may call from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Morrison House or Wilson Nursing Center, both in care of the funeral home.

Leila E. Schneider 1928-2003

Leila E. Schneider, 81, of Great Bend, died Oct. 23 at Pompano Beach, Fla. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend.

Albertena 'Tena' W. Folkerts 1908-2003

TIMKEN — Albertena "Tena" W. Folkerts, 95, died Oct. 23 at Cherry Village in Great Bend. She was born Jan. 27, 1908, at Timken, the daughter of John and Karoline Dunekack Harms. She married August "Gus" John Folkerts June 6, 1934, at Albert. He died Oct. 20, 1998. A lifetime resident of Rush County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Folkerts was a member of Peace Lutheran Church, Peace Lutheran Women, both of Albert, and Garfield Merry Matrons of Rush County. Survivors include three sons, Leon Folkerts and Glenn Folkerts, both of Timken, and James Folkerts of Dallas, Texas; one brother, Harry Harms of Larned; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Lester Harms; two sisters, Alvina Petersen and Clara Harms; and one grandchild, Victoria. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Jack D. Russell officiating. Burial will be at Peace Lutheran Church Cemetery in Albert. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the mortuary.

Theresa Marie Lewis 1928-2003

Theresa Marie Lewis, 75, of Great Bend, died Oct. 22 at Pratt Regional Living Center in Pratt. She was born Feb. 4, 1928, in Liebenthal, the daughter of Andrew and Josephine Depperschmidt Herman. She married W.E. "Dub" Lewis Jr. June 27, 1947, at Great Bend. He died Jan. 17, 1979. A resident of Pratt since January 2003, coming from Great Bend and La Crosse, she was a housewife. Mrs. Lewis was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church of Great Bend. Survivors include two sons, Leon E. Lewis and Ronnie R. Lewis, both of Wichita; two daughters, Betty Baird of Pratt and Dorothy Niedens of Hoisington; two brothers, Gilbert Herman and Elmer Herman, both of Liebenthal; four sisters, Cleophia Leiker and Virginia Andrasek, both of Great Bend, Mary Leiker of Munjor and Dorothy Davenport of La Crosse; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Rex "Buddy" Lewis; one sister, Irene Schmidt; and two great-grandchildren. Rosary will be at 10:45 a.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home, with the Rev. Ted Stoecklein officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 9 tonight and from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to South Wind Hospice in Pratt or American Diabetes Association, both in care of the funeral home.

Lawrence Caspers 1913-2003

SMITH CENTER — Lawrence Caspers, 89, died Oct. 22 at Smith Center. He was born Nov. 16, 1913, at Athol. A resident of Smith Center, he was a farmer. Survivors include his wife, Laura Caspers, of the home; two sons, Gerald Caspers of Gaylord and Robert Caspers of Smith Center; two daughters, Phyllis Pierce and Karen Cook, both of Ellsworth; one brother, Alvin Caspers of Smith Center; two sisters, Ellen Rust and Laura Holthus, both of Smith Center; 11 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; seven step grandchildren; 30 step great-grandchildren; and two step great-great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church in Athol. Burial will be at Myer-Pleasant View in Athol. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Simmons Mortuary in Smith Center and from noon to service time Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or church ladies group, both in care of Simmons Mortuary of Smith Center. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 24, 2003

October 23, 2003

Ruth Fox 1924-2003

STAFFORD — Ruth Fox, 79, died Oct. 22 at Stafford District Hospital in Stafford. She was born Oct. 15, 1924, at Larned, the daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Crist Zook. She married Max Fox Jan. 11, 1948, at Larned. A Stafford resident for 47 years, she was a retired co-owner of Stafford Locker Plant. Mrs. Fox was a member of Stafford United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women and was a Pink Lady volunteer at Stafford District Hospital. Survivors include her husband, of the home; four daughters, Barbara Birney of Garfield, Norma Ahbers of Glen Elder, Donna Heitmann of Holton and Arlene Lickiss of Stafford; one brother, John Zook of Wichita; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one brother, Paul Zook; and one sister, Helen Norton. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford with the Rev. Kasey Crosby officiating. Burial will be at Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to United Methodist Women or Stafford District Hospital, both in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 23, 2003

Matt P. Polzin 1912-2003

HOISINGTON — Matt P. Polzin, 91, died Oct. 20 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born May 17, 1912, at Dubuque, the son of William E. and Katie Weber Polzin. He married Irene Ann Reif Nov. 16, 1937, at Odin. She died Jan. 4, 1992. A lifetime resident of Dubuque and Hoisington, he was retired from the public works department in Hoisington. Polzin was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, both of Hoisington. Survivors include two sons, Ron Polzin and Bill Polzin, both of Hoisington; one daughter, Maxine Olivier of Danville; one brother, Joe Polzin of Hoisington; two sisters, Marge Haberman of Great Bend and Lucille Weber of Wilson; 14 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by one son, Eldon Polzin; one daughter, Janet Bieberle; four brothers; and three sisters. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. today followed by Knights of Columbus Rosary, both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. John Church Cemetery in Hoisington. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Cheyenne Meadows Living Center, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 23, 2003 paid announcement

October 22, 2003

Richard S. "Dick' Boys 1916-2003

RUSSELL — Richard S. "Dick" Boys, 87, died Oct. 21 at Russell Regional Hospital. He was born May 26, 1916, at Shelbyville, Ill., the son of Homer M. and Lucille Smith Boys. He received a business degree from Blackburn College in Carbondale, Ill. He married Nixie Caroline Smith May 18, 1941, at Seminole, Okla. She died April 22, 1996. A resident of Russell, coming from Hoisington, Collinsville, Ill., and Coffeyville, he was formerly with Emerson Electric and Globe Aircraft Company in Ft. Worth, Texas, Cassidy Commission Company of East St. Louis, Mo., Continental Can Company of Coffeyville and Garvey Drilling of Great Bend. Boys was a member of Church of Christ of Russell and a former lay minister of Church of Christ in Hoisington. He was a member of Russell Rotary Club, serving as secretary. Survivors include one son, H. Mike Boys of Great Bend; two daughters, Sandra Daugherty of Russell and Terry C. Perry of Benton; one sister, Evelyn Wilson of Seminole, Fla.; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Pohlman-Heise Memorial Chapel in Russell with Richard Forbes officiating. Burial will be at Russell City Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Mainstreet Manor of Russell, The Maude Carpenter's Children's Home or Russell Church of Christ, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 22, 2003

Mary McKinney 1909-2003

Mary McKinney, 93, of Great Bend, died Oct. 20 at her home. She was born Oct. 31, 1909, in Heizer, the daughter of Albert and Mary Rodenburg Burgtorf. She married Ralph McKinney May 24, 1941, in Garden City. He died July 9, 1999. A lifetime resident of Barton County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. McKinney was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ, church women's groups and was a former Sunday school teacher, all of Great Bend. She was a member of G.A.R., Bissell Point Extension Homemakers Unit, Sunflower Social Club, all of Great Bend, and a former Heizer Livewires 4-H Club leader. Survivors include one son, Frank A. McKinney of Great Bend; three daughters, Elizabeth A. Liljegren of Lindsborg, Helen M. Wrightsman of Westwood and Margaret L. Moore of Beloit; three step grandchildren; and six step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Bethel Burgtorf; and two sisters, Flossie Kaeselle and Olive McKinney. There will be a private family graveside
service at Great Bend Cemetery, with the Rev. Diana Coberly officiating. Friends may call from noon to 9 tonight at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, Barton County Historical Society or Kansas 4-H Foundation, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 22, 2003

Esther T. Rein 1920-2003

RUSSELL — Esther T. Rein, 82, died Oct. 20 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. She was born Dec. 24, 1920, on a farm family in Russell County, the daughter of George A. and Elizabeth Booxberger Dumler. She was a 1938 graduate of Russell High School and received a bachelor of science degree in home economics and dietetics from Kansas State University in 1943. She married Carl Rein June 6, 1948, in Russell. A lifetime resident of the Russell area, she was head dietitian at Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Corporation in Kansas City during World War II and a homemaker. Mrs. Rein was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Russell, a former Sunday school teacher, a member of Lutheran Christian Women, Altar Guild, a former member of evangelism committee and was a Jayhawk 4-H Club leader. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Roy Rein of Russell; and three granddaughters. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Raymond Dumler and Elroy Dumler; and one sister, Lillian O’Hara. Funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Henry J. Hartman officiating. Burial will be at St. John Lutheran Cemetery in Russell. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today and from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, all at Pohlman-Heise Mortuary in Russell. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 22, 2003

Matt P. Polzin 1912-2003

HOISINGTON — Matt P. Polzin, 91, died Oct. 20 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born May 17, 1912, at Dubuque, the son of William E. and Katie Weber Polzin. He married Irene Ann Reif Nov. 16, 1937, at Odin. She died Jan. 4, 1992. A lifetime resident of Dubuque and Hoisington, he was retired from the public works department in Hoisington. Polzin was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, both of Hoisington. Survivors include two sons, Ron Polzin and Bill Polzin, both of Hoisington; one daughter, Maxine Olivier of Danville; two sisters, Marge Haberman of Great Bend and Lucille Weber of Wilson; 14 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by one son, Eldon Polzin; one daughter, Janet Bieberle; four brothers; and three sisters. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. Thursday followed by Knights of Columbus Rosary, both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. John Church Cemetery in Hoisington. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Cheyenne Meadows Living Center, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 22, 2003

Gertrude Anna Bednasek 1910-2003

ELLSWORTH — Gertrude Anna Bednasek, 93, died Oct. 20 at Brandon Woods Retirement Community of Lawrence. She was born Jan. 3, 1910, in Ellsworth County, the daughter of Ferdinand and Pauline Burmeister Schmoekel. She married James Bednasek April 29, 1945, at Ellsworth. He died Sept. 15, 2002. A longtime resident of Ellsworth, recently moving to Lawrence, she was a homemaker, practical and private-duty nurse. Mrs. Bednasek was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and Lutheran Women’s Missionary League, both of Ellsworth. Survivors include one daughter, Judith Ann Juneau of Lawrence; and one granddaughter. She was preceded in death by one son, Larry Dean Bednasek. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church. Burial will be at Ellsworth Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 tonight at Parsons Funeral Home of Ellsworth and from 9 a.m. to service time Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 22, 2003

Anna Elizabeth Bartonek 1912-2003

WICHITA — Anna Elizabeth Bartonek, 90, died Oct. 17 at Catholic Care Home in Wichita. She was born Dec. 20, 1912, in Barton County, the daughter of Tom and Annie Hester. She married Francis J. Bartonek May 17, 1937, at Wichita. He died Feb. 3, 1987. A resident of Wichita since 1937, coming from Galatia, she was a sales clerk at a local retail shoe store in Wichita. Mrs. Bartonek was a member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Altar Society and Daughters of Isabella, all of Wichita. Survivors include several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Ray Hester, George Hester, Ed Hester and Pete Hester; and one granddaughter. She was preceded in death by one son, Larry Dean Bednasek. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church. Burial will be at Ellsworth Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 tonight at Parsons Funeral Home of Ellsworth and from 9 a.m. to service time Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 22, 2003

Jerome Jacobs 1914-2003

Jerome Jacobs, 89, of Great Bend, died Oct. 19 at College Hill Health and Rehabilitation Center in Wichita. He was born Jan. 23, 1914, in Rush County, the son of Albert and Katherine Meder Jacobs. A resident of Great Bend since 1950, coming from Rush County, he had been a cable tool hand in the oil field. Jacobs was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111 and American Legion Post 180, both of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served during World War II. Survivors include one brother, Bill Jacobs of Pfeifer; and one sister, Rose Bahr of Great Bend. He was preceded in death by one brother, Clement Jacobs; five sisters, Mary Haberman, Dorothy Dreiling, Pauline Breit, Frances Jacobs and Alice Jacobs. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Reginald A. Urban officiating. Burial will be at Pleasantdale Cemetery in Galatia with military honors presented by Fort Riley Honor Guard. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 o.m. Thursday at
the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Great Bend Humane Society, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 22, 2003

Dick L. Atteberry 1949-2003

Dick L. Atteberry, 54, of Great Bend, who died at his residence Oct. 18, has a surviving sister, Dorothy Garvey of San Francisco, Calif. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 22, 2003

October 21, 2003

Dick L. Atteberry 1949-2003

Dick L. Atteberry, 54, of Great Bend, died at his residence Oct. 18. He was born May 19, 1949, at Alva, the son of Murel W. and Virginia Rose Pullium Atteberry. He married Ronda S. Bryant May 5, 2000, at First Bible Baptist Church of Great Bend. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he was a welder. Atteberry was a member of First Bible Baptist Church of Great Bend and longtime member of International Machinist and Aerospace Workers Local 1989. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Travis Atteberry of the home; one stepson, Robert Dunaway of Tucson, Ariz.; one daughter, Heather Atteberry of Great Bend; two stepdaughters, Ashley Bryant of the home and April Hopkins of Great Bend; one brother, Don Atteberry of Larned; two sisters, Dorothy Garvey of San Diego, Calif., and Sharon Wilson of Guymon, Okla.; and two stepgrandchildren, Aleigh Dunaway and Erica Dunaway, both of Tucson. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Richard Atteberry; one sister, Vicky Patrick; and his grandparents, Libby and Louie Applegate and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pullium. Memorial graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Great Bend Cemetery, with the Rev. Bob Morris officiating. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Community Education Foundation, in care of Charter Funerals, 2115 Washington, Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 21, 2003 paid announcement

Earl Wesley Crouse 1918-2003

JETMORE — Earl Wesley Crouse, 85, died Oct. 19 at Hodgeman County Long Term Care Center in Jetmore. He was born Jan. 28, 1918, at Kinsley, the son of Claude and Lena Lovette Crouse. He married Grace Julia Springer Feb. 4, 1939, at Ness City. She died March 7, 1974. A longtime resident of the Jetmore area, he was a farmer and a rancher. Crouse was a member of United Methodist Church. Survivors include one son, Ron Crouse of Montrose, Colo.; one daughter, Marilyn Beltz of Jetmore; four sisters, Beulda Miner of Wichita, Lois Bellele and Joleen Ostereich, both of Sun City, and Letha Schauvelige of Harper; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Leland Crouse; and one sister, Mary Lou Helton. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the church in Jetmore with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorials to Jetmore Library, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 21, 2003

Raymond L. Stacey 1935-2003

LARNED — Raymond L. Stacey, 67, died Oct. 18 at Hospice House of Hutchinson. He was born Oct. 31, 1935, at Jennings, the son of Lowell A. and Mary E. Parsons Stacey. He graduated from Fort Hays State University with a bachelors and masters degree. He married Joan “Jo” Mages Feb. 11, 1961, at Spearville. She died Oct. 8, 1999. A resident of Larned since 1973, coming from Garfield, he was a longtime resident of the Jetmore area, he was a farmer and a rancher. Crouse was a member of United Methodist Church. Survivors include one son, Ron Crouse of Montrose, Colo.; one daughter, Marilyn Beltz of Jetmore; four sisters, Beulda Miner of Wichita, Lois Bellele and Joleen Ostereich, both of Sun City, and Letha Schauvelige of Harper; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Leland Crouse; and one sister, Mary Lou Helton. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the church in Jetmore with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorials to Jetmore Library, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 21, 2003

Anna Elizabeth Bartonek 1912-2003

WICHITA — Anna Elizabeth Bartonek, 90, died Oct. 17 at Catholic Care Home in Wichita. She was born Dec. 20, 1912, in Barton County, the daughter of Tom and Annie Hester. She married Francis J. Bartonek May 17, 1937, at Wichita. He died Feb. 3, 1987. A resident of Wichita since 1937, coming from Galatia, she was a sales clerk at a local retail shoe store in Wichita. Mrs. Bartonek was a member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Altar Society and Daughters of Isabella, all of Wichita. Survivors include several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Ray Hester, George Hester, Ed Hester and Pete Hester; and two sisters, Augusta Wheeler and Minnie Monroe. Vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorial 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. to 5 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Sacred Heart School, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 21, 2003
Louden ‘Junior’ Gatton 1920-2003

BUNKER HILL — Louden “Junior” Gatton, 83, died Oct. 19 at Wilson Nursing Home. He was born Aug. 22, 1920, at Gravette, Ark., the son of Louden Deison and Jennie Fuller Gatton. He attended rural school near Ellinwood. He married Zella Mae Parker May 23, 1947, at Stafford. She died Feb. 21, 1980. A resident of Bunker Hill since 1947, he was a farmer and a stockman. Gatton was a member of St. John Lutheran Church of Russell, a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6240 of Russell, Bunker Hill Lions Club and a member of Centerview Schoolboard and Center Township Board. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in Germany during World War II with the 95th Infantry Division, receiving the Purple Heart. Survivors include two sons, Steven Gatton of Longview, Texas, and Lee Gatton of Overland Park; one daughter, Lila Mae Abercrombie of Wilson; special friend Betty Ehrlich of Russell; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Lawrence D. Walker Jr.; five brothers, Harlow Walker, Howard Walker, Walter Walker, Floyd Walker and Bandel of Wamego; one sister, Nyla Zerbe of Wamego; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church in Russell, with the Rev. Henry J. Hartman officiating. Burial with full military honors will be at Cross Plains Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at Pohlman-Heise Mortuary in Russell. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Cross Plains Cemetery Fund or VFW Post 6240, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 21, 2003

Lola J. Craghead 1939-2003

JETMORE — Lola J. Craghead, 64, died Oct. 19 at Hodgeman County Health Center in Jetmore. She was born Jan. 30, 1939, at Alma, the daughter of Frank H. and Leona C. Wille Bandel. She married Darrell Craghead May 17, 1958, at Alma. A longtime resident of Jetmore, she was a licensed insurance agent for Kansas Farm Bureau at Jetmore. Mrs. Craghead was a member of United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Friendly Homemaker Unit and card club, taught Sunday school, was a youth leader, sang in the church choir and was a 4-H leader, all of Jetmore. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Dewayne Craghead and Kent Craghead, both of Jetmore, and Galen Craghead of Alma; her mother; one brother, Lawrence Bandel of Wamego; one sister, Nyla Zerbe of Wamego; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Wednesday, both at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or Hospice of the Plains, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 21, 2003

Lawrence D. Walker 1919-2003

Lawrence D. Walker, 83, of Great Bend, died Oct. 18 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Dec. 29, 1919, in Argonia, the son of Frank and Gertrude Chatfield Walker. He married Edith Roberts July 27, 1940, at Anthony. A resident of Great Bend since 1958, he was a heavy equipment operator for Dubois and Stone Sand Company and later for Westhoff Inc. Walker was a member of Eastside Baptist Church, Silver and Gold Club and April International Side Band Club. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Carol Dreiling of Wichita; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Lawrence D. Walker Jr.; five brothers, Harlow Walker, Howard Walker, Walter Walker, Floyd Walker and Gilbert Walker; and three sisters, Esther, Hazel and Gladys. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. today at Great Bend Cemetery with Mike Prescott officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 21, 2003

Mary Heuck 1915-2003

ELLINWOOD — Mary Heuck, 88, died Oct. 17 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. She was born July 31, 1915, at Fulton County, Ind., the daughter of Alonzo and Sallie Calvin Troutman. A lifetime Ellinwood resident, she was a homemaker. She was of the Protestant faith. Survivors include one son, Fred Heuck of Ellinwood; and two daughters, Ann Carol Heuck of North Little Rock, Ark., and Catherine Sally Heuck of Jacksonville, Ark.; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Private family services are planned at a later date. Memorials are suggested to First Southern Baptist Building Fund in Larned, in care of Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 21, 2003

October 19, 2003

Ruth Marie Gillespie 1921-2003

ST. JOHN — Ruth Marie Gillespie, 82, died Oct. 18 at her home in St. John. She was born June 8, 1921, at Oswego, the daughter of Dale and Maggie Mae Richardson. A homemaker, she married O. Dayle Gillespie July 6, 1942, at Fairfield, Calif. She was a resident of St. John since 1959, coming from Oswego. Mrs. Gillespie was a member of First United Methodist Church, UMW and a Cub Scout Leader, all in St. John. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Dayle Gillespie Jr. and Lawrence E. Gillespie, both of St. John; a brother, Dannie Richardson, Oswego; two sisters, Velma Hollon of Oswego and Lucille Domeny of Mounds; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Roberta Fall officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at Minnie Chapel in St. John. Memorials are suggested to the Methodist Church Building Fund, Shepherd Center or South Wind Hospice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 19, 2003

Carol A. Brown 1933-2003

LINDA HENRY — Carol A. Brown, 70, died Oct. 19 at Great Bend Regional Hospital. She was born June 18, 1933, at Garden City, the daughter of Fred and Viola Linder. A resident of Great Bend since 1958, he was a heavy equipment operator for Dubois and Stone Sand Company and later for Westhoff Inc. Walker was a member of Eastside Baptist Church, Silver and Gold Club and April International Side Band Club. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Fred Heuck of Ellinwood; and two daughters, Ann Carol Heuck of North Little Rock, Ark., and Catherine Sally Heuck of Jacksonville, Ark.; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Private family services are planned at a later date. Memorials are suggested to First Southern Baptist Building Fund in Larned, in care of Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 21, 2003

LINDA HENRY — Carol A. Brown, 70, died Oct. 19 at Great Bend Regional Hospital. She was born June 18, 1933, at Garden City, the daughter of Fred and Viola Linder. A resident of Great Bend since 1958, he was a heavy equipment operator for Dubois and Stone Sand Company and later for Westhoff Inc. Walker was a member of Eastside Baptist Church, Silver and Gold Club and April International Side Band Club. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Fred Heuck of Ellinwood; and two daughters, Ann Carol Heuck of North Little Rock, Ark., and Catherine Sally Heuck of Jacksonville, Ark.; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Private family services are planned at a later date. Memorials are suggested to First Southern Baptist Building Fund in Larned, in care of Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 21, 2003

October 19, 2003

Ruth Marie Gillespie 1921-2003

ST. JOHN — Ruth Marie Gillespie, 82, died Oct. 18 at her home in St. John. She was born June 8, 1921, at Oswego, the daughter of Dale and Maggie Mae Richardson. A homemaker, she married O. Dayle Gillespie July 6, 1942, at Fairfield, Calif. She was a resident of St. John since 1959, coming from Oswego. Mrs. Gillespie was a member of First United Methodist Church, UMW and a Cub Scout Leader, all in St. John. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Dayle Gillespie Jr. and Lawrence E. Gillespie, both of St. John; a brother, Dannie Richardson, Oswego; two sisters, Velma Hollon of Oswego and Lucille Domeny of Mounds; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Roberta Fall officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at Minnie Chapel in St. John. Memorials are suggested to the Methodist Church Building Fund, Shepherd Center or South Wind Hospice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 19, 2003

Carol A. Brown 1933-2003
Carol A. Brown was born in College Springs, Iowa, Jan. 22, 1933. She passed away in Great Bend, Kan., Oct. 17, 2003. She was preceded in death by her parents, George William McCullough and Lela Leone Hensleigh-McCullough. Carol attended Amity High School in College Springs, Iowa. She graduated from Sterling College in 1955 with a bachelor of science degree, majoring in home economics. She received her master's degree from Kansas State University in 1978. Carol married Charles T. Brown Jr. in 1955. They have four daughters, Beverly Brown, of Prairie Village; Barbara Frank, Grass Valley, Calif.; Cheryl Gage, Redondo Beach, Calif.; and Charlene Lee, Manhattan Beach, Calif. Both Carol and Charlie were teachers. Carol taught home economics in Great Bend at Harrison Junior High (formerly Harrison Middle School) for 32 years. She was an enthusiastic sponsor of FHA for many years. Carol was selected to “Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers” in 1994. Carol was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Great Bend. She was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Great Bend. She was a member of the Martha Circle and was a former Youth Group sponsor. Carol was a lifetime member of the National Education Association, a member of Kansas Retired Teachers Association and the Barton County Association of Retired School Personnel, and an active member of the Great Bend Garden Club, the American Home Economics Association and LTL. Carol will be missed for her ready laughter, love of family, active faith, her caring spirit, her patience, her beautiful smile and her beautiful singing voice. Carol was a loving grandmother to 12 grandchildren, Hank, Hayley, Jenny and Jim Dykes; Samantha, Robbie and Tommy Frank, Charlie and Andy Gage, and Morgan, Jimmy and Ricky Lee. Her many hobbies included music, Bible study, genealogy, gardening, crafts, sewing and playing games. She is survived by her loving husband of 47 years, Charlie Brown; their four daughters; their 12 grandchildren; four sisters, Evelyn Gregory, of Mountain Grove, Mo., Juanita Farrer of West Middletown, Pa., Kathleen Rasmussen of Kansas City, Mo., and Joann Pfenniger of Springfield, Mo. She will also be missed by her many wonderful friends and relatives, and her cat, Katrina. We give thanks for the gift of Carol’s life among us. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at First Presbyterian Church, Great Bend, with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. A private family burial will take place. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please give memorial gifts to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and the First Presbyterian Church of Great Bend. Bryant Funeral Home, 1425 Patton Road, Great Bend, KS 67530, is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 19, 2003

Anna Bartonek 1912 - 2003

Anna Bartonek, 90, died Oct. 17 at Catholic Care Center in Wichita. Funeral arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 19, 2003

Mary Heuck

Mary Heuck, 88, died Oct. 17 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. Funeral arrangements are pending with Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 19, 2003

Dick L. Atteberry

Dick L. Atteberry, 54, died Oct. 18 at his residence in Great Bend. Funeral arrangements are pending with Charter Funerals, Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 19, 2003

James F. Ludes 1922-2003

SALINA — A graveside service is planned for James F. Ludes, who died Oct. 7 at his Great Bend residence at age 81. The service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Salina. Memorials are suggested to the Barton County Relay for Life for cancer prevention in care of Ryan Mortuary in Salina. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 19, 2003

October 17, 2003

Wilma June Georg 1920-2003

RUSH CENTER — Wilma June Georg, 83, died Oct. 15 at Good Samaritan Center of Hays. She was born Feb. 21, 1920, at Nekoma, the daughter of Charles B. and Elva Bowman Forbes. She was a 1937 graduate of La Crosse High School. She married Raymond P. Georg June 27, 1943, at Wichita. A lifelong resident of Rush County, she was a longtime bookkeeper for Rush County Sale Barn of La Crosse and a former employee of Nekoma State Bank. Mrs. Georg was a member of First Lutheran Church and Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, both of La Crosse, a Rush County 4-H leader for more than 20 years, a member of Rush County Farm Bureau and a women's chairperson for Rush County Farm Bureau Board. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Ken Paul Georg of Sabetha and Jay Glenn Georg of Rush Center; one daughter, Latha Jean Schlup of Newton; one brother, Glenn O. Forbes of Redlands, Calif.; one sister, Annabelle Dworak of Longmont, Col.; and five grandchildren. Funeral will be at 3:30 p.m. today at the church, with the Rev. Maurice Schaus officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 3:15 p.m. today at the church. Memorials are suggested to Rush County 4-H Endowment Fund or the church, both in care of Janousek Funeral Home of La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 17, 2003

Beatrice B. Schmidt 1917-2003
HOISINGTON — Beatrice B. Schmidt, 86, died Oct. 16 at Glen Valley Care Center and Rehabilitation Center in Glenwood Springs, Colo. She was born July 30, 1917, in Lane County, the daughter of John and Katherine Wagner Wagner. She graduated from Dighton High School. She married Herbert I. Schmidt July 25, 1937, at Bison. He died April 19, 1998. A resident of Hoisington for 50 years, coming from Eagle, Colo., and Glenwood Springs, she was a homemaker and nurse’s aide at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Mrs. Schmidt was a member of Seventh Day Adventist Church of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Gerald A. Schmidt of Eagle; one daughter, RoJean Tulk of New Gloucester, Maine; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, John Wagner and Edward Wagner; and two sisters, Amelia Heinricht and Sadie Walraven. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with the Rev. Jan Folliett officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 7 to 9 tonight at the funeral home. The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Wheatland Nursing Center of Russell, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Oct. 17, 2003

James L. Reddig 1919-2003

RUSSELL — James L. Reddig, 83, died Oct. 16 at Wheatland Nursing Center in Russell. He was born Dec. 6, 1919, at Russell, the son of Tracy Daniel and Melinda Brokaw Reddig. He married Alvetia Fern Phillips July 12, 1940, in WaKeene. She died Dec. 11, 1999. A resident of Russell, coming from Great Bend, he managed oil production for Morgenstern Oil Operation in Russell for many years and continued his career in the oil business until his retirement in 2000. Reddig was a charter member of Gorham Community Church in Gorham. Survivors include one son, Roger L. Reddig of Russell; one brother, Glenn Reddig of Salina; two sisters, Maude Jeffries of Salina and Dorothy Buller of Wichita; five grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by five children, James Richard Reddig and two sets of infant twins; three brothers, Tracy Reddig, Raymond Reddig and John Reddig; three sisters, Margaret Kuntzsch, Mary Call and Doris Jean Klessner; and one grandson, Todd Reddig. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Puhlman-Heise Mortuary in Russell, with the Rev. Carl Ellis officiating. Burial will be at Russell City Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at Owen Incarnation Catholic Church and Louisville Kennel Club. Survivors include two sons, Robert Akers and Greg Akers; one daughter, Ellen Perry; two brothers, Duane Stedman and Lee Stedman; and three grandchildren. Funeral will be at noon Saturday at Owen Funeral Home of Louisville. Private burial will be at Zachary Taylor National Cemetery. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tuesday at Puhlman-Heise Mortuary. Memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Tom Robson officiating. A private family burial will be at a later date at Stafford Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Lois Haspels Memorial Fund to be used for mission work, in care of Minnis Chapel of Stafford. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Oct. 16, 2003

Virginia E. Akers

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Virginia E. Akers, 78, died Oct. 16 at Lincoln Hills Nursing Home in New Albany, Ind. She married George Edward Ad Hazel Kerr Beatty. He preceded her in death. She was a resident of Louisville, coming from Great Bend. Mrs. Akers was a member of Incarnation Catholic Church and Louisville Kennel Club. Survivors include two sons, Robert Akers and Greg Akers; one daughter, Ellen Perry; two brothers, Duane Stedman and Lee Stedman; and three grandchildren. Funeral will be at noon Saturday at Owen Funeral Home of Louisville. Private burial will be at Zachary Taylor National Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. and from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tuesday at Puhlman-Heise Mortuary. Memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Tom Robson officiating. A private family burial will be at a later date at Stafford Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Lois Haspels Memorial Fund to be used for mission work, in care of Minnis Chapel of Stafford. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Oct. 16, 2003

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Lois Jean Haspels 1921-2003

LYONS — Lois Jean Haspels, 82, died Oct. 14 at Stafford. She was born March 6, 1921, at New Galilee, Penn., the daughter of Edward ad Hazel Kerr Beatty. She was a graduate of Sterling College with a bachelor of arts degree. She married Charles Marion Haspels June 20, 1942, at New Galilee. He died in 1969. A longtime Lyons resident, coming from New Galilee, she was an English teacher in Pennsylvania, Africa and Kansas, and a missionary to Ethiopia from 1946-1969, and a social worker in Rice, Labette and McPherson counties, assisting with adoptions. Mrs. Haspels was a deacon and elder of First Presbyterian Church in Lyons, a member of Kansas Retired Teachers Organization, a volunteer for Adult Literacy in Rice and Reno counties, a volunteer for Rice County Hospice and a recipient of the 2001 Woman of the Year award by Makane Yesus Church in Ethiopia for her contribution for raising the status of women in Ethiopia. Survivors include two sons, Charles Edwin Haspels of Cortez, Colo., and John Mark Haspels of Ethiopia; one daughter, Marian Jeanie Johnson of Stafford; one brother, Wilbur Beatty of Darlington, Penn.; one sister, Ida Marsoff of Enon Valley, Penn.; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Mate Beatty; and one sister, Edna Beatty. Memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Tom Robson officiating. A private family burial will be at a later date at Stafford Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Lois Haspels Memorial Fund to be used for mission work, in care of Minnis Chapel of Stafford. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Oct. 16, 2003

Ernest F. Leiker 1923-2003

Ernest F. Leiker, 80, of Great Bend, died Oct. 14, at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born April 6, 1923, at Hays, the son of Isidore A. and Lidwina Weigel Leiker. He married Roberta Rose Kiper in 1943 at Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend since 1936, coming from Hays, he was manager of Gates Drugstore for 25 years and Self-Service Drugstore for 10 years. Leiker was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church and American Legion Post 180, both of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Army Air Force veteran, having served as a radio operator during World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home, three daughters, Janice Magana of Garden City, Judy Laux of Chicago, Ill., and Linda Hess of Lansing, Mich.; one sister, Bernice Leiker of Oklahoma City, Okla.; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Elmer Leiker, Vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Ted Stoecklein officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until noon Friday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association, in care of the
Virginia Grubb 1929-2003

ELLINWOOD — Virginia Grubb, 74, died Oct. 14 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Jan. 5, 1929, in Eureka, the daughter of Clyde Melvin and Sarah Vivian James Carver. She married Samuel D. Grubb Dec. 2, 1951, at Eureka. He died June 4, 1999. A resident of Ellinwood, she was a retired teacher who taught at District 105, Wheatland School, in rural Ellinwood. Mrs. Grubb was a member of Ellinwood United Methodist Church and Eastern Star. Survivors include three sons, Daniel Grubb, James Grubb and Noel Grubb, all of Ellinwood; two daughters, Sammie Reif of Ellinwood and Linda VanSteenburgh of Great Bend; one sister, Luella Schnurr of Hugoton; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, William Albert Carver. Funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Vernon W. Maelzer officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, both at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to Ellinwood Grade School Nature Center or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 15, 2003

October 15, 2003

Ellen A. Godfrey 1939-2003

TOPEKA — Ellen A. Godfrey, 64, died Oct. 12. She was born June 29, 1939, near Asherville. A resident of Topeka, she was a clinical psychologist for Kansas Department of Corrections. Survivors include her husband, John W. "Jack" Godfrey of the home; and one brother, John Duff of Topeka. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at McDonald Funeral Home in Beloit. Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery in Beloit. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Helping Hands Humane Society of Topeka or donor's choice, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 15, 2003

Rupert O. DeWald 1921-2003

Rupert O. DeWald, 82, of Great Bend, died Oct. 13 at his residence. He was born May 21, 1921, in Russell County, the son of Henry and Annie Diel DeWald. He married Dorothy Prater Feb. 22, 1947, at Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend, he was a sign contractor. DeWald was a member and ordained elder of First Presbyterian Church and member of American Legion Post 180 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111, all of Great Bend, and Shriners of Russell. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include Dorothy DeWald of Great Bend; three sons, Gerald DeWald of Des Moines, Iowa, Cory DeWald and Barry DeWald, both of Great Bend; two brothers, Harvey DeWald of Des Moines, Iowa, and Bernice Waymaster of Russell; two sisters, Geraldine Hurd of Council Bluff, Iowa, and Bernice Waymaster of Russell; one granddaughter; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Doran DeWald; and two sisters, Irma Miller and Frances Gidmey. Service of prayers and remembrance will be at 7 tonight at the church with the Rev. Hal Staats Jr. officiating. Graveside service will be at Russell City Cemetery in Russell with military services conducted by Fort Riley Honor Guard. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Charter Funerals of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 15, 2003

Clara L. Johnson 1914-2003

BELPRE — Clara L. Johnson, 89, died Oct. 13 at Great Bend Health & Rehabilitation in Great Bend. She was born May 17, 1914, at Belpre, the daughter of Fredrick Gilmore and Clara Lucinda Hager. She married Joseph W. Johnson Nov. 11, 1934, at Hopewell. He died in 1975. A resident of Great Bend for seven years, coming from rural Belpre, she was a farmer and homemaker. Mrs. Johnson was a member of Macksville Christian Church, Order of Eastern Star and VIP Center, all of Macksville. She was a pianist at Hopewell Friends Church and organist at Belpre Baptist Church. She was a past Pratt County commissioner. Survivors include two sons, Fredrick D. Johnson of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Joseph M. "Mickey" Johnson of Macksville; one daughter, Lucinda R. Rugan of Claflin; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Leland Hager; and five sisters, Margaret Ellis, Ella Ingraham, Irene Ingraham, Myrtle O'Bleness and Edith Stever. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Macksville Christian Church of Macksville, with the Rev. Carey Haner officiating. Burial will be at Hillside Cemetery of Kinsley. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday at Minnis Chapel of Macksville. Memorials are suggested to the church or Golden Belt Home Health & Hospice, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 15, 2003

October 14, 2003

Dortha Virginia Grubb 1929-2003

ELLINWOOD — Dortha Virginia Grubb, 74, died Oct. 14 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 15, 2003

Alberta Johanning 1916-2003

ELLINWOOD — Alberta Johanning, 87, died Oct. 12 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. She was born Aug. 2, 1916, at
OTTAWA — Pauline Randolph Duvall, 89, died Oct. 7 at her home in Ottawa. She was born Oct. 4, 1914, in Casey, Ill., the daughter of Oren and Golda Robinson Randolph. She was a graduate of Ranger High School in Ranger, Texas. She married Amous Udel Duvall May 21, 1933, in Eastland, Texas. He died Dec. 8, 1992. A resident of Ottawa, formerly of Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Duvall was a member of North Baptist Church in Ottawa and Eastern Star. Survivors include one son, Dean Cooley of Wichita; three daughters, Verlene George of Scott City, Rosa Boese of Great Bend and Regina Akers of Burdett; one brother, Daryl Cooley of El Paso, Texas; two sisters, Fern Higgins of Macksville and Dorothy Wallace of Sharon Springs; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Bernard Weiser, Clem Weiser and Herb Weiser. Vigil will be at 7 tonight at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Revs. Ted Stoecklein and Warren Stoecklein officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family School Endowment Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 14, 2003

Addition

TOPPENISH, Wash. — Maria G. Treviño, 84, who died Oct. 7, was the daughter of the late Juan and Rumalda Gutierrez of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 14, 2003

October 12, 2003

Glenn W. Eilts 1927-2003

ALBERT — Glenn W. Eilts, 76, died Oct. 8 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Aug. 21, 1927, in Rush County, the son of Bill and Tina Jostiflak Eilts. He married Elsie A. Sell Oct. 29, 1951, in Rush Center. A lifetime area resident, he worked for Centel, retiring in 1990. Eilts was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Galen Glenn Eilts of Jefferson City, Tenn.; three daughters and sons-in-law, Debra Ann and Terry Hoffman of Albert, Pamela and Ed Brumfield of Plano, Texas, and Laurie and Mike Gripe of Pratt; three sisters, Ruby Trout of Rush Center, Ella Boese of Rozel and Elaine Horacek of Helena, Mont.; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one stepgranddaughter; and two stepgrand-children. He was preceded in death by one brother, Martin Eilts; and one sister, Beulah Ellis. Funeral was held Oct. 10 at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. John Grummon officiating. The body was cremated following the service. Memorials are suggested to Albert Fire Department, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 12, 2003 paid announcement

Pauline Randolph Duvall 1914-2003

OTTAWA — Pauline Randolph Duvall, 89, died Oct. 7 at her home in Ottawa. She was born Oct. 4, 1914, in Casey, Ill., the daughter of Oren and Golda Robinson Randolph. She was a graduate of Ranger High School in Ranger, Texas. She married Amous Udel Duvall May 21, 1933, in Eastland, Texas. He died Dec. 8, 1992. A resident of Ottawa, formerly of Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Duvall was a member of North Baptist Church in Ottawa and Eastern Star. Survivors include one son.

Verle L. Cooley 1925-2003

BURDETT — Verle L. Cooley, 78, died Oct. 11 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was born April 19, 1925, at Bazine, the son of Hubert L. and Flora Emma Schaben Cooley. He married Dora May Northern June 7, 1947, at Larned. A longtime resident of Burdett, he was elevator foreman for Burdett Cooperative for 34 years until his retirement in 1987. Cooley was a member of the Christian faith, a life member of American Legion of Burdett and Veteran of Foreign Wars of Hanston. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in the 10th Armored division and serving in World War II in Central Europe, Rhineland and European Middle East Campaign. Survivors include one son, Dean Cooley of Wichita; three daughters, Verlene George of Scott City, Rosa Boese of Great Bend and Regina Akers of Burdett; one brother, Daryl Cooley of El Paso, Texas; two sisters, Fern Higgins of Macksville and Dorothy Wallace of Sharon Springs; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at United Methodist Church in Burdett with the Revs. Tony Horsley and Rob Schmutz officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Burial will be at Browns Grove Cemetery in Burdett. Memorials are suggested to Burdett Emergency Medical Service, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 14, 2003

Nickolas J. Weiser 1926-2003

Nickolas J. Weiser, 77, of Great Bend, died Oct. 13 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born March 1, 1926, at Odin, the son of Rudolph and Mary Louise Grellinger Weiser. He married Mary Lou Koelsch Nov. 7, 1949, at Great Bend. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he was an insurance adjuster for 19 years for Crawford & Company and manager of American Legion for 11 years. Weiser was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, American Legion Post 180 and Veterans of Foreign Wars 3111, all of Great Bend. He was a radio operator in the U.S. Air Corps, serving during World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Tim Weiser of Manhattan; two daughters, Joan Smith of Osborne and Jan Farrar of Hugoton; four brothers, Larry Weiser of Great Bend, Rudy Weiser of Spearfish, S.D., Al Weiser of Hayward, Wis., and Tony Weiser of Kenosha, Wis.; three sisters, Mary Ann Wassinger and Trudie Strudy, both of Sun City, Ariz., and Katie Reif of Wichita; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Bernard Weiser, Clem Weiser and Herb Weiser. Vigil will be at 7 tonight at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Revs. Ted Stoecklein and Warren Stoecklein officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family School Endowment Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 14, 2003

October 12, 2003

Glenn W. Eilts 1927-2003

ALBERT — Glenn W. Eilts, 76, died Oct. 8 at Central Kansas Medical Center of Great Bend. He was born Aug. 21, 1927, in Rush County, the son of Bill and Tina Jostiflak Eilts. He married Elsie A. Sell Oct. 29, 1951, in Rush Center. A lifetime area resident, he worked for Centel, retiring in 1990. Eilts was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Galen Glenn Eilts of Jefferson City, Tenn.; three daughters and sons-in-law, Debra Ann and Terry Hoffman of Albert, Pamela and Ed Brumfield of Plano, Texas, and Laurie and Mike Gripe of Pratt; three sisters, Ruby Trout of Rush Center, Ella Boese of Rozel and Elaine Horacek of Helena, Mont.; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one stepgranddaughter; and two stepgreat-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Martin Eilts; and one sister, Beulah Ellis. Funeral was held Oct. 10 at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. John Grummon officiating. The body was cremated following the service. Memorials are suggested to Albert Fire Department, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 12, 2003 paid announcement
Esther Stricker, 89, died Oct. 8 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born Nov. 22, 1913, in Trego.

Geraldine ‘Jerri’ L. Clark 1921-2003

ST. JOHN — Geraldine “Jerri” L. Clark, 82, died Oct. 10 at Leisure Homestead of St. John. She was born July 27, 1921, at Galva, the daughter of Charles Ray and Bertha Schroff Hunt. She married James Kenneth Clark Aug. 17, 1940, at Lyons. He died Aug. 29, 1986. A resident of St. John for 17 years, coming from north of Hudson, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Clark was a member of First United Methodist Church of St. John and Pleasant Home Extension Homemakers Unit and was a volunteer for the church thrift shop. Survivors include one son, Kenneth L. Clark of St. John; one daughter, Vicki Stevenson of Ulysses; two sisters, Lois Nutter of McPherson and Patricia Sielker of Emmett, Idaho; five grandchildren; one stepgrandson; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Charles Ray Hunt Jr. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Robbie Fall officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Minnis Chapel of St. John. Memorials are suggested to Methodist Church New Building Fund or South Wind Hospice, both in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Oct. 12, 2003

Maria G. Treviño 1919-2003

TOPPENISH, Wash. — Maria G. Treviño was born April 9, 1919, in Great Bend, to Juan and Rumalda. She died peacefully in her home on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, Oct. 7. Her five children were with her at the time of her passing. Beginning in September 2003, she gathered her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren in a spiritual vigil and blessed each with her love before passing to the Lord’s Kingdom. Maria displayed visible evidence of Galatians 5:22 through the spirit of God’s love. In 1946, she made her home in Toppenish. She is survived by her husband, Frank B. Treviño Sr. and her children Frank Treviño Jr., Thomas J. Treviño, Sylvia Macias, Laura Gonzales and David Treviño Sr. Her legacy includes 16 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. In the 1940s, she worked as a riveter for Beechcraft in Wichita. In the 1950s, she had business enterprises in Toppenish that included contracting with Del Monte to house and provide meals for hundreds of workers from Mexico and India; she operated the Del Monte cafeteria in Toppenish and owned/operated a snack bar in the bowling alley. In the 1960s, she worked in Seattle for the Bon Marché. From the 1970s through the 1980s, she worked for various social service agencies, including Northwest Rural Opportunities as a recruiter of high school students to attend colleges and universities nationwide. Her love of education was a catalyst that enabled many individuals to pursue higher education that enriched their communities. In her later years, she provided expert translation throughout the Toppenish and Yakima Municipal Courts. All her life she was an advocate against injustices and championed for human rights. She was a voracious reader of all types of literature. She was a wonderful conversationalist that led to many great conversations with all types of individuals. She was the first leader of the Guadalupanas of St. Aloysius Catholic Church. She was preceded in death by her parents and all her siblings. Rosary services will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday at St. Aloysius Church in Toppenish. A memorial Mass will be held at 5 p.m. Friday. A dinner will be held at the Parish Hall following the memorial Mass. Memorials may be made to Healing Journeys, P.O. Box 221417, Sacramento, CA 95822. www.healingjourneys.org. Arrangements are in the care of Colonial Funeral Home of Toppenish. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Oct. 12, 2003 paid announcement

October 10, 2003

Glenn W. Elits 1927-2003

ALBERT — Glenn W. Elits, 76, died Oct. 8 at Central Kansas Medical Center of Great Bend. He was born Aug. 21, 1927, in Rush County, the son of Bill and Tina Josifiak Elits. He married Elsie A. Sell Oct. 29, 1951, in Rush Center. A lifetime area resident, he worked for Centel, retiring in 1990. Elits was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Galen Glenn Elits of Jefferson City, Tenn.; three daughters and sons-in-law, Debra Ann and Terry Hoffman of Albert, Pamela and Ed Brumfield of Plano, Texas, and Laurie and Mike Gipe of Pratt; three sisters, Ruby Trout of Rush Center, Ella Boese of Rozei and Elaine Horacek of Helena, Mont.; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one stepgranddaughter; and two stepgreat-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Martin Elits; and one sister, Beulah Ellis. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. John Grummon officiating. Cremation will take place after the service. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to service time today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Albert Fire Department, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 10, 2003 paid announcement

Sylva Mae Hromadnik 1913-2003

COSTA MESA, Calif. — Graveside service for Sylva Mae Hromadnik, 90, who died June 21 at Costa Mesa, will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Holy Name Cemetery in Bushton, with the Rev. Steve Scheier officiating. Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Oct. 10, 2003

Esther Stricker 1913-2003

HOISINGTON — Esther Stricker. 89. died Oct. 8 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born Nov. 22, 1913, in Treo
County, the daughter of Christian and Mary Katherine Schneider Rohn. She married David Stricker April 11, 1937, at Trego Center. A resident of Hoisington for four years, coming from Ness and Trego counties, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Stricker was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Hoisington. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Ron Stricker of Hoisington; two sisters, Olinda Wiedeman and Edna Ziegler, both of WaKeeney; one grandson; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Ferd Rohn, Emmanuel Rohn and Alvin Rohn; and two sisters, Amelia Dietz and Pauline Dietz. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with the Rev. William O. Horn officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Clara Barton Foundation, the church or donor's choice, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 10, 2003

James F. Ludes 1922-2003

James F. Ludes, 81, of Great Bend, died Oct. 7 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Sept. 21, 1922, at Salina, the son of Bernard and Genevieve McMillan Ludes. He married Patricia Ann Poort in 1947 at Salina. She died in 1961. He married Evelyn Wray Bryson July 20, 1963, at Lyons. A resident of Great Bend, he was a former manager at Central Kansas Elevator of Lyons and a licensed independent insurance agent since 1969. Ludes was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, a former member of American Legion Argonne Post 180, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111, Petroleum Club and Lake Barton Golf Club, all of Great Bend, and former president of Great Bend Chapter of American Cancer Society, former president of Lyons Chamber of Commerce and Lyons’ Town and Country Club. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Terry Ludes of Larned and Michael Ludes of Great Bend; three daughters, Linda Ludes of Great Bend, Cindy Eldridge of Topeka and Jackie Morrell of Ellinwood; one brother, Ed Ludes of Great Bend; four sisters, Mary Jane Ryan and Patricia Weisendanger, both of Salina, Regina Hogan of Riverside, Calif., and Joan Machin of Escondido, Calif.; and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Jack Ludes and Bill Ludes. Cremation has taken place. There will be no visitation. Inurnment will take place at a later date at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Salina and will be announced by Ryan Mortuary of Salina. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, in care of Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 10, 2003

Novella Lois Hinton 1916-2003

Novella Lois Hinton, 86, of Great Bend, died Oct. 7 at Great Bend Health & Rehabilitation Center of Great Bend. She was born Nov. 27, 1916, at Ardeola, Mo., the daughter of Edwin and Stella Hopkins Stewart. She married Elvis D. Hinton July 15, 1934, in Bernie, Mo. He died March 25, 1999. A resident of Great Bend since August 1995, coming from St. Louis, Mo., she was a homemaker. Mrs. Hinton was a member of First Christian Church, Christian Women’s Fellowship and Joy Group, all of Great Bend. Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Lois Ann and the Rev. William “Bill” F. Johnson of First Christian Church of Great Bend; one brother, Howard Clary of Cape Girardeau, Mo.; one grandchild, Eric William Johnson and wife Audrey of Great Bend; and two great-grandchildren, Derek Johnson and Courtney Johnson. She was preceded in death by one brother, Travis B. Clary; and one sister, Virginia Griffin. Funeral will be at 4 p.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Friends may call from 3 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, both at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, and from 2 p.m. until service time Friday at the church. Another funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter, Mo. Burial will be at Dexter Cemetery in Dexter, Mo. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter. Memorials are suggested to Great Bend First Christian Church Building Fund, in care of Bryant Funeral Home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 9, 2003 paid announcement

Glenn W. Elits 1927-2003

ALBERT — Glenn W. Elits, 76, died Oct. 8 at Central Kansas Medical Center of Great Bend. He was born Aug. 21, 1927, in Rush County, the son of Bill and Tina Josifiak Eilts. He married Elsie A. Sell Oct. 29, 1951, in Rush Center. A lifetime area resident, he worked for Centel, retiring in 1980. Elits was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Galen Glenn Elits of Jefferson City, Tenn.; three daughters and sons-in-law, Debra Ann and Terry Hoffman of Albert, Pamela and Ed Brumfield of Plano, Texas, and Laurie and Mike Gripe of Pratt; three sisters, Ruby Trout of Rush Center, Ella Boese of Rozel and Elaine Horacek of Helena, Mont.; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one stepgranddaughter; and two stepgreat-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Martin Elits; and one sister, Beulah Ellis. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. John Grummon officiating. Cremation will take place after the service. Friends may call from noon to 9 a.m. today and from 9 a.m. to service time Friday at the funeral home.
Memorials are suggested to Albert Fire Department, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 9, 2003 paid announcement

Elsie Lorene West Gimpel 1914-2003

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Mo. — Elsie Lorene West Gimpel, 89, died Oct. 4 at St. Francis Hospital in Mountain View. She was born May 20, 1914, in Mountain View, the daughter of John David and Jennie Idell Smith Brotherton. She married Henry E. Gimpel April 21, 1947, in Wichita. He died March 2, 1999. Survivors include seven sons, Herbert West of Wichita, Robert West of Jefferson City, Mo., Lester West of Independence, Mo., Jerry West of Kansas City, Mo., Henry Gimple Jr. of Amarillo, Texas, Arthur Gimple of Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Michael Gimple of Willow Springs, Mo.; five daughters, Mildred Hartenbower of Ellinwood, Jennie Bennett of Stover, Mo., Barbara West of Mount Vernon, Mo., Betty Schulz of Lee’s Summit, Mo., and Linda Proffitt of Salem, Wis.; two stepdaughters, Alice Arnold of Ontario, Ore., and Juanita Dudley of Bakersville, Calif.; 54 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, William "Bill" West and Charles West; four stepchildren, Don West, Eldon West, Warren West and Alma Henry; one brother; two sisters, and three grandchildren. Funeral was Wednesday at Duncan Funeral Chapel in Mountain View with Gene Bradford officiating. Burial was at New Salem Cemetery in Mountain View. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 9, 2003

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Derreck Lee Urban 1989-2003

HAYS — Derreck Lee Urban, 13, died Oct. 6 at Via Christi Medical Center, St. Francis Campus, in Wichita. He was born Nov. 25, 1989, at Wichita, the son of David and Rosalind Urban. He was a resident of Hays since 1997, coming from Claffin. Urban was of the Roman Catholic faith. Survivors include his father, and companion, Debbie Allen, both of Great Bend; his mother, Rosalind Werth, and step-father, Craig Werth, of the home; one brother, Dexter Urban of the home; two half-sisters, Kendra Werth of the home and Jerica Urban of Great Bend; grandparents, Clifford J. and Nancy Kruetzer of Ellis and Frances Urban of Great Bend; step-grandparents, Firman and Irene Werth of Elsworth, and Norman and Sharon Thouvenelle of Azle, Texas; and great-grandmother, Cecelia Kruetzer of Ellis. He was preceded in death by a twin brother, Devin Urban. Vigil will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Patrick Catholic Church of Great Bend with the Rev. Reginald Urban officiating. Burial will be at 1 p.m. at St. Joseph Cemetery of Hays with the Rev. Felix Petrovsky officiating. Friends may call from noon to 5 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Craig Home Health Care of Ness City in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Oct. 8, 2003

Wilbur Pitts Jr. 1923-2003

LARNED — Wilbur Pitts Jr., 79, died Oct. 7 at his residence in Larned. He was born Nov. 16, 1923, at Manhattan, the son of Wilbur Sr. and Gertrude Harrison Pitts. A longtime resident of Larned, he worked as a bell hop and had a self-employed shoe shine business. Pitts was of the Catholic faith. Survivors include one sister, Esther Beard of Newton. He was preceded in death by five brothers and two sisters. Graveside service will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday at Larned Cemetery with the Rev. Dennis Reed officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the donor’s choice in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Oct. 8, 2003

David Earl Harbert 1948-2003

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — David Earl Harbert, 55, retired contract manager for the American Red Cross National Headquarters, passed away Sunday, Oct. 5, 2003. Earl was born in Great Bend, Kan., on Aug. 21, 1948. He graduated from Larned High School in 1966 and Kansas State University with a degree in education in 1970. During his 30-year career with the Red Cross, he worked for the Midway-Kansas Chapter in Wichita, MidWestern Area Office in St. Louis, Eastern Operation Headquarters in Alexandria, Va., and the National Red Cross Headquarters in Washington, D.C. Earl’s work through American Red Cross Water Safety Training Program touched many people. He was recognized for his life-long contribution to water safety with a Golden Whale Award from the Commodore Longfellow Society April 13, 2002, their highest honor. He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard J. and Frances E. Harbert. He is survived by his brother Terry Harbert and wife Paula, nephew David of Topeka, Kan., sister Cathie Kornacki and husband Robert, nieces Tess and Erin of Platte City, Mo., sister Janie Seiler and husband Allan of Wichita, Kan., brother Guy Harbert and wife Debra, niece Deserae and nephew Cody of Larned, Kan., and many close friends. A graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, 2003, at Larned Cemetery. Friends may sign the guest register at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel, Larned, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday. Inurnment will be in the Larned Cemetery, Larned. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions be made in Earl’s name to the Commodore Longfellow Society, 2116 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50312. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Oct. 8, 2003 paid obituary

Beverly A. Murray 1930-2003

OCALA, Fla. — Beverly A. Murray, 73, died Sept. 24 at Ocala Regional Medical Center. She was born June 23, 1930, at Butler, Mo. A resident of Ocala, coming from Butler and Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Murray was a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. Survivors include her husband, Leonard F. Murray of the home; two sons, Darrell F. Murray of Jacksonville, Fla., and Kerry L. Murray of Great Bend; two daughters, Coleen Lustick of Salina and Dawn M. Andrews of Fort McCoy, Fla.; one sister, Rosemary Calvert of Platte City, Mo.; six grandchildren; and one great-grandson. Memorial service was Sept. 29 at Roberts Funeral Homes Bruce Chael East in Ocala. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Societv in care of
Pansy I. Mettscher 1927-2003

SOUTH HUTCHINSON — Pansy I. Mettscher, 76, died Oct. 7 at Mennonite Friendship Manor in South Hutchinson. She was born Sept. 2, 1927, at St. John, the daughter of A.D. and Eda Nagel Drake. She married Virgil G. Mettscher May 18, 1946, at Sylvia. A resident of South Hutchinson, coming from St. John, she was a retired bank vice-president with FNB of St. John, after 33 1/2 years of service. Mrs. Mettscher was a member of the Methodist Church of St. John. Survivors include her husband of the home; and two sisters, Barbara G. Campbell of Grandview, Mo., and Emma L. Wolber of Napa, Calif. Memorial will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Minnis Chapel in St. John with the Rev. Linda Toms officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Reno County or American Cancer Society, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 8, 2003

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Beverly A. Murray

OCALA, Fla. — Beverly A. Murray, 73, died Sept. 24 at Ocala Regional Medical Center. A resident of Ocala, coming from Butler, Mo., she was a homemaker. Mrs. Murray was a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. Survivors include her husband, Leonard F. Murray of the home; one son, Darrell F. Murray of Jacksonville, Fla.; three daughters, Coleen Lustick of Salina, Kerry L. Murray of Great Bend and Dawn M. Andrews of Fort McCoy, Fla.; one sister, Rosemary Calvert of Platte City, Mo.; six grandchildren; and one great-grandson. Funeral was Sept. 29 at Roberts Funeral Homes Bruce Chapel East in Ocala. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 7, 2003

Gene Marcum 1934-2003

OLATHE — Gene Marcum, 69, died Sept. 14 at his home. He was born May 8, 1934, in Hoisington, the son of Luther and Mary Marcum. He was a 1953 graduate of Osawatomie High School. He married Doris Page Nov. 30, 1956. A resident of Olathe, coming from Atascadero, Calif., and Osawatomie, he worked for Metcalf Ford, Missouri Pacific Railroad and Union Pacific Railroad, retiring in 1999. Marcum was a member of Lenexa Christian Center. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, David Marcum of Olathe; three daughters, Debbie Hatfield of Eldon, Mo., Becky Norris of Paola and Melissa Dice of Olathe; one brother, Charles Marcum of Osawatomie; three sisters, Louise Lehnning of Great Bend, Kay Mullis of Aztec, Ariz., and Gladys Voos of Hoisington; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, John Marcum, Robert Marcum and Herbert Marcum; one half-brother, LeRoy Holman; and two sisters, Angeline Sohm and Ruth Page. Funeral was Sept. 17 at D.W. Newcomer’s Sons Johnson County Funeral Chapel in Kansas City. Burial was at Shawnee Mission Memory Gardens. Memorials are suggested to Olathe Medical Center Hospice, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 7, 2003

Ruth L. Marymee 1913-2003

Ruth L. Marymee, 90, of Great Bend, died Oct. 4, at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Feb. 4, 1913, at Malden, Mass., the daughter of Albert A. and Margaret Hanley Carpenter. She married Lester L. Burton in Portland, Ore. He died Dec. 29, 1976. She married Verdie E. "Tex" Marymee April 4, 1987, at Willits, Calif. A resident of Great Bend since 1989, coming from Reno, Nev., she was a homemaker. Mrs. Marymee was a member of Central Baptist Church, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Order of Eastern Star and past worthy matron, all of Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Roy Allen Burton of North Bend, Ore., and George Oliver Burton of Willits; six stepsons, Wallace Lloyd Marymee of Oxford, James Frederick Marymee of Severn, Md., Ray Byron Marymee of Denver, Colo., Kit Eugene Marymee of Milwaukee, Wis., Tim Lee Marymee of Kansas City and Don Paul Marymee of Brush, Colo.; one brother, Jack Carpenter of Boston, Mass.; two sisters, Irene Rhoads of Cullman, Ala., and Nina Schaub of Phoenix, Ariz.; nine grandchildren; 17 stepgrandchildren; four great-grandchildren; 10 step great-grandchildren; and one step great-great-grandchild. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend, with the Rev. Dr. Gordon E. Rhodes officiating. Private family burial will be at Hillside Cemetery in Julesburg, Colo. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to service time Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Order of Eastern Star, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 7, 2003

Kassidy Denai Shumway 2003-2003

PRATT — Kassidy Denai Shumway, infant, died Oct. 4 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. She was born Oct. 4, 2003, at Wichita, the daughter of Jason M. Shumway and Leslie E. Cherry. Survivors include her mother of Pratt; her father of Pratt; and grandparents, Wallace and Denise Cherry of Great Bend, Robert and Betty Baird, and Dan and Lois Shumway, all of Pratt. She was preceded in death by one brother, Cole Garrett Luce. Private family graveside service was Monday at Great Bend Cemetery, with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. No memorials are suggested. Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend was in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 7, 2003

Harold E. Keltner 1917-2003
BELTON, Mo. — Harold E. Keltner, 85, died Oct. 3 at his home. He was born Dec. 22, 1917, in rural Hoisington, the son of Lamonta Cecil and Catherine Anna Ford Keltner. He was a 1936 graduate of Hoisington High School and a graduate of Kansas State University. A member of Beltont for 13 years, coming from California, he was an architectural engineer for Leo Daly. Keltner was a member of First United Methodist Church of Hoisington. Survivors include one brother, Earl Keltner of Salina. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Chester Keltner, Marvin Keltner, Raymond Keltner and Morris Keltner; and one sister, Velma Martin. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hoisington Cemetery in Hoisington, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Friends may call from 6 to 8 tonight and from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, all at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to the church or Clara Barton Foundation, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 7, 2003

Irene A. Nicholson 1918-2003

LARNED — Irene A. Nicholson, 84, died Oct. 4 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. She was born Nov. 7, 1918, in Crawford County, the daughter of William and Cora Kennedy Simmons. She married John Nicholson Jan. 4, 1938, at Larned. He died Aug. 27, 1983. A lifetime resident of Larned, she was a homemaker and retired in 1980 from J.S. Dillons after 32 years of service. Mrs. Nicholson was a member of First Christian Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary, both of Larned. Survivors include two sons, Wesley Nicholson of Topeka and William "Bill" Nicholson of Larned; one sister, Vera Short of Dodge City; 10 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Ronald Nicholson; one daughter, Janice Haberman; three brothers, Ralph Simmons, Everett Simmons and Manford Simmons; two sisters, Hazel Penka and Olive May Studivan; and one granddaughter, Tanya Nicholson Potter. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. today at Beckwith Mortuary in Larned, with the Rev. Dan Lundgren officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Welcome Inn Senior Center or the church, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 7, 2003

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DeVer "Dee" Dove Jr. 1926-2003

DeVer "Dee" Dove Jr., 77, of Great Bend, died Oct. 3 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was born March 16, 1926, at Topeka, the son of DeVere Sr. and Alice Brumley Dove. He was a 1948 graduate of the University of Kansas where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. He married Lois Bradstreet Sept. 15, 1946, at Topeka. A resident of Great Bend for 47 years, he was founder and past president of Dove Buick, Oldsmobile and Cadillac Inc., of Great Bend. Dove was a member of Kansas Automobile Dealers Association, Great Bend Automobile Dealers Association and a dealer representative of Buick Advisory Council. He was also a member of USD 428 school board, director and past president of Security State Bank, director of the Petroleum Club, board member of Central Kansas Medical Center, director of Great Bend Chamber of Commerce, director of Great Bend Industrial Development, president of Sunflower Shriners Club, president of Park School Parent Teachers Association, president of Great Bend High School Panther Parents, member of airport activities board, director of activities Boy Scouts of America, member of Great Bend American Legion Argonne Post 180, member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111, member of ISIS Shrine Temple, member of Elks B.P.O.E. Lodge 1127 and a member of Masonic Lodge. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served in World War II, and a U.S. Army veteran, having served in the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, DeVere Dove III of Great Bend; two daughters, Deborah V. Rosen of Huntsville, Ala., and Mary B. Keller of Marshall, Mo.; and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Dixie Dove Glenn. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at First Christian Church of Great Bend with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend and from 9 a.m. until noon at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Sunflower Shrine Club, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 5, 2003

Marguerite E. Fagen 1915-2003

LARNED — Marguerite E. Fagen, 87, died Oct. 3 at Larned Health Care Center. She was born Dec. 29, 1915, at Garfield, the daughter of Claude Gilbert and Mary Elma Boyd Giddens. She married Thomas "Tim" Oscar Fagen March 30, 1933, at Radium. He died July 20, 1984. A lifetime Pawnee County resident, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Fagen was a member of Garfield Methodist Church and Over 50 Club, both of Garfield. Survivors include one son, Arlyn Fagen of Wichita; two daughters, Loretta Fagen of Larned and Charlene Bridges of Oklahoma City, Okla.; one brother, Ellis O. Giddens of Renton, Wash.; one sister, Ella "Mae" Brumbaugh of Wichita; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Chester Keltner, Marvin Keltner, Raymond Keltner and Morris Keltner; and one sister, Velma Martin. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with the Rev. Charles Grant officiating. Friends may call from 6 to 8 tonight and from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, all at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to Methodist Church and Over 50 Club, both of Garfield. Survivors include one son, Arlyn Fagen of Wichita; two daughters, Loretta Fagen of Larned and Charlene Bridges of Oklahoma City, Okla.; one brother, Ellis O. Giddens of Renton, Wash.; one sister, Ella "Mae" Brumbaugh of Wichita; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Gilbert "Dean" Giddens and Delbert D. Giddens; four sisters, DeEtta Rubendall, Ethel Brunson, Darlene Giddens and Elsie M. Giddens. 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 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend and from 9 a.m. until noon at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Sunflower Shrine Club, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 5, 2003

Kenneth L. Tate 1928-2003

FT. DODGE — Kenneth L. Tate, 75, died Sept. 30 at Kansas Soldier’s Home in Halsey Hall, Ft. Dodge. He was born April 15, 1928, at Abilene, Texas, the son of W.H. Sr. and Mable Norton Tate. He attended McMurry College and Baylor University. He married Lena Marie Barbian at Abilene. She died Nov. 19, 1998. A resident of Dodge City, coming from Larned, he was formerly employed in Venezuela for Halliburton Oil Company, was former owner and operator of Blue Goose Cafe and T’s Place, both of Larned, and owned and operated the Dairy Queen in Dodge City. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served as corporal in the Korean War. Tate was a member of Scottish Rite, York Rite. St. Bernard Lodge 222 AF & AM. Median Shrine. St. Bernard's
Chapter 97, Order of the Eastern Star. Survivors include one daughter, Kathryn Swinney of Dodge City; one sister, Lois Watkins of Abilene; and one grandson. He was preceded in death by one son, Kenneth L. Tate Jr.; three brothers, Clifford Tate, W.H. Tate Jr., and James Tate Sr.; and three sisters, Ada L. Finch, Gwendolyn Moore and Thelma Williams. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Swaim Funeral Home of Dodge City with the Rev. Kirk Larson officiating. Burial will be at Scroggins Mausoleum of Dodge City with Masonic Rites by St. Bernard Lodge 222 of Dodge City. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Kenneth L. Tate Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Oct. 5, 2003

Marie A. Vanek 1942-2003

SALINA — Marie A. Vanek, 61, died Oct. 2 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus, in Wichita. She was born June 10, 1942, in Wilson, the daughter of James Sr. and Anna Bahcura Vanek. She was a graduate of Wilson High School. A resident of Salina, coming from Wilson, she was a production worker for Tony’s Pizza of Salina. She was a member of St. Mary’s Church of Salina. Survivors include one brother, James F. Vanek of Hays. Parish vigil will be at 7 tonight at Foster Mortuary in Wilson. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Wenceslaus Church of Wilson, with the Revs. Mike Scully and David Metz officiating. Burial will be at Wenceslaus Cemetery in Wilson. Friends may call from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Oct. 5, 2003

Harold E. Keltner 1917-2003

BELTON, Mo., — Harold E. Keltner, 85, died Oct. 3 at his residence in Missouri. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced later by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hosington. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Oct. 5, 2003

October 3, 2003

Delsa Mae Harmon 1904-2003

STAFFORD — Delsa Mae Harmon, 99, died Oct. 2 at Leisure Homestead in Stafford. She was born Aug. 9, 1904, at rural Stafford, the daughter of Cobus and Wilmina Hall Heyen. She married Frank R. Harmon Dec. 14, 1946, at St. John. He died Aug. 20, 1974. A lifetime resident of Stafford, she was a waitress and homemaker. Mrs. Harmon was a member of First Christian Church of Stafford. Survivors include three sisters, Onabel Ragsdale and Verla Manderscheid, both of Stafford, and LaVerne McCann of Billings, Mont. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford with Eric Taylor officiating. Burial will be at Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to the church, Leisure Homestead or Stafford District Hospital, all in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Oct. 3, 2003

Bobby Gail Garrison 1961-2003

NESS CITY — Bobby Gail Garrison, 41, died Oct. 1 at Garden City. He was born Nov. 9, 1961, at Norton, the son of Darrell and Marvalee Elling Garrison. He married Denise Hoss Dec. 6, 1980, at Ness City. A resident of Ness City, he was a wholesale foods sales representative for F & E Wholesale. Garrison was a member of United Methodist Church of Ness City, an active member of Ness County Jaycees, and a member of Sons of the American Legion of Garden City. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Michael Garrison of Hays; one daughter, Krista Garrison of the home; his parents; four brothers, Kerry Garrison and Tad Garrison, both of Ness City, Monte Garrison of Great Bend and Jason Garrison of Tuscola, Ill.; one sister, Lisa Dinkel of Hays; and two grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Revs. Sue Talbot and Gregory Leblanc officiating. Burial will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Ness City. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today at Fitzgerald Funeral Home of Ness City and until service time Saturday at the church. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Garrison Children educational fund or donor’s choice, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Oct. 3, 2003

October 2, 2003

Darrell F. Goans 1948-2003

LARNED — Darrell F. Goans, 55, died Sept. 28 at Larned Healthcare and Living Center. He was born Feb. 12, 1948, the son of Frank and Lucille Lee Goans. A Larned resident for three years, coming from Great Bend, he was a welder for McDonalds Tank and Doonans, both of Great Bend. Survivors include four daughters, Shawna Goans of Great Bend, Renee Pray of Provo, Utah, Mona Daniels of Salina and Victoria Kelsey of Kinsley; his parents of Dodge City; four sisters, Janie Innis, Myra Keith and Connie Hipp, all of Dodge City, and Alma Donley of Bridgeport; and 11 grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Pentecostal Holiness Church in Dodge City with the Rev. Rick Donley officiating. A private family burial will take place in Independence at a later date. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at Burkhart-Ziegler Funeral Chapel of Dodge City. There will be no public viewing. Cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Darrell Goans Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral chapel, 1901 N. 14th Ave., Dodge City, KS 67801. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 2, 2003

Luenda M. Kaiser 1914-2003
Robert May Kuhn 1928-2003

WEST PLAINS, Mo. — Raymond Alfred McCoy, 85, died Sept. 29 at National Health Care in West Plains. He was born Aug. 3, 1918, at Choctaw, Okla., the son of Clarence O. and Elsie M. Dunivan McCoy. He married Hazel Inez Engleman in 1940 at Larned. She died Feb. 21, 1989. A resident of West Plains, coming from Great Bend, he was retired from the U.S. Postal Service after 30 years of service. McCoy was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include two sons, Mark McCoy of West Plains and Grant McCoy of Edmund, Okla.; two daughters, Rita Dannebohm of Abilene and Alyce Schartz of West Plains; one sister, Juanita Wesley of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; 10 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Kenneth “Dude” O. McCoy; and one great-granddaughter. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Union Grove Cemetery in Howell County, Mo., with military rites performed by West Plains Honor Guard and Missouri Military Funeral Honors. The Rev. John McGinn will officiate. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer’s Association, in care of Carter Funeral Home of West Plains. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Oct. 2, 2003

October 1, 2003

John Alvin Janke 1915-2003

McCRACKEN — John Alvin Janke, 89, died Sept. 28 at his home near McCracken. He was born Aug. 23, 1915, at McCracken, the son of Albert and Emma Koch Janke. He married Ruth Moore Aug. 25, 1940, in Readding. She died Feb. 25, 2001. A lifetime resident of the McCracken area, he was a farmer, stockman and owned and operated J & J Carriers Mfg. Janke was a member of St. Luke’s Lutheran Church in Bazine, American Legion West Birch Post 59 and Community Club, both of McCracken. He was a past member of board of directors for Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served as a combat engineer in World War II. Survivors include one son, Ivan Janke of McCracken; one daughter, Peggy Allen of Warm Beach, Wash.; one sister, Corrine Brenner of Hays; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by five brothers, Robert Janke, Lester Janke, Harry Janke, Swede Janke and Lawrence Janke; three sisters, Maxine West, Ruby Wetzel and Florence Crawford; and one grandson, Travis Reinhardt. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. James Webster officiating. Burial will be at McCracken Cemetery with military graveside rites by McCracken American Legion West Birch Post 59. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City and Thursday afternoon until service time at the church. Family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Larned Healthcare Center, all in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Oct. 1, 2003

Norman Ray Milhon 1923-2003

LARNED — Norman Ray Milhon, 80, died Sept. 29 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. He was born June 27, 1923, in McPherson County, the son of William R. and Jessie Childs Milhon. He married Valeta B Derley Aug. 13, 1944, at Lewis. A resident of Larned since 1952, coming from Kinsley, he was stock manager for Dillons in Larned. Milhon was a member of First Christian Church, a past member of Ft. Larned Lions Club, and a former Boy Scout leader, all of Larned. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Dennis Milhon of Great Bend, Darrell Milhon of Russell and David Milhon of Wellington; 14 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Dale Milhon. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday 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. to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to service time Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Larned Healthcare Center, all in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Oct. 1, 2003

Roberta May Kuhn 1928-2003

HAYS — Roberta Mav Kuhn. 75. died Sept. 29 at St. John’s of Havs Nursino Home of Havs. She was born May 7. 1928. at
Russell, the daughter of William Wallace and Alma Izetta Miller Barrett. She married Remigius C. Kuhn June 12, 1948, at Victoria. He died Feb. 6, 1965. A resident of Hays since 1958, she was a cook for many years and worked at Golden Ox, Holiday Inn Restaurant, the Mall Restaurant and was a substitute cook at Lincoln School. Mrs. Kuhn was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church of Hays. Survivors include five sons, Bob Kuhn of Hays, Leon Kuhn of Russell, Ron Kuhn of Ladera Ranch, Calif., Steve Kuhn of Pampa, Texas, and Terry Kuhn of WaKeeney; one daughter, Mary Ann Randa of Liebenthal; two sisters, Willmetta Thompson of Illinois and Naida Fern Carpenter of Sedan; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Michael J. Kuhn; one daughter, Roberta Marie Kuhn; three brothers, Carl Barrett, Clayton Barrett and an infant; three sisters, Frances McGuire, Celia Frank and Mary Barrett; and one great-grandson, Abrham Michael Kuhn. Rosary will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the church. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Kevin Weber officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays. Family will receive friends from 9 to 10 a.m. Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to St. John Rest Home Corporation, Hospice of Hays Medical Center or Masses, all in care of Cline’s Mortuary of Hays. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Oct. 1, 2003
Hilda S. Leikam 1930-2003

JETMORE — Hilda S. Leikam, 73, died Nov. 26 at Rolling Hills Nursing Home in Topeka. She was born July 26, 1930, at Jetmore, the daughter of Jacob Sr. and Mathilda Gabel Leikam. She graduated from Kansas State University with a bachelor of arts and received her masters from Emporia State University. A resident of Topeka, she was a retired school teacher, teaching in rural Jetmore from 1947 to 1951, Jetmore Grade School from 1951 to 1955 and in Topeka from 1956 to 1989. She was a member of Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Democratic Committee member, Alpha Delta Kappa, Kansas National Teachers Association and Topeka Retired Teachers Association, all of Topeka. Survivors include one brother, Jacob Leikam Jr. of Jetmore; and four sisters, Eleanora Leikam of Alamosa, Colo., Velma Frank of Limon, Colo., Mildred Armstrong of Manhattan and Joann Kammer of Colorado Springs, Colo. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Jetmore. Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Henry Hildenbrandt 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 Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church or National Scleroderma Association, both in care of the funeral home.

O. Dayle Gillespie Jr. 1943-2003

ST. JOHN — O. Dayle Gillespie Jr., 60, died Nov. 28 at Stafford District Hospital. He was born Oct. 5, 1943 at Oswego, the son of O. Dayle Sr. and Ruth Marie Gillespie. He married Dora Elaine Willson Nov. 20, 1965 at St. John. He was a farmer, stockman. He was a member of First United Methodist Church, past member of USD 350 school board, USD 350 recreation commission and Farm Bureau board, all of St. John. He was an Eagle Scout, attended Fort Hays State University for two years and was in the U.S. Air National Guard. Survivors include his wife, of the home; one son, Rusty D. Gillespie of St. John; two daughters, Cindy D. Falk of St. John, and Michelle D. Whipple of Kalvesta; father, O. Dayle Gillespie Sr. of St. John; one brother, Lawrence E. Gillespie of St. John; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his mother, Ruth Marie Gillespie. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Minnis Chapel in St. John, the Rev. Wade Russell and the Rev. Joel Pavia officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. today and friends may call from 1-7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to a love gift for the family.

Richard Lanne Maddox 1978-2003

Richard Lanne Maddox, 25, died Nov. 27 at St. Lukes Hospital, Kansas City, Mo. Arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 30, 2003

Mary Louise Dale 1910-2003

LOVELAND, COLO. — Mary Louise Dale, 93, Died Nov. 28 at North Shore Manner, Loveland, Colo. Arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 30, 2003

Edwin H. Suhler 1940-2003

LYONS — Edwin H. Suhler, 63, died Nov. 29 at Sandstone Height Nursing Home in Little River. Memorial service will take place at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons with the Rev. Richard Andrus officiating. Burial will be at Lyons Municipal Cemetery in Lyons with full military honors performed by Ft. Riley Honor Guard. Friends may call from 2 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home with the family receiving friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Grace Lutheran Church of Lyons, Veterans of Foreign Wars, or Bell & Star Fund in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 29, 2003

Blanche Pearl Scheideman 1918-2003

LARNED — Blanche Pearl Scheideman, 85, died Nov. 24 at Larned Healthcare Center in Larned. She was born May 20, 1918, in Gladwin County, Mich., the daughter of Abram Lincoln and Kathryn Ann Epler. She was a 1937 graduate of Abilene High School, a graduate of Marion College in Marion, Ind., and took courses from Kansas State University, Fort Hays State University, Barton County Community College and Emporia State University. She married Ike Scheideman May 30, 1954, in Larned. He died July 13, 1964. A resident of Larned since 1949, coming from Miltonvale, Ind., she was a teacher for USD 495 for 36 years. Mrs. Scheideman was a member of First Baptist Church of Larned; Daughters of American Revolution, Delta Kappa Gamma, Iota Chaoter. Fort Larned National Education Association. Tetulia Club of Larned. KNEA. NEA and Walnut FCE. She was a second
Carrol Brent Newell 1919-2003

STAFFORD — Carrol Brent Newell, 84, died Nov. 24 at his farm home. He was born Aug. 7, 1919, at his family home in rural Stafford, the son of Samuel Brent and Alma Alice Langdon Newell. He was a 1937 graduate of Stafford High School. He married Doris L. Grider May 25, 1946, in Bogue, La. A lifetime resident of rural Stafford, he was a farmer. Newell was a member of Stafford United Methodist Church. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving under General George S. Patton's 65th Division in Germany as a supervisor and mechanic. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Connie Zumult of Stafford and Kathy Layton of Overland Park; two sisters, Margaret Humphrey of Fort Collins, Colo., and Maridene Lundstrom of Lindsborg; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Ronnie Newell; and one brother, Clinton Newell. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford, with the Rev. Kasey Crosby officiating. Burial will be at Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to Southwind Hospice or Stafford United Methodist Church, both in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 26, 2003

Reese M. 'Cam' Shaw 1978-2003

STAFFORD — Reese M. "Cam" Shaw, 25, died Nov. 22. He was born June 12, 1978, at Oklahoma City, Okla., the son of George W. "Bill" III and Okema Davis Shaw. He was a 1996 graduate of Stafford High School and attended Dodge City Community College, playing football for the Dodge City Conquistadors. A Stafford resident since 1986, he was employed in the maintenance department at Doskocil Foodservice in Hutchinson. Shaw was involved in Stafford Trojan athletics and was a 32nd Degree Mason. Survivors include his parents of Stafford; two brothers, G.W. Shaw of San Antonio, Texas, and Ray T. Shaw of San Diego, Calif.; and his grandmother, Nan Shaw of Oklahoma City. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. today at Minnis Chapel in Stafford with the Rev. Andrew Keltner officiating. Burial will be at Stafford Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Stafford Educational Foundation Athletic Fund, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 25, 2003

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Dorothy Ilene Karnes 1926-2003

Dorothy Ilene Karnes, 77, of Great Bend, died Nov. 24 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Nov. 16, 1926, at Studley, the daughter of Oscar A. and Elma Voyles Karnes. She was a graduate of Sheridan Community High School in Hoxie and received her bachelor of science and masters of science in education from Fort Hays State University. A resident of Great Bend for 29 years, coming from Beloit and Hoxie, she taught at Lone Star from 1944-1945, Bow Creek from 1945-1953, Hoxie Grade School from 1953-1972, Beloit Elementary School from 1972-1974 and Otis-Bison Elementary from 1974-1988. She was a member of First Southern Baptist Church of Great Bend, the local teachers' association, Kansas State Teachers' Association, National Education Association and Delta Kappa Gamma. Survivors include three brothers, Frank Karnes of Hoxie, James Karnes of Loveland, Colo., and Gerald Karnes of Salina. She was preceded in death by one brother, George Karnes; and one sister, Gladys Breeden. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Dr. Doyle Smith officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Bow Creek Cemetery in Hoxie. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday and from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorial donations are suggested to the church, Sheridan County Library in Hoxie or American Heart Association, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 25, 2003

Opal R. Hann 1911-2003

HANSTON — Opal R. Hann, 91, died Nov. 22 at Hays. She was born Dec. 2, 1911, at Hanston, the daughter of Homer and Lora Ellis Salmans. She married John B. Hann July 18, 1931, at Lyons. He died May 25, 2003. A lifetime resident of Hanston, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Hann was a member of First Baptist Church of Hanston. Survivors include two daughters, Lelah Mae Webster of Tucson, Ariz., and Terlyn Jon Shaw of Broomfield, Colo.; one sister, Goldie Kolb of Nickerson; 17 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Duane "Sandy" Hann; one daughter, Patricia Ann Smith; seven brothers, Otha Salmans, Frank Salmans, Cecil Salmans, Ronald Salmans, Loren Salmans, Wayne Salmans and Vance Salmans; and three sisters, Vivian Graber, Bernice Barta and Ruth Powell. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at United Methodist Church of Hanston, with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. Burial will be at Hanston Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Wednesday and from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, all at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorial donations are suggested to United Methodist Church of Hanston or Heart Ministries Inc., both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 25, 2003

Eugenia M. 'Genie' Williams 1922-2003

Eugenia M. "Genie" Williams, 81, of Great Bend, died Nov. 23 at her home. She was born Oct. 6, 1922, the daughter of Rov and
Helen Collister Currie. She married Jack J. Williams Feb. 22, 1949, at Wamego. A resident of Great Bend since 1954, coming from Salina, she was a homemaker and secretary for Foster Lumber, Diamond International and was instrumental in forming R&S Digital. Mrs. Williams was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Great Bend, Women’s Golf Association and American Quarter Horse Association. Survivors include her husband of the home; three daughters, Cynthia Christiansen of Great Bend, Candace A. Nuss of Hoisington and Nan Matthews of Pacifica, Calif.; one brother, Roy G. Currie of Westmoreland; one sister, Kathleen Johnson of Pittsburg; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. Burial will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at Camahan-Garrison Cemetery in Otisburg. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to USD 428 Women’s Golf Team, the church or United States Equestrian Team, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 25, 2003

Beatrice ‘Bea’ Adele Lindberg 1917-2003

ULYSSES — Beatrice “Bea” Adele Lindberg, 86, died Nov. 21 at Western Prairie Care Home in Ulysses. She was born May 1, 1917, at Stafford, the daughter of Albert Roy and Lina Harriet Nicolet Batman. She married Donald Clark Lindberg May 12, 1940, in rural McPherson. He died Nov. 12, 1992. A resident of Ulysses, formerly of Great Bend, Leoti, Sublette and Dallas, Texas, she was a teacher in Seward and in Barton County, a farmer and rancher, owner and operator of Lindberg Lanes and a trailer court in Sublette. Survivors include one son, Ronald Roy Lindberg of Lewis; two daughters, Donna Lindberg Ongay of Dallas and Sonja Wooldridge of Ulysses; one brother, Oliver Batman of Great Bend; two sisters, Eunice Folds of Great Bend and Phyllis Griffin of Sublette; and six grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. today at New Gottland Covenant Church, with the Rev. Ken Busse officiating. Burial will be at New Gottland Lutheran Cemetery in rural McPherson. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to service time today at the church. Memorials are suggested to United Methodist Church or New Gottland Covenant Church, both in care of Grant County Funeral Home in Ulysses. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 25, 2003

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Dorothy M. Hawkins 1927-2003

ISABEL — Dorothy M. Hawkins, 76, died Nov. 17 at Wichita. She was born July 4, 1927, at Humansville, Mo., the daughter of James Amsa and Mary Jane Kenny Goodenough. She married William Hobert Hawkins May 9, 1946, at Harrison, Ark. He died in 1986. A longtime Barber County resident, she was a homemaker and worked in several restaurants around Medicine Lodge and at Russ’ Market in Pratt. Survivors include three sons, Jim Hawkins of Crestview, Fla., and Don Hawkins and Ron Hawkins, both of Medicine Lodge; one daughter, Sherrian Abraham of Wichita; two brothers, Jess Goodenough of Denver, Colo., and Bill Goodenough of Great Bend; 16 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, George Goodenough, and one grandson, James Allen Jr. Funeral was held Thursday at Larrison-Forsyth Funeral Home in Medicine Lodge with the Rev. Tom Walters officiating. Burial was at Isabel Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to donor’s local hospice or Leukemia Society of America, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 23, 2003

Erman L. Oelkers 1929-2003

MCCRACKEN — Erman L. Oelkers, 74, died Nov. 20 at his home northeast of McCracken. He was born Oct. 28, 1929, in rural Rush County, the son of John B. and Ethel R. Carman Oelkers. He was a graduate of La Crosse High School. He married Jean Hardwick Aug. 1, 1952, in La Crosse. A lifelong resident of Rush County, he was a farmer and stockman. Oelkers was a member and deacon of First Christian Church in La Crosse. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Galen L. Oelkers of Smyrna, Ga.; one daughter, Dr. Shelley J. Oelkers of La Crosse; one brother, Lawrence Oelkers of Hays; one sister, Fern Zimmerman of Hays; and four grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Troy Schroeder officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Family will receive friends from 6 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Southwind Hospice of Pratt, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 25, 2003

Eva T. Straw 1917-2003

HUTCHINSON — Eva T. Straw. 86. died Nov. 21 at Good Samaritan Center. She was born March 20. 1917. in Bovero, Colo.
the daughter of James Joseph and Sara Elizabeth Hoffmann Cullen. She was a graduate of Kinsley High School. She married Lawrence O. Strawn May 18, 1934, at Kinsley. He died March 26, 1974. A resident of Hutchinson since 1947, coming from Wichita, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Strawn was a member of St. Teresa Catholic Church and Ladies Altar Society, both of Hutchinson. Survivors include four sons, Larry Strawn, Don Strawn, Dan Strawn and Jim Strawn, all of Hutchinson; one daughter, Joyce Herrell of Pretty Prairie; one sister, Angela Hirsh of Pratt; 21 grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers, infant twin Paul Strawn, John Strawn, James Strawn and Leon Strawn; seven sisters, Catherine Loss, Rosanna Tarman, Margaret Scott, Agnes Foley, Neillie Moran, Emily Weber and Alice Pursley. Parish rosary will be at 7 p.m. today at Elliott Chapel in Hutchinson. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Stanley Swetzler and Ned J. Blick officiating. Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. today at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Good Samaritan Center, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 23, 2003

Mary Jacobs 1914-2003

Mary Jacobs, 89, of Great Bend, died Nov. 22 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. She was born Jan. 28, 1914, at Liedenthal, the daughter of John and Anna Wittman Schupman. She married Ned “Shorty” Jacobs May 28, 1928, at Liedenthal. He died June 6, 1985. A resident of Great Bend since 1940, coming from Liedenthal and La Crosse, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Jacobs was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic church in Great Bend. Survivors include one daughter, Jenneth Karlin of Great Bend; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by an infant son, Walter Jacobs; one daughter, Joyce May; two brothers, Peter Schupman and Paul Schupman; three sisters, Alberta Jacobs, Josephine Schaffer and Lydia Fox; and two grandsons, Edmond Lloyd and John Taylor Jr. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home, with the Rev. Ted Stoebkelel officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Hungry Heart Soup Kitchen, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 23, 2003

Dennis F. Orr 1943-2003

Dennis F. Orr, 60, of Great Bend, died Nov. 21 at his residence. He was born Aug. 16, 1943, at Great Bend, the son of William E. and O’Linda E. Eichman Orr. He married Ursula Mueller Dec. 12, 1966, in Hoisington. A resident of Great Bend since 1977, coming from Hemet, Calif., he was a manager of a body shop and worked as an independent crop adjuster. Orr was a lifetime member of San Jacinto, Calif., Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Shawn Orr of the home; one daughter, DeAnn McCall of Hemet; his mother of Great Bend; and one grandson. Memorial private family burial will be at Hoisington Municipal Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Charter Funerals in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 23, 2003

David John Mater 1952-2003

OLMITZ — David John Mater, 51, died Nov. 21 at his home in Linwood of ALS (Lou Gehrig’s Disease). He was born July 13, 1952, in Hoisington, the son of Fred J. and Rita E. Fuerst Mater. He was a 1970 graduate of Hoisington High School, attended Barton County Community College and a 1997 graduate of Kansas University with a business degree. He married Kim A. Schulz June 14, 1980, in San Diego, Calif. A resident of Linwood, coming from Olmitz, he worked as a design draftsman for King Radio for 13 years and was an information systems analyst with Payless Shoesource at the world headquarters in Topeka. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Ian K. Mater of the home; one daughter, Madison R. Mater of the home; his mother of Great Bend; and three brothers, Gary Mater and Daniel Mater, both of Olmitz; and Kenneth J. Mater of Great Bend. He was preceded in death by an infant son, Elly John Mater. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Rumsey-Yost Funeral Home in Lawrence. Cremation will take place after the funeral. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home, with the family receiving friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Memorial services and burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Charter Funerals in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 23, 2003

November 21, 2003

William John ‘Bill’ Luck 1929-2003

TOPEKA — William John “Bill” Luck, 74, died Nov. 19. He was born Aug. 2, 1929, in Graham County, the son of Robert W. and Lila C. Smith Luck. He was a 1947 graduate of Hill City High School. He married Eva Jo Walker Riedel June 2, 1954. A resident of Topeka, coming from Hill City, El Dorado, Lyons, Great Bend, Wichita, Columbus, Ohio, and Edmond, Okla., he retired from the oil industry in 1997, having worked for Baker Oil Tools Inc., as a drilling superintendent for Northern Natural Gas and owning his own oil and gas production consulting company. Luck was a U.S. Army veteran, having served as a drill sergeant at Camp Carson during the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Steven Luck of Amarillo, Texas, Richard Luck of Houston, Texas, and James Luck of Topeka; one daughter Jeanne Vance of Wichita; one brother, Delvin Luck of Liberal; five grandchildren; and three step grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Vincent Luck, Keith Luck and Donald Luck. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church in El Dorado. Burial will be at Walnut Valley Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer’s Association or Heart Of America Hospice in Topeka, both in care of Kirby-Morris Funeral Home of ElDorado. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 21, 2003
Dale C. Wilhelm 1942-2003

DORRANCE — Dale C. Wilhelm, 61, died Nov. 20 at Salina Regional Health Center in Salina. He was born July 21, 1942, in rural Dorrance, the son of Carl and Helen Steinle Wilhelm. He married Joyce Ehrlich July 29, 1965, at Dorrance. A lifelong resident of Dorrance, he was a heavy equipment operator for Russell County Highway Department. Wilhelm was a member of First Lutheran Church of Dorrance, fire chief of Dorrance Fire Department and member of Kansas State Fire Fighters Association. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Joe Sellens of Auburn and Mark Sellens of Culver; one daughter, Teresa Davis of Dorrance; his mother of Dorrance; one brother, Don Wilhelm of Dorrance; two sisters, Kathy Burns and Debbie Douglas, both of Salina; and seven grandchildren. Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Diane Wagner officiating. Burial will be at Dorrance City Cemetery in Dorrance. Friends may call from noon to 8 p.m. today at Foster Mortuary in Wilson and from 8 a.m. to service time Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Dorrance Fire Department or the church, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 21, 2003

Paul L. Yost 1925-2003

LA CROSSE — Paul L. Yost, 78, died Nov. 19 at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. He was born March 12, 1925, in Alexander, the son of Louis and Mollie Grose Yost. He married Jeannette B. Brack Feb. 7, 1946, at Ogden, Utah. A lifetime resident of Rush County, he was a retired railroad depot agent. Yost was a member of United Methodist Church of La Crosse and life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3147. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the infantry during the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, James D. Yost of Salina and Dennis R. Yost of Frederick, Colo.; one brother, Marvin Schlegel of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two sisters, Alberta Fyler of Scott City and Virginia Milliner of Kansas City; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Eldon Yost, Benjamin Schlegel and Roland Schlegel; and one great-granddaughter, Elise Maddison Yost. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. No visitation is scheduled. Memorials are suggested to St. Jude Children’s Hospital or North Shore Animal League of America, both in care of Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 21, 2003

Virginia L. Lewis 1929-2003

VALLEY CENTER — Virginia L. Lewis, 74, died Nov. 18 at Valley Center. She married Billy Lewis. He preceded her in death. A former resident of Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Survivors include one son, Bartley Lewis of Stafford; two daughters, Marilyn Baker of Cherryvale and Debbie and Richard Wondra of Goddard; one sister, Hazel and Jerry Clothier of Benton; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 10:30 a.m. Saturday until service time at the Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Hospice Care of Kansas in care of Advantage Funeral and Cremation, 4408 W. Central, Wichita KS 66212. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 20, 2003 paid announcement

Ella Barbara Bauder Jerke 1920-2003

SCOTLAND, S.D. — Ella Barbara Bauder Jerke, 83, died Nov. 14 at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, S.D. She was born Aug. 26, 1920, in Bon Homme County near Tyndall, S.D., the daughter of Christian and Katherina Neth Bauder. She married Hugo Jerke March 23, 1941, in Scotland. He died in 1992. A resident of Scotland since 1982, coming from Kaylor, S.D., she was a farmwife and a caretaker of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church. Mrs. Jerke was a member of the Lutheran Church, Lutheran Women’s Missionary League, and a volunteer for the Scotland Good Samaritan Center and Meals on Wheels. Survivors include three sons, Harlen Jerke of Great Bend, LeRoy Jerke of Scotland and Vertyn Jerke of Tripp, S.D.; one daughter, Patricia Beck of Sioux Falls; one brother, William Bauder of Tyndall; three sisters. Anna Friederich and Edna Ziegler, both of Kaylor, and Martha Ziedler of

November 20, 2003

Sister Romana Henning OP 1911-2003

Sister Romana Henning, 92, died Nov. 19 at the Dominican Sister’s convent infirmary in Great Bend. Born July 17, 1911, in Willowdale, as Bertha Clara Henning, Sister Romana was the daughter of Nick and Katie Marx Henning. She entered the Dominican Sisters’ community May 27, 1926, and pronounced her first vows Aug. 20, 1929. She celebrated 70 years of religious profession in 1999. Sister Romana began her ministry as a domestic worker in the sisters’ missions and hospitals, and at the convent in Great Bend where she served as supervisor in the kitchen. She also served as the convent infirmarian. She worked in nursing at St. Rose Hospital, now Central Kansas Medical Center, and St. Catherine Hospital in Garden City. Later she served in Central Supply in both hospitals. Her last ministry at CKMC was as receptionist in the surgery waiting room. She retired in 1994. Sister Romana is survived by one brother, George Henning of Spivey. Sister Romana’s body will be brought to the hospitality area of the Dominican Chapel of the Plains, 3600 Broadway, today at 4:30 p.m. where it will lie in state until the Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Saturday with the Rev. Gerald Hammeke officiating. Friends may call from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. until the time of service Saturday. A wake service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday. Burial will be at the Sisters’ Resurrection Cemetery. Both the wake and the funeral will be held at the convent. Memorials in honor of Sister Romana may be sent to Dominican Sisters Ministry Fund, Office of Mission and Ministry, 3600 Broadway, Great Bend KS 67530. Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 20, 2003

November 19, 2003

Ella Barbara Bauder Jerke 1920-2003

SCOTLAND, S.D. — Ella Barbara Bauder Jerke, 83, died Nov. 14 at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, S.D. She was born Aug. 26, 1920, in Bon Homme County near Tyndall, S.D., the daughter of Christian and Katherina Neth Bauder. She married Hugo Jerke March 23, 1941, in Scotland. He died in 1992. A resident of Scotland since 1982, coming from Kaylor, S.D., she was a farmwife and a caretaker of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church. Mrs. Jerke was a member of the Lutheran Church, Lutheran Women’s Missionary League, and a volunteer for the Scotland Good Samaritan Center and Meals on Wheels. Survivors include three sons, Harlen Jerke of Great Bend, LeRoy Jerke of Scotland and Vertyn Jerke of Tripp, S.D.; one daughter, Patricia Beck of Sioux Falls; one brother, William Bauder of Tyndall; three sisters. Anna Friederich and Edna Ziegler, both of Kaylor, and Martha Ziedler of
Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Randy Jellison-Knock officiating. Burial will be at Healy Cemetery.

LARNED — Hillis Bell Jr., 74, died Nov. 15 at his residence. He was born Jan. 22, 1929, in Tulsa, Okla., the son of Hillis F. Sr. and Tola Blust Bell. He married Marilyn Todd Dec. 29, 1955, at Tulsa. A resident of Larned for 36 years, he was a radio broadcaster, and former owner and operator for KANS Radio. Bell was a member of First United Methodist Church, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Larned Country Club, all of Larned, National Rifle Association, Ducks Unlimited and a 32nd Degree Mason. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Eric Bell of Fayetteville, Ark.; one daughter, Pamela LaMar of Olathe; three brothers, Robert Bell of Manhattan, Daniel Bell and Larry Bell, both of Tulsa; and five grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. today at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Scott City. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Trinity Lutheran Church Music Department, in care of Goggin-Kelley Funeral Chapel of Scotland. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 19, 2003

Gladys Hoberecht 1908-2003

BREMERTON, Wash. — Gladys Hoberecht, 95, died Nov. 15 at Harrison Memorial Hospital of congestive heart failure. She was born May 17, 1908, at Mulvane to Hewey and Iva Russell Howard. She graduated in 1926 from Mulvane High School. After graduation she moved to Newton and went to work in Becker’s Grocery Store. That is where she met William “Bill” Hoberecht. They were married July 14, 1929. They made their first home in Newton until 1933 and then they moved to Great Bend. She was a homemaker and raised five children. They retired and moved to Bremerton in 1965 where Gladys worked at Puget Sound Naval Station for five years. Gladys and Bill decided to enjoy their retirement and did some traveling. They visited many wonderful places in the States and enjoyed one trip to Germany to visit a granddaughter and her family. In 1994, due their health, they returned to Great Bend to be near their children. Mr. Hoberecht passed away in 2000 after they had celebrated their 71st anniversary. After the passing of her husband, she returned to Bremerton to make her home with her daughter, Glenna Bone. Mrs. Hoberecht devoted her life to raising her children and thoroughly enjoyed her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a member of the Eastern Star, the Kansas Club and the Homemakers Club. She was a former member of Summit Ave. Presbyterian Church in Bremerton and presently a member of Presbyterian Church in Great Bend. Surviving are three sons, Russell of Great Bend, Leland of Derby and Donald “Butch” of Wichita; two daughters, Thelma Buettgenbach of Hutchinson and Glenna Bone of Bremerton, Wash.; 17 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; grandson, Bill Bone; her two sisters, Eula and Hazel; and one brother, Everett. Services will be held in Great Bend at First Presbyterian Church on Friday, Nov. 21, at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. Visitation will be at Bryant Funeral Home on Thursday from noon to 9 p.m. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials for Gladys Hoberecht may be made to First Presbyterian Church in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 19, 2003 paid announcement

Clint W. Johnson 1985-2003

HEALY — Clint W. Johnson, 18, died Nov. 15 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita from injuries sustained while trying to break up a fight in Hays. He was born March 17, 1985, in Overland Park, the son of Walter and Georgia Cramer Johnson. He was a 32nd Degree Mason. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Eric Bell of Fayetteville, Ark.; one daughter, Pamela LaMar of Olathe; three brothers, Robert Bell of Manhattan, Daniel Bell and Larry Bell, both of Tulsa; and five grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. today at the church in Larned, with the Rev. Charles Grant officiating. Cremation will take place following the funeral service. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the church radio broadcast fund, Ducks Unlimited or Golden Bell Hospice, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 18, 2003

Winifred Hattie Norbeck 1921-2003

Doris Taylor Ellison 1920-2003

Doris Taylor Ellison, 83, of Great Bend, died Nov. 17. She was born Aug. 21, 1920, at Belleville, the daughter of Macy W. and Grace Dyer Julian. She married Lilburn Taylor at Fairbury, Neb. He died Nov. 18, 1980. She married Cecil Ellison Dec. 24, 1982, at Renosa, Mexico. A resident of Great Bend, she was a retired deputy treasurer for Barton County. Mrs. Ellison was a member of First United Methodist Church and Order of the Eastern Star, both of Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of Great Bend; one son, Wendell P. Taylor of Ft. Collins, Colo; one daughter, Sharon Schmidt of Olathe; and three granddaughters. Graveside service will be at 2:30 p.m. today at Belleville Cemetery in Belleville. Memorials are suggested to Order of the Eastern Star of Great Bend. Hays-Christians Funeral Home in Lindsborg is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 19, 2003
Winifred Hattie Norbeck, 82, of Great Bend, died Nov. 15 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation in Great Bend. She was born April 25, 1921, at Casey, Ill., the daughter of James B. and Hattie J. Harter Norbeck. A resident of Great Bend since 1972, coming from Oblong, Ill., she was a homemaker. Mrs. Norbeck was a member of First Church of the Nazarene of Great Bend. Survivors include one nephew, James Irey of Irving, Texas; one great-nephew, Joe Irey of Irving; and one great-niece, Kathy Stearns of Irving. She was preceded in death by one brother, Harold Norbeck; and two sisters, Lillie Norbeck and Anna Irey. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. today at Great Bend Cemetery, with the Rev. Robert Castile officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 18, 2003

Dorothy Helen Steiernert 1918-2003

Dorothy Helen Steiernert, 85, of Great Bend, died Nov. 16 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was born Feb. 2, 1918, at Aulne, in Marion County, the daughter of William and Nancy Larsen McGinness. She married Hubert B. Steiernert July 28, 1946, at Aulne. He died Dec. 25, 2001. A resident of Great Bend since 1946, coming from Aulne, she taught in country schools in Russell County and Jetmore prior to marriage and after marriage was a housewife. Mrs. Steiernert was a member of First United Methodist Church of Great Bend. Survivors include two daughters, Nancy Carroll of Great Bend and Jane Sargent of Jacksonville, Fla.; two brothers, the Rev. Earl McGinness of Lyons and Edward McGinness of Marion; two grandchildren, Jaime Harms and John Carroll; and two great-grandchildren, Kassidy Paige and Audrie Leean. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Gideons International, Salvation Army or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 18, 2003 paid announcement

Doris Taylor Ellison 1910-2003

Doris Taylor Ellison, 83, of Great Bend, died Nov. 17 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Hays-Christians Funeral Home of Lindsborg. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 18, 2003

Beadas Bott 1912-2003

LA CROSSE — Beada E. Bott, 91, died Nov. 15 at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. She was born July 29, 1912, at Butler, Okla., the daughter of William H. and Sophia Fuehrer Horst. She married Paul Bott Dec. 30, 1934, at Clinton, Okla. He died March 14, 1993. A resident of La Crosse, coming from rural Rush County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Bott was a member of United Methodist Church of La Crosse. Survivors include three sons, Garry Bott and Greg Bott, both of La Crosse, and Doug Bott of Bloom; four daughters, Shirley Ochs of Longpoc, Calif., Kay Hardwick of La Crosse, Caroleen Lou Herrman of Hayward, Calif., and Barbara Unruh of Baxter Springs; 14 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Sidney Wayne Bott; two brothers, Ted Horst and Herman Horst; one sister, Alvina Bozarth; and one grandson, Joseph Bott. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse, with the Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Family will receive friends from 6 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Rush County Nursing Home of La Crosse or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 18, 2003

Ronald Joseph ‘Ron’ Billinger 1940-2003

HAYS — Ronald Joseph “Ron” Billinger, 63, died Nov. 16 at Hays Medical Center. He was born June 30, 1940, at St. Peter, the son of Michael Joseph and Kathryn Sauer Billinger. He married Brenda Finucane Feb. 13, 1965, at Joliett, Ill. He married Mary White Oct. 4, 2003, at Hays. A resident of St. Peter, he was a butcher and a farm worker. Billinger was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in St. Peter and Coin Club. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Michael Billinger of Hays; four daughters, Mary Kathryn Copeland and Monica Billinger, both of Hays, Maureen Billinger of Chicago, Ill., and Tore Richmond of Stockton; one stepson, Jasen Gray of Colby; one stepdaughter, Jenna Gray of Salina; his mother, Kathryn Pierce of Ellis; three brothers, Jerry Billinger of Surprise, Ariz., Rich Billinger of Overland Park and Stan Billinger of Great Bend; one sister, Elena Wheeler of Rose Hill; and 10 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Carmelita Billinger and Sophia Billinger. A family prayer service will be at 6:30 p.m. today at Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church. Burial will be at St. Anthony Catholic Church Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Inpatient Oncology Unit at Hays Medical Center or Dreiling-Schmidt Cancer Center at Hays Medical Center, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 18, 2003

Frances T. Sessler 1913-2003

ELLINWOOD — Frances T. Sessler, 90, died Nov. 15 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born March 20, 1913, in Odin, the daughter of Frank Joseph and Mary Louise Frenzl Huschka. She married Lawrence W. Sessler Feb. 14, 1934, north of Ellinwood. He died Jan. 16, 1988. A lifetime resident of Barton County, she was a farm wife. Mrs. Sessler was a member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Altar Society, Sunshine Club, Heritage Club and Pinochle Club, all of Ellinwood. Survivors include one daughter, Elma Jean Miller of Ellinwood; two brothers, Martin Huschka of Garden City and LeRoy Huschka of Mesa, Ariz.; two sisters. Leona Klein of Ellinwood and Evelyn Behr of Hoisington; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and four
great-great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. today at the church, with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery at Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph’s School Endowment, in care of Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 18, 2003

Irene O. Evers 1921-2003

WICHITA — Irene O. Evers, 82, died Nov. 15. She was born June 14, 1921, at Great Bend, the daughter of Charles Francis and Otilia Farenbach Hoss. She married Kirby C. Evers. A resident of Wichita, formerly of Great Bend, she was a retired registered nurse and a homemaker. Survivors include three sons, Larry L. Evers of Wichita, Kirby J. Evers of Denver, Colo., and James W. Evers of Lawrence; three brothers, Paul Hoss and Phillip Hoss, both of Great Bend, and Steve Hoss of Fairview, Texas; three sisters, Ann Bauer of Houston, Texas, Angie Geil of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Agatha Berryhill of Gautier, Miss.; and four grandchildren. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. today at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association or Midwest Historical and Genealogy Society, both in care of Downing and Lahey East Mortuary in Wichita. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 18, 2003

Wanda Norene Kayartz 1927-2003

WICHITA — Wanda Norene Kayartz, 76, died Nov. 15. A resident of Wichita, she was a homemaker. Survivors include two daughters, Judie Sexson and Carol Rankin, both of Wichita; one brother, Lowell Meier of Ellinwood; one sister, Joann Wunder of Great Bend; three granddaughters, Tina Williams, Jeanette May and Renee Rankin-Bates; five great-grandchildren, Ryan Williams, Kylie Williams, Zach May, Natalie May and Nathan May; and numerous friends. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. today at Otis Lutheran Cemetery. Memorial service will be at 3 p.m. today at Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Wichita. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Hillside Funeral Home — West in Wichita. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 18, 2003 paid announcement

Rose T. Pechanec 1909-2003

TIMKEN — Rose T. Pechanec, 94, died Nov. 16 at Rush County Memorial Hospital Long Term Care in La Crosse. She was born Oct. 16, 1909, in Bonov, Czechoslovakia, the daughter of Frank and Rose Seda Vsetecka. She married Henry J. Pechanec Nov. 12, 1928, in Schuyler, Neb. He died Feb. 25, 1995. A longtime resident of Rush County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Pechanec was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Catholic Workman Lodge and St. Ann’s Altar Society, all of Timken. Survivors include three sons, Victor A. Pechanec and Stephen C. Pechanec, both of Timken, and Ivan H. Pechanec of Wichita; one brother, Charles Vsetecka of Victoria; one sister, Mary Cecil of Oklahoma City, Okla.; 18 grandchildren; 46 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Francis H. Pechanec; one daughter, Anita R. Pechanec; one brother, Frank Vsetecka; one sister, Bessie Swaneck; and one great-grandchild. A vigil service and rosary will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Charles Mazouch officiating. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery in Timken. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. The family will receive friends from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 18, 2003

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Merrill D. Bayer 1930-2003

ELLINWOOD — Merrill D. Bayer, 73, died Nov. 13 at Hutchinson Hospital. He was born March 9, 1930, at Rice County, the son of Amos J. and Laura Lebbin Bayer. He was a graduate of Ellinwood High School. He married Virginia Pangburn Nov. 8, 1953, at Lyons. A lifetime Rice County resident, he was a farmer. Bayer was a member of Immanuel United Church of Christ in Ellinwood and StoneRidge Country Club of Great Bend. He was with the 89th division of the U.S. Army Reserve. Survivors include his wife of the home; and one brother, Amos Bayer of Raymond. He was preceded in death by one brother, Don Bayer. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Larry Young officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today and from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 16, 2003

Imogene L. Galliart 1921-2003

WILSON — Imogene L. Galliart, 82, died Nov. 12 at Wilson Nursing Center in Wilson. She was born Oct. 7, 1921, at Dorrance, the daughter of Martin and Elsie Miller Betts. She married George Galliart Sept. 9, 1940, at Ellsworth. A lifetime Wilson-area resident, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Galliart was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and American Legion Auxiliary, both of Wilson, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary of Russell. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, George L. Galliart Jr. of Wilson; three brothers, LeeRoy Betts of Russell, Edward Betts of Gillette, Wyo., and Lester Betts of Dorrance and McCook, Neb.; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Athol Betts and Marvin Betts; and one sister, Verba. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Jim Wagner officiating. Burial will be at Wilson City Cemetery in Wilson. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Foster Mortuary in Wilson and from 9 a.m. to service time Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, cancer research or Wilson Nursing Center, all in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 16, 2003
James Russell Hoss Sr. 1917-2003

HOISINGTON — James Russell Hoss Sr., 86, died Nov. 12 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born May 5, 1917, at Virginia City, Iowa, the son of Thomas C. and Cora E. Golightly Hoss. He married Edith Blevins Jan. 1, 1937, at Tulsa, Okla. She died Feb. 21, 1994. A resident of Hoisington since 1938, coming from Lyons, he retired in 1985 from Brougher Oil Co., where he worked as a driller. Survivors include one daughter, Kay Barker of Knoxville, Tenn.; five grandchildren, Rebecca Anderson of rural Otis, C. Russell Hoss of Atlanta, Ga., Cheryl Barker-Cox, Kasie Atwood and Russell Barker, both of Knoxville; five great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded by one son, James R. Hoss Jr. March 31, 1994. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with the Rev. Don Fisher officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Barton County. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. to service time Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Gentle Giant Equestrian Therapy, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 16, 2003

Robert ‘Bob’ Detrich 1920-2003

WICHITA — Robert “Bob” Detrich, 82, died Nov. 11 at his home in Wichita. He was born Dec. 19, 1920, at Breckenridge, Texas. He was a retired oil and natural gas well driller. Survivors include two sons, Robert James Detrich and Alan Leon Detrich, both of Great Bend, two brothers, William Detrich of Simi Valley, Calif. and Norman Detrich of Mio, Mich., and four sisters, Mable Hammond and Bonnie Kipple, both of Wichita, Shirley Miller of Radium, and Helen Deliere of Simi Valley. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Norma Jean Detrich, second wife, Nada M. Hottle, one half brother, Joseph Detrich and one sister Betty Herman. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Culbertson-Smith Mortuary, Wichita. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Wichita Association for the Deaf Senior Citizens, 1646 E. Central, Wichita, KS 67214. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 16, 2003

Frances T. Sessler 1913-2003

ELLINWOOD — Frances T. Sessler, 90, died Nov. 15 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Alter Society rosary will be at 3 p.m. and the Vigil will be at 7 p.m., both Monday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Ellinwood with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the St. Joseph’s School Endowment. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 16, 2003

Mary E. ‘Beth’ Beck 1915-2003

LARNED — Mary E. “Beth” Beck, 88, died Nov. 12 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. She was born Oct. 23, 1915, in rural Hodgeman County, the daughter of Arthur T. and Elzetta Rhoads Kingry. She was a graduate of Kinsley High School and attended Southwestern College in Winfield. She married John W. Hill Jan. 30, 1937, at Kinsley. He died Sept. 8, 1980. She married William Beck March 25, 1982, at Larned. A longtime resident of Larned, she was a retired bookkeeper for Doerr’s of Larned. Mrs. Beck was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Women and American Legion, all of Larned, and Daughters of the American Revolution. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Tony Hill of Holcomb; two stepdaughters, Linda Wyman-Mead of Larned and Carol Champion of Carson City, Nev.; one sister, Katherine Lewis of Kinsley; two grandchildren; and four great-grandsons. She was preceded in death by three sisters, Leona Scott, Elzetta Lucas and Sybil Heinz. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned with the Rev. Jim Hawthorne officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Culbertson-Smith Mortuary, Wichita. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the church or Emergency Medical Service, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 14, 2003

Margaret Elizabeth Stromer 1905-2003

LARNED — Margaret Elizabeth Stromer, 98, died Nov. 12 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. She was born April 9, 1905, at Seward, the daughter of Ulysses A. and Ava A. Parker Gore. She was a 1923 graduate of St. John High School. She married Bertie Williard Stromer April 7, 1939, at St. John. He died Jan. 22, 1984. A resident of Larned since 1983, coming from LaCanda, Calif., she was a retired teacher for Stafford and Pawnee County schools. Mrs. Stromer was a member of First Christian Church of Larned and a 50-year member of Order of Eastern Star of St. John. Survivors include nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by his first wife, Norma Jean Detrich, second wife, Nada M. Hottle, one half brother, Joseph Detrich and one sister Betty Herman. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Culbertson-Smith Mortuary, Wichita. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Wichita Association for the Deaf Senior Citizens, 1646 E. Central, Wichita, KS 67214. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 16, 2003

Hazel Barstow 1914-2003

Ark.; three sisters, Jean Oehler of Trinity, Fla., Dolores Crawford of Hoisington and Marilyn Kellogg of Great Bend; six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. Burial took place at Restlawn Memorial Park in La Feria, Texas. Buck Ashton Funeral Home in Harlingen was in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 14, 2003

Robert G. Coshow 1923-2003

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Robert G. Coshow, 80, died Nov. 7. He was born Sept. 13, 1923, in Hutchinson. A resident of San Diego, he was chief executive officer of OEM Industrial Hydraulics and president of Great Bend Industries from 1967-1992. Survivors include his wife, Ann Coshow of the home; one son, Richard Coshow of northern Texas; two daughters, Eleanor Smith of northern Texas and Viki Coshow of North Carolina; and six grandchildren. There will be no funeral or visitation. Memorials are suggested to Vitas Hospice, in care of Pacific Beach Mortuary in San Diego. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 14, 2003

Elizabeth H. Mettling 1918-2003

HUTCHINSON — Elizabeth H. Mettling, 85, died Nov. 12 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born Aug. 3, 1918, at Halstead, the daughter of Edgar and Emelia Berger Hirschler. She was a 1936 graduate of Halstead High School, 1940 graduate of Bethel College with a degree in home economics and a 1951 graduate of Kansas State University with a masters in home economics education. She married Raymond Mettling May 29, 1971, in Great Bend. He died May 3, 1984. A resident of Hutchinson, she taught public schools in Ensign, Centerview, Lost Springs, Halstead, Dodge City and Dodge City Community College. After 16 years of teaching, she served 17 years with the state department of education as a home economics supervisor in vocational education. Mrs. Mettling was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, American and Kansas Home Economics Association, School Food Service Association, United Methodist Women, Stephan Ministries, Church Women United, Breakfast Lions Club, Hutchinson Retired Teachers Association, Delta Kappa Gamma, volunteer with Mother-to-Mother Ministry and Youth Friends. She was president of Kansas Vocational Home Economics Association, National Association of State Supervisors of Home Economics and Kansas School Food Service Association. She was awarded Distinguished Service Award from Kansas Association of Vocational Home Economics, certification from National School Lunch Program USDA, Distinguished Service Award from Kansas School Food Service Association and 50-year membership award from Kansas Association of Family and Consumer Service Association. Survivors include two nephews, John Hirschler of Los Angeles and Jim Herschler of Florida; and one niece, Judy Beckmenn of Florida. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Willard Herschler and John Herschler. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Elliott Mortuary in Hutchinson, with the Revs. Nick Warner and Mary Al Titus officiating. Graveside service will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Wayne Cemetery in Lewis. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church, Good Samaritan Fund at Wesley Towers or to donors’ choice, all in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 14, 2003

November 13, 2003

Oscar William Bill Allen 1947-2003

McPHERSON — Oscar William Bill Allen, 56, died Nov. 12 at his home. He was born May 25, 1947, at Manhattan, the son of Andy S. and Anna D. Wiens Allen. He married Connie S. Horyna Sept. 19, 1966, in Larned. A resident of McPherson since 1976, coming from Great Bend, he owned and operated 3-A Auto in McPherson and did auto body work. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Gregory Allen of McPherson and Eric Allen of Ponca City, Okla.; one daughter, Sonya Moon of McPherson; two brothers, Richard Allen of McPherson and Karl Allen of Great Bend; two sisters, Ruby May of McPherson and Martha Sue Allen of Hutchinson; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Clarence Allen. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at McPherson Cemetery, with Chaplin Larry Anderson officiating. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday at Glidden-Ediger Funeral Home in McPherson. The family will receive friends from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice of Wichita, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 13, 2003

Margaret Elizabeth Stromer 1905-2003

LARNED — Margaret Elizabeth Stromer, 98, died Nov. 12 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 13, 2003

Mary E. ‘Beth’ Beck 1915-2003

LARNED — Mary E. “Beth” Beck, 88, died Nov. 12 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 13, 2003

November 12, 2003

Glen R. Monroe 1920-2003

HOISINGTON — Glen R. Monroe, 83, died Nov. 10 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born Sept. 20, 1920, at Hoisington, the son of Robert and Hazen Frances Coy Monroe. He married Rosemary Chambers
November 11, 2003

Harry Ross Bookless 1936-2003

CHANUTE — Harry Ross Bookless, 67, died Nov. 7 at Chanute. He was born March 11, 1936, at Hutchinson, the son of Ross and Cleo Vansickle Bookless. He was a 1956 graduate of Nickerson High School. He married Patricia Lee Gibbs June 27, 1964, in Great Bend. A resident of Chanute, he was a system control operator for Midwest Energy of Hays, founder of Lake and Pond Bassmasters of Hays and was an ostrich and llama breeder south of Hays. Bookless served in the Hutchinson National Guard for three years. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Jeanette Michaelis of Nov. 26, 1939, at Jetmore. He died August 1966. She married Elmer Regier Aug. 2, 1970, at Dodge City. He died March 21, 1971. A resident of Russell, coming from Jewell, Tescott, Natoma, Holly and Nebraska, she was a contract mail carrier, a truckdriver in the oilfield and construction business, and a homemaker. Mrs. Regier was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, American Legion of Russell and a Gold Star mother. Survivors include one daughter, Janet Steckman of Russell; four stepsons, Rick Regier of Alder, Mont., Harold Regier of Beaumont, Texas, Roy Dale Regier of Orange, Texas, and Darrell Regier of Lumberton, Texas; two stepdaughters, Barbara Huntsinger of Sand Springs, Okla., and Beverly Maltbie of Hamilton; two brothers, David Whipple and Jim Whipple, both of Jetmore; one sister, Roberta Joyce Wolfe; and six stepgrandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Russell E. Michaelis; two daughters, Mary Jo Ann White and Roberta Joyce Wolfe; one stepson, Raymond Regier; one brother, Henry Whipple; and one stepgrandson, Chris Maltbie. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Pohlman-Heise Memorial Chapel in Russell with the Rev. Gary Winget officiating. Burial will be at Michaelis Cemetery south of Russell. Friends may call from 5 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to service time Wednesday at the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 11, 2003

Alberta Inez Regier 1922-2003

RUSSELL — Alberta Inez Regier, 81, died Nov. 8 at Hays Medical Center of Hays. She was born June 26, 1922, at Holly, Colo., the daughter of James Bowie and Winnifred Burks Whipple. She married Herbert Michaelis Nov. 26, 1939, at Jetmore. He died Aug. 1966. She married Elmer Regier Aug. 2, 1970, at Dodge City. He died March 21, 1971. A resident of Russell, coming from Jewell, Tescott, Natoma, Holly and Nebraska, she was a contract mail carrier, a truckdriver in the oilfield and construction business, and a homemaker. Mrs. Regier was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, American Legion of Russell and a Gold Star mother. Survivors include one daughter, Janet Steckman of Russell; four stepsons, Rick Regier of Alder, Mont., Harold Regier of Beaumont, Texas, Roy Dale Regier of Orange, Texas, and Darrell Regier of Lumberton, Texas; two stepdaughters, Barbara Huntsinger of Sand Springs, Okla., and Beverly Maltbie of Hamilton; two brothers, David Whipple and Jim Whipple, both of Jetmore; one sister, Roberta Joyce Wolfe; and six stepgrandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Russell E. Michaelis; two daughters, Mary Jo Ann White and Roberta Joyce Wolfe; one stepson, Raymond Regier; one brother, Henry Whipple; and one stepgrandson, Chris Maltbie. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Pohlman-Heise Memorial Chapel in Russell with the Rev. Gary Winget officiating. Burial will be at Michaelis Cemetery south of Russell. Friends may call from 5 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to service time Wednesday at the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 11, 2003

Velma E. Keener 1915-2003

RUSH CENTER — Velma E. Keener, 88, died Nov. 8 at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. She was born Sept. 15, 1915, at Rush Center, the daughter of John G. and Lena I. Becker Hemken. She married Herman C. Smith March 27, 1932. He died May 29, 1962. She married Rene J. Fischer June 15, 1963, at Boulder, Colo. He died Aug. 3, 1976. She married John J. Keener July 1, 1977, at Rush Center. He died Dec. 29, 1997. A resident of Rush Center, coming from Henderson, Colo., and Lyons, Colo., she was a postal carrier for the U.S. Postal Service. Mrs. Keener was a member of Hope Lutheran Church, Lions Club and Walnut Valley Senior Center, all of Rush Center. Survivors include one stepson, Dan Keener of Rush Center; two stepdaughters, Donna Schmidt of Rossville and Dena Irvin of McCracken; three brothers, Norman K. Hemken of Rush Center, Raymond C. Hemken of Wichita and Ernest W. Hemken of Hemet, Calif.; one sister, Edna T. Maki of Loveland, Colo.; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and two great-great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Russell E. Michaelis; two daughters, Mary Jo Ann White and Roberta Joyce Wolfe; one stepson, Raymond Regier; one brother, Henry Whipple; and one stepgrandson, Chris Maltbie. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Pohlman-Heise Memorial Chapel in Russell with the Rev. Gary Winget officiating. Burial will be at Michaelis Cemetery south of Russell. Friends may call from 5 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to service time Wednesday at the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 11, 2003

Dr. Percy Sillin 1930-2003

OVERBROOK — Dr. Percy Sillin, 72, died Nov. 9 in Topeka. He was born Nov. 12, 1930, in Stafford, the son of Earl and Lucille Krum Sillin. He received a masters degree from Fort Hays State University and a doctorate degree from Kansas State University...
in the education field. He married Dolores Geil in 1950. A resident of Overbrook, he served several years as assistant education commissioner of Kansas. Sillin was a captain in the Kansas National Guard. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Brad Sillin of Wichita and Todd Sillin of Topeka; one brother, Virgil Sillin of Hutchinson; one sister, Maxine Spangenberg of Wichita; and three grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the United Methodist Church in Jetmore. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at United Methodist Church in Overbrook. Burial will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hillcrest Cemetery at Great Bend. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. today at Greenwood-Roberts Funeral Home in Overbrook. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to United Methodist Church, in care of First Security Bank, Overbrook, KS 66524, or Midland Hospice Care, in care of the funeral home or Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 11, 2003

November 9, 2003

Ruby M. Baugher 1919—2003

JETMORE — Ruby M. Baugher, 84, died Nov. 7 at the Hodgeman County Long Term Care Center in Jetmore. She was born July 30, 1919, in Hodgeman County, the daughter of Frank and Marie Anderson Gibbs. She married Donald Baugher July 1, 1941, at Arnold. He died May 5, 2002. She was retired from her job at the ASCS office after 20 years of service and was also a homemaker. Survivors include several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one brother, Stacy Frank Gibbs; and two sisters, Elma Rynerson and Jeanie Burns. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the United Methodist Church in Jetmore, with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. Burial will be at the Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Monday, and Tuesday until 11 a.m. at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to the Jetmore United Methodist Church in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 9, 2003

Sister Christine Zerr 1908 — 2003

Sister Christine Zerr, 95, died Nov. 7 in the Dominican Sisters’ convent infirmary in Great Bend. She was born Aug. 10, 1908, at Park, as Helen Zerr, the daughter of Anton and Christina Selensky Zerr. She entered the Dominican Sisters’ Community July 25, 1925, and pronounced her first vows Aug. 22, 1932. She celebrated 70 years of religious profession in 2002. For most of her religious life, Sister Christine ministered as a registered nurse as supervisor on medical, surgical and obstetrics floors of St. Rose Hospital (now Central Kansas Medical Center) in Great Bend. She later became an anesthetist at St. Rose. She also served in social service as office personnel at St. Catherine in Garden City. After 1967 she served in ministry to the sisters’ community at the convent. She is survived by one brother, Dominic Zerr, of Grainfield. Sister Christine’s body will lie in state in the hospitality area of the Dominican Chapel of the Plains, 3600 Broadway, Great Bend, until the Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. Monday, with the Rev. Gerald Hammelke officiating. A wake service will be held at 7 tonight at the convent. Burial will be in the Sisters’ Resurrection Cemetery in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Dominican Sisters Ministry Fund, Office of Mission and Ministry, 3600 Broadway, Great Bend, KS 67530. Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Friends may call from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today and from 8 to 10 a.m. Monday at the convent. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 9, 2003

Velma E. Keener

RUSH CENTER — Velma E. Keener, 88, of Rush Center, died Nov. 8 at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. Services are pending with the Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 9, 2003

November 7, 2003

John ‘Jack’ Schenkel Jr. 1927-2003

John “Jack” Schenkel Jr., 75, of Great Bend, died Nov. 5 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus, in Wichita. He was born Dec. 24, 1927, at La Crosse, the son of John J. Sr. and Katherine Hegart Schenkel. He married Bonnie Harding June 30, 1961, at Clayton, N.M. A resident of Great Bend for 35 years, coming from Liberal, he was a supervisor in the oilfield, working for Sun Oilwell Cementing, B.J. Hughes and Allied Cementing, and also drove “The Cab” for Senior Center for the past 10 years. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Randall J. Schenkel of Liberal, Gary Bruner and Steven W. Schenkel, both of Great Bend; three daughters, Sheila Dunn of Golden, Mo., Brenda Walton of Great Bend, Phyllis Ward of Hutchinson; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Teresa Schenkel; 10 brothers; and three sisters. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Robert Castle officiating. No visitation is scheduled, cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 7, 2003

November 6, 2003

Elma French 1917-2003

JETMORE — Elma French, 86, died Nov. 3 at Virginia Hospital at Arlington, Va. She was born Sept. 29, 1917, at Galatia, the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Michel Litzenberger. She married Horatio French. He died Feb. 8, 1960. A resident of Arlington, coming from Jetmore, she was a retired payroll clerk for GTE. Mrs. French was a member of United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women, both of Jetmore. Survivors include one son, Stephen French of Reston, Va.; one brother, Wesley Litzenberger of Dodge City; two granddaughters; and one great-grandson. She was preceded in death by two brothers. Ike Litzenberoer and
Claudia ‘Toby’ Bennett 1915-2003

Claudia ‘Toby’ Bennett, 88, of Great Bend, died Nov. 1 at her home in Great Bend. She was born May 13, 1915, at Lansing, Mich., the daughter of Alan B. and Alice Humphrey Robertson. She married Robert A. Bennett May 21, 1938, at Lansing. She survives. She was a homemaker and was a Great Bend resident since 1976, coming from Canoga Park, Calif. Mrs. Bennett was a member of First Presbyterian Church, United Presbyterian Women and FS Chapter P.E.O, all of Great Bend. She was preceded in death by three sisters. Survivors include her husband of Great Bend; one son, Richard R. Bennett, D.V.M., of Sacramento, Calif.; three daughters, Kim Sowers of Waverly, Mo., Kris Purkey of Lee’s Summitt, Mo., and Cory Schick of Raytown, Mo.; three stepsons, Randall Schober of Stilwell, Rudy Schober of Lewisville, Texas, and Ryan Schober of Wichita; his mother, Mildred Schuette of Waverly; four brothers, Robert Schick of Oak Grove, Mo., John Schick of Alma, Mo., David Schick and Joseph Schick, both of Warrensburg; four grandchildren; and four stepgrandchildren. Prayer service will be at 8 p.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Jack D. Russell officiating. Burial will be at Peace Lutheran Cemetery in Albert. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 6, 2003

November 2, 2003

Thomas William Schick 1942-2003

Thomas William Schick, 60, of Great Bend, died Nov. 4 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. He was born Dec. 4, 1942, at Kansas City, Mo., the son of Alfred and Mildred Thomas Schick. He received a bachelor of science degree in education in 1967 and a master of science degree in education in 1973 with a permanent secondary certificate in business education and social sciences at CMSU in Warrensburg, Mo. He married Rosalia Hanken Schober Nov. 15, 1991, at Winston-Salem, N.C. A resident of Great Bend since 1998, coming from Memphis, Tenn., he was an industrial engineer, retiring in 1998. Schick was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Albert. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Justin Schick of Kansas City, Mo.; three daughters, Kim Sowers of Waverly, Mo., Kris Purkey of Lee’s Summit, Mo., and Cory Schick of Raytown, Mo.; three stepsons, Randall Schober of Stilwell, Rudy Schober of Lewisville, Texas, and Ryan Schober of Wichita; his mother, Mildred Schuette of Waverly; four brothers, Robert Schick of Oak Grove, Mo., John Schick of Alma, Mo., David Schick and Joseph Schick, both of Warrensburg; four grandchildren; and four stepgrandchildren. Prayer service will be at 8 p.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Jack D. Russell officiating. Burial will be at Peace Lutheran Cemetery in Albert. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 6, 2003

November 4, 2003

Louis W. ‘Louie’ Ross 1924-2003

HAYS — Louis W. “Louie” Ross, 79, died Nov. 1 at St. John’s of Hays Nursing Home. He was born Oct. 23, 1924, at Hays, the son of Frank and Andrea Meier Ross. He married Justina “Tina” Meier Oct. 20, 1948, at Hays. He was an electrician contractor and owner of Ross Electric for many years and was a pumper for Baruch-Foster Oil prior to his retirement. Ross was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Hays. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Tom Ross and Roger Ross, both of Edmund, Okla.; three daughters, Carol Ledbetter of Edmund, Joan Scott of Pampa, Texas, and Lois Cook of Amarillo, Texas; three brothers, Francis Ross of Wichita, Lawrence “Pete” Ross of Great Bend and Alan Ross of Hays; two sisters, Mary Ellen Fromm of Grand Junction, Colo., and Irene Hauser of Louisville, Colo.; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Norbert Ross and Richard ‘Dick’ Ross; and one granddaughter, Camilla Ross. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. today at the church. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. today at Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Pheasants Forever, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 4, 2003

November 2, 2003

Grace E. Ditch 1916-2003

ST. JOHN — Grace E. Ditch, 86, died Nov. 1 at Leisure Homestead in St. John. She was born Dec. 23, 1916, at Dewey, Okla., the daughter of Albert Newton and Eliza Messenger Franklin. She attended Tulsa Business College. She married George W. Ditch Sept. 7, 1946, at Tulsa, Okla. He died Aug. 8, 2002. A resident of St. John for 46 years, she was a seamstress, worked for Douglas Aircraft during World War II and was a nurses’ aide. Mrs. Ditch was a member of First Baptist Church and Mothers Club, both of St. John. Survivors include one son, Tim Ditch of Denver City, Texas; two daughters, Jennifer Gillespie and Jessie LeRoi, both of St. John; two sisters, Pauline Pannell of Bartlesville, Okla., and Ruth Wesley of Crescent, Okla.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by seven brothers and sisters. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. today at the church, with the Rev. David A. Ford officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Memorials are suggested to Sandyland Shepherd’s Center or Arthritis Foundation, both in care of Minnis Chapel of St. John. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 4, 2003

November 2, 2003

Hank Litzenberger; and two sisters, Mildred Bacon and Katie Halling. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to Elma French Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 6, 2003
Beahm of San Diego, Calif., David Beahm of Roeland Park, Scott Beahm of Great Bend and Kate-Carlson-Hight of Manhattan.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to service time Monday at the funeral home. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. The Revs. Hal Staats and Shawn Winters will officiate the funeral service. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to First Presbyterian Church, Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice and Abilene Public Library, all in care of the funeral home.

Toby, as her friends would call her, was always more concerned about others than herself. Whether teaching her daughter’s high school football team how to dance so that they could enjoy the school homecoming celebration, or cooking dinner for someone in need, she was always involved in helping others. Not one to seek attention for herself, Toby made sure those around her knew each other were included in the discussions. Share a bus ride with her and you would soon know everyone on the bus. She was your friend and a loyal one. Her heartfelt laugh erupted easily and often. Somehow, she always had a needed small toy in her purse for a grandchild who was beginning to get bored. Her gifts to her grandchildren were appropriate for their age and their interests, even to the amazement of their parents. She was a “people person” and delighted in meeting you. You were most welcome at her home. She lived her faith and exemplified the phrase, “the greatest of these is love.” She shared her faith in God with others reaching out with service and kind deeds, never asking reward nor recognition. She touched our lives and we are blessed. Through her example, many of these wonderful qualities were passed on to her children and grandchildren. Mom, we will miss you, but look forward to a reunion with you in Heaven with our Lord. Great Bend (Kan) Nov. 2, 2003 paid announcement

Peter John McQuade 1919-2003

ELLINWOOD — Peter John McQuade, 83, died Oct. 31 at Ellinwood District Hospital in Ellinwood. He was born Nov. 17, 1919, at Frontenac, the son of Peter Harrison and Mary Rose Grannan McQuade. He was a 1939 graduate of Pittsburg High School. He married Mary Ellen Lavery Feb. 19, 1945, at Frontenac. A longtime Ellinwood resident, he was a pumpers for Phillips Petroleum for 35 years and manager of 66 Kan-Colo Credit Union for 25 years. McQuade was a member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, a lifetime member of Veteran of Foreign War 5659, and a member of Knights of Columbus 1187, all of Ellinwood, and a member of U.S.S. Mass Memorial Foundation. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served in the Pacific Theatre aboard the U.S.S. Mass during World War II, and also in North Africa. Survivors include his wife of the home; six sons, Michael McQuade and Mark McQuade, both of Ellinwood, Timothy McQuade of Hoisington, Owen McQuade of Russell, Kevin McQuade of Hutchinson and Dennis McQuade of St. Charles, Mo.; four daughters, Patricia Engelhardt of Winslow, Ariz., Kathleen Mass of Ralston, Neb., Elaine Kallaus of South Hutchinson and Maureen Schwartz of N. Kansas City, Mo.; one brother, William McQuade of Pittsburg; 32 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Catherine McCaskey and Midge Masquerier; one daughter, Mary Anne McQuade; and one grandson, James Peter McQuade. Rosary will be at 3 p.m. today at the church. Vigil will be at 8 p.m. at the church. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. John Maes officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Commanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. today at the church.

Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph’s School Endowment Fund or VFW Memorial Scholarship Fund, both in care of Kimple Funeral Home of Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Nov. 2, 2003

J. Paul Stonebraker 1912-2003

J. Paul Stonebraker, 91, of Great Bend, died Oct. 29 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born July 17, 1912, at Lincoln, the son of Otto I. and Agnes Driscoll Stonebraker. He married Patricia A. Miller Sept. 3, 1967, at Denver, Colo. A resident of Great Bend since 1975, coming from Wichita, he was a chef for the Petroleum Club, Five Oaks and Holiday Inn, all of Great Bend. Stonebraker was a member of First United Methodist Church of Great Bend, was former president of Swinging Stars Square Dance Club of Hoisington, past president and treasurer of State Square Dance Association, former secretary-treasurer of Denver Square Dance Council, Kansas Chef of the year in 1973 and elected to American Academy of Chefs. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, David John Miller of Omaha, Neb., Bernard Neil Miller of Boise, Idaho, and Randy Miller of the home; four daughters, Patricia Ann Wheeler of Albuquerque, N.M., Francene Joy Stonebraker of San Francisco, Calif., Marsha Stonebraker-Greenburg of Highland Ranch, Colo., and Terri Susan Stonebraker of Aurora, Colo.; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Mel Stonebraker; and two sisters, Marie Peterson and Frances Schackeeford. Funeral took place Saturday at the church with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial was at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery north of Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer’s Association, in care of Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 2, 2003

Pete Bieberle 1940-2003

ELLINWOOD — Pete Bieberle, 62, died Oct. 30 at his home in Ellinwood. He was born Nov. 4, 1940, at Great Bend, the son of Leo Charles and Irene Rose Brunn Bieberle. He married Pat Kelso Aug. 4, 1962, at Chase. A resident of both Rice and Barton counties and an Ellinwood resident since 1993, coming from Bushton, he was a mechanic at Bushton Garage for 34 years, a wheat farmer, and a former employee for Garvey Grain of Silica and Cal-Maine Food Inc. of Chase. Bieberle was a member of Holy Name Catholic Church of Bushton. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Robert Bieberle of Colby and Roger Bieberle of Wichita; one daughter, Kristen Stout of Ellinwood; one brother, Lee Bieberle of Clifton; two sisters, Adella Banks of Macksville and Marietta Mooney of Bushton; and eight grandchildren. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at the church. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church with the Revs. Steven Scheier and James J. Roth officiating. Burial will be at Holy Name Cemetery in Bushton. Friends may call from 1 to 5 p.m. today at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to Wilbert Bieberle Family Fund in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 2, 2003

Mary Ellen Reynolds 1915-2003

La Crosse — Mary Ellen Reynolds, 88, died Oct. 31 at Rush County Memorial Hospital Long Term Care in La Crosse. She was born Aug. 19, 1915, at Nekoma, the daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth Cecelia O’Brien McCormick. She married Everett
Reynolds April 28, 1935, at La Crosse. He died March 9, 1972. A lifetime resident of Rush County, she was a homemaker. She was a member of the Christian faith. Survivors include two daughters, Barbara Hoskins of Great Bend and Mary Dipman of Larned; one brother, Alex McCormick of Rush Center; one sister, Agnes Appel of La Crosse; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles McCormick and Mark McCormick. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Locust Hill Cemetery in Rush Center with the Rev. Leroy Lyon officiating. Friends may call from noon to 8 p.m. today at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to Rush County Memorial Hospital Long Term Care or Walnut Valley Seniors at Rush Center, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Nov. 2, 2003
Lester Rogers 1913-2003

JETMORE — Lester Rogers, 90, died Dec. 28 at Good Samaritan Center in Dodge City. He was born March 18, 1913, on a farm in rural Hodgeman County, the son of John and Etta Thresher Rogers. He married Mary Ruth Glenn Aug. 25, 1932, at Jetmore. She died April 15, 1995. A resident of Jetmore, he was a farmer. Rogers was a member of United Presbyterian Church of Jetmore and was a former mayor of Jetmore. Survivors include one sister, Ruby Young of Warsaw, Mo.; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, William Leroy Rogers. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Brad Hansen officiating. The body was donated to the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the church or Haun Museum, both of Jetmore, in care of Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 31, 2003

Betty Ruth Dick-Peddie 1922-2003

Betty Ruth Dick-Peddie, longtime Kansas City resident, passed away Dec. 28, 2003, at a Hot Springs, Ark., hospital. She was born Betty Ruth Guernsey Nov. 1, 1922, in Kansas City, Mo. She attended Border Star Elementary School and Southwest High School. She graduated from the University of Missouri in 1943 with a B.S. in Education. There, she was a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority. Betty Ruth met her husband to be, Jack, at MU. They married in 1943 and after Jack’s service years in the Army they settled in Kansas City, where they raised their two daughters. Betty Ruth was preceded in death this last July 2003 by her husband of 60 years, Jack (John Walter Dick-Peddie Jr.); her brother, John Guernsey of Kansas City and her sister, Jeanne Moore of St. Louis, Mo. Betty Ruth is survived by her two daughters, Debbie Boyd, her husband, John, and her grandchildren Jake and Melissa of Indianapolis; Sandi Witt and her husband, Dan, of Hoisington; sister-in-law, Jean Leimert of Centreville, Va.; sister-in-law, Betty Lou Guernsey of Castle Rock, Colo.; nieces, Wanda, Becky, Judy and a nephew, John. Betty Ruth was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She was a beautiful lady, a gracious hostess, and loved a good party with good friends. She and Jack traveled extensively, loved golf, tennis, and played lots of bridge while in retirement in Hot Springs Village. A celebration of life will be held at Mount Moriah, 10507 Holmes, Kansas City, at 3 p.m. Friday. Lasting memorials may be made in her memory to the Arkansas Cancer Research Center Foundation for Lymphoma Research, 4301 West Markham Street No. 623, Little Rock. AR 72205, or to the Clara Barton Hospital Foundation, 250 West 9th, Hoisington, KS 67544. Arrangements are by Caruth Village Funeral Home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 31, 2003

Jerry Frederick Denney 1940-2003

Jerry Frederick Denney, 63, of Great Bend, died Dec. 27. He was born June 29, 1940, at Great Bend, the son of Joseph and Opal Schroeder Denney. He married Georgia Sue Arnold Nov. 10, 1962, at Longton. A resident of Great Bend, he was employed in the water well service. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Joseph Denney and Christopher "Kit" Denney, both of Great Bend; one daughter, Michelle Spivey of El Dorado; one sister, Connie Thompson of Great Bend; step-father, James Queen of Great Bend; one step-brother, James Queen Jr. of Great Bend; and nine grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Charter Funerals in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Jerry F. Denney Memorial in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 31, 2003

Charles S. Taylor 1927 - 2003

PRATT — Charles S. Taylor, 76, died Dec. 30, at Pratt Regional Medical Center. He was born Aug. 23, 1927, at Stafford, the son of Joseph William and Wilma Sidney Strong Taylor. He attended high school in Stafford and Hutchinson, graduating from St. John High School in 1947. He married Mary Lee Blazer, July 22, 1948, at St. John. A resident of Pratt, he was the retired printer and owner of Taylor Printing of Pratt. He served in the U.S. Maritime Merchant Marines during World War II and the Korean Conflict, attaining the rank of sergeant. Taylor was a member of First Baptist Church, Kiwanis Club and Pratt Community College Beaver Booster Club, all of Pratt. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Jeff Taylor and Brian Taylor, both of Pratt; two daughters, Debra Daniel, Abilene and Gail Sullivan, Great Bend; two brothers, Donald R. Taylor and Robert "Bob" Taylor, both of Hutchinson; two sisters, Geneva Chapman, Kinsley and Celia Adams, Partridge; eight grandchildren; and eight greatgrandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother Karl Taylor and sister Mary Calahan. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Doug Enick officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt. Family and friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today and 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday at Ayres-Calbeck Mortuary in Pratt. Memorials are suggested to South Wind Hospice Building Fund or to the church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 31, 2003

December 30, 2003

Amelia Herrman 1912-2003
HAYS — Amelia Herrman, 91, died Dec. 25. She was born Sept. 17, 1912, at Walker, the daughter of Jacob F. and Rosa Leiker Arnhold. She married Walt Herrman May 10, 1937, at Liebenthal. He died Sept. 26, 1993. A resident of Hays, she was a homemaker. She was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and Daughters of Isabella, both of Hays. Survivors include three brothers, Joe Arnhold of Doylestown, Pa., Rich Arnhold of Emporia and Jake Arnhold of Hays; and two sisters, Irene Witt of Great Bend, Rita Rohleder of Lincoln, Neb. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Alex Arnhold, Celestine Arnhold, Isador Arnhold and Fred Arnhold; and five sisters, Nora Seitz, Berniece Hoskins, Marietta Swim, Anna Rome and infant sister, Amelia. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. today at the church followed by burial at St. Joseph Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time today at Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home in Hays. Memorials are suggested to St. John’s of Victoria Nursing Home in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 30, 2003

Eldon Ray Reed 1927-2003

Eldon Ray Reed, 76, of Great Bend, died Dec. 26 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born March 26, 1927, at Topeka, and was the adoptive son of Amos and Cora Overholser Reed. He married Betty Loreg Oct. 22, 1946, at Great Bend. He then married Joyce Oberle Feemster, Dec. 9, 1983, at Great Bend. A resident of Barton County for many years, coming from Plainville, he was a production manager and superintendent for Bankoff Oil of Tulsa, Okla. Reed was a 32nd degree Mason. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Don Reed of Great Bend and Bruce Reed of Anacortes, Wash.; four step-sons, Sam Feemster and Frank Feemster, both of Ellinwood, Ronald Feemster of San Diego, Calif., and Richard Feemster of Dodge City; 18 grandchildren and step-grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one step-daughter, Renee Marie Galyardt; and one grand-daughter, Tracy Reed. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend with the Rev. Doyle Smith officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche Funeral Home in Ellinwood with Masonic Committal Rites. Memorials are suggested to Kidney Foundation in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 30, 2003

Pamela J. Melia Bailey 1949-2003

MULVANE — Pamela J. Melia Bailey, 54, died Dec. 25 at her home in Mulvane. She was born April 2, 1949, at Dodge City, the daughter of Clyde O. and Cynthia B. Miller Melia. She graduated from Ford High School in 1967. She married Ronald R. Bailey Dec. 19, 1966, at Wilroads Gardens Christian Church of Dodge City. A resident of Mulvane, coming from Satanta and Dodge City, she was co-owner of Bailey’s Venture Foods in Satanta and a part-time employee in cafeterias in Dodge City public schools and for Trinity Retirement Center, also of Dodge City. She was a member of New Covenant Fellowship Church of Sublette. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Troy Bailey of Claflin; one daughter, Stephanie Bogner of Mulvane; two brothers, Clyde Melia of Rozel and Tim Melia of Lakin; one sister, Cynthia Hurley of Burlington; and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by an infant son in 1967. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Swaim Funeral Home in Dodge City with the Rev. Joe Dunlap officiating. Burial will be at Ford Cemetery in Ford. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home, 1901, 6th Ave., Dodge City KS 67801. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 30, 2003

Ralph E. O’Connor 1927-2003

WICHITA — Ralph E. O’Conner, 76, died Dec. 26. He was married to Rita. She preceded him in death. A former resident of Kansas City and Lawrence, he was a retired geologist from State of Kansas Department of Health and Environment and a volunteer at Via Christi RMC St. Joseph Campus. Survivors include one son, Matt O’Connor of Great Bend; two daughters, Adele Dunn of Larned and Annette O’Connor of Albuquerque, N.M.; and one brother, Howard O’Connor of Lawrence. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. today at All Saints Catholic Church in Wichita. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or Via Christi St. Joseph Hospital Auxiliary in care of Downing & Lahey Mortuary, 6555 E. Central, Wichita KS 67206. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 30, 2003

Alice M. Hill 1918-2003

WILSON — Alice M. Hill, 85, died Dec. 28 at Wilson Nursing Center. She was born Oct. 28, 1918, at Lincoln County the daughter of Martin and Anna Jenik Kral. She married Harvey Hill Aug. 2, 1938, at Ellsworth. A lifetime resident of the Wilson and Dorrance area, she was a homemaker. Survivors include two sons, Roger Hill and Mark Hill, both of Wilson; four daughters, Patricia Schnur of Butler, Pa., Bonnie Buehler of Russell, Virginia Mitchell of Ellinwood and Terry Soukup of Wilson; 14 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by an infant son, Harvey Hill Jr.; three brothers; and four sisters. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Foster Mortuary in Wilson with the Rev. Jerome Morgan officiating. Burial will be at Dorrance City Cemetery. Friends may call from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and from 8 a.m. until service time Wednesday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Wilson Nursing Center or Kansas State Center for Cancer Research, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 30, 2003

Richard L. Stevenson Sr. 1934 - 2003

HOISINGTON — Richard L. Stevenson Sr., 69, died Dec. 28 at Veterans Administration Hospital, Wichita. He was born April 17, 1934, at Hoisington, the son of Harold and Alice Pearl Crawford Stevenson. He married Donna L. Keeslar, May 10, 1952, at Mound Valley. A resident of Hoisington, he was a retired driller in the oilfield. He was army veteran of the Korean war. Stevenson was a member of the House of Faith and a former Lions Club member, both in Hoisington. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons. Richard L. Stevenson and Robert L. Stevenson. both of Hoisington: two daughters. Barbara L. Taylor. Hoisington. and
Dorothy L. Stevenson, Tucson, Ariz.; five brothers, Harold Stevenson, Hoisington, Edward Stevenson, Greely, Colo., Mike Stevenson, Wilson, Pat Stevenson and Larry Stevenson, both of Great Bend; four sisters, Gladys Marcum, Plainville, Barbara Harlis, Custana, Iowa, Judie Schuh, Valley, Neb., Louna Preciado, Ault, Colo.; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington, with Albert Hatten and Wesley Belton officiating. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery with military flag presentation by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7428 and American Legion Post 286. Memorials are suggested to Kans for Kids, care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 30, 2003

Vernon J. Skolaut 1925 - 2003

HOISINGTON — Vernon J. Skolaut, 78, died Dec. 28 at his home in Hoisington. He was born May 14, 1925, at Hoisington, the son of Walter and Mary B. Hickel Skolaut. He married Anna L. Click, Nov. 20, 1951, at Hoisington. He was the retired co-owner of Skolaut 66 Service in Hoisington. A veteran of the Army Air Corps in WW II, he received the WW II Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, AP Theater Ribbon and four Bronze Service Stars, Air Medal 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross. A former mayor, council member and fire chief of Hoisington, he was a member of Masonic Lodge No. 331 AF and AM, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7428 and American Legion Post No. 286, all of Hoisington, and the Lake Barton Golf Club. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, William J. Skolaut, Odessa, Mo.; three daughters, Elaine King, Kansas City, Mo., Lisa Skolaut, Great Bend, Susan Leiker, Sabetha; three brothers, Paul Skolaut and Kim Skolaut, both of Wichita, and Earl Skolaut, Independence, Mo.; two sisters, Irene Polson and Gladys Roller, both of Wichita; and four grandchildren, Greta Leiker and Hillary Leiker, and Sarah Skolaut and Jacob Skolaut. He was preceded in death by one brother, Herman Skolaut. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. today, at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with the Rev. Ultan Murphy officiating. Private burial will be held at Hoisington Cemetery at a later date. Cremation has taken place. Friends may sign the register book from 9 a.m. until service time today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 30, 2003 paid announcement

Lester Rogers 1913-2003

JETMORE — Lester Rogers, 90, died Dec. 28 at Good Samaritan Center in Dodge City. The body was donated to University of Kansas Medical Center. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 30, 2003

Clyde O. Burnside Jr. 1929-2003

Clyde O. Burnside Jr., 74, of Great Bend, retired Bank of America Executive Vice President and Trust Officer, died Dec. 27 after an extended illness. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Great Bend. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Visitation will be today from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Burnside was born Feb. 18, 1929, in Oklahoma City, Okla. He was a 1950 graduate of the University of Kansas and a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. He served the Great Bend community as a USD 428 Board Member from 1964 to 1973 and as its president from 1969 to 1973. He was a member of Great Bend Recreation Commission for 28 years, a past board member of the Kansas Recreation and Parks Commission, Great Bend Library Board of Directors and was recognized with the Jaycees Distinguished Service Award. Burnside is survived by his wife of 53 years, Nancy Lee Davis Burnside of the home; one daughter, Carolyn and Nathan Lopez and their two sons, Adam and Evan, all of Gillette, Wyo.; and one son, Bradley Davis Burnside and his three sons, Bradley, Andrew and Grant, all of Wichita. Memorials are suggested to First Congregational United Church of Christ and Heartland Cancer Center, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 30, 2003 paid announcement

David R. Quade 1912 - 2003

ELLSWORTH — David R. Quade, 91, died Dec. 29 at Lake Point at Rose Hill in Rose Hill. He was born Oct. 5, 1912, in Hunter, the son of Wilhelm and Bertha H. Reich Quade. He married Leona Luck on Sept. 11, 1938, at Lincoln. A resident of Wichita since 2001 coming from Ellsworth where he had lived since 1945. He was a retired civil service engineer for Schilling Air Force Base in Salina and a retired register of deeds for Ellsworth County, Quade was a past barber shop quartet member, and member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6485, American Legion Post 174, Fellowship Club and Kiwanis, all of Ellsworth. He was also a member of Disabled Vets of Kansas and Immanuel Lutheran Church of Ellsworth. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Larry Quade, Derby; one daughter, Theora Wagner, Independence; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Smith Mortuary in Derby and 10 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Clifford Winter officiating. Burial will be at Ellsworth Memorial Cemetery with VFW graveside rites. Friends may call from 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesday at the mortuary and 9 to 10 a.m. Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or VFW Post 6485 in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 30, 2003

Alma Michaelis 1913- 2003

RUSSELL— Alma Michaelis, 90, died Dec. 29 at Russell Regional Hospital. She was born Oct. 12, 1913, at Denver, Colo. the daughter of David J. and Anna Elizabeth Steinle Waymaster. She married Leo L. Michaelis July 30, 1933, at Russell County. A daughter of David J. and Anna Elizabeth Steinle Waymaster. She married Leo L. Michaelis July 30, 1933, at Russell County. A

Memorial services will be held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Hoisington, St. John Lutheran Church of Russell, and the Crystal Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in Bunker Hill. Survivors include her husband of the home; four sons, Gerald D. Michaelis of Russell, Roger L. Michaelis of Hoisington, Larry D. Michaelis of Texarkana, Texas, and Gene A. Michaelis of Olathe; one daughter, Shirley A. Brown of Ulysses; one brother, W. Fritz Waymaster of Russell; coming from Bunker Hill, she was a homemaker and farmwife. Mrs. Michaelis was member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Hoisington, St. John Lutheran Church of Russell, and the Crystal Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in Bunker Hill. Survivors include her husband of the home; four sons, Gerald D. Michaelis of Russell, Roger L. Michaelis of Hoisington, Larry D. Michaelis of Texarkana, Texas, and Gene A. Michaelis of Olathe; one daughter, Shirley A. Brown of Ulysses; one brother, W. Fritz Waymaster of Russell; one sister, Irene Satchell of Russell; 10 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.
She was preceded in death by one infant son, Martin Michaelis; one brother, Leroy Waymaster; and four sisters, Pauline Ehrlich, Esther Propp, Lydia Steinite, and Elsie Cain. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. John Lutheran Church in Russell with the Revs. Henry J. Hartman and Jim Brown officiating. Burial will be at the Michaelis Cemetery in Russell County. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today at Pohlman-Heise Mortuary, with the family receiving friends from 7-9 tonight at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to St. John Lutheran Church Organ Fund or Russell Regional Hospital building fund, both in care of the mortuary.

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Doska R. Smithson 1916-2003

LARNED — Doska R. Smithson, 87, died Dec. 23 at Medicalodge in Kinsley. She was born Feb. 21, 1916, at Sanford, the daughter of Albert and Emma Meckfessel Weber. She was a Lewis resident since 1957, moving from Larned to open Lewis Cleaners. Smithson was a member of the Episcopal Church of Saints Mary and Martha and of Eastern Star, both in Larned, and of the American Association of Retired Persons. On July 2, 1938, she married William Smithson at Great Bend. He died in 1969. Survivors include: three granddaughters, Judy Delay, Schaumburg, Ill.; Lori Robinson, Whidbey Island, Wash., and Pam Jaggers, Holt, Mo.; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, John Smithson, a daughter, Emma Jane Case; and a brother, Frank Weber. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Lewis Christian Church with the Revs. Don Pierce and Bill Stapelton officiating. Burial will be in the Wayne Cemetery in Lewis. Friends may sign the register from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the Lewis Emergency Medical Technicians, Lewis Fire Department, Meadowlark Library or Southwind Hospice, all in care of Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 28, 2003

Arzola M. Davis 1937-2003

LARNED — Arzola M. Davis, 66, died Dec. 21 at St. Joseph Hospital in Larned. She was born Aug. 13, 1937, at Wallace, the daughter of William M. and Othello Smith Brooks. A resident of Larned since 1972, moving from Sharon Springs, she was a retired health care worker. She married Floyd Houston in 1956. He died in 1991. She later married Michael Davis. Survivors include: one son, Mark Houston of Baltimore, Md.; one daughter, Dorla Houston, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; three sisters, Wanda Hurd, Larned, Marie McPherson, Pueblo, Colo., and Billie Hammond, Morrilton, Ark.; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by two daughters, Ruby Lee Houston and Joyce Piaugh; and two brothers, Raymond Brooks and Aaron Brooks. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with the Revs. McArthur Thomas and Johnny Augmon officiating. Burial will be at the Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and Monday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Second Baptist Church in care of mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 28, 2003

Dale W. McCoy Jr. 1925-2003

CHANUTE — Dale W. McCoy Jr., 78, died Dec. 24. He married Eleanor Rice. A resident of Chanute, formerly of Great Bend, he was a sales representative for KVGB in the 1950s and owner of Southeast Kansas Broadcasting Corp. in Chanute. Survivors include his wife of the home; four sons, Mike McCoy of Wichita, Marc McCoy of Houston, Texas, Tim McCoy of Austin, Texas, and Dale McCoy III of San Antonio, Texas; one daughter, Cathi Robillard of Wichita; 18 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Memorial service was held Saturday at Downing and Lahey Mortuary East in Wichita. Memorials are suggested to Neosho Memorial Regional Medical Center Endowment Fund of Chanute, 629 S. Plummer, Chanute, KS 66720. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 28, 2003

Alberta Diane Patricia Boxberger 1949-2003

SALINA — Alberta Diane Patricia Boxberger, 52, died Dec. 24. She was born March 4, 1949, in Great Bend, the daughter of Albert and Adella Brenner. A resident of Larned since 1972, moving from Sharon Springs, she was a retired health care worker. She married Floyd Houston in 1956. He died in 1991. She later married Michael Davis. Survivors include one son, Tom Boxberger of Wilson; one daughter, Melissa Boxberger of Salina; three sisters, Karen Becker, Sheila Becker and Barbra Moeder; and four grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Private family visitation will be held prior to the service. Memorials are suggested to donor’s choice, in care of Ryan Mortuary of Salina. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 28, 2003

Florentine ‘Tina’ Bachand 1918-2003

Florentine “Tina” Bachand, 85, of Great Bend, died Dec. 25 at St. Joseph Village in Manhattan. She was born Nov. 3, 1918, at Odin, the daughter of Alois F. and Hattie Habiger Debes. She married Emery Bachand Oct. 26, 1937, at Ellinwood. He died Dec. 19, 1993. A resident of Manhattan for four years, coming from Great Bend and Lakin, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Bachand was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Denis Bachand of Great Bend; three daughters, Jan Hattrup of Tempe, Ariz., Treva Bachand of Santa Fe, N.M., and Paula Cooper of Manhattan; one brother, Otto Debes of Ness City; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. Memorial service was held Saturday at Downing and Lahey Mortuary East in Wichita. Memorials are suggested to Neosho Memorial Regional Medical Center Endowment Fund of Chanute, 629 S. Plummer, Chanute, KS 66720. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 28, 2003

Florentine Propp 1902-2003

Florentine Propp, 101, of Great Bend, died Dec. 25 at St. Joseph Village in Manhattan. She was born Nov. 3, 1918, at Odin, the daughter of Alois F. and Hattie Habiger Debes. She married Emery Bachand Oct. 26, 1937, at Ellinwood. He died Dec. 19, 1993. A resident of Manhattan for four years, coming from Great Bend and Lakin, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Bachand was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Denis Bachand of Great Bend; three daughters, Jan Hattrup of Tempe, Ariz., Treva Bachand of Santa Fe, N.M., and Paula Cooper of Manhattan; one brother, Otto Debes of Ness City; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. Memorial service was held Saturday at Downing and Lahey Mortuary East in Wichita. Memorials are suggested to Neosho Memorial Regional Medical Center Endowment Fund of Chanute, 629 S. Plummer, Chanute, KS 66720. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 28, 2003

Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with the Revs. McArthur Thomas and Johnny Augmon officiating. Burial will be at the Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and Monday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Second Baptist Church in care of mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 28, 2003

Memorials are suggested to the Lewis Emergency Medical Technicians, Lewis Fire Department, Meadowlark Library or Southwind Hospice, all in care of Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 28, 2003

Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Lewis Christian Church with the Revs. Don Pierce and Bill Stapelton officiating. Burial will be in the Wayne Cemetery in Lewis. Friends may sign the register from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the Lewis Emergency Medical Technicians, Lewis Fire Department, Meadowlark Library or Southwind Hospice, all in care of Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 28, 2003
Rosaline L. Phillips 1918-2003

Rosaline L. Phillips, 85, of Great Bend, died Dec. 25 at Beaver. She was born Sept. 28, 1918, the daughter of John S. and Rosa Mary Koeber Cameron. She married Glen W. Phillips June 19, 1938, at Brookfield, Mo. He died June 27, 1980. A resident of Great Bend since 1953, coming from Kahoka, Mo., she was a manager of the lunch counter at Woolworths. Mrs. Phillips was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ, member and past president of Silver & Gold Club and longtime volunteer reader at Riley School, all of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Ralph Phillips of Great Bend; one daughter, Helen Schremmer of Beaver; three sisters, Dorothy Neville of Tremont, Ill., Luella Wampler of St. Louis, Mo., and Louise Armstrong of Kahoka, Mo.; four grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Ralph Cameron and Albert Cameron. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Church, with the Rev. Diana Coberly officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 28, 2003

John Wesley Kraus 1921-2003

HAYS — John Wesley Kraus, 82, died Dec. 26 at his home in Hays. He was born Feb. 26, 1921, in Hays, to Carl W. and Sadie (Wilson) Kraus. He married Esther Fredericka Hueftle June 8, 1947, at Oakley. He was a farmer and stockman. He received the Century Old Farm Award from Farm Bureau. He was a graduate of Hays High School in 1939 and from Kansas State University with a bachelor of science degree in agriculture in 1946. A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, he taught agriculture classes at Ellis High School and to war veterans as part of the On-the-Farm Training Program. Kraus was a member and served on the board of trustees of the First United Methodist Church, and was also a member of Methodist Men, Hays American Legion, Youth Friends at Washington Elementary School, Soil Conservation Service, Ellis County Historical Society, board member of Hays Cooperative (Midland Marketing), Tau Kappa Epsilon, Knife and Fork, 4-H Council, County Extension Council. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Dana A. Kraus, rural Hays; two daughters, Rebecca G. Meis, Overland Park, and Rachel D. Johnson, Dodge City; three brothers, Kenneth Kraus and Harold Kraus, both of Hays, and Warren Kraus of Ellis; one sister, Dorothy Bemis, Hays; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, John Carl Kraus, and one brother, Eldon Kraus. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. William C. Miller officiating. Burial with military honors by the Hays American Legion will be in the Mt. Allen Cemetery in Hays. Friends may call from 4 to 6 p.m. today at the Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home, and from 9:30 a.m. until service time at the church on Monday. Memorials are suggested to the Washington Elementary School or the First United Methodist Church Organ Fund, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 28, 2003

Dorothy Hagen 1915 - 2003

ELLINWOOD — Dorothy Louise Hagen, 88, died Dec. 26 at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa, Okla. She was born June 27, 1915, at Great Bend, the daughter of Harry and Ann Hodley Flory. A lifetime Barton County resident, she had moved to Sapulpa, Okla., four years ago to be close to her children. She was a farm wife, marrying Fred Hagen on Aug. 11, 1935, at Great Bend. He died Oct. 4, 1989. Mrs. Hagen was a member of Immanuel United Church of Christ, Sunshine Club and Thread Benders Quilting Club, all of Great Bend; Ellinwood Sewing Club, Comanche Unit and the Eastern Star. She also spent over 30 years as a 4-H leader. Survivors include one son, Richard Hagen, Sapulpa, Okla.; two daughters, Virginia Gaughan of Durango, Colo., and Evelyn Walford, Owasso, Okla.; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Larry Young officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday at Kimple Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the church or donor’s choice in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 28, 2003

Shirley B. Gardner 1915-2003

WICHITA — Shirley B. Gardner, 88, died Dec. 24. She married Glenn Gardner. He preceded her in death. Gardner was a member of West Side Baptists Church and the Eastern Star. She was a homemaker. Survivors include four daughters, Bobbi Coke of Belle Plain, Lee Gardner of Wichita, Darla Bauman of Lynwood, Wash. and Joan League of Great Bend; two brothers, Carrol Wampler of Rogers, Ark. and Fred Gardner of Harrison, Ark.; one sister, Jeri Nold of Rogers, Ark.; 32 grandchildren; 60 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Johnnie Gardner, and one grandson, Roger Gardner. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Lakeview Funeral Home in Wichita. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. today. Memorials are suggested to Prairie Homestead Health Center in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 28, 2003

Eldon Reed 1927-2003

Eldon Reed, 76, Great Bend, died Dec. 26 at Via-Christi Medical Centers’ St. Francis hospital in Wichita. Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 28, 2003

Virginia M. Ragsdale 1920-2003

December 26, 2003
CLAFLIN — Virginia M. Ragsdale, 83, died Dec. 23 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born Nov. 26, 1920, at Bloomington, Neb., the daughter of Glen Hillman and Mae Lockwood. She married Thomas H. Ragsdale May 6, 1939, at Franklin, Neb. He died Dec. 24, 1983. A resident of Claflin for 28 years, coming from Phillipburg, she was a homemaker. Survivors include two sons, Kenneth Ragsdale of Groover, Colo., and Scott Ragsdale of Las Vegas, Nev.; one daughter, Myrna Herrod of Wynnewood, Okla.; one brother, Alfred Richardson of Hoisington; four sisters, Norma Davis of Fairmont, Neb., Maxine Metzger of Orleans, Neb., Dorothy Boeck of Hoisington and Ilda Orndorf of Prescott, Ariz.; 14 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two daughters, Aletha M. Farmer and Marjorie Ragsdale; one brother, Sonny Richardson; one sister, Viva Moosman; and one grandson, Chris Ragsdale. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday and from 9 a.m. until service time Monday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Claflin Ambulance Fund in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 26, 2003

Eileen R. Morrill 1914-2003

LARNED — Eileen R. Morrill, 89, died Dec. 25 at Larned Healthcare Center in Larned. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 26, 2003

Freda Marie Hudson 1913-2003

SYLVA — Freda Marie Hudson, 90, died Dec. 23 at Salina Regional Health Care. She was born Nov. 30, 1913, at LeRoy, the daughter of Claude and Eva Benson Bachus. She was a graduate of Sterling College. She married Bill Hudson June 4, 1949, at Wichita. A longtime resident of Sylvia, she was a teacher at Raymond, principal and coach at Zenith for seven years, and taught third-grade at Sylvia for 13 years before retiring in 1975. Mrs. Hudson was a member of First United Methodist Church of Sylvia, past youth fellowship leader, past 4-H Club leader and was active in Extension Homemakers Unit. Survivors include her husband of the home; two daughters, Eva Jo Hudson and Lee Ann Ade, both of Salina; two brothers, Floyd Bachus of Phoenix, Ariz., and Toes Bachus of Abilene; two sisters, Lela Bachus of Arlington, Va., and Emma Pearl McBride of Salina; and three grandsons. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford, with the Rev. Harry Graves officiating. Burial will be at Sylvia Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 26, 2003

December 24, 2003

Sister Mary Beatrice Hartman OP 1913-2003

Sister Mary Beatrice Hartman, 90, died Dec. 22 in the Dominican Sisters’ convent infirmary, Great Bend. Born March 17, 1913, in Manchester, Okla., as Agnes Hartman, Sister Beatrice was the daughter of the late Emil and Eva Bull Hartman. She entered the Dominican Sisters’ Community May 28, 1927, and pronounced her first vows Aug. 13, 1930. She celebrated 70 years of religious profession in 2000. Sister Beatrice began her ministry as a teacher in 1931 in Sharon. She taught grades first through eighth, as well as music, for 40 years in various schools in Kansas and in Lamar, Colo. From 1971 to 1986, she served in various duties at the motherhouse — assistant coordinator, liturgy coordinator, sacristan, local transportation coordinator, local finances, librarian, gardener, organist and council member. Sister Beatrice’s ministry included pastoral care at St. Catherine Hospital in Garden City, at Central Kansas Medical Center St. Rose Campus in Great Bend, at Hoisington and at the motherhouse infirmary. She retired in 2001. Sister Beatrice is survived by two sisters, Marie Staley of Dodge City and Sister Irene Hartman OP of Larned. She was preceded in death by nine brothers, Lawrence Hartman, Charles Hartman, Eugene Hartman, Francis Hartman, Paul Hartman, Emil Hartman Jr., Clyde Hartman, a still-born child and Gerald Hartman; and four sisters, Cecilia Hartman, Myrtle Dombrowsky, Rose Hartman and Sister Mary Alicia Hartman SCJ. Sister Beatrice’s body was brought to the hospitality area of the Dominican Chapel of the Plains, 3600 Broadway, on Tuesday. Liturgy of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. today at the chapel, with the Rev. Gerald Hammeske officiating. Burial will be at the Sisters’ Resurrection Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time today. Memorials are suggested to: Dominican Sisters Ministry Fund, Office of Mission and Ministry, 3600 Broadway, Great Bend, KS 67530-3692. Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 24, 2003

Wanda Arlyne Hall Johnson 1927-2003

LARNED — Wanda Arlyne Hall Johnson, 76, died Dec. 22 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. She was born Dec. 5, 1927, in Garfield, the daughter of Clarence Warner and Emma Mae Wolfe Hall. She married Ralph F. Johnson Nov. 2, 1947, in Larned. A lifetime resident of Larned, she was a dietitian for Larned State Hospital and an operator and secretary for Southwestern Bell. Mrs. Johnson was a member of United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women, both of Larned. Survivors include her husband of Larned; three sons, Thomas Johnson, Brian Johnson and Roger Johnson; two daughters, Marlyn Adree Perez and Becky Kwiatkowski-Gabel; one sister, Betty Nan Williams; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Gary Marc Johnson; one brother, Eugene Hall; and one sister, Virginia Goldsberry. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Beckwith Mortuary in Larned, with the Revs. Charles Grant and Ken Walker officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to service time Friday. Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph Long Term Care, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 24, 2003

Marian Elizabeth Wright 1914-2003

LARNED — Marian Elizabeth Wright, 89. died Dec. 21 at Redmond. Ore. She was born March 13, 1914, at Sanford, the daughter
of William Morgan and Mabel Ann McConnell Williams. She married Clyde H. Wright Feb. 5, 1933, at Larned. He died April 4, 1988. A resident of Redmond since 1960, coming from Pawnee County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Wright was a member of First Christian Church of Larned and attended the Senior Center in Redmond. Survivors include two sons, Keith Wright of Denver, Colo., and Clyde Wright Jr. of Larned; one daughter, Dixie Wagaman of Redmond; one sister, Mable Ann Robbins of Larned; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Donald Wright; one daughter, Edith Taylor; and one brother, Bill Williams. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Larned Cemetery, with the Rev. Dan Lundgren officiating. Family will receive friends from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Friday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 24, 2003

Maureen Marie Outcalt 1943-2003

LARNED — Maureen Marie Outcalt, 59, died Dec. 23 at Larned. She was born Dec. 30, 1943, at Great Bend, the daughter of Maurice A. and Pauline E. Yeager Wildgen. She married Roy Dale Outcalt June 10, 1975, at Rochester, Minn. He died Dec. 20, 1997. A resident of Rochester, she worked in food service at IBM in Rochester. Mrs. Outcalt was a member of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Rochester Eagle Auxiliary and past president of Rochester Circle Center, all of Rochester. Survivors include her mother of Larned; and two sisters, Susanne Haymaker of Larned and Paula Beth Brown of Ellicott City, Md. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Larned, with the Rev. Dennis Reed officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 24, 2003

John William Esfeld 1940-2003

ALMA — John William Esfeld, 63, died Dec. 21 at Stormont-Vail Regional Health Center in Topeka. He was born Nov. 21, 1940, in Great Bend, the son of William and Frances Dale Esfeld. He was a 1958 graduate of Great Bend High School. He married Margaret Eagleson June 4, 1988, in Alma. A longtime resident of Alma, he was a driver for KCI Roadrunner and sold real estate for several years. Esfeld was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, Topeka Kennel Club, Great Dane Association of Greater Kansas City and Knights of Columbus. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Kurt Esfeld of Kansas City, Mo.; three daughters, Trina DeVader, Annette Fiedler and Teresa Herrington, all of St. Marys; one stepson, Steve Sockrider of Topeka; one brother, Charles Esfeld of Great Bend; two sisters, Maryanne Standinger of Bartlesville, Okla., and June Meier of Great Bend; eight grandchildren; and one stepgrandchild. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Friday at RJ Evans-Gentry Funeral Home in Alma. Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. John Pilcher officiating. Burial will be at Holy Family Catholic Cemetery. Friends may call beginning at 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 24, 2003

Floyd Griffin 1912-2003

WICHITA — Floyd Griffin, 91, died Dec. 23. He was born Aug. 19, 1912, in Williamsburg, the son of William Peter and Edith Florence Griffin. He married Dema Delaney Oct. 15, 1935, in Independence. A resident of Wichita, he was a retired welder. Survivors include his wife of the home; four daughters, Anita Marlene Kuntz of Wichita, Mary L. Reser of Topeka, Carol Diane Harding of Clifflin and Barbara Lynn Griffin of Dallas, Texas; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Hillside Cemetery in Sedgwick. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Culbertson-Smith Mortuary in Wichita. Memorials are suggested to Kansas Humane Society, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 24, 2003

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Lillian Katherine Johnson 1907-2003

Lillian Katherine Johnson, 96, of Great Bend, died Dec. 21 at Great Bend Health & Rehabilitation. She was born April 13, 1907, at rural Chanute, the daughter of Peter and Carrie Mabel Hansen. She was a graduate of Chanute High School and attended Central Business College of Kansas City, Mo. She married Andrew E. Johnson October 1938 at Chanute. He died April 3, 1971. A resident of Great Bend since 1968, coming from Pittsburg, she had worked as a secretary and bookkeeper for Sunshine Mantle Company and Martin Tractor Company, both of Chanute, and Colgan High School in Pittsburg, retiring in 1985. Mrs. Johnson was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, St. Patrick Altar Society and St. Patrick Silver Circle. She was a volunteer for Central Kansas Medical Center surgical waiting room. Survivors include one son, Col. Andrew J. Johnson of Gainesville, Va.; four daughters, Loretto Adams of Derby, Mabel Lombrano of Great Bend, Sister Andrea Mary Katherine Johnson of Los Angeles, Calif., and Jane Jardes of Shawnee; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, George Hansen; and three sisters, Helen Gardner, Mabel E. Simpson and Josephine Muniger. Altar Society rosary will be at 4 p.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Funeral Mass will be at 9 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Ted Stoekleins officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at St. Patrick Cemetery in Chanute. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Catholic Community of Great Bend, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 24, 2003

Sister Mary Beatrice Hartman 1913-2003
Sister Mary Beatrice Hartman, 90, of Great Bend, died Dec. 22 in the Dominican Sisters’ convent infirmary, Great Bend. Sister Beatrice’s body will be brought to the hospitality area of the Dominican Chapel of the Plains, 3600 Broadway, at 11 a.m. today. A wake service will be held at 7 p.m. today at the chapel. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend.

Gloria E. Marples 1922-2003

WICHITA — Gloria E. Marples, 81, died Dec. 21. She was born Nov. 5, 1922, in Great Bend, the daughter of Adolph Sr. and Elizabeth Hampel Riedl. A resident of Wichita since 1939, coming from Great Bend, Bloomington, Osborne, Stockton, Beloit and McPherson, she worked as a waitress at Lassen Hotel and worked at Rose Hill School cafeteria later in life. She was a member of Rebekah Lodges in Derby and Greenwich, and awarded the “Decoration of Chivalry.” Survivors include one son, James Marples of Esbon; one brother, Gerald Riedl of Wichita; and two sisters, twin Dolores Myers of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Geneva Keehn of rural Butler County. Private services have been held. Lakeview Funeral Home of Wichita was in charge of arrangements.

Helen June Sears 1917-2003

HOISINGTON — Helen June Sears, 86, died Dec. 22 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. She was born June 6, 1917, at Formosa, the daughter of Charles and Ona Stickelman Alderson. She married Oliver M. Sears Aug. 14, 1938, at Independence. He died April 5, 1997. A resident of Hoisington since 1942, she was retired from Sears Firestone in Hoisington. Mrs. Sears was a member of First United Methodist Church and Order of Eastern Star UNA Chapter No. 119, both of Hoisington. Survivors include two sons, Jerry Sears of Liberty, Mo., and Mike Sears of St. Charles, Iowa; one sister, Betty Bangert of Great Bend; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Ross Alderson; and three sisters, Opal Plummer, Merrill Looney and Neva Heusner. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington and from 9:30 a.m. to service time Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home.

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Mamie Marie Farmer 1919-2003

HARRISON, Ark. — Mamie Marie Farmer, 84, died Dec. 16 at Great Bend. She was born Dec. 2, 1919, at Springdale, Ark., the daughter of William Emett and Bertha Mae Myers Butler. She married Clyde Farmer. He died in 1990. A resident of Kansas, coming from Newton and Boone County, Ark., she was a homemaker. She attended Grace Christian Center. Survivors include two sons, James W. Farmer of Hoisington and Charles Robert Farmer of Marble Falls, Ark.; three daughters, Eula Dean Kautz of Waltonville, Ill., Wilma Jean Maus of Tulsa, Okla., and Rita Nuss of Broken Arrow, Okla.; one brother, Arvel Butler of Fayetteville, Ark.; 15 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren. Funeral was Saturday at Coffman Chapel in Harrison with the Rev. Hubert Kidder officiating. Burial was at Whit Church Cemetery in Harrison. Memorials are suggested to Grace Christian Center in Harrison or Clara Barton Hospital Foundation in Hoisington, both in care of Coffman Funeral Home, 501 Old Bellefonte Road, Harrison, AR 72602. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 21, 2003

Steven Ray Jones 1951-2003

Steven Ray Jones, 52, of Great Bend, died Dec. 20 at Hutchinson Hospital. He was born Jan. 22, 1951, the son of Jesse H. and Evelyn Louise Satterfield Jones. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he was self-employed as an interior decorator. Jones was a member of the Christian faith and the Muzzle Loaders Association. Survivors include his mother of Great Bend; a brother, Harold Lee Jones, Manchester, Mass.; and two sisters, Janice L. Hauck of Great Bend and Jessica R. Jones of McPherson. He was preceded in death by one brother, William M. Jones. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Dwight Dozier officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 9 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice or First Assembly of God in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 21, 2003

Glenda Elaine Davis 1940-2003

DELPHOS — Glenda Elaine Davis, 63, died Dec. 18 at Salina Regional Health Center. She was born Dec. 7, 1940, at Beloit, the daughter of Alfred Glen and Eunice Mae Spotfedler Plymire. She married Lowell Davis. He died in 1998. A resident of Delphos, she and her late husband operated DK’s in Delphos for nine years and later farmed. Survivors include one son, Glen Davis of Delphos; four daughters, Karen Kiser of Delphos, Diane Plunkett of Cottonwood Falls, Tammie Yeakley of Hoisington and Connie Smith of Salina; one sister, Fonda Puckett of Kipp; and 14 grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Shields Funeral Home in Minneapolis. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Ada. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Jeremy Kiser Fund, in care of State Bank of Delphos. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 21, 2003
Frank A. Neff 1923-2003

Frank A. Neff, 80, of Great Bend, died Dec. 20 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Jan. 6, 1923, the son of William Allen and Edith Mae Tucker Neff. He married Loeara P. Brittain July 6, 1946, at Bristow, Okla. She died July 30, 2002. A resident of Great Bend since 1945, coming from Lyons, he was a production superintendent of Nadel and Gussman Oil Producers. Neff was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 3111 and the former Grace United Church. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army in the 7th Armor Division. Survivors include two daughters, Marlene Harrison, Buckhannon, W.V., and Sonja Phillips, Tulsa, Okla.; two sisters, Louise Twitty, Merced, Calif., and Phyllis Garrett, Sun City, Ariz.; five grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Alvin Ray Neff, a brother, Ernest Neff, and by two sisters, Olive Neff and Ethel Mae Neff. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Brian Norvell officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Lung Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 21, 2003

Margaret A. ‘Marge’ Haberman 1914-2003

Margaret A. “Marge” Haberman, 89, of Great Bend, died Dec. 18 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Feb. 21, 1914, the daughter of W.M. and Katie Weber Polzin. She married Carl F. Haberman Oct. 15, 1941, at Great Bend. He died July 21, 1997. She was co-owner of Haberman Implement Co. of Great Bend. Mrs. Haberman was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church and St. Patrick Society. Survivors include one brother, Joe Polzin of Hoisington; and one sister, Lucille Weber of Wilson. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Jake Polzin, Rome Polzin, Wilford Polzin, Matt Polzin and John Polzin; and three sisters, Mary Robl, Clara Reif and Leonetta Tinkle. Altar Society rosary will be at 4 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the church with the Revs. Ted Stoecklein, Warren Stecklein and Gerald Hammemeke officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family School Endowment Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 21, 2003

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Frances J. Bieberle 1904-2003

Frances J. Bieberle, 98, of Great Bend died Dec. 18 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born Dec. 19, 1904, at Dubuque, the daughter of Nicholas J. Jr. and Mary Dolechek Weber. She married Joseph Charles Bieberle Oct. 10, 1928, at Dubuque. He died Sept. 1, 1996. She was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend, St. Rose Altar Society and Daughters of Isabella. Survivors include one son, Clarence Bieberle of Hoisington; one daughter, Janet Chism of Great Bend; one sister, Anna Lee Habiger of Bushton; 14 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Gilbert Bieberle; one brother, Nicholas Weber Jr.; and two sisters, Mary Schartz and Matilda Schartz. Altar Society rosary will be at 4 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. today. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Reginald A. Urban officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family School Endowment Fund in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 19, 2003

Mark Edward Evans 1951-2003

HAYS — Mark Edward Evans, 52, died Dec. 17 at Hays Medical Center. He was born July 29, 1951, at Emporia, the son of Gerald Franklin and Marjorie Boatwright Evans. He married Brenda Stout Jan. 1, 1972, at Larned. He was an over-the-road transportation engineer for BOC Gases. Evans was a member of Agape Southern Baptist Church of Hays, the Gideons and a charter member of Hays Humane Society. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Mark Christopher Evans of WaKeeney; one daughter, Tonia Michelle Harvey of Hays; two brothers, Gerald Jeffrey Evans of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Dale Franklin Evans of St. Charles, Ill.; his mother of Hays; and four grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at the church with the Rev. Jimmy Pitson officiating. Burial will be at Ft. Hays Memorial Gardens in Hays. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Saturday at Hays Memorial Chapel and from 1 to 2 p.m. Sunday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Gideons, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 19, 2003

Robert E. ‘Bob’ Huber 1933-2003

LA CROSSE — Robert E. “Bob” Huber, 70, died Dec. 18 at his home in La Crosse. He was born Feb. 14, 1933, at La Crosse, the son of George Jake and Mary Elizabeth Hearting Huber. He was a 1951 graduate of La Crosse High School. He married Jo Ann Seaman July 29, 1952, at La Crosse. A lifelong Rush County resident, he was a farmer and stockman. Huber was a member of Evangelical United Brethren Church and served on the La Crosse Coop Board. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Randy L. Huber of La Crosse; two daughters, Diana M. Huber of Topeka and Patricia L. Moran of McCracken; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Katherine Huber; two brothers, George Huber Jr. and Willard Huber; and one sister, Wilma Huber. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Family will receive friends from 6 to 7 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse or Central Rush County Emergency Medical Service of
La Crosse, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 19, 2003

Lillie Mae Coffey 1929-2003

ARKANSAS CITY — Lillie Mae Coffey, 74, died Dec. 17 at Presbyterian Manor Health Care Unit in Arkansas City. She was born Nov. 29, 1929, in Springer, Okla., the daughter of Morgan and Minnie Adams Tanner. She was a 1948 graduate of Fox High School in Fox, Okla. She married Roy E. Coffey July 21, 1949, in Terral, Okla. He preceded her in death. A resident of Arkansas City since 1975, coming from Texas, Kansas and Iowa, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Coffey was a member of First United Methodist Church and Walnut Valley Quilter’s Guild. Survivors include one son, Phil Coffey of Carmel, Ind.; one daughter, Cheryl Haimann of Des Moines, Iowa; one sister, Nelda True of St. Louis, Mo.; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Carl Tanner and Tom Tanner. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Rindt-Erdman Funeral Home in Arkansas City, with the Rev. Lance Carrithers officiating. Burial will be at Parker Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Foundation, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 19, 2003

Merle Stroble-Traylor 1909-2003

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Merle Stroble-Traylor, formerly of Great Bend and Topeka, passed away Dec. 16 in Albuquerque, where she had resided since 1995. She was born Sept. 18, 1909, in Seward, to Ella Keenan-Stroble and John Stroble, who farmed in that area. She lived in Seward until May 4, 1940, when she married Vernon Traylor of Great Bend. After her graduation from high school in St. John, she was employed as a school teacher in a one-room schoolhouse near Seward. After she married, she resided in Great Bend with her husband. During World War II, while her husband was in the United States Army, she managed the Sinclair Refining Co. bulk plant in Great Bend, supplying petroleum products to area businesses and farmers. After the war, she devoted her time to her family, which by 1948 included three children, John, Nancy and Constance, as well as her mother who lived with the family. She also operated a seasonal wholesale fireworks business, and acquired two small farms. In 1966, she became a licensed real estate broker, and in 1968, she and her husband moved to Topeka, where they pursued careers in residential real estate. In 1975, she was named Outstanding Woman of the Year by the Topeka Council of Women Realtors, and she also served as the president of that organization. She had many skills and interests, including antique restoration, flower arranging, cooking and travel, as well as her considerable business skills. Her main interest was always her family, and wherever she lived she also had devoted friends who appreciated her great kindness, generosity and intelligence. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, her sister Eleanor Stroble Harris, and many other relatives and friends. She is survived by her three children, daughter-in-law Ingrid Traylor, son-in-law Richard Miller, grandsons Grady Miller and Jess Miller, and nephew James Harris. She will be missed terribly by family members who cherish the memory of her unquestioning love and loyalty. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Seward, with the Father Rene Guesnier officiating. Arrangements by Charter Funerals, 2115 Washington, Great Bend, KS, 620-793-6161. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 19, 2003

December 18, 2003

No Death

December 17, 2003

Patricia Pearl Blackburn 1939-2003

GARFIELD — Patricia Pearl Blackburn, 64, died Dec. 15 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. She was born July 8, 1939, at Pawnee County, the daughter of Harold Lee and Iva Mae Vesper Grandy. She married Charles William Blackburn April 9, 1959, at Garfield. He died Dec. 11, 1995. A lifetime Pawnee County resident, she was a homemaker. She was a member of United Methodist Church, Over 50 Club and United Methodist Women, all of Garfield. Survivors include one son, Chad Blackburn of Wichita; and two grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. today at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with the Rev. Ken Walker officiating. A private family burial will follow. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 17, 2003

John Arthur Caro 1910-2003

LARNED — John Arthur Caro, 93, died Dec. 14 at Larned Healthcare Center in Larned. He was born April 20, 1910, at Larned, the son of John Thurston and Lizetta Belle Jones Caro Bradley. He married Bernice Maxine Smith Jan. 2, 1934, at Larned. She died Oct. 13, 1998. A resident of Larned since 1998, coming from Denver, Colo., he was a public service employee. Caro was a member of Escue Chapel in Larned, Masonic Lodge and Old Timers Club, both of Denver. Survivors include two sons, Lowell of Las Vegas, Nev., and Nolan of Denver; two daughters, Johnetta Patterson and Donna Robinson, both of Larned; two brothers, Vincent Caro Sr. of Larned and Robert Caro of Phoenix, Ariz.; three sisters, Lucille Jackson of Larned, Irene Thomas of Hinesville, Ga., and Sheli Davis of Milwaukee, Wis.; nine grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by six brothers, Harold, Ralph, Lyle, Roger Bradley, Cecil and William; and six sisters, Catherine, Leatha, Thelma Caro Shepard, LaVern Starr, Unice Lucar and Elnice. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at First United Methodist Church in Larned, with the Revs. Anthony Hill, John Augmon and William Harden officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and until service time Friday at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to American Lung Association, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 17, 2003
M. Eugene Davis 1924-2003

M. Eugene Davis, 79, of Great Bend, died Dec. 14 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born May 14, 1924, at Greensburg, the son of Joseph and Maude Smith Davis. He married Ruby Oller March 3, 1944, at Pratt. She died Dec. 6, 1977. A resident of Great Bend since 1948, coming from Greensburg, he was a truck driver for Bovaird Supply in Great Bend. Davis was a member of First United Methodist Church of Great Bend. Survivors include his companion, Dorothy Kennedy of Great Bend; one son, Benny J. Davis of Silsbee, Texas; one daughter, Jennifer Ramsey of Las Cruces, N.M.; three brothers, Vern Davis of Coldwater, Kenneth Davis of Denver, Colo., and Carlton Davis of Bucklin; two sisters, Lucille Smith of Coldwater and Frances Branstetter of Turpin, Okla.; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Clifford Davis and Donald Davis. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home, with the family receiving friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Memorialis are suggested to Barton County Relay for Life, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 15, 2003

Cecile Lola Sayler 1910-2003

ST. JOHN — Cecile Lola Sayler, 93, died Dec. 15 at Leisure Homestead in St. John. She was born Jan. 17, 1910, at rural Stafford County, the daughter of Charles Wesley and Lulu May Archibald McDonald. She married Gilbert Wallace Sayler Aug. 3, 1929, in rural Stafford County. He preceded her in death. A lifetime resident of Stafford County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Sayler was a member of Eden Valley Church of the Brethren, New Hope United Brethren Church, Mount Pleasant United Brethren Church, all of Stafford County, and Golden Circle Club and Eden Valley Women’s Fellowship Group. Survivors include one son, Adrian Gilbert Sayler of St. John; one daughter, Patricia Jean DeVore of St. John; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Clarence McDonald, Leo McDonald, Marvin McDonald and Virgil McDonald; and two sisters, Dorothy Johnson and Opal Taylor. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Eden Valley Church of St. John, with the Revs. Matthew Spurgin and David Albright officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday at Minnis Chapel in St. John. Memorials are suggested to Eden Valley Church of the Brethren, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 17, 2003

Merle Stroble Traylor

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Merle Stroble Traylor died Dec. 16 at Albuquerque. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Charter Funerals of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 17, 2003

December 16, 2003

Evelyn J. Cochrane 1921-2003

HOISINGTON — Evelyn J. Cochrane, 82, died Dec. 8 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. She was born Aug. 31, 1921, at Olmitz, the daughter of Claude Henry and Pearl Mae Maxey Rowley. A Hoisington and Barton County resident most of her life, she was a homemaker. She was of the Pentecostal affiliation. Survivors include four sons, Jim Cochrane of Great Bend, George Cochrane of Topeka, Dale Cochrane of Edgerton and Dan Cochrane of Hutchinson; four daughters, Earlene Jane Woods of Topeka, Florine Annette Doty of El Dorado, Beverly Fae Harriman of Hutchinson and Mary Viola Bennett of Yakima, Wash.; one brother, Claude H. Rowley of Gillette, Wyo.; one sister, Alice Jean Roth of Loveland, Colo.; 19 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by two sons, Durward Thomas and Frederic Cochrane; one brother, Edward M. Rowley; one sister, Claudine P. Rowley; and one great-granddaughter, Cheyenne Annette Doty. Funeral was Thursday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Revs. Dwight Dozier and Wesley Beldon officiating. Burial was at Olivet Cemetery in Barton County. Memorials are suggested to Evelyn Cochrane Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 16, 2003 Paid announcement

Robert J. ‘Bobby’ Mosqueda 1943-2003

LYONS — Robert J. “Bobby” Mosqueda, 60, died Dec. 14 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born July 25, 1943, in Lyons, the son of Antonio and Magdalena Navarro Mosqueda. A lifetime resident of Lyons, he was former foreman at Pepsi Cola plants of Lyons and Great Bend, and later a forklift operator for Palleton of Lyons. Mosqueda was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church and Liars Fishing Club, both of Lyons. Survivors include one brother, Manuel Navarro of Lyons; and two sisters, Ida Wilson of Lyons and Rachael Gonzales of Yuma, Ariz. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Thomas Leland officiating. Burial will be at Lyons Municipal Cemetery in Lyons. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorialis are suggested to Kidney Foundation, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 16, 2003

Joseph Eugene Rausch 1927-2003

SHARON — Joseph Eugene Rausch. 76. died Dec. 13 at his home. He was born Oct. 21. 1927. at Sharon. the son of Theodore
and Stella Schmidt Rausch. He married Gerry Adelhardt Aug. 7, 1950, at St. Leo. A lifetime resident of Sharon, he was a farmer, businessman and founder of Rausch Garage & Implement for 45 years.

Rausch was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, Boy Scouts of America, Western Association, St. Boniface Church Choir, Sharon City Council, Sharon city treasurer and volunteer fireman, all of Sharon. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Joseph Rausch Jr., David Rausch and Ted Rausch, all of Sharon; four daughters, Rosanna Jones and Marie Chain, both of Derby, Patty Strube and Cathy Miller, both of Clifton; 21 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother and three sisters.

Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. today at the church, with the Revs. John Strasser and John Miller officiating. Burial will be at St. Boniface Cemetery in Sharon. Memorials are suggested to Southwind Hospice or Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, both in care of Larrison Funeral Home of Medicine Lodge.

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Arlene J. Foster 1929-2003

SALINA — Arlene J. Foster, 74, died Dec. 14. She was born Nov. 3, 1929, in Topeka. She married William M. Foster. He died in 1998. A resident of Salina, she was a retired administrative assistant for Kansas State University at Salina for 15 years. Survivors include four sons, Bill Foster of Wichita, Bruce Foster of Greensburg, Brad Foster of Belton, Mo., and Brian Foster of Salina; one sister, Shirley Jacobson of Topeka; and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Connie K. Foster.

Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Roselawn Heights Memorial Chapel in Salina. Burial will be at Roselawn Memorial Park in Salina. There will be no visitation, the body was cremated. Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Salina, in care of Roselawn Mortuary in Salina.

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M. Eugene Davis 1924-2003

M. Eugene Davis, 79, of Great Bend, died Dec. 14 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend.

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Pauline E. McAfee 1918-2003

ELLINWOOD — Pauline E. McAfee, 85, died Dec. 14 at her home. She was born June 5, 1918, in rural Ellinwood, the daughter of Joseph and Eleanor Christ Dick. She attended St. Joseph School and was a 1936 graduate of Ellinwood High School. She married Orville LeRoy McAfee Sept. 29, 1946, at Ellinwood. He died Sept. 7, 1993. A lifetime resident of Barton County, residing in both Great Bend and Ellinwood, she was a homemaker.

Mrs. McAfee was a member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Altar Society, Daughters of Isabella and Heritage Club, all of Ellinwood. Survivors include a number of cousins. Altar Society rosary and wake service will be at 3 p.m. today, followed by Daughters of Isabella rosary, all at Kimple Funeral Home of Ellinwood. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. John Maes officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph School Endowment, the church or Ellinwood Heritage Club, all in care of the funeral home.

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Alphonse ‘Al’ Pelzel 1914-2003

HAYS — Alphonse “Al” Pelzel, 89, died Dec. 12 at Hays Good Samaritan Center in Hays. He was born Jan. 1, 1914, at Catherine, the son of Leo and Sophia Staab Pelzel. He married Mary A. Schmidt Jan. 19, 1937, at Catherine. She died June 25, 2003. A resident of Hays, he was head pumper for Don Pratt Oil Operations for many years. Pelzel was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church of Hays, and a lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars. Survivors include four sons, Leon Pelzel of Hays, Dave Pelzel of Ellsworth, Steve Pelzel of Larned and Jerry Pelzel of Salina; one daughter, Diana Darnell of Clovis, N.M.; two brothers, William Pelzel of Hays and James Pelzel of Wichita; seven sisters, Beatrice Haas and Irene Bollig, both of Hays, Alice Brunardt of Victoria, Clara Hezel, Frances Koester and Edna Goetz, all of Wichita, and Marie Mermis of Great Bend; 14 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Leo Pelzel.

Parish vigil service will be at 6:30 p.m. today at Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home in Hays. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Burial with military honors by Hays VFW will be at St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays. Friends can call from 4 to 7 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer’s Research, in care of the funeral home.

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Viola K. Gross 1912-2003

HAYS — Viola K. Gross, 91, died Dec. 12 at Ellis Good Samaritan Center in Ellis. She was born Viola K. Brack Sept. 21, 1912, in Great Bend. She married Gerald Forster. He preceded her in death. She married August Gross. He preceded her in death. A resident of Ellis since 1999, coming from Hays, she was a retired school teacher.

Survivors include one son. Tim Forster of Phoenix. Ariz.: one daughter. Suzanne Bettridge of Milford. Utah: seven grandchildren:
and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Thomas Forster. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. today at Brock’s North Hill Chapel in Hays. Burial will be at St. Joseph’s Cemetery in Hays. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until service time today at the funeral chapel.
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 16, 2003

Wendelin Dreher 1912-2003

HAYS — Wendelin Dreher, 91, died Dec. 13 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. He was born July 15, 1912, at Gorham, the son of Jerome and Pauline Rupp Dreher. He married Mary Ubert Aug. 18, 1936, at Hays. A resident of Hays, he was an oilfield pumper. Dreher was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Hays. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Marvin Dreher of Great Bend; one daughter, Charlotte Phillips of Atlanta, Ga.; two brothers, Ray Dreher of Seattle, Wash., and Celly “Joe” Dreher of Topeka; two sisters, Mildred Schumacher of Hays and Ella Beilman of Wichita; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Edwin Dreher, Julie Dreher and Elmer Dreher; and one sister, Amelia Schenk. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. today at the church. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays. Friends may call from 9 to 9:30 a.m. today at Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home in Hays. Memorials are suggested to Hays Good Samaritan Center or Masses, both in care of the funeral home.
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Leola Cherry 1925-2003

Leola Cherry, 78, of Great Bend, died Dec. 11 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. She was born Dec. 5, 1925, at Langston, Okla., the daughter of Lee and Mary Cargill Gray. She married Frank Cherry. He preceded her in death. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Wichita, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Cherry was a member of The Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church of Wichita. Survivors include four brothers, John Gray of Kansas City, Othel Gray of Russell, Willie Gray of Hutchinson and the Rev. Leonard Gray of Junction City. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. today at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Leola Cherry Expense Fund, in care of the funeral home.
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Jo Ann Wagner 1924-2003

COLUMBUS, Ga. — Jo Ann Wagner, 79, died Dec. 11 at Columbus Regional Medical Center in Columbus. She was born July 25, 1924, at Hoisington, the daughter of Lewis I. and Calista Vara Tindall. She was a graduate of Hoisington High School and the University of Kansas. She married Morris E. “Bud” Wagner, Aug. 16, 1953, at Hoisington. A resident of Columbus, coming from Oviedo, Fla., and Hoisington, she was co-owner and operator of Hoisington Appliance and assisted in the management of Marlon Industrial Park in Orlando, Fla. She was a member of First Christian Church, a 50-year member of Order of the Eastern Star - Una Chapter 119, Cameo and SACS of Hoisington, and a member of Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority of the University of Kansas. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Morris E. Wagner II of Corpus Christi, Texas, and Lewis G. Wagner of Midland, Ga.; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Dee Nese Long. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Paula Bell officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today, 9 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, and from 12:30 p.m. until service time Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home.
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Barbara Ellen Marsh 1933-2003

WICHITA — Barbara Ellen Marsh, 70, died Dec. 12. She was the daughter of Fred H. Sr. and Clara Ann McCarter Marsh. A resident of Wichita, she was employed by several nursing homes in Wichita. Survivors include one daughter, Debra Gaunt of Macksville; two brothers, Fred Marsh Jr. of Wichita and Don E. Marsh of Pratt. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Edward Marsh, Albert Marsh and Richard Marsh. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Hillcrest Cemetery in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to West Side Church of God Building Fund, 1900 McCormick, Wichita, KS 67213. Broadway Mortuary of Wichita is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 14, 2003

Velma Alice Meadows 1914-2003

WICHITA — Velma Alice Meadows, 89, died Dec. 10. She was born March 25, 1914, at Claffin, the daughter of Emanuel G. and Minnie Pearl Dowse Hardten. A resident of Wichita, she was a retired Boeing parts control clerk and Sears parts control clerk. Survivors include one son, Don Cornett of Perkins, Okla.; one sister, Kathleen McConnell of Garden Grove, Calif.; seven grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by seven brothers and sisters. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Family Worship Center in Wichita. Memorials are suggested to Claffin Ambulance Fund, in care of Claffin City Office, P.O. Box 383, Claffin, KS 67525. Resthaven Mortuary of Wichita is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 14, 2003
Harold F. Kottwitz 1911-2003

Harold F. Kottwitz, 92, of Great Bend, died Dec. 11 at Lakeview Manor in Lawrence. He was born Feb. 23, 1911, at Blue Hill, Neb., the son of William Carl and Ida Wilhelmena Hannich Kottwitz. He married Margaret E. Schuetz Oct. 8, 1933, at Great Bend. She died Sept. 4, 2003. A resident of Great Bend for 75 years, coming from Booneville, Mo., he was a longtime Pontiac automobile dealer and oil producer. Kottwitz was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Great Bend. Survivors include two sons, H. Martin Kottwitz of Lawrence and Kent A. Kottwitz of Overland Park; one daughter, Judith A. Giesing of Fountain Valley, Calif.; one sister, Glendoris Siefkse of Great Bend; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by several brothers. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. James Strasen officiating. Burial will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home.

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Joseph Eugene Rausch 1927-2003

SHARON — Joseph Eugene Rausch, 76, died Dec. 13 at his home in Sharon. Vigil service will be 7 p.m. Monday at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Sharon. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Revs. John Strasser and John Miller officiating. Burial will be at St. Boniface Cemetery in Sharon. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday at Larrison Funeral Home in Medicine Lodge. Memorials are suggested to Southwind Hospice or Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in care of the funeral home. The complete obituary will print in Tuesday’s edition. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Dec. 14, 2003

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Jerie Davis 1954-2003

Jerie Davis, 49, of Great Bend, died Dec. 10 at her residence in Great Bend. She was born Jan. 11, 1954, in San Diego, Calif., the daughter of Jerrell and Jean Mathews Stallo. She married Dave Davis May 24, 1997, at Great Bend. A Great Bend resident since 1968, she was a sales agent for Coldwell Banker Sell Real Estate of Great Bend. Mrs. Davis was a member of Fellowship of Faith, a Chamber Ambassador, active in adult and youth leadership in Great Bend, former president of Soroptimist Club, Coldwell Banker’s Diamond Society, Coldwell Banker’s President Circle, Great Bend Board of Realtors, National Association of Realtors and Kansas Association of Realtors. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Josh Wilkens and Jacob Wilkens, both of Manhattan; her father of Lorraine; one brother, Joel Stallo of Nashville, Tenn.; one sister, Jana Norwood of Kansas City; and one granddaughter. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Grace Community Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. Arlyn Thielenhaus officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 9 p.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Natalie Deutsch Benefit Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 12, 2003

Willias ‘Pete’ White 1919-2003

CHASE — Willias “Pete” White, 84, died Dec. 11 at Infina at Hutchinson. He was born Aug. 23, 1919, at Muskogee, Okla., the son of Ben and Myrtle White. He married Frances May Hass Nov. 3, 1939, in Ellsworth. She died Sept. 24, 1990. He married Mildred Kirsch Easley March 7, 1991, in Chase. A longtime resident of Chase, having lived the past six months in Hutchinson, he was a retired engineer for Kaw Pipeline/Chevron Texico Oil Company. White was a member of Baptist Church of Pauls Valley, Okla., and Veterans of Foreign Wars and Liars Fishing Club, both of Lyons. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Larry White of Ellinwood; two daughters, Kay Brady of Chase and Karen Almanza of Hutchinson; three stepdaughters, Carol Mitchell of Hutchinson, Sharon Hovertier of Frankfort, Mich., and Janet Gray of McCook, Neb.; two sisters, Minnie Korpi of Richmond, Wash., and Nadine Popp of Kingsdown; 10 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sons, Charles White and an infant; two brothers, Dewey White and Dott White; one sister, Ann Sullivan; and two grandchildren, Michael Brady and Stacy White. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Lyons Municipal Cemetery, with the Rev. Larry Weatherman officiating. Full military service will be conducted by Fort Riley Military. Friends may call from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday and from 9 a.m. to noon Monday, both at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 12, 2003

Judith Marie Thomas 1943-2003

SPARKS, Nev. — Judith Marie Thomas, 60, passed away Dec. 7 at Washoe Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Leo Thomas; two sons, Jimmy Sargent and Jason Sargent, both of Reno, Nev.; two stepdaughters, Tricia Thomas and Sara Sullivan, both of North Carolina; one brother, Gary Fradd of Reno; mother-in-law Mary Hedrick Thomas of North Carolina; and five grandchildren. Judy M. Thomas Sargent, beloved wife and devoted mother, was the longtime city manager of Russell. She was loved by everyone who worked for her, those who worked with her, and all of those who were fortunate enough to have known her. Judy loved gardening, flowers, plants and especially being a wife and a mother. She will be greatly missed. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to American Heart Association. A private family service will be held at her request. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 12, 2003 paid announcement

John W. Poos 1920-2003
WICHITA — John W. Poos, 82, died Dec. 10 at Wichita. He was born Oct. 2, 1920, at Nortonville. He was a 1942 graduate of the University of Kansas School of Business. A resident of Wichita, coming from Salina, he was employed by Kennedy and Coe as a certified public accountant and senior partner until 1985, and later as a partner with Corporate Finance Associates. Poos was a member of Kansas Society of CPAs, president of Kansas Society of CPAs, president of Salina United Fund, president of Salina Chamber of Commerce, a member of Board of Advisors for KU School of Business and chairman from 1975 to 1990, a life member of KU Alumni Association and a member of its Development Steering Committee and Williams Education Fund. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, serving as a captain during World War II. Survivors include his wife, Martha, of the home; one son, Thomas William Poos of Wichita; one daughter, Carol Sue Maloney of Wichita; three sisters, Harriet Nass of Atchinson, Gretchen Westphal of Leawood and Dolly Lyon of Osprey, Fla.; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Salina, with the Revs. Jeffrey Crane and Robert Schadel officiating. Burial will be at Roselawn Cemetery in Salina. The casket will be closed at the church. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Ryan Westphal of Leawood and Dolly Lyon of Osprey, Fla.; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Salina, with the Revs. Jeffrey Crane and Robert Schadel officiating. Burial will be at Roselawn Cemetery in Salina. The casket will be closed at the church. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Ryan Mortuary in Salina. Memorials are suggested to Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Wichita, Trinity Lutheran Church in Salina or Williams Education Fund at the University of Kansas, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 12, 2003

Bruce Burrows 1915-2003

BAY ST. LOUIS, Miss. — Bruce Burrows, 88, died Dec. 10 in Bay St. Louis. He was born Aug. 21, 1915, at Lexington County, Okla. He married Viola. She preceded him in death. A resident of Bay St. Louis, he was employed by the U.S. Bureau of Mines for 31 years. Burrows was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include three sons, Larry Burrows of Pealington, Miss., Adrian Burrows of Santa Clara, Calif., and Dale Burrows of Greeley, Colo.; one daughter, Sandra Lebsack of Kearney, Neb.; one brother, Duane Burrows of Amarillo, Texas; one sister, Lucille Harris of Albuquerque, N.M.; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. Prayer service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis. Burial will be at Garden of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis. Friends may call from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the church building fund or Senior Citizen of Bay St. Louis, both in care of Edmond Fahey Funeral Home, P.O. Box 348, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 12, 2003

Correction

HOISINGTON --- Evelyn J. Cochrane, 82, who died Dec. 8 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington, was preceded in death by two sons, Durward Thomas and Frencic Cochrane. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 12, 2003

December 11, 2003

Betty J. Woydziak Thompson 1940-2003

OMAHA, Neb. — Betty J. Woydziak Thompson, 63, died Dec. 10 at Bishop Clarkson Tower, Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. She was born April 3, 1940, at Hitschmann, the daughter of Edwin and Elfrieda Lang Woydziak. She was a graduate of Sydney School of Cosmetology. She married Tom Thompson Dec. 28, 1963, at Dubuque. A resident of Omaha, she was a retired sales representative for Applause and Enesco. Mrs. Thompson was a member of St. Leo Catholic Church of Omaha. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Thomas Lee Thompson of Seattle, Wash., and Todd Eric Thompson of Omaha; one daughter, Sandra Lebsack of Boulder, Colo.; and six grandchildren. Wake service will be at 8 p.m. Friday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Catherine Catholic Church of Dubuque, with the Rev. John J. Maes officiating. Burial will be at St. Catherine Cemetery in Dubuque. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Catherine Heritage Association, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 11, 2003

Fred R. Cramer 1921-2003

GARDEN CITY — Fred R. Cramer, 82, died Dec. 7 at St. Catherine Hospital in Garden City. He was born Aug. 18, 1921, at Lebo, the son of Fred and Mary “Edna” Johnson Cramer. He was a graduate of Neosho Rapids High School and attended Kansas State University. He married Margaret “Peggy” Trimble June 24, 1944, in Burlington. A resident of Wichita, coming from Garden City, he was a carpenter and worked in USD 457 Plant Maintenance Department until his retirement in 1987. Cramer was a member of American Legion of Garden City. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving as an ambulance driver and medical technician at Camp Stewart, Ga. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Lee Cramer of Garden City; two daughters, Sunny Gail Cramer of Durango, Colo., and Penny Ashcraft of Corpus Christi, Texas; three sisters, Jeanne Molyneux of Belmont, Calif., Joyce Cramer Colglazier of Emporia and Kathleen “Kay” Parry of El Dorado; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Howard Arthur Cramer. Memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Lebo Baptist Church of Lebo. A private family burial will take place at a later date. There will be no visitation. No memorials are suggested. Garnand Funeral Home of Garden City is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 11, 2003

Jewell Weatherford Courtney 1905-2003

PAMPA, Texas — Jewell “Adams” Weatherford Courtney, 98, died Dec. 7 in Pampa. She was born Oct. 8, 1905, in New Mexico Territory, the daughter of William Perry and Carey Elizabeth Weatherford. She married James Arthur Courtney June 1922, in Loveland, Colo. He preceded her in death. Survivors include two sons, Robert L. Courtney of Kansas City, Mo., and Glen W.
December 10, 2003

Wayne Kirtley 'Kirt' Ruble 1954-2003

MCCOOK, Neb., — Wayne Kirtley 'Kirt' Ruble, 49, died Dec. 4 in Frontier County, Neb., the result of an automobile accident. He was born Aug. 23, 1954, in Great Bend, the son of Dean and Natalie Noll Ruble. He was a 1972 graduate of Great Bend High School and Kansas State University in Manhattan. He married Sheila Hahn, March 10, 1988, at Mobile, Ala. A resident of McCook since 1998, coming from Texas, he was employed by Texas A&M University and dean of students at Mid-Plains Community College in Nebraska. Survivors include his wife of McCook; three sons, Jeffrey Ruble of Kansas City, Spencer Ruble of McCook and Timothy Ruble of Great Bend; one daughter, Micaela Ruble of McCook; his mother, Natalie Sekavec of Brownell; and one sister, Kim Hekele of Odin. Memorial service was held Dec. 6 at Herrman Memorial Chapel in McCook with the Rev. Gary Brethour officiating. Inurnment will be at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Ruble Children’s Education Fund in care of Nicholson-Rickle Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 10, 2003

Xandra Breon Ruiz 2003-2003

Xandra Breon Ruiz, 10 months, of Great Bend, died Dec. 4 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born Jan. 28, 2003, at Great Bend, the daughter of Christopher and Laurie Woolsey Ruiz. Survivors include her parents of Great Bend; one brother, Christopher Ruiz of the home; one sister, Alexia Woolsey of the home; and grandparents, Isabel and Casiano Ruiz of Great Bend. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Charter Funerals Chapel in Great Bend with the Rev. Oscar Espinosa officiating. Private family burial will take place in Llano Cemetery in Amarillo, Texas. Memorials are suggested to Xandra Breon Ruiz Memorial Fund in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 10, 2003

Evelyn J. Cochrane 1921-2003

HOISINGTON — Evelyn J. Cochrane, 82, died Dec. 8 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. She was born Aug. 31, 1921, at Olmitz, the daughter of Claude Henry and Pearl Mae Maxey Rowley. A Hoisington and Barton County resident most of her life, she was a homemaker. She was a member of the Pentecostal affiliation. Survivors include four sons, Jim Cochrane of Great Bend; George Cochrane of Texas, he was dean of students for Mid-Plains Community College; Christopher Rowley of Kansas; and Dan Cochrane of Edgerton; four daughters, Earlene Jane Woods of Topeka, Florine Annette Doty of El Dorado, Beverly Fae Harriman of Hutchinson and Mary Viola Bennett of Great Bend, George Cochrane of Topeka, Dale Cochrane of Edgerton and Dan Cochrane of Hutchinson; four daughters, Earlene Jane Woods of Topeka, Florine Annette Doty of El Dorado, Beverly Fae Harriman of Hutchinson and Mary Viola Bennett of Yakima, Wash.; one brother, Claude H. Rowley of Gillette, Wyo.; one sister, Alice Jean Roth of Loveland, Colo.; 19 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by two sons, Durward Thomas Cochrane and Frederick Cochrane; one brother, Edward M. Rowley; one sister, Claudine P. Rowley; and one great-granddaughter, Cheyanne Annette Doty. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Nicholson-Rickle Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Revs. Dwight Dozier and Wesley Beldon officiating. Burial will be at Olivet Cemetery in Barton County. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Evelyn Cochrane Memorial Fund in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 10, 2003

December 9, 2003

Joe Prodromides 1951-2003

WICHITA — Joe Prodromides, 52, died Dec. 4. He was a resident of Wichita. Survivors include one son, Justin Prodromides of Wichita; one daughter, Jessica Prodromides of Wichita; one brother, John Prodromides of Las Vegas, Nev.; and three grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. today at Old Mission Mausoleum Chapel in Wichita. Cremation preceded the memorial service. Memorials are suggested to the family, in care of Advantage Funeral Service of Wichita. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 9, 2003

December 8, 2003

Wayne ‘Kirt’ Ruble 1954-2003

MCCOOK, Neb. — Wayne ‘Kirt’ Ruble, 49, died Dec. 4 in Frontier County, Neb. He was born Aug. 23, 1954, the son of Dean and Natalie Noll Ruble in Great Bend. He was a 1972 graduate of Great Bend High School and a graduate of Kansas State University in Manhattan. He married Sheila Hahn, March 10, 1988, at Mobile, Ala. A resident of McCook since 1998, coming from Texas, he was employed by Texas A&M University and dean of students at Mid-Plains Community College in Nebraska. Survivors include his wife of McCook; three sons, Jeffrey Ruble of Kansas City, Spencer Ruble of McCook and Timothy Ruble of Great Bend; one daughter, Micaela Ruble of McCook; his mother and stepfather, Natalie and Marion Sekevec of Brownell; and one sister, Kim Hekele of Odin. Services were Dec. 6 at Herrmann Memorial Chapel in McCook with the Rev. Gary Brethour officiating. Inurnment will be at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Ruble Children’s Education fund, in care of Herrmann Funeral Home of McCook. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 9, 2003
Evelyn J. Cochrane 1921-2003
HOISINGTON — Evelyn J. Cochrane, 82, died Dec. 8 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 9, 2003

Ottelia ‘Tillie’ Wegele 1915-2003
OTIS — Ottelia “Tillie” Wegele, 88, died Dec. 7 at Good Samaritan Center in Hays. She was born July 30, 1915, in Barton County, the daughter of Fred and Mollie Maier Maier. She married Albert Wegele May 5, 1940, at Milberger. A resident of Otis and Rush County since 1957, coming from Beeler, she was a nurse’s aide at Ness County Hospital. Mrs. Wegele was a member of United Methodist Church of Otis. Survivors include her husband of Hays; one daughter, VirJean Scheuerman of Otis; one sister, Alice Maier of Russell; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Alvin Maier. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the church, with Larry Frank and Deaconess Doreen Scheuerman officiating. Burial will be at Milberger Cemetery in Milberger. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington and from 11:30 a.m. to service time Wednesday at the church. The family will receive friends from 7:30 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to “Storm” Special Olympic Team, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 9, 2003

Lillian Margaret Schlegel 1972-2003
NESS CITY — Lillian Margaret Schlegel, 99, died Dec. 5 at Ness County Hospital. She was born Sept. 17, 1904, at Rush County, the daughter of Adam and Amelia Hanhardt Hinkel. She married Wesley Schlegel Nov. 24, 1925, at La Crosse. He died Oct. 24, 1972. A resident of Ness City since 1957, coming from Beeler, she was a nurse’s aide at Ness County Hospital. Mrs. Schlegel was a member of United Methodist Church and Martha Circle, both of Ness City. Survivors include one daughter, Shirley Holmes of Ness City; one granddaughter; three stepgrandsons; two great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson. She was preceded in death by one son, Wayne Wesley Schlegel; one daughter, Sharon Kay Schlegel; four brothers, Roy Hinkel, Ralph Hinkel, Elmer Hinkel and Irvin Hinkel; and one sister, Mabel Wagner. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. today at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City, with the Rev. Sue Talbot officiating. Burial will be at Ness City Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Ness County Hospital, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 9, 2003

Frank Hertach 1914-2003
CLAFLIN — Frank Hertach, 89, died Dec. 6 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born June 4, 1914, in Rice County, the son of Joseph and Louise Oberle Hertach. He married Amelia Reichuber April 29, 1946, at Bushton. She died Feb. 24, 1998. A lifetime resident of Rice County, he was a retired farmer and stockman. Hertach was a member of Holy Name Catholic Church in Bushton, a lifetime member of Knights of Columbus Council No. 1500 and Ralph B. Prager Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 8668, both of Claflin. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in Sicily, Rome, France, Rhineland and Tunisia during World War II, with the grade of corporal. Survivors include one son, Frank Hertach of Claflin; two daughters, Joeline Debes of Hutchinson and Mary Ann Werner of Wichita; one sister, Frances Reichuber of Ellinwood; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Joe Hertach Jr. Parish rosary will be at 7 p.m. today followed by Knights of Columbus rosary, both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Steven Scheier officiating. Burial will be at Holy Name Cemetery in Bushton, with military graveside rites by Fort Riley Honor Guard. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 9, 2003

Ruth Maye Parks Black 1920-2003
HUMBOLDT, Ariz. — Ruth Maye Parks Black, 83, died Dec. 6 at Cottonwood, Ariz. She was born Aug. 22, 1920, at Lucas, the daughter of Orville and Martha Hendrich Parks. She was a 1939 graduate of Sylvan Grove High School and completed her registered nurses training at Asbury Hospital in Salina in 1942. She married William D. Noble Jr. May 7, 1942, at St. Louis, Mo. He died April 1, 1979. She married Norman “Norm” Lee Black June 17, 1983, at Phoenix, Ariz. She was a resident of Humboldt since 1988, coming from Phoenix. Mrs. Black was a member of Mountain View Baptist Church of Dewey, Ariz. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, William D. Noble III of Cottonwood, Robert C. Noble of Snowflake, Ariz., and Raymond D. Noble of Glendale, Ariz.; one brother, Earl Parks of Hutchinson; two sisters, Marie Marcum of Great Bend and Jane Ellyson of Bixby, Okla.; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister. Memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Dec. 20 at the church, with the Rev. Chako Varghese officiating. Cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Hospice Family Care, 100 E. Sheldon, Prescott, AZ 86301 or Northern Arizona Hospice, 269 S. Candy Lane, Cotton, AZ 86326. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 9, 2003

Raymonde Victor Brown 1910-2003
LARNED — Raymonde Victor Brown, 93, died Dec. 6 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. He was born Feb. 28, 1910, at Gate, Okla, the son of Roy Lee and Alberta Jones Brown. He married Donna Belle Avary June 22, 1934, at Larned. She died May 27, 2000. A lifetime Pawnee County resident, he was a retired postal clerk. Brown was a member of First United Methodist Church of Larned. Survivors include one son, Robert Brown of Elkhart, Ind.; two brothers, Vernon E. Brown of Portland, Ore., and Virgil Dean Brown of Dallas, Texas; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Gerald Brown: a dauhter, Bettv Coleman: two brothers. Lawrence Brown and Jack Brown: and three sisters. Ruth Burns. Norma Rainbolt
Leona Margaret Williamson 1926-2003

HUDSON — Leona Margaret Williamson, 77, died Dec. 5 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. She was born Feb. 2, 1926, at Stafford, the daughter of Charles and Carrie Lichte Hildebrand. She was a 1944 graduate of Stafford High School and a 1947 graduate of United States Cadet Nurses Corps program at Grace Hospital School of Nursing in Hutchinson. She married Robert Williamson Oct. 16, 1947. A resident of Hudson since 1952, she was a registered nurse and homemaker. Mrs. Williamson was a member of Stafford Church of the Nazarene. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Dale Williamson of Nampa, Idaho, Keith Williamson of Sublette and Gary Williamson of Dodge City; one daughter, Linda Williamson of Oklahoma City, Okla.; one brother, Chester Hildebrand of Stafford; three sisters, Irma Eisenhower of Tahlequah, Okla., Elsie Hildebrand and Marjorie Hildebrand, both of Hutchinson; and nine grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford with the Rev. Ron Moser officiating. Burial will be at Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to Kansas District Nazarene Children’s Camp in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 9, 2003

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Warren J. “Buddy” Wetzel, 47, of Great Bend, died Dec. 4 at Radium. He was born June 14, 1956, at Dodge City, the son of Carl T. and Erna L. Dierof Wetzel. He married Marlene Eining June 6, 1975, in Spearville. A resident of Great Bend, formerly of Kinsley, he was a laborer. Wetzel was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Offerle. Survivors include one son, Travis of Kinsley; and one daughter, Amy Wetzel of Kinsley; his father and mother of Spearville; three sisters, Joyce Orebaugh and Nita Winfrey, both of Dodge City, and Joleen Stein of Spearville. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Andrew Becker officiating. Burial will be at Zion Lutheran Cemetery in Offerle. There are no call times or vigils. Memorials are suggested to Buddy Wetzel Children’s Education Fund in care of McKillip Memorial Funeral Home in Kinsley. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 7, 2003

Dorothy M. ‘Dottie’ Hass 1930-2003

LYONS — Dorothy M. “Dottie” Hass, 73, died Dec. 4 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born June 6, 1930, at rural Rice County the daughter of Dallas W. and Geneva Hardwick Bundy. A longtime Lyons area resident, she was a retired janitor for Enron Corp. and housekeeper for Rice County Council on Aging. She was a member of First Christian Church of Lyons. Survivors include two daughters, Linda Nicholas of Geneseo and Dana Hardcastle of Las Vegas, Nev.; one step-son, Jim Evan Stockey of Westerville, Ohio; two step-daughters, Jayne Coleman of Geneseo and Julie Miller of Welling, Okla.; three sisters, Betty Rickard of Sterling, Eleanor DeArmond of El Dorado and Janice Potter of Merriam; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Eric Neal Hass. Memorial service will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Tom Eastman officiating. Memorials are suggested to the church or Rice County Council on Aging in care of Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Dec. 7, 2003

Hazel Helen Baker 1915-2003

Hazel Helen Baker, 88, of Great Bend, died Dec. 4 at Great Bend. She was born Jan. 3, 1915, at Bruno, Ark., the daughter of William O. and Ola Adkins Gray. She married Ancil W. Baker Aug. 14, 1935, at Bruno. A resident of Great Bend since 1991, coming from Mountain Home, Idaho, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Baker was a member of First Southern Baptist Church, Order of the Eastern Star and Daughters of the Nile and Beauciant. Survivors include her husband of the home; and one sister, Juanita Breece of Ft. Worth, Texas. She was preceded in death by one brother, Jack Moulder. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday 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 1 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Fund or First Southern Baptist Church, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Dec. 7, 2003

Eva Arlene Pittman 1918-2003

MCPHERSON — Eva Arlene Pittman, 85, died Dec. 6 at The Cedars in McPherson. She was born Feb. 5, 1918, at Gorman, Texas, the daughter of Joseph John and Winnie Ona Lane Brown. A resident of McPherson, formerly of Great Bend, she was a homemaker. She married Ardeth “A. D.” Pittman, May 14, 1939. He died August 25, 2001. Mrs. Pittman was a member of the First Baptist Church in Gorman, Texas. Survivors include one daughter, Patricia Jane Anderson, Great Bend; one brother, Eldon Neal Brown, Kankakee, Ill.; six grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Neal Ray Pittman, one daughter, Julia Ann Belgau and one brother, J. W. Brown. Funeral will be by held Friday at 2 p.m. at the church with the Rev. Bill Campbell officiating. Burial will be at Gorman Cemetery. Friends may call from noon - 9 p.m. Tuesday, at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend and from noon - 9 p.m. on Thursday at Higginbottom Funeral Home in Gorman. Memorials are suggested to The Cedars, 1021 Cedars Drive, McPherson, 67460. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Dec. 7, 2003

Sandra Lee Countryman 1963-2003
Sandra Lee Countryman, 40, died Dec. 4 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born Oct. 24, 1963, at Medicine Lodge, the daughter of Kenneth C. Coley and Patty Black Parks. A resident of Great Bend for 25 years coming from Arizona, she worked as a home health caregiver. She was a member of First Church of the Nazarene in Great Bend. Survivors include her mother of Great Bend and father of Pratt; one son, Scott Howard Countryman, of the home; one daughter, Ashley Patricia Countryman, of the home; one step-daughter, Christina Countryman, LaCrosse; one brother, Charles Otis Coley, St. John; three sisters, Donna Sue Richard, Ness City, Robin Ann Lee, Hudson and Kathryn Kay Coley, Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m., Monday at the church with Rev. Robert Castle officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park. Friends may call 1 - 9 p.m. today, at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the family in care of funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Dec. 7, 2003

Kenneth Scharzt 1923-2003

Kenneth Scharzt, 80, of Great Bend, died Dec. 2 in Ellinwood. He was born Sept. 9, 1923, in rural Great Bend, the son of Nicholas A. and Aileen Kimpler Scharzt. He married Treva Saunders Aug. 23, 1946, at Emporia. He later married Lillian Deem in 1983. She died in 2000. A resident of Great Bend, formerly of Topeka, Sacramento, Calif., Hutchinson and Baguio, Philippines, he retired from the U.S. Air Force as a major on May 1, 1970. Scharzt was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church of Great Bend, 4th degree Knights of Columbus No. 862 of Great Bend and a lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include three daughters, Stephanie Scharzt of Loomis, Calif., Monica Couch of Horseshoe, N.C., and Connie Scharzt of San Leandro, Calif.; five brothers, Vernon Scharzt of Grants Pass, Ore., Norbert Scharzt of Sutter Creek, Calif., Gerald Scharzt of Hays, Thomas Scharzt of Phoenix, Ariz., and Patrick Scharzt of Ellinwood; two sisters, DeSales Feist and Mary Bowes, both of Ellinwood; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Michael Scharzt; three brothers, Charles Scharzt, Leon Scharzt and Loren Scharzt; and one sister, Celesta. Altar Society rosary will be at 3 p.m. Monday and Knights of Columbus rosary will be at 7 p.m. Monday, both at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Ted Stecklein officiating. Burial will be at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Topeka. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 5, 2003

Martin B. Birzer 1911-2003

HUTCHINSON — Martin B. Birzer, 92, died Dec. 3 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was born Nov. 11, 1911, in Ellinwood, the son of John B. and Anna Polzine Birzer. He attended Ellinwood schools and Emporia State University. He married Mary J. Prosser May 17, 1938, at Odin. A resident of Hutchinson since 1944, he farmed in Osbourne and Reno counties, was a former Hutchinson business owner, insulation installer for Decker & Mattison, 30-year union painter working for Schmitt Painting and Walter W. Pohl painting companies, and independent painting contractor for many years. Birzer was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church of Hutchinson, Knights of Columbus Council No. 612 and former member of Loyal Order of Moose Lodge No. 982. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Glenn Birzer of the home and Gary Birzer of Des Moines, Iowa; two daughters, Barbara Kostner and Diane McKinney, both of Lakewood, Colo.; 10 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by 13 brothers, John Birzer, Joseph Birzer, William Birzer, Paul Birzer, Frank Birzer, Nicholas Birzer, Anthony Birzer, Edward Birzer, Leonard Birzer, Raymond Birzer, Ernest Birzer, Leo Birzer and Matthew Birzer; two sisters, Ann Marie Zink and Inez Birzer; and two grandsons. Parish rosary will be at 7 tonigh at the church. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the
church, with the Rev. Joe Eckberg officiating. Graveside service will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at St. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Ellinwood, with the Rev. John Maes officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at Elliott Mortuary in Hutchinson. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 5, 2003


CLAFLIN — Alphonse “Al” D. Prusa, 83, died Dec. 4 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Feb. 18, 1920, at Claflin, the son of Joseph and Mary Holechek Prusa. He married Lorena M. Mater Jan. 14, 1947, at Olmitz. A lifetime resident of Claflin and Dubuque area, he was a retired farmer and stockman. Prusa was a former member of St. Catherine Catholic Church of Dubuque, and a member of Holy Family Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus Council No. 2630, both of Odin. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in World War II as a staff sergeant in the African and European theaters. He was a recipient of the Bronze Star. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Steve Prusa of Coldwater, Anthony Prusa of Ulysses and Kenneth Prusa of Ames, Iowa; one daughter, Cathy Kooser of Cleveland, Mo.; one brother, Joseph Prusa of Salina; 10 grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. He was preceded in death by one brother, Edward Prusa; and one sister, Cecilia Schneweis. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. today followed by Knights of Columbus rosary, both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Dubuque, with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. Catherine Cemetery in Dubuque, with military graveside rites by Fort Riley Honor Guard. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Claflin Ambulance Service or Dubuque Heritage Association, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 5, 2003

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William L. Morris 1926-2003

KINGFISHER, Okla. — William L. Morris, 76, died Nov. 29 at Cimarron Nursing Center in Kingfisher. He was born Dec. 17, 1926, at Drumright, Okla., the son of Robert Morris and Bessee E. Stepheonson Mayes. He married Mary Cammack June 26, 1948, at Drumright. She preceded him in death. A resident of Kingfisher, coming from Drumright, Great Bend and Salen, Ill., he was employed by Texaco for 47 years. Morris was a member of American Legion and Masonic Lodge, both of Drumright. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include three daughters, Alex Morris of Oklahoma City, Okla., Janice Kloxin of El Mirage, Ariz., and Carol Everett of Great Bend; his mother of Drumright; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 2:30 p.m. today at Resthaven Memorial Gardens in Oklahoma City with the Rev. Bob Barr officiating. Memorials are suggested to Oklahoma Library For the Blind and Physical Handicapped, 501 North Douglas, Oklahoma City, OK 73106. Sanders Funeral Services Inc. of Kingfisher is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 4, 2003

Shirley J. Hovey 1939-2003

Shirley J. Hovey, 64, of Great Bend died Dec. 2 at her residence. She was born June 18, 1939, at Rochester, N.Y., the daughter of Stephen Sr. and Mildred Spencer. She married Richard L. Hovey March 14, 1989, at Rochester. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Greensburg, she was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Bruce Clark of Indianapolis, Ind., and Phillip Clark of Great Bend; three daughters, Lorrie Burgin of Oregon, Vonnie Thomas and Patty Snow, both of Great Bend; one brother, Stephen Spencer of Rochester; one sister, Lois Landon of Florida; 25 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Ronnie Sloey. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Charter Funeral Chapel in Great Bend with the Rev. Michael Joiner officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Extreme Hope Christian Fellowship of Great Bend, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 3, 2003

Lydia Beahm 1914-2003

LA CROSSE — Lydia Beahm, 89, died Dec. 2 at Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse. She was born Aug. 7, 1914, at Bison, the daughter of Michael and Elisabeth Reichel Krug. She married Herbert T. Beahm June 12, 1937. He died Dec. 16, 1979. A resident of La Crosse, coming from Hutchison, she taught school in a one-room school house in La Crosse and was a bank cashier before her retirement. Mrs. Beahm was a member of First Methodist Church of Burlington, Colo., and Elks Club of Goodland. Survivors include two sons, Burton L. Beahm of Lake Oswego, Ore., and Roger L. Beahm of Greensboro, N.C.; three sisters, Selma Moore and Marge Sampson, both of Salina, and Pauline Holopirek of Timken; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Harry Krug, Michael Krug and Glenn Krug; and three sisters, Esther Popp, Hannah Wharton and Janita Reha. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. today at La Crosse City Cemetery with the Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Rush County Nursing Home of La Crosse, in care of Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 4, 2003

Ronald D. Munsch 1948-2003

GARDEN CITY — Ronald D. Munsch, 56, died Dec. 2 at St. Catherine Hospital in Garden City. He was born Feb. 11, 1948, at La Crosse, the son of Edwin and Marina Suppes Munsch. He was a 1966 graduate of Bazine High School. He married Debra L. Gross July 1, 1966, at Ness City. A resident of Garden City, coming from Wellington, Dodge City, Lyons and Ness City, he was a meat cutter, assistant manager and market manager for Dillons Food Market for many years. Gross was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church of Garden City and was a scout master for Boy Scout Troop No. 61 for several years. Survivors include his wife of the home: two sons. David Munsch of Victoria and Matthew Munsch of Garden City; one daughter. Rebecca Newell of Great

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Bend; his parents of Ness City; one brother, Mike Munsch of Boise City, Okla.; three sisters, Vickie Herrman of Emporia, Betty Knoll of Deerfield and Christy Healzer of Ness City; and four grandsons. Vigil service will be at 8 p.m. today at the church. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. James E. Baker officiating. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery in Ness City. Friends may call from noon to 6 p.m. today at Garnard Funeral Home in Garden City. Memorials are suggested to Ronald D. Munsch Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 4, 2003

Kathleen 'Dixie' Elffner 1923-2003

MEADE — Kathleen “Dixie” Elffner, 80, died Dec. 2 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born Feb. 3, 1923, in Daleville, Ala., the daughter of Charlie and Estelle Cooper Dixon. She married Thomas H. Elffner July 3, 1944, at Tallahassee, Fla. He died Aug. 18, 2000. A resident of Meade since 1957, coming from Florida and the family farm in Meade County, she was a homemaker and owned Elffner's Upholstery. Mrs. Elffner was a member of Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church of Meade and former member of Altar Society of Fowler. She was elected as the only female mayor of Meade, serving one term. Survivors include two sons, Thomas H. “Butch” Elffner of Great Bend and Robert C. “Topper” Elffner of Omaha, Neb.; two sisters, Flossie "Jo" Young and Betty Davis, both of Lakeland, Fla.; and one grandson. She was preceded in death by one son, Charles G. “Chuck” Elffner; one brother, Bud Dixon; and one sister, Murl Britt. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Francis Stuart officiating. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church. Burial will be at Graceland Cemetery in Meade. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday at Fidler-Orme Mortuary in Meade. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association or the church, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 4, 2003

Kenneth Schartz 1923-2003

Kenneth Schartz, 80, died Dec. 2 at Ellinwood. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 4, 2003

Lizzie Burchart 1909-2003

ELLINWOOD — Lizzie Burchart, 94, died Dec. 1 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. She was born July 3, 1909, at Raymond, the daughter of Adolph and Emma Florian Burchart. She was a food service employee at Waxy’s Restaurant in Ellinwood and at Larned State Hospital. She was a member of Immanuel United Church of Christ, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Heritage Club and Hospital Auxiliary, all of Ellinwood. Survivors include one sister, Alice Bryant of Ellinwood. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Herbert Burchart, Louis Burchart and Edwin Burchart. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood with the Rev. Larry Young officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to service time Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Dec. 3, 2003

Steven Paul Boehnke 1939-2003

ELLINWOOD — Additional survivor for Steven Paul Boehnke, 64, who died Nov. 29 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita, is one brother, James Boehnke of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Dec. 3, 2003

Clarence William 'Bill' Brandt 1913-2003

SARASOTA, Fla. — Mr. Clarence William “Bill” Brandt passed away peacefully on Saturday, Nov. 29, in Sarasota, Fla. Born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, in 1913, and raised in Great Bend, he was a long-time member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church of Wichita, and a member of the Knights of Columbus. For many years he co-owned Midwest Motor Parts in Wichita before retiring to Long Beach, Calif., and later to Sarasota. After retiring he worked for Huntington Beach Library System in California and later for Schulman’s in Sarasota. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Helen; son and daughter-in-law, Lawrence and Daniela Brandt of Portland, Ore.; daughter Bilyie Marie Navarro of Austin, Texas, daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and John Rutherford of Clayton, Calif., and Teresa and Melvyn Dansell of St. Pete Beach, Fla. Also surviving him are seven grandchildren, Craig Brandt of McPherson, Shari Brandt of Tucson, Ariz., Jacqui Nahom of Scottsdale, Ariz., Maria del Carmen Soto of Guadalajara, Mexico, Ivonne Navarro Filobelo of Houston, Texas, Jennifer Rutherford of Rochester Hills, Mich., and Brian Beebe of Arcadia, Fla. Great-grandchildren include Nicholas Brandt of McPherson, Michael and Andrew Nahom of Scottsdale, Ariz., Ricardo and Eduardo Soto of Guadalajara and Max Filobelo of Houston. Service is being held in Sarasota today. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Mote Marine Laboratory, 1600 Ken Thompson Parkway, Sarasota, FL 34236. Condolences may be sent to the family via Toale Brothers Funeral Home, P.O. Drawer T, Sarasota, FL 34230. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Dec. 2, 2003 paid announcement

Richard Lanne Maddox 1978-2003


Richard Lanne Maddox, 25, of Great Bend, died Nov. 28 at Kansas City, Mo. He was born Sept. 9, 1978, at Duncan, Okla., the son of Brad and Rickee Crane Maddox. A resident of Great Bend since 1981, coming from Seward, he was a senior at Mid-America Nazarene College, studying religion. Maddox was a member of First Church of the Nazarene of Great Bend. Survivors include his parents of Great Bend; one brother, Benn Maddox of Great Bend; and grandfather, LeRoy Maddox of Fort McCoy, Fla.

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Revs. Mark Pennington, Robert Castle, and Dr. Larry Fine officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Geneseo Cemetery. Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, with the family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to religion department of Mid-America Nazarene University in Olathe, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 2, 2003

Steven Paul Boehnke 1939-2003

ELLINWOOD — Steven Paul Boehnke, 64, died Nov. 29 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born Sept. 8, 1939, at Great Bend, the son of Paul and Ruby 'Erma' Reeves Boehnke. He married Marquita Lacy Ulm May 23, 1981, at Har-Ber Village, Okla. A resident of Ellinwood since 1981, coming from Great Bend, he was a service technician for Great Bend Co-op until retiring in 1997. Boehnke was a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, a former member of Barton County Sheriff Reserves, and one of the original organizers of National Hot Rod Association Drag Races held in Great Bend. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served on the USS Rochester. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Kayla Rhoades and husband Scott of Arlington, Texas, and Jonya Cousins and husband Wesley of Hayville; and two granddaughters, Lacy Rhoades and Kelcy Rhoades. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with Dr. Sterling Lacy officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery north of Great Bend. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. Wednesday with the family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Ellinwood Fire Department or Ellinwood Ambulance Service, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Dec. 2, 2003 paid announcement

Francis J. Ney 1923-2003

HOISINGTON — Francis J. Ney, 80, died Nov. 29 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born May 27, 1923, at Concordia, the son of Frank and Clara Krier Ney. He was a 1941 graduate of Hoisington High School. He married Margaret Ann Koeller April 11, 1950, at Hoisington. A lifetime Hoisington resident, he was a farmer and produce manager for C.O. Mammel's, and later a salesman for Ney's Furniture and Carpet. Ney was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, American Legion Post No. 286 and a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7428. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, John Ney of Great Bend, Mike Ney and Bob Ney, both of Hoisington; one daughter, Mary Lou Degenhardt of Great Bend; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four half-sisters. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. today at the church, with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. John the Evangelist Cemetery of Hoisington, with military graveside rites by VFW Post No. 7428 and American Legion Post No. 286. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Dec. 2, 2003

Edwin H. Suhler 1940-2003

LYONS — Edwin H. Suhler, 63, died Nov. 29 at Sandstone Height Nursing Home in Little River. He was born Feb. 7, 1940, at Chase, the son of Marvin J. and Esther M. Wild Suhler. He was a 1968 graduate of Lyons High School and graduated from U.S. Trade School of Auto Mechanics in Kansas City. A resident of Lyons since 1946, he was a former employee of Drescher Engineering and owner of Suhler Repair of Lyons. Suhler was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, American Legion Post 129 and life member and past commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars 3184, member and past secretary/treasurer of Lions Club, all of Lyons, a life member of AmVets No. 11 of Hutchinson and USS Constellation CVA-64 Plankowners Association. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served during the Vietnam War. Survivors include his mother of Lyons; one brother, Bill Wild of Overland Park; and one sister, Bonnie Baldwin of Salina. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. today at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons, with the Rev. Richard Andrus officiating. Burial will be at Lyons Municipal Cemetery in Lyons with full military honors by Fort Riley Honor Guard. Memorials are suggested to the church, VFW or Bell & Star Fund, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 2, 2003

Mary Louise Dale 1910-2003

Mary Louise Dale, 93, of Great Bend, died Nov. 28 at North Shore Manor in Loveland, Colo. She was born Feb. 15, 1910, on the family farm near Seward, the daughter of Patrick L. Sr. and Teresa Hall Keenan. She married E. Lewis Dale Jr. Nov. 12, 1938, at Seward. He died Aug. 21, 2000. A lifetime area resident of Stafford and Barton counties, she taught in the Stafford school system for nine years, known as “Miss Louise.” Later she cashiered for Keenan Auction Service for 30 years. Mrs. Dale was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Altar Society, Daughters of Isabella, all of Great Bend, and a former member of St. Francis Xavier and Altar Society, both of Seward. She was a talented cook, seamstress and home decorator. She was a 4-H leader, taught classes in religion at St. Francis Xavier in Seward, participated in many community drives such as Red Cross, worked on election boards and served in the church altar society in many ways. Beloved for her writing of interesting letters, she also wrote a narrative family history of the Patrick L. Keenan Sr. family. She was smart, she was funny and she could tell all the funny and interesting stories of the family and community in which she grew up. Her greatest gift to her family was a life well lived with humor and an example well set. Love goes on forever. Survivors include two sons, Patrick L. “Pat” Dale of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Dr. James E. “Jim” Dale of Golden, Colo.: one daughter, Marv Frances Wichman of Fort Collins, Colo.: five brothers. Bob Keenan, Larry Keenan, Pat Keenan
James W. Westbrook 1928-2003

AUGUSTA — James W. Westbrook, 75, died Nov. 29. He was born July 13, 1928, at Kansas City, Mo., the son of Thomas and Gladys McCammon Westbrook. He was a graduate of the University of Kansas. He married Yvonne Hammer March 25, 1951, at Claflin. She died April 10, 1971. He married Dolores Bieberle Aug. 12, 1988, at Hoisington. A resident of Augusta since 1988, formerly of Alexandria, Va., he was a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force, having served for 31 years. Westbrook was a U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam War. His decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star and many others. He served in the President’s investigatory commission from 1975 to 1979 in Washington, D.C. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Tony Westbrook of Los Angeles, Calif., and Randy Westbrook of Leesburg, Va.; three stepsons, Keith Bieberle of St. John, Glen Bieberle of Hoisington and Darin Bieberle of Great Bend; two daughters, Cheryl Hoffman of Glendale, Calif., and Sonya Westbrook of Woodbridge, Va.; two stepdaughters, Janiece Klenda of La Crosse and Kay Demel of Hiawatha; one grandson; and nine stepgrandchildren. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Dunsford Chapel Funeral Home in Augusta. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to AmVets National Service Foundation, in charge of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Dec. 2, 2003

Alice Jilg 1910-2003

HOISINGTON — Alice Jilg, 93, died Nov. 30 at Hill Top House Nursing Home in Bucklin. She was born March 25, 1910, at Emporia, the daughter of John Jay and Sarah Caroline Owen Boyle. She married Walter Joseph Jilg May 1, 1937, at Great Bend. He died Oct. 16, 1986. A resident of Bucklin, coming from Greensburg and Hoisington, she taught in one-room schools and was a homemaker. Mrs. Jilg was a member of First United Methodist Church in Hoisington. Survivors include two daughters, Annetta Woodhead of Carthage, Mo., and Wilma McChristian of Greensburg; five grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; six great-grandchildren; and one step great-great-grandson. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Clarence Boyle and Owen Boyle; and three sisters, Eudella Jilg, Mary Jane Smith and Mildred Grow. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the church. South Wind Hospice in Pratt or Maude Carpenter Children’s Center of Wichita, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Dec. 2, 2003